



Minehead and West Somerset Golf Club Newsletter

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Stephen Kaye Club Chairman.

First I would like to thank all those who have taken heed of the plea to look after our bunkers. I have noticed

that the response has been fantastic and each of the bunkers that I go into, which at the moment seems to be many, are well looked after and so much easier to play out of, thanks for that.

Managing the club is a very difficult task. Once again thanks must go to all our volunteers who dedicate so much time and effort to produce a quality product for members and visitors alike, we owe them our support and gratitude.

With Christmas fast approaching may I take this opportunity to wish all members' the staff and families a happy Christmas and a very great golfing new year!



Dorrien Bickerstaff Club Captain.

November ended with two club matches. Thank you to all who have made themselves available to play this

year. The last inter club match was a resounding win to Minehead against the visitors from Cannington 6-0. This was followed the next day by an extremely enjoyable match against the Ladies. It was elected to play Greensomes. Well done Jayne Fullwell and Sandra Atkins for winning their game. The day culminated with a delightful meal in the

clubhouse where we were joined by non-playing partners. The last Sunday also saw the Buchanan semi-finals where two Minehead pairs won through. This years final will be between Dave Oatridge and Roger Green, and Peter Adams and Conor Sidley-Adams.

The week before, the Massey Poyntz was won by one of our new members Nigel Gardner and this was followed by the Annual Club Presentation and Club Night with complimentary buffet and dancing.

We have a fantastic competition history here at Minehead and West Somerset and it was an honour to present the cups to this year's winners. Thank you to all those that

attended and to those who passed on their apologies. As we all know any

type of club competition or get together takes time and commitment and hard work from the organisers. "It can be very disheartening if members don't take part and contribute very little" this has been taken from an email to me earlier in the year about the response to a competition.

We have a club to be proud of and will be commencing our winter competitions soon, welcoming seasonal players from other clubs that don't winter as well. I look forward to the Captains Winter 4BBB where John and I will be playing against as many of you as possible making hopefully a memorable start to 2017.

Enjoy the Turkey Trots, the competitions, the swindles, each other's company and above all, your golf!

I am always available on the end of a phone or in the clubhouse for a chat and a beer.



On a personal note:-

Dear Club Members and all your families,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2017.

My season so far as Captain has been enjoyable, and the support that I have received from all the members and their

families has been fantastic and very much appreciated. The Captains fundraising from the members so far has exceeded my expectations, and I sincerely thank you all for your generosity and support.

Once again, Merry Christmas and best wishes and golfing success for 2017 Warmest regards from myself, Caroline and our families.



Jenny Holland, Lady Captain.

The Wessex matches were played over the summer, ended up very close just 4 points

between the five clubs, the winners were Burnham & Berrow.

Thank you to Kay for organising the matches, well done.

Congratulations to all the ladies that picked up trophies on presentation eve, excellent buffet afterwards.

We had our last match of the year, club v ladies, club winning 5-1, thanks to Jayne Fulwell and Sandra Atkins saving us from a white wash.

Big thank you to all the ladies that have been raising money for our funds, of which we purchased very much needed kitchen equipment for the sum of £900.

Christmas is nearly here, so once again the ladies have put up the Xmas decorations, for all to enjoy, I think a big thank you should go to those evolved, well done girls.

I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Golfing New Year.



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Dave Chidgey, Seniors Captain.

As far as The Seniors are concerned it been a quiet time no matches to report on but plenty of competitions which I don't report. I will say this however that we had an issue where some members were sniping again as to where the money goes from the opens unfortunately some who should know better listened to these people and made unpleasant comments.it might serve the club better if those people supported the social events and Sunday lunches etc and put some Money through the bar and kitchen .Up until the completion of the inter club challenge the Seniors put 11000 plus grand into the club also a donation of £500 for locker room refurbishment and a few months ago £150 for the captain's fund. So I say to you match that and keep your comments to yourself.

Moving on we had a very successful ladies night and all those who attended enjoyed themselves the .meal was first



Eddy Gosling The Warreners

Hi I'm the new man at the helm of the Minehead Warreners, Eddy Gosling, following on from the outstanding work done by Graham Wright who has stepped down as President of the Warreners since 2007. Over those years he has steered us to a vibrant group of golfers who thoroughly enjoy our regular roll ups (golf) and our

many matches and competitions throughout the year. I would like to extend a very big thank you to Graham for his outstanding work as President, and we all wish him well on this move to the south coast of Dorset, he will be greatly missed as he has set a high standard of leadership. It was really nice and fitting to see Graham and Dave Kedge win the latest Warreners competition prior to our AGM which was a Greensomes, a fitting end to Graham's reign as Warreners President.

We are now planning our final event of the year which is the Warreners Christmas Invitation on December 14 which is a 4BBB followed by a formal dinner and prize giving where Warreners and their guests will play a round of golf in a very friendly game.



The Course, Graham J Wells

The Environment Agency (on behalf of the Council) are doing a big job shoring up the coastline by the 18th tee with our full and willing cooperation. They have progressed more than expected and may open up the coast path further along the 17th fairway to extend coastal protection work there perhaps beyond the original finish date of 13th December. They still aim to return in the spring to do further work. I have contacted Butlins and the Internal Drainage Board to see if we can get some recompense for damage to the course whilst draining the rhyne and the Butlins moat. More information anon!

Rabbit shooting (Ian Gabb) and ferret shooting (Mick Westcott) are continuing but less frequently than I would wish so I am pursuing this.

In response to many comments from members and referring you to previous newsletters, filling in rabbit holes and scrapes is futile as they immediately return to damage any repair (as evidenced by the 9th bunker where wire was laid flat across and beneath the original grassed over repair!). The only remedy will be the full repair of any fencing, the extension of fencing to around the 9th and 10th greens and the 11th tee together with ongoing culling. The full fencing task has awaited the club being able to afford it for some time. However, Rob and I are happy for any responsible volunteer working party to tackle temporary repair of damage if

they wish and I have discussed this with the club captain who is particularly concerned.

The final remaining heavy logs by the 6th green are now being removed and any ball, the playing of which is hampered by the remaining tree stump, must be dealt with in accordance with the rules of golf!

NOTE: There will be no newsletter next month due to the holidays.

Check out the various notice boards and website for further comps and updates

To all Members from the team and staff

