



## Minehead and West Somerset Golf Club Newsletter



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#### Stephen Kaye Club Chairman.



This month there is a feature on the Ladies 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary there are few clubs that can boast such a great achievement and is testament to MWSGC history and our proud heritage.

The CASC working group have now completed their report and they have recommended that the time is not right to consider this option, although circumstances might change in future. I would like to offer my personal thanks to all those who spent so much time on this difficult complicated task. I will continue to look for other ways of increasing the clubs finances.

#### Dorrien Bickerstaff Club Captain.



August has been a wonderful month here at Minehead and West Somerset. I pass on the warm

congratulations from our guests and visitors over the month from other clubs across all sections to both members and staff. My Captains Day – well what can I say, 186 entries. Such amazing support from

everyone, including my vegetarian daughter cooking bacon at the halfway house! It is a day compliments of the captain, so thank you all for your generosity in helping us to raise over £3000 nett on the day. Pete Scott defended his win from last year winning the Captains Cup. Winners on the day were numerous and have been posted. I hope you all enjoyed the day as much as I did. The day after, Willy Brown and Andy Hodgson nudged in ahead of the 25 team entry to win the Scorpion Trophy. The Clarke Cup was won by Phil Watts followed by the Tarr Cup won by Graham McGann. Past Captain, Phil Arbourne, spearheaded the start up a new R1/R2 competition with 21 entries. Patricia Grinter was the inaugural winner. The pro-shop stablefords are a great success and many thanks to them for setting them up.

The month closed with the annual Arnold Palmer Charity Day – 85 pairs. Many, many thanks to Faye for chasing sponsorship and prizes right to the last minute, and to Sarah Fossey on the desk for her handling of a very large field in a very short time span. Halfway house was manned by willing volunteers, and many thanks to all of them. Despite

various hic-ups with the presentation, we got there in the end (thank you for your patience), and thanks again to Steve & Doreen Beswick for their loyal support. The Charity Shield was won by Mike Bohun and Chris Webber, and the Rose Bowl by Jenny Elliot and Kym Francis-Hill. Over £2,500 nett was raised from sponsorship, donations and entry fees. I am away next month for a week on my annual September pilgrimage testing out golf courses overseas. This year its Slovenia's turn to entertain us. Anything urgent in my absence please direct to the immediate past captain Phil Bowden. I don't do Facebook but I am always available on the end of a phone or in the clubhouse for a chat and a beer. Cheers Dorrien

PS looking forward to the new club improvements starting September



#### Jenny Holland, Lady Captain.

August has been very busy, with a Captains day, 125yr celebration Arnold Palmer, plus matches. Well done to

Jayne Fulwell for her good win against Orchardleigh 6-1.

Captain's day went well, weather not too bad, food was great thanks to Graham our chef. Thanks to Emma and Marie for sorting out the tables etc, as I had to play as we had a player drop out last minute.

Hope everybody enjoyed the Bowmaker format for a change and the winners were, Sarah Hill, Sue Dennis, Rosemarie Taylor 85 points Lesley Davis, Sara Warren, Tina Beaver. 82 points, Jayne Webber, Jeanette Tucker, Margery Miles 77points. Very good scores. Nearest to pin, 4th Ros Chidgey, 10th Jayne Fulwell, 14th Karen Davies, 18th Jayne Webber.

Two weeks later we celebrated 125 years of the ladies section. First Lady Captain was in 1891, and I felt honoured to be the 125th Captain of Minehead to wear the gold medal, that was presented to us all those years ago.

Ladies were welcome back in Victorian days, provided they did not sit on the veranda with the men or enter through the front door, had their room in the cottage next door and the men were not best pleased with our heels messing up the greens. I think they were very welcoming, how times have



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changed!  
We had invited 17 away clubs to play, it was a three ball Bowmaker, two scores to count. Each team had a Club Captain, Vice-Captain and one Minehead lady playing. 22

went very smoothly. The weather was very kind to us which made the day great.  
Kay Luckett gave up playing on the day to make sure that we came in to a very well organised meal, drinks as we came in, beautiful set out tables, with the help of Marie and Emma. Kay put a lot of work in beforehand to have it all run so smooth, thank you Kay it was well appreciated. Graham and the kitchen staff put on an excellent buffet, widely acclaimed, thank you Graham. I must thank Caroline Bickerstaff, she put in a lot of hours in serving the food, and clearing up after

we had all gone, we appreciate her help. Also thank you to John Fulwell doing the scoring, Wendy Barker for the raffle, not to forget Faye from the office helping with the food.  
The winning team was from Oake Manor, Jane Clist, Nancy Marshall, and our lady Jeanette Tucker with a great score of 89.  
We have had very good feedback from all of the clubs that played, and we think we must have put Minehead on the map in a good way. Write up going into the free press, gazette, lady golfer and county newsletter. It was a great 125year celebration. Jenny captain.



seniors open Texas scramble at Cricket St Thomas  
One of our teams Mark Ruttley Sandy Lyons Neill Powles won the first place for visitors congratulations to them, very well done  
Finally the following day we had a match against Enmore which is always played with great sportsmanship but a great determination to win which we did 4/3.  
Busy ole time see you next time.



### **Dave Chidgey, Seniors Captain.**

Having been on holiday for a fortnight and switched off from all worldly events this is going to be short. However during the week I've been back we the Seniors Section have had three successful events. The first being the past CAPTAINS DAY. We had a great day with Will Elston winning the trophy on count back from me I may forgive him in due course. This was followed by a superb meal. Well done to Graham the chef and thanks to Graham Walsh for organising the day. Two days later it was the



### **Janet Handley, Juniors Section**

From the 1st August we began charging for the Monday sessions, £2 for members, £3 for non-members. The majority of our attendees are already members but four of them have become members at the time of writing with at least two others promising to do so. Those coming



teams playing overall, the other teams were made up from all of our ladies. It was a shot gun start and needed a lot of careful organising, thanks to Jayne Fulwell who did a great job with this, it



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along for the first time pay £2 to cover their first two sessions.

The membership numbers are reaching the stage where we are beginning to consider having two sessions in order for George and Jordan to be able to spend quality time with all of them. Ian Groves has been most helpful in supporting groups of children in order to reduce the number that George and Jordan are instructing at any particular time during the session.

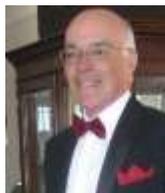
The Libra Cup was played on Tuesday 9th August. The wind was horrendous and played havoc with everybody's game. Just four competitors played with James Dibble winning the cup.

George Hampshire over saw the George Hampshire Cup (donated by his father). Cody Truscott won with James Dibble a close second and Sean and Ryan Doyle close behind. All the entrants received a prize from George for their efforts.

Sunday, 21st August four Juniors competed for the Norman Green Cup which Owen Thresher won. Two Juniors went around to complete cards to put in towards gaining their handicaps. It was a pleasure to meet Claudia and Viola Prettejohn who took part in the days event.



Unfortunately the Bank Holiday Monday event had to be postponed as many were unsure of what their families would be doing on the day and so found it difficult to sign-up. Fortunately I saw Jordan early Bank Holiday Monday as I had not informed him that the day's events had been postponed and lessons were going ahead as usual. Oops!



### **The Course, Graham J Wells**

Getting the necessary approvals from the Waste Planning Authority (which is required before we can continue landfill deliveries) is proceeding very slowly because of difficulties with staff availability within the Authority and thus communicating with them in a timely fashion! Talking to Lynch it seems very unlikely that we will

have all the approvals we need before the winter closes in and so little income (if any) will come from this source this year as ground conditions around the 5th and 7th tees will make the movement of the delivery lorries difficult.

The planting scheme for the top of the bank bordering the 5th fairway is just one scheme which requires approval and we will be helped with the cost of this by a donation of £500 in memory of Bill Shorey from bill's wife Christine.

Rabbit shooting by Ian Gabb continues successfully and there are noticeably fewer around the 18th green and 11th tee. Their numbers will be reduced further when more shooting under the cover of darkness takes place in the autumn. However, the rabbit problem will only be substantially eliminated when the existing fencing along the last 3 holes is repaired and new fencing along the end of the 9th hole around to the beginning of the 11th fairway can be installed. The cost of this can only be borne by landfill income being received once more.

Meanwhile would all members please take care to avoid turning an ankle in the holes and scrapes caused by rabbits. Unfortunately it is not possible to repair these as the

little creatures habitually return to any site of previous damage. The only solution is to eradicate the rabbits more completely and this is taking time!

The new disc spinner is now working to top dress and seed the greens much more evenly and lightly to the benefit of play on the greens.

The repair of the leak in the irrigation system remains an issue resulting in our continued need to use hoses on the course from time to time. Following requests from members I have asked the greens staff to take care with positioning trailing hoses where they may interfere with play approaching and around the greens.

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Remember: The Ladies have an Open Bowmaker on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October. Also a reminder to invite friends and associates to join us at Minehead for our premier winter event, The Buchanan Cup starting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Details are now on our Club's website.

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