



**Minehead and West  
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**The Club Captain, Phil Arbourne**

The month of August has seen 3 Club matches. Against a typically strong Burnham & Berrow side, at home, we had a very creditable draw, 2½pts each. Against Oake Manor, again at home, on a blustery Wednesday evening, we had a very comfortable 5½-½ win. Against Ilfracombe away, however, the most we could manage was ½pt thanks to Gareth Latham and Pete Clements.

The Arnold Palmer Charity Day proved again what a great success it is, and managed to raise just over £3000 for our 3 charities this year – The Dorset & Somerset Air

Ambulance, The Macmillan Cancer Support and my charity, the Tectona Trust. A big thank you to all those involved, either before the day in helping to raise sponsor money or get prizes, to those who gave sponsor money and/or prizes, to all those who played, and to Sarah Fossey and Chris Bingham who worked tirelessly on the day.

In the Swindle on Tuesdays – on August 5th Mick Shortland and Dorrien Bickerstaff (surprise, surprise!!) won the 4 ball better ball competition with an excellent score of 48 pts, and plonkers (you all want to know) were John McGuire and Dougie Hayhoe with 32. On August 12th, in a normal 3 ball bowmaker, the winners were Dave Kedge, Martin Gilbertson and Jamie Anderson with 88 pts and plonkers were John Griffin, Phil Bowden and Robin Miles with 65. On the 19th, Phil Bowden bounced straight back and won, this time with Derek Dascombe and Geoff Fewings and a score of 88. Plonkers were Robin Jones, Chris Bingham and Gordon Cunningham. On the 26th the winners of a 4 ball bowmaker were Nigel Humphries, Maurice Holding, Dave Kedge and Derek Stevens, with a score 114. Plonkers were Mike Cashley, John Duckworth, Graham Wright and John McGuire with 81.

**The Ladies Captain, Ros Chidgey**

Thursday 7th August saw the Lady Captain Ros Chidgey welcome the Ladies on her Captain's day. The sun shone and great fun and competition was had by all who attended with prizes for putting, chipping, mystery holes, nearest the pin and longest drives as well as an overall Stableford Competition winner, Linda Trump. The Ladies were given refreshments at the half way house on the 10th hole to help them on their round and at the end of the afternoon sat down to a delicious meal prepared by the Club's catering staff. Many thanks to all who helped to make the day so memorable the Ground Staff, Bar and Catering staff, Ray Holland, John McGuire and the help and support from her family.



On Friday 8th August Linda Trump took part in the Somerset County Golf Bronze meeting representing Minehead in the Barlow cup which she won with 33 pts. Other competitions saw Corinne Rees win the Stableford from Sandra Atkins on count back with 38 points, Sarah Hill won the August Medal from Sue Prentice on Count back with nett 81 and the second stableford of the month saw Anne Oglesby win with 38 points again beating Sandra Atkins into second place with 35 points.

The Ladies 4BBB open saw Jayne Webber from Minehead with Louise Worth from T & P take the overall win with 42 points followed by Mary Beakes & Jill Daniel on 41 points beating Sandra Atkins & Sally Saunders on Count back.

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### **The Seniors Captain, Stephen Kaye.**

During August the Seniors organised and played their first Invitational Match. The intention of this match was to invite Seniors from the Taunton area in order to promote membership of Minehead and West Somerset Golf Club. This first invitational was attended by 4 Taunton players. A friendly Greensomes was played and the Minehead Seniors all did their bit to make the guests welcome.

We were delighted that two of our own won the prestigious Arnold Palmer Shield, seen here being presented to the winners Malcolm Bruce and Mark Ruttley by Phil Arbourne, the club



Captain. During the Month matches were played with Saunton, Ilfracombe and Axe Cliff. The Seniors also played a home match with The Warreners which resulted in a very friendly draw. As the season starts to wind down The Seniors are preparing for their major event, The Interclub Challenge which last year was a great success and raised a great deal of funds for the club. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new Captain, Dave Williams who will be taking over on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. A reminder to all if you are over 55 years old you can join The Seniors Section and take part in their matches. You would be made very welcome.

**The Warreners, Graham Wright.** During August the Warreners played a match at Minehead against a strong team from Worlebury and lost 3 1/2 - 2 1/2 which was a big improvement on the away match which was lost 6 - 0.

The Warreners played for the Brian Rendell trophy in August with a depleted field due to Holidays and sickness. The winner was Mike Lee with a score of 37 points. The competition threw up some poor scores considering the weather was not that bad.

At Minehead on 20th August the Warreners played a match against the North Devon Police having drawn the away match 3 - 3. Some of the Police team have only society handicaps which often appear dubious when a 28 handicapper plays to 7 or 8. However, the Warreners were victorious 3 1/2 - 2 1/2. Talking of handicaps in these matches it is not about winning or losing. Yes, it is nice to win but these are bi-annual

meetings between clubs and societies playing a game of social golf mostly with people who meet each year. Many of the golfers become good friends and as a result the matches often contain much friendly banter. At least it appears friendly.

On September 3<sup>rd</sup> one of these friendly matches with banter was played by the Warreners and Minehead Seniors where the result was a 3-3

draw. It was agreed that the Minehead Seniors and Warreners are closely aligned within Minehead golf club having many fixtures bringing much needed revenue to the club. It was also agreed that we try to strengthen the ties between the two in order to ensure that we are able to benefit both groups and Minehead golf club.

We are saddened to learn that Liam is leaving the club kitchen. We believe he has been one of the most hard working and

conscientious person in that position the club has had for some time. Along with James he has provided some very good fare for the Warreners matches earning high praise from our visiting teams. He will be missed by us all.

Eddy Gosling, a stalwart Warrener had a replacement hip during August so is out of action for a while but has earned praise from us all including our visitors for constructing our excellent menus for meals at our home matches. Thanks Eddy.

### **The Juniors Captain, Jordan Arnold**

August has been a reasonably busy month for the club's junior section we have had three competitions played and some rather good scores, rounds of 70 (-2) and 72 Gross both from the white tees. Our summer junior coaching sessions run by George and Jordan have been thriving with Juniors from day 1, we have finally come to the end of our 4 month weekly lessons and have seen some brilliant results from the Juniors. We have had numbers of 18 juniors arriving to learn the game. We hope to turn this great enthusiasm into some new junior members for the coming season. We will continue the coaching in the future after this fantastic year! Next month holds the M.E.T shield and the juniors are at home. The last time we played the Shield at Minehead we won. 2014 is going to be a tricky year to raise a team so in order to compete we will need full co-operation from everyone to get all of our Juniors and some of our Minis out on the links!

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