



Minehead and West Somerset Newsletter No 7 March 2015.

Message from Paul Fullbrook, The Club Chairman.



Having read and enjoyed the various Newsletters to date.....I thought it only fitting that I should part-take.

As I approach the 3rd and final year in-office there suddenly appears a ray of light at the end of my tunnel!!.. In more ways than one might expect.

These are exciting times, once again for Our Club....plans to spruce up the Clubhouse, plans in place for the new Practice Facility, the beginning of a new era in the Office, new members in all categories and the Course already starting to take shape, even with all the pressures we put on it.

On the subject of the Office, I am very pleased to inform the Membership, that we have appointed Faye Barringer-Capp, as our new Office Administrator. Faye will take up her post in early April, once notice has be completed with NatWest.

Let us pat each other on the back, let us not become complacent, but most of all let us enjoy our Club.

Phil Arbourne, Club Captain



February saw the final of the Captain's Winter 4-Ball and it was won by Brian Hamblin and Charlie Griffiths with a superb score of 50pts. John Bickerton and myself could only come second with 46pts and Simon Autton and Owen Thresher were third with 45pts. As I said in last month's Newsletter it has been a real privilege for me to play with John and via the Captain's Challenge more money was raised for my chosen Charity, the Tectona Trust. At the Annual Dinner on the 28th I was able to give Roger Crabtree, the owner of the Tectona (an 80 foot sailing ketch), a cheque for



£3000. Together with the £1000 donated by Barclays Bank (kindly arranged by Sarah Fossey) the Trust has received £4000 this year and I know that Roger has been amazed by the generosity of all our members (you!) in raising this magnificent sum. Thank you all very much.

The Annual Dinner on the 28th was a great success and I am very grateful to all the staff who made the night so enjoyable. I would like, however, to add to the thanks that I gave on the night, and publicly thank Marie for all the work she has done over the last 8 months or so by decorating the tables and chairs for all our major functions. The atmosphere is greatly enhanced by these changes and I know that all members are very grateful for all that she does.

The Swindle this month had another 4 events. The first one (par 84) was won by Paul Truscott, Chris Bingham and Mike Shortland with a score of par, and Plonkers were John Fulwell, Brian Lewis and Paul Beck with 67. The following Tuesday a score of 8 under par (88) won the day for Gary Green (now playing off 3!), Pete Murphy and Jack Mclay, while the Plonkers were Dave Hawkes, Alan Ridgway and John Fulwell with 65. Tuesday the 17th was a rather blustery day and it was won (much to their surprise) by Maurice Holding, Frank Phillipson and Jared Greig (now playing off 5) with a score of 80 (4 over par). Plonkers were Nigel Morgan, Mike Cashley and Andre Guerrier with a score of 56. The final Tuesday of the month was exceptionally windy (you'll see later why I say this!) and was won by Chris Bingham, Mike Shortland and Dave Singleton with a score of 67 (par 84) – normally considered maybe close to a Plonker score. That, however, fell to the team of Jack Mclay, Geoff Fewings

and MYSELF with the record Plonker score (or so I've been informed) of 49!! On that note I end my contribution to the Newsletter for this month and look forward to seeing you all at the AGM on March 28th when I will be handing over the reins to Vice-Captain Phil Bowden.

Kay Luckett, Lady Captain



We have now played our first match of the new season the "Mail on Sunday" played at Enmore, resulting in a win for Enmore 4-1. Some of these matches were taken to the 18th hole, so well fought Minehead. The team consisted of Sara Warren Capt: Jayne Webber, Nancy Marshall, Jayne Fulwell & Corinne Rees, Jayne Fulwell being the only winner for Minehead.

The Ladies Mixed Invite Skylark Competition is to be played on 22nd March. I do hope we will have a good entry and that members will stay for the meal afterwards making it a social occasion.

The date introducing new ladies to the game of golf has been changed from the 16th May to the afternoon of 7th June, so please tell your friends, our new lady members are very welcome to come along as well.

Just a short newsletter from the captain this month, enjoy your golf.



Dave Williams, Seniors Captain

First I must apologise to those who noticed my mistakes in the report of

December's Ladies Night Dinner. The rearranged match against Enmore Park was played on Monday 2nd February that we won 4.5 to 3.5. The match on Thursday 19th was halved both these were at home.

February's Medal was won by Stephen Kaye with 15 playing and the Stapleford by Mark Ruttley with 19 playing.

We have been fortunate to have had only one competition cancelled because of the weather in February, having said that the Texas Scramble on the 13th should have been because it was played in atrocious conditions. **Note from Graham Walsh the Seniors Secretary.**

To all you members of the seniors section, on Friday 27th March there is a short 10 hole stableford competition followed by breakfast. This will be followed by a relatively short EGM to acknowledge our next Seniors Captain Mr Stephen Kaye and to ratify the forthcoming Vice-Captain Mr Dave Chidgey.



Graham Wright –The Warreners

The Warreners have played on Wednesdays at Minehead with Warreners members playing a variety of formats between themselves although we have

welcomed some visitors and club members who have wanted a game.

Our first match was played against Enmore on 25th February and the Warreners won 4-2 followed by a very nice meal provided by James.

Our next match is on 18th March against Minehead Seniors where banter and mild insults will abound and will be enjoyed by all.

In April matches begin to come thick and fast with a match on 13th and another on 15th.

The Course, Graham J Wells

February was a very busy month for our greenkeepers handling large amounts of landfill which brings the total received to nearly £25k



during the first two months of the year. Some of this money will be used on vital projects on the course, notably the new training and practice facility but also for a new and much needed rough mower, Bunker improvement and reconstruction and fairway overseeding on which we have had to postpone work in the recent year's difficult economic circumstances.

Some of the landfill is now being used to raise the height of the existing bank along the left side of the 3rd fairway. The conifers there will be removed and the area replanted with native local species as will the whole of the top of the bank around the greenkeepers compound.

Meanwhile, drainage at the bottom of the bank along the left side of the 5th fairway has been laid and the

beginnings of a buggy path alongside it partially constructed. (This path will eventually lead right the way down to the raised 5th tee once all the landfill has been delivered there later this year). The old condemned hut and its foundations have been removed in preparation for the practice range. Several visitors have commented in complimentary fashion on the condition of the course, notably the greens (but not some of the bunkers!).

In March we will be preparing to cope with Rob Barrett beginning a well earned 3 week break so please be tolerant (and let us know!) of any shortcomings in course maintenance during his time away during which we will endeavour to resolve them with a request for volunteer working parties if they can help.



Graham Walsh - Opens organiser



There is still plenty of time to enter the seniors open on 6th may, but hurry filling up fast only £9.00 entry for members and

£15.00 for visitors.

The start sheet and further info is also posted on the notice board. There will be plenty of prizes to be won.



Juniors Captain Jordan Arnold

Don't forget we are here to help any junior who would like to explore taking up golf. What about Grandchild/children?

Note from the Editor, Stephen Kaye.



Please feel free to send any news, funny story announcements or picture you would like included. This newsletter is for all the members. I will try my best to include your text. Your contributions will be very welcome.

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