



Minehead and West Somerset Golf Club Newsletter

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**Stephen Kaye
Club Chairman.**



This month I would like to mention communication with members. Committee volunteers. Visitors and income. Functions and their privacy. When it comes to communications all the committee are working on your behalf and try as far as possible to keep the members informed. Every month a newsletter is prepared and sent to all members. Minutes of the MC meeting are posted on the notice board, once approved, also copies are uploaded to the members section on the clubs website. I am always available, anytime I am at the club and I know that Dorrien always states at the end of his piece in the newsletter that "he is always available on the end of the phone or in the clubhouse...." As are other MC members. Of course there are confidential private matters that cannot be discussed in open forum but these instances are very few. When it comes to committee volunteers the club needs members to help run the club. I believe that every member should at some time think about volunteering to fill one of the responsible positions. If you would like to put your name forward please let me know and we can talk about how to best use your talents. After all it's your club and how we make it is up to the members.

Finally a word about visitors. Without visitors our annual fees would be

exorbitant. The work we do to encourage visitors and functions help keep the costs to the members down. We should welcome every visitor, they are good for the club. Also when we have functions please respect the privacy of the function. Parts of the clubhouse may be off limits to the members during the function. Enough said, hope you enjoy your winter golf. I am keeping my fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us during this season.



**Dorrien Bickerstaff
Club Captain.**

The Buchanan Cup is well under way with 49 pairs taking part. Not such a good entry from other clubs this year which we must try and rectify for 2017. Congratulations to Paul Rees on singlehandedly beating his opposition in the opening round.

A couple of important notes:

Firstly, if you are unable to make your tee time please let the ProShop know and ensure your opposition is notified as soon as possible with explanation because it's not acceptable to let players turn up on time expecting to play unless you are unavoidably delayed.

Secondly, bad language, throwing of clubs and damage to the course is completely unacceptable and will be dealt with by the committee. Remember, it is all our responsibilities to ensure our playing partners behave appropriately so as not to disgrace themselves or our club and so to let us all enjoy our sport.

On a brighter note, Sue Prentice and Ian Gover played for The Luttrell Cup this month with Ian winning it on the 18th. Commiserations to Sue and congratulations to Ian.

I look forward to celebrating a wonderful year of golf at this year's Club Presentations on Saturday 19th November with you all, and sharing a drink with many.

I am always available on the end of a phone or in the clubhouse for a chat and a beer. Cheers Dorrien



**Jenny Holland,
Lady Captain.**

We started October with a mixed match against Oake at home, which was very enjoyable,

losing 2.1/2 to 3.1/2. Many thanks to Ros Mcguire for all her hard work with this rearranged match.

6th October was our open Bowmaker 1st Jayne Webber, Jackie McDonald, Jeanette Fear.137

2nd Kay Lockett, Ann Weston, Marilyn Terrell.142

3rd Corinne Rees, Pam Telling, Tina Beaver.145

4th Sara Warren, Jeanette Tucker, Jill Loder.145

Winning visitors team was from Oake 148

We then played ladies v Oake friendly match, which was great fun, ending up with a very friendly draw. Thank you to Kay Lockett for rearranging the Past Captains Salver, which was won this year by myself.

Well done to Sue Prentice, who played the finals of the Luttrell cup against Ian Gover, losing on the 18th hole, bad luck Sue.

We have one more match left to play, weather permitting Club v Ladies in November.

We were to play a mixed Texas scramble on the 6th of Nov, as there was a request for more mixed friendly matches, but it has been cancelled through lack of support. We will try this format in the New Year again. Jenny



**Dave Chidgey,
Seniors Captain.**

My report this month is focused on the INTER CLUB CHALLENGE which took place on OCT.31. The weather

was dry with a light wind so when I arrived I walked part of the course and thought what great condition it was in. I also saw where some of the pin positions were challenging to say the least. Twelve teams entered a total of 96players and as it was a shotgun start it was important that everyone was in position on time which they were and the whole thing went smoothly with no delays of note. The competition went well and finished in good time and talking to teams after and seeing the atmosphere in the bar it was obvious that it was enjoyed by all. To complete the day we had an excellent three course meal and we were looked after in great style at the table by some of the ladies from their section. We have received e

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Mails from all the teams being complimentary about the whole day and they will be entering next year which makes it all worthwhile. So well done to everyone who worked so hard to make it successful and THANK YOU ALL.



Janet Handley. Juniors Section

On Sunday 23rd October there was another three hole match for the girls who haven't yet achieved a handicap. Only two girls were available to play and the strong wind and cold weather meant it was not a pleasant experience. However, it was exciting as both girls are well matched. Ebony Plenty and Shona Dunne played a Texas Scramble format to the greens then had to putt their ball. Shona won the first hole 7 - 9, Ebony won the second hole 7 - 9. Shona was really unlucky with her ninth shot on the third hole as it caught the edge of the hole and came out again. Ebony



held her nerve and managed to win the third hole by one stroke. They are a very well matched pair, Shona having won the last match they

played by one stroke from Ebony. So a medal each 😊



A big thank you to Ebony's mother and grandmother for coming along to support us in an atrociously strong, cold wind. (I must also thank two very patient gentlemen who allowed us to continue in front of them.)

On Wednesday 26th October Matthew Pennington and Ethan Plenty played for the Brian Lewis Trophy. The weather was kind staying dry but rather cloudy. Matthew was disappointed with his game but having played in many matches accepted "that's golf!" It was Ethan's first cup match since he gained his handicap. Both players improved their scores on the back nine. Congratulations to Matthew and well done Ethan for completing your first official match.



Graham Wright The Warreners

On Monday October 26th the Warreners fixture at Enmore Golf Club was started in rain which steadily got worse until the greens became flooded and unfit for play so a maximum of 9 holes

were played. It was decided to call the match an honourable draw whilst consuming a very enjoyable meal a little earlier than anticipated.

Wednesday 28th October the Warreners held their annual AGM which was preceded by the traditional Greensomes competition played before all AGMS'. The competition was won by David Kedge and Graham Wright with 46 points.

Graham Wright resigned as President feeling that after some 10 years it was time for someone else to take over. Eddy Gosling was duly elected as the new Warreners President and I wish him well for the future. He is an excellent choice as he has always been a great support to me and to the Warreners in general. The Warreners enjoy a strong membership with some great fixtures and keenly fought Warrener competitions. Finally I would like to thank all Officers, Pro shop staff. Greenkeepers and members for their help and excellent company during my Presidency.



The Course, Graham J Wells

Liaison continues with the Waste Management Authority to ensure we comply with planning approval to re-start landfill deliveries in early spring.

In addition to Ian Gabb's rabbit shooting, ferreting with nets is now being undertaken by Mick Westcott on some early mornings. I will endeavour to inform members in advance of when this

will occur but it should not interfere with play to any significant extent. Until we secure a further reduction in rabbit numbers repairs to the damage they cause is pointless as they routinely return to the same disturbed areas so free relief from any damage caused is the only option.

We have liaised with the Environment Agency who will be diverting the coast path to join our path alongside the 18th tee during work to prevent further coastal erosion there which is taking place between 25th November and 13th December. The Agency plans to do further work in this area in early spring next year and they will be responsible for any restoration to fences or paths required as a result of this work.

Health issues have recently prevented my being around for members to make their usual constructive criticism and suggestions concerning the course but please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or email to discuss any issues arising.

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