



Minehead and West Somerset Golf Club Newsletter

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Mark Swallow, Club Chairman

Open Week took place at the beginning of March and despite the weather the 5 days provided some much-needed income to the club in terms of entry fees as well as bar and catering income. Open weeks wouldn't happen without the hard work of volunteer members so my thanks go out to those that lent a hand.

Membership invoices have been issued and it's sad to hear that so many people are either giving up golf or moving to other clubs because they either feel that they don't get value at Minehead or that Minehead is not enough of a challenge for their superior golfing skills. If you are thinking of walking away because you feel the annual subscription is too expensive or you do not play enough to warrant such a large annual payment then please speak to the office as the Management Committee have introduced a new membership category just for you. If the course isn't hard enough for you then good luck wherever you go and play.

We have had a couple of excellent events at the Club: the Marcus

Trescothick evening was excellent and the golf day a success. I had the pleasure of playing golf with Marcus and he was very complementary about his two events and well done to Steve Archer, his team and the members of the ladies' section that provided waiting cover for all their hard work. The ladies section provides a massive amount of support to the Club for such events and I personally thank them for this; it's a shame other sections aren't so forthcoming with assistance: the recent divot party is a good example of members commitment to the Club! On the subject of the bar and catering the Management Committee is still looking for someone to assist in this area so if you can help please get in touch.

Finally, good luck to our Club Captain Dougie Hayhoe who had his drive-in last weekend. It's hard work but an enjoyable year so make the most of it.



Doug Hayhoe, Club Captain

As my first newsletter of my year, I would like to say thank you for the honour and privilege of being Club Captain for 2018. Captain's Putt In -

prize winners Phil Bowden, Alan Ridgway, Astrid and Mr O.O.B. Monies raised during my year will go towards Club/Course and half-way house projects.

Club matches – sign-up sheet on Captain's Board in foyer. I would like to encourage Past and 'New' members to enter these enjoyable social occasions. To reiterate our Chairman's previous post - we have a prestigious Golf Club which we enjoy, let all sections, groups get together and make it a GREAT one! As one of my ex Chief Fire Officers told me ' Don't bring me a problem, bring me a solution'.



Linda Trump, Ladies' Captain

As the new Lady Captain I am really looking forward to the golfing year ahead and excited about working with the new committee.

Many thanks to Lesley for her year as Captain.

One of our committee aims is to encourage as many ladies as possible to play in our home competitions and matches. With the new handicap system we will have to make sure our new and beginning golfers have the opportunity to compete.

As with all sections, we have had a disrupted start to the season because of snow. Although a couple of early

matches against local clubs have had to be cancelled we have already managed to compete for two annual cups. Our Open went well and the shotgun format really worked with a lot of ladies staying for a meal and for the prize-giving.

I would like to thank Doug Hayhoe for the Captain's drive-in (and Jordan for helping) and wish Doug a very successful year as Club Captain.

Neil Powles Seniors' Captain

The Senior Section of Minehead Golf Club term of office for 2018/19 will be made up of a five-man committee.

Overall Seniors Captain will be Neil Powles, main responsibility will be for golf matches home & away.

Malcolm Bruce takes on the position of Vice-Captain, responsible for all senior internal games.

Mark Ruttley has agreed to take on the organising and input of all Computer & Diary-related matters, David Williams will stay on for another year of office as Treasurer and Sandy Lyons will assist to make up the quintet. This will allow us to make decisions as a unit and not put all the onus on one individual.

With the phenomenal amount of work leaving Captain Graham Walsh achieved throughout his time, it was doubtful if anyone could be found to



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follow in his footsteps, so a decision was taken by those previously mentioned to share the workload around.

We have already earmarked a number of areas to make changes to our format.

On a personal note could all Senior Members within the club please take a look at our notice board in the changing room to view upcoming internal competitions and matches against other golf clubs. With the loss of at least some half a dozen regular players for matches it is my intention & brief to fill these places to secure future games against other clubs in the years to come for future members to enjoy and participate. For the minimal yearly sum of £5 you can take part in the aforementioned on a first-come basis. If you are interested please contact myself on 01984 641662 or one of the other committee members.

April will see us play at Burnham & Berrow, Enmore, Ilfracombe & Vivary and a home game against Royal North Devon. We really need your help here.



Eddy Gosling
The Warreners

After a very cold wet and snowy February and March it is nice to look forward to the warmer weather expected in April. The Warreners

continue to turn out and play when the weather is kind to us and enjoy the banter and the golf. We have had only one match this year against our Seniors. It was nice to enjoy a hearty meal of ham, egg and chips after being out in the cold wind of Minehead in March. Both teams played well and the game was halved.

Looking forward to April we have a new fixture in our calendar against Sedgemoor Police on the 11th when they will be bringing a team of 16 or more golfers. If all goes well, and the Warreners continue to entertain our guests to our usual standard, then this fixture will repeat itself next year. One of our oldest fixtures will be here in Minehead on the 19th when we play a 'Triangular' match against the Colonials from Exeter and Chivenor from Saunton Sands. It's always a very competitive day but also a very fun and sociable event. We will be entertaining them to a three-course meal, wine and a toast of port and coffee with chocolates. It is also a day when we try and raise a few pounds to help a charity by fining players for good golf, missed putts and nearest the pins. Last year at Saunton we raised over £50 so hopefully we will try and top this.

Jayne Fulwell, Marketing Group

Everyone should have received their invoice for the new season detailing the subs that they need to pay. The reality is that we need more members. This season there are several options for membership opportunities for new members to join or re-join the club. If you know anyone who used to play but has given up for whatever reason, please encourage them to think about rejoining. If you know anyone who has thought that they might like to play but has never got around to having a go, encourage them. The pro-shop will be running group lesson this summer. Getting new members is not just the job of a few, it is down to everyone to try to encourage a new people to join. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Juniors

This month has been very quiet for the junior members. However, April will see the start of a very hectic time for Jordan.

The first of our regular Monday evening sessions begins on 2nd April and on Friday 6th April there is a fun event for juniors in the morning and the Peter Jarman is to be played in the afternoon. We will be offering a second evening for juniors once Jordan has completed his finals at the end of April.

To all Members from the team and staff