



Minehead and West Somerset Golf Club Newsletter



Message from the Club Chairman, Paul Fullbrook.

Without further procrastination, I am pleased to report the plan of expenditure, which will be carried both on the course and within the Clubhouse, before the end of our financial year. On the course, we plan to work on the bunkers on 9, 10 & 11 and address the growing rabbit population. The electrics in the Clubhouse will come in line with current regulations. The cellar is having a refit. A new dishwasher is required for the kitchen. The exterior of the building continues to take shape. Each project has been carefully thought through and discussed and agreed at MC level. Thanks to Dave Williams, we are making progress with Staff Personnel procedures and policies. Rest assured that all works undertaken are essential if we are to maintain appropriate standards, befitting Our Club.

Finally, there are changes afoot in the Catering, and your patience is once again sought in this period of reorganisation.

Phil Bowden, Club Captain

First of all I would like to congratulate Tim Dennis on becoming the 2015 Club Champion. After 2 days and 36 holes there was nothing to separate Tim and Pete Whalley, so they had to go out to play a further 4 holes to decide the winner. With Tim parring the first 3 holes it gave him a 2 shot lead playing the 18th and he just need to lag the putt on the 18th to win. Also well done to Stuart Bailey for winning the Tony Ridler trophy which is presented to the best nett over the club championship weekend. The first Tuesday Swindle of July saw 38 members playing, and with a score of 81 points the winners of the day were Malcolm McNeill, Mike Smith and Nigel Morgan. Plonkers of the day with 62 points were our President Alan Ridgeway, John Griffin and Geoff Fewings.



The second swindle of the Month had 49 players, and the winning team with a score of 94 points, consisted of Andre Guerrier, Pete Scott, Maurice Holding and A Smith. Plonkers this time with a score of 76 points (5 points less than the second worst team) were Robin Miles, Brian Lewis and Dave Kedge.

On the 18th July the Minehead Club team travelled to Tiverton to play our return fixture. This time it was a resounding win for the home club by 8½ to 1½. Winning pair for Minehead were Dougie Hayhoe and Dave Singleton. Thanks must go to Tiverton for the fantastic hospitality that they gave us on the day.

The swindle played on the 21st July saw 46 members playing and this resulted in a win for Bill Baker, Gerry Mason and Vince Wheeler with 88 points. Lowest score of the day came from Dougie Hayhoe, Pete Murphy and Gordon Cunningham with 72 points.

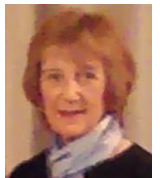
The Club team travelled to Weston on the 25th July and were soundly beaten again. This time by 4½ to 1½. With a tough match coming up in

August at Burnham and Berrow, we need to get back into winning ways. The final swindle of July saw 43 members playing and the winning team with a score of 81 points, were Jeff Bird, Kevin Agnew and Alan Bissell. Plonkers of the day were President Alan Ridgeway, Doug Wilson and Jared Greig with 66 points.

At the time of writing we have just had my Captains Day, but more about that next time.

Kay Luckett, Lady Captain

July started off quietly with our ladies travelling to Mendip to play in an interleague match with the home team the victors 5 matches to 2 again many of the games were very close. Another Interleague match was played against Stockwood Vale at home with Minehead the victors 5 matches to 2, this result was reversed however when Minehead visited Stockwood Vale last week, three of the matches went to the 18th with Minehead being pipped at





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the post in all three. A friendly match was played at Weston-Super-Mare resulting in a draw 2.5 to 2.5. Our Ladies Club Championship over two rounds was played on Thursday 23rd July with some players coming in with some good scores, the results are as follows, Hosegood Trophy-Ladies Champion over 2 rounds. Winner Jayne Webber with gross score 162. Runner up Nancy Marshall with gross score 175. Best Net Sue Dennis net score 136 Morning Round Best Gross am-Jayne Webber 76 Best Gross pm-Nancy Marshall 83 Best Net am-Jayne Webber 68 Best Net pm-Liz Welch 65 Clover Cup 1st Ginnette Bowyer net 67, 2nd Jayne Webber net 68, 3rd Sue Dennis net 69. Thank you to John Fulwell who did the cards and the board for us on the day with great efficiency, it was pleasing to see the number of ladies who dropped their handicap, I'm afraid mine went the other way.

This Monday we played a Wessex match at home against Yeovil the outcome being a 5-2 win for Minehead so well done. This year Minehead ladies have reached the semi-final of the Centenary Plate, Jayne Webber & Linda Trump flying the flag for Minehead we wish them the best of luck in their match next week at Clevedon against a pair from Taunton & Pickering. Tomorrow is my Lady Captain's Day hope it all goes well. Enjoy your golf.



Stephen Kaye, Seniors Captain

This month The Seniors played 5 matches, 3 at home and 2 away. The first match at home to Taunton and Pickering resulted in a 5 - 1 win to the visitors. A good win by Allan Burton & Will Elston saved the blushes and avoided a wooden spoon. Next came Sidmouth at home which resulted in an honourable draw 3-3. Wins by myself and Graham Walsh, Dave Chidgey & John Coomber, Bill Hogg & Cliff Day. Neville Parsons

was awarded a half for his match as he took on 2 players alone. Oake Manor away resulted in a 4 -2 win for the Seniors. Wins from myself, Neville Parsons, Dave Chidgey, Bill Hogg, Cliff Day, Hugh Rigg and Tim Evans. Worlebury at home result was a close fought game but the visitors won by a narrow margin.



Our last trip of the month was to Royal North Devon where 1.5 points to us again spared our blushes. A great effort from our Seniors. Most

Seniors matches are played in a great spirit, friendship and healthy friendly competition. Sometimes we come against a team or a Captains influence that pervades in a win at all costs attitude. I believe that this team does not win but loses. My theme during July was "When the great scorer comes to write against your name, he does not write if you won or lost, but how you played the game". I am always proud of The Minehead Seniors because I know they always play the game well. Other competitions included The Bryant and Barrett Cups won by Cliff Day and Randle Foot respectively. Two fun games took place during the month. The first was a Texas Scramble, a money raiser for the clubs new deliberator. This was won by the team of Mark Ruttley, Graham Tate and me. The other fun game was a foursomes won by the team of Malcolm Bruce & Dave Lake. The Seniors will be looking forward to a very active September with lots more friendly matches and competitions.



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Graham Wright –The Warreners

The Warreners played for the Tony Ridler trophy on June 3rd which was won by Jamie Anderson in the usual windy conditions.



We hosted Chivenor Golf Society (previously RAF Chivenor) on 10th June and the Warreners won 4 - 2. Unusually for the time of year the Warreners had no event for the Wednesdays 17th or 23rd but on Monday 22nd June played against the North Devon Police at Ilfracombe. This is a long standing fixture where our away match used to be played at Saunton until there was a dispute. This was followed by a couple of years at Royal North Devon that neither team was keen on and now played at Ilfracombe. The fixture is on Monday due to Wednesday being Ladies day at Ilfracombe. The Warreners like the views from the course and Dean's catering. The Warreners lost the match 5-1 which is quite normal due to some very young policemen versus some slightly older

Warreners and the usual society handicaps. However it is always an enjoyable fixture that has been going for many years and we have made many friends at the ND Police. You can't have too many friends in the police? Playing at Minehead is still a test with a constant wind blowing and with many more matches during the coming months at least our opponents have to contend with it too.

Juniors.

After an extensive leaflet drop to the local middle schools and an ad in the Free Press, George Hampshire is now running a Saturday Club for juniors. The take up has been slow to start with, as this has been set up very late in the season. Saturday Club will continue until the weather gets poor, so it is not too late to bring children, grandchildren etc, along. The cost for everyone is £2 per session. The intention is to build up the junior section, starting from basics. If you are interested and would like to know more, please contact Janet Handley - email janethandley2@icloud.com



The Course, Graham J Wells

Landfill deliveries are on hold whilst we resolve with CJ Lynch and the

licensing authorities a concern over the volume of landfill we are allowed to bring in under the terms of our licence. This is an important issue for us as the landfill is acting as the reserve of funding which allows us to spend on exceptional items of maintenance and improvement for all areas of the club. Accordingly work on the Training and Practice facility is on hold except that practice mats will be laid in short order and the target greens will be completed. We plan to have working parties to remove ragwort in August and further fairway divot filling may also be necessary. Your help would be much appreciated in spite of the hitch with organizing the last such working party – it won't happen again I promise!

The irrigation system central control unit is now operating smoothly and 3 new valve boxes have been installed adjacent to certain greens

with boxes for the 15th and 18th greens coming soon. This work will remove the need for trailing hoses and daytime watering.

Several members have aired their frustration with the damage being caused by rabbits. We are looking closely at members contacts given to us to control the rabbits (shooting and, later in the year, ferreting). Additionally we will be repairing damaged rabbit fencing alongside the 18th with new fencing planned for the end of the year around the 9th, 10th and 11th at the far end of the course (finances permitting). Meanwhile any attempt to repair existing damage is virtually futile as rabbits will continually return to the same area and repeat the damage so your patience on this issue would be appreciated – your committee is equally frustrated!

Finally my thanks to all members who offer constructive criticism, praise and useful ideas in respect of the course. For good reason we may not always be able to act on all input but I promise we will always listen and act where possible.