



Minehead and West Somerset Golf Club Newsletter



Phil Bowden, Club Captain

Before I start I would like to thank everyone associated with the Arnold Palmer Charity Day. I have just been informed from the office that we raised the fantastic sum of £3,000 on the day, so once again thank you on behalf of the charities.

The first Tuesday Swindle of October saw 32 members playing, and with a format of 4BBB the winning pair of the day with a score of 48 points (12 under par) were Francis Hewson and Malcolm McNeill. Lowest score of the day came from Michael Shortland and Derek Dascombe with 35 points, they were level with Alan Ridgeway and Nick Bangs but lost out on the back 9. The swindle played on the 13th October was won with a score of 96 points (16 under par) by Dave Shambrook, Frank Phillipson and Paul Rees. The plonkers of the day were Past Captain Phil Arbourne, President Alan Ridgeway and John

McGuire, who came in with 66 points (14 over par).

For the 3rd swindle of October 52 members played a 4BBB format again and with good conditions there were a lot of good scores. The eventual winners with a score of 46 points were Nick Bangs and Colin Milton. Plonkers this time were Dave Shambrook and Gordon Cunningham with 35 points.

Final swindle of the month saw only 11 members braving the elements, but unfortunately, probably due to the fact that the scorecards were a bit damp no scores have been recorded.

On the final Saturday of the month the club team had a home fixture against local rivals Cannington. With a slight change of tradition, due to the fact the club were hosting a function in the main clubhouse, the day started with a brunch before commencement of the golf. The team managed to secure a 3½ to 2½ victory. After golf we adjourned to the Spike bar where both teams enjoyed some sandwiches and a

bowl of chips whilst watching the Rugby World Cup Final.

Kay Lockett, Lady Captain

I thought that October was going to be a quiet month but with rearranged matches and an Away Day this was not the case. A mixed Minehead team visited Taunton & Pickering on Sunday 3rd October the result was a win for T & P 4 matches to 2, the winners for Minehead were Ray & Jenny Holland and Neil Clarke & Ros Chidgey, thanks to Ros McGuire for organising the team.

Some of us attended the Wessex Lunch held this year at Burnham & Berrow, we tied with Yeovil & Enmore on 34pts, to decide the winner away points were counted & Yeovil came out the winning team.

An Away Day played at Long Sutton in fantastic weather was enjoyed by 12 of our ladies, we played a Bowmaker with 2 scores to count & 3 to count on the par three's on reflection that was a bit hard some of those par threes are



not that easy!! The winning team were Ros Chidgey, Karen Davis & Ingrid Swinburn. A big thank you to Mary Beakes for organising the day for me. Two days later eight of us went to Oake Manor to play in a rearranged match, again the weather was lovely & the course is in great condition, 4 matches were played with the home side winning 2.5 to 1.5 the winners for Minehead were Kay Lockett & Jenny Holland, Ingrid Swinburn & Ginnette Bowyer halved their match. A friendly 4BBB stableford mixed match was played with the Warreners on Monday 19th October the winning pair of Adrian Langdon & Jenny Holland coming in with a great score of 48pts, nearest the pin for the ladies on the 4th was won by Sue Rigg, thanks to Graham Wright for making the day so enjoyable.

I now want to say well done to Anne Oglesby for her performance at Long Sutton at the end of August, Anne was the Dickenson Cup representative for Minehead, the final of this cup was played at the Silver County



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Open, being one of Anne's playing partners I can tell you she played very well & came in with a net 75 making her runner up for the Dickenson Cup.

Macmillan Cancer Support is my chosen charity for my captain's year, we held a fashion show in early October and we managed to raise £623.50, thank you to everyone for their support.

With no more matches to play, I would just like to say a big thank you to all the "Ladies" for their help and support through my Captain's year.

Happy Golfing

Stephen Kaye,
Seniors Captain.



During October the Seniors did not play any matches with other clubs which was a welcome respite after a busy season.

We did play a number of competitions including a white tee Stableford and Medal. A 3 clubs and a putter game, a greensomes a bowmaker and a foursomes competitions. I am happy to

report that all competitions are very well attended and we are also happy to see many new members participating. The pinnacle of our golfing season was played on Monday 14th of the month where the challenge was the Captains Shield competition. This is a 3 man team competition and was won by Nigel Moore, Allan Burton and Danny Lloyd with an excellent score, pictured here. The Captain's Shield was followed by a late breakfast



and the holding of our annual Seniors meeting where a roundup of the seasons activity was discussed and any proposals or changes were put forward. The Seniors have been working with the new V1 computer system and despite a few obstacles to overcome have now adopted the system into the Seniors way of organising and recording their games. In the long run this will be

an excellent tool that will cut down on the amount of work and paper, not to mention the need to consult the notice board so often and will also help those who live some distance from the club keep up to date.

As we move into November we have completed the Seniors major

event of the year, The Interclub challenge. I will report on this next month. We are also starting our winter matches just now so we have a lot to look forward

to even during the winter months. Just a reminder that the Seniors section is open to all over the ages of 55. Just contact Graham Walsh (Seniors Secretary) or myself, you will be made very welcome.

Graham Wright –The Warreners



October with the Warreners saw a winding down of matches and

competitions. This was compounded due to our match scheduled for October at Enmore cancelled because of illness to their team. However we were able to play a re-scheduled match at Saunton against Chivenor Golf Society. We played on the West course which we found in excellent condition and as usual their hospitality and the food after the game was first class. Although the Warreners lost 4 -2 the event was enjoyed by all. Otherwise during October the Warreners have played roll ups with some members and visitors joining us. The Warreners AGM was due to be held on 28th October following a greensome competition but due to Warreners members unable to make that date the AGM and competition was rescheduled to November 4th.

I would like to say that Steve Archer and his staff have provided the Warreners with some very nice meals recently.



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The Course, Graham J Wells

The question of when landfill deliveries will start again remains an issue upon which we continue to work! We'll inform members in advance of any expected disruption to play.

We have continued removing many tons of sand from the 18th bank to act as a base mixed with peat and soil for ongoing work on the new practice greens where encouraging grass growth has begun. We also continue to remove soil from the reed bed behind the 7th tee both to extend the reed beds (a landfill planning requirement) and to top dress the bank alongside the 5th fairway. Rabbit control is now in full swing so as to cause members the minimum of disruption to play. Shooting takes place at night and ferreting at times when the course is least occupied. Only over a period of several months will this produce any noticeable reduction in damage to the course. Meanwhile, any repair of existing

damage is futile as the surviving rabbits always return to the scent around previously excavated holes or scrapes. Please be patient!

Our ongoing priority will be to manage greens to the highest possible standard of consistency and to control the rough to a ball findable length which is, never less only playable with some semblance of difficulty and hence penalty.

Graham Walsh – Bar and Socials



This month's club night will be on Saturday 28th Nov following the club's presentation of this year's trophy winners. This will be a mixed general knowledge quiz hosted by our quizmaster Tony Bowden. Fetch your wife or partner (or someone else's) and make up a team of 4/6, prizes up for grabs buffet available on the evening, also this month's members draw is for £200.00, don't forget you have to be in the club to win the money. The draw will be taking place

between 9.00 & 10.00. Usual discounted club night prices at the bar.

To all seniors please don't forget this year's presentation night will be on Saturday 28th November. All prize winners should attend if at all possible, jacket and tie please. A buffet will be available on the night. Also for all you quiz teams amongst you we will be holding a quiz night, plenty of prizes also this month's members draw will be a £200.00 rollover. This will be drawn between 9.00 and 10.00. Don't forget you have to be in the club to win the money.



Jayne Fulwell, Premises.

Janet Handley has agreed to act as the Junior Co-ordinator. Janet is relatively new to golf, but has already begun the task of rebuilding the junior section. This is a diverse role and she will need the help and support of other club members and parents of junior players. There will be some sessions with Jordan in the New Year, with details going out to all

members. If you feel you can help and support in any way please contact Janet who will be pleased to hear from you.

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The office have taken delivery of a more efficient printer/copier - if any member would like to take the old one, either for personal use or for another club etc., please see Faye in the office. First come first served!

Saving Energy and Money! As we go into winter, with darker mornings and evenings, more lights will be on in the clubhouse. Our electricity bills are very large. Please can you turn off lights that are not needed, just as you would at home. Also can members not turn up the thermostat on the central heating. There have been several occasions recently when this has been moved up to 30 when no heating was needed. Please remember we are all paying the bill!

Thanks