



Minehead and West Somerset Newsletter No 3 September 2014,

September Club news and forthcoming events.

On the 6th, 7th and 8th October the club is hosting the South West Counties Senior Ladies Golf Society.

Each team contains of ex-county players who are over 50 years old, and is played on the same lines as county match week. All the games are foursomes off scratch.

Teams taking part are Devon, Dorset, Cornwall, Gloucestershire, Somerset and Wiltshire. The matches rotate around each county. Usually this competition is held on courses regularly used for county competitions. Somerset haven't won the competition since it was held at St Enodoc 5 years ago, in fact they are currently joint holders of the wooden spoon. This is not just a nostalgic county event, but part of the fees raised goes to a local good cause, of the home captain's choice. This year we will be supporting Phil Arbourne's chosen charity, The Tectona Trust. Phil will also be joining all the ladies for dinner on Tuesday evening.

On Saturday October 18th - There will be a wedding at the club, with a marquee on the putting green and the upstairs bar being used on Saturday. Apologies go out to you in advance for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Friday October 24th - The British Legion are holding The 2014 Somerset and Bristol Poppy Launch at our golf club. Over 300 visitors will be travelling by steam train to Minehead from Bishops Lydeard, the train and engine will be decorated with poppies. Visitors will then be brought by coach to the club for a simple lunch and a few formalities.



The British Legion are being sponsored by Minehead Marquees, who have agreed that the "tent" can be left from the wedding the previous weekend. Again members will be asked to use the upstairs bar at lunch time. The visitors will only be with us for a couple of hours, so the disruption will not be too great. You can read more about this event or even apply for tickets at: <http://branches.britishlegion.org.uk/branches/bristol-poppy-day/bristol-and-south-gloucestershire-poppy-appeal/bristol-poppy-appeal-launch>

The 2014 Evacuation of Somerset and Bristol Royal British Legion to the Seaside on Friday 24th October!



Other news - Bob Williamson (our tenant), better known as "Bob the Builder" has had an operation on his shoulder. His progress is good, and no doubt we will see him around with his paint brush and tools, very soon!

Liam Flemming has now left us; he has a new job at Foxes Hotel. Liam has done a really gone job with the catering in the 18 months he has been with us. Members will be pleased to know that James will be taking over the management of the kitchen, and that Georgie will be back in October to take over Liam's hours on a temporary basis. Friday October 12th Next Club Night is a Bingo Night - a light-hearted evening with a well know local caller. Food will be available. There has already been more information in a round-robin e-mail but more information can be found on the notice boards.

The club member's survey has now been completed, a big thank you to all for your contributions and comments. As promised the results of this survey will be available to all members shortly.

Captain's Newsletter. Phil Arbourne.

September has been quite a quiet month for me. We had one club match, against Taunton & Pickering at home, which, on another fine and slightly breeze afternoon, we won 5-1. In the MET shield B team match, which was held at Tiverton, we came third overall but had an excellent morning, with 5 matches being won in the foursomes. We obviously gel well as a team, like the European Ryder Cup team, and do well in the foursome format!

8 past Captains took part in the annual Past Captains' Competition, which was held on Saturday, September 6th. This was won by Tony Pendray, with a score of 39 points. His joy, however, was short-lived, as the following Tuesday his handicap was cut from 16 to 14! Good luck next year Tony!

In the past Captains' MET shield, which was held at Enmore this year, we came second to Enmore, with Martin Gilbertson top-scoring with 31 points.

Congratulations to Connor and his family for organising a very successful Charity Day for Macmillan Cancer Support. It was a very enjoyable day and over £1300 was raised for this charity, which has an added poignancy this year (we wish Martin G a very speedy recovery from his op.).

There are two club matches left this year - against Cannington away on Saturday, November 1st, and against the Ladies on Saturday, November 15th. There are still places available for the team - please see my Board in the Club foyer.

The Tuesday Swindles, on September 2nd, was won by Pete Scott, Dom Bowden and, of course, Bill Baker with a score of 23 (Medal out, Stableford back). Plonkers were returning member Simon Humphries, Dave Singleton and John Duckworth with 47. The

game on the 9th (2233 repeated, then 23, par 90) was won by Phil Bowden, Dave Shambrook and Jamie Anderson with a score of 100. Plonkers were Robin Miles, Nigel Morgan and Mike Bowmaker with 79. The game on the 16th (322, 3 on 18, par 86) was won by Tony Pendray, Paul Handisyde and, of course, Bill Baker, with a score of 99. Plonkers were Chris Peters, Pete Hensley and André Guerrier with 78. The game on the 23rd (2 on 4s & 5s, 3 on 3s, par 80) were Derek Dascombe, Paul Rees and Geoff Fewings with a magnificent 15 under 95. Plonkers were Ray Milton, Dougie Hayhoe and Frank Phillipson with 70. Finally, the last game of the month on the 30th (Medal out, S'ford back, 3 on 3s, par 35) was won by Malcolm McNeill, Dorrien Biickerstaff and Derek Stevens with an outstanding 17 under 18 (lowest score wins). Plonkers were Dennis Whitham, Gordon Cunningham and (welcome back) John Murray with 43.

Seniors Captain, Stephen Kaye.

The Seniors were very busy during September. We started the month by playing the Warreners, a past Captains match and then Enmore at home. Matches played away included Axe Cliff, Enmore Seniors MET Shield, Long Sutton and Libbatton. We even played at the Enmore Interclub Challenge Trophy (they have copied our own successful format from last year, even using the same name). We also played The New Century Cup trophy competition and that was won by Graham Stone & Danny Lloyd.

The Seniors have been using a Match Day Captaincy where anyone of the Seniors can Captain a single match. This has proved popular and has given a chance to others to see just what is involved in running a match. From the start of October Dave Williams (on the right) has taken over as the appointed Captain of the Seniors. His Captaincy will run until the clubs AGM in the New Year. The Seniors Captaincy will in future run concurrent with the main clubs Captaincy. On November 3rd the Seniors are hosting their major event of the year "The Interclub Challenge". This year there will be 12 teams competing, with some travelling from as far away as Staffordshire and Wales. The guest speaker will be our very own John Bickerton.

On the 15th of October we will be holding our Seniors AGM. The annual fee to join the Seniors has been just £8. If you are over 55 and would like join the Seniors you will be made very welcome.



Seniors MET Shield Captains



The Warreners, Graham Wright.

The Warreners have played four matches in September the first being against our friends the Minehead Seniors with a friendly result of 3-3. Next we played the Royal Naval Air Station, Yeovilton who always field a team with some society handicaps usually noticeable when a young buck drives the ball out of site. However, all our matches are friendly and played in good spirit. Again this match was halved 3-3. The Warreners then played against the North Devon Police again with some police on society handicaps and the Warreners lost a close match 3 1/2- 2 1/2. These matches were all played at Minehead but on 24th September the Warreners visited Willingcott Valley and were soundly beaten 5 -1. An interesting point here is that the Willingcott golfers only suffer a handicap reduction when they score more than 40 points (apparently a local rule). October sees the Warreners end their season of matches with a match against Enmore away on 13th and with Minehead Ladies on 22nd. During October the Warreners play for the Geoff Barrett Tankards on 15th, a four ball better ball competition and on the 29th a Greensome competition followed by the Warreners AGM. We welcome anyone interested in joining the Warreners to come to the club by 10.30am on a Wednesday to find out what we are about.

For some time the Warreners had a flag that was raised on match days and was very costly to have made. Following the Warreners last home match the flag was taken down and placed in it's usual place but has since disappeared. Should a fellow member come across the flag or know of it's whereabouts could you please return it because to replace it will be out of our reach at the moment.

The Ladies Section.

This week some of the Ladies are away at Celtic Manor. We wish them well and hope they have an enjoyable time.



"Seeing I had already hit you once, was I correct in yelling EIGHT?"

Juniors Captain, Jordan Arnold.

Coming up in October, every Sunday afternoon there will be a Junior roll up for any juniors of any ability. See the junior notice board for details. The club will welcome any member bringing **any** junior family member to the golf club and use our facilities and see if they like the game.

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