



## Ladies Section

# NEWSLETTER

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*It is hard to believe that a whole month has passed since the launch of the Ladies' Newsletter and now the second edition is hot off the press! Where has the time gone? Read on ...and all will be revealed.*

### **Lady Captain's Day – 9<sup>th</sup> August 2011**

Lady Captain's Day was the highlight of the month. The main priority was for fine weather – this having been achieved, to Vonnie's great relief, everything else then ran like clockwork. The choice of format for the competition was interesting to say the least – each lady in their team of three had to play off six yellow tees, six red tees and six blue tees, with two scores to count (and all three on the par threes) off full handicap. "Tom Watson" ran the putting competition (which raised £80.00 for the Captain's charity) but the prize remained unclaimed as no one was able to sink a long putt, though a consolation prize of Tom's autograph was free to all! A variety of refreshments were available at the 11<sup>th</sup> including a rather tasty Pimms, after which one had to hit the 11<sup>th</sup> green or pay a fine of 50p to the Captain's Charity – not sure if this helped or hindered one's accuracy! Fines totalled £37.00 which suggests that the latter was the case! 94 ladies altogether played on the day, including 2 Alternate Day Ladies, 5 'Golden Girls' and 4 Junior Girls (Georgie Dommett, Olivia Falconer, Megan Falconer and Evie Keniston who played five holes under the guidance of Charlotte Dommett). At 19.00 hrs: the ladies assembled in the Clubhouse for prize giving followed by dinner, but it was hard to tell who was who, as Vonnie had decided to turn the clock back to the 1960s for her evening's theme. 91 ladies sat down to a tasty two or three course meal and the day ended with a disco. It was agreed that a good time was had by all.

### **4 Ball Open Team Event – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August**

Apart from Lady Captain's Day this was one of the main events that occurred during the month. 164 ladies in 41 teams took part from 28 different clubs. A delicious buffet awaited the golfers after they had played. Ann Needham and Barbara Hele ran the raffle as usual and raised approximately £230.00 for the Captain's Charity. With the first team setting off at 07.50 the last team not going out until 14.40 and prize giving finally at 19.15 it was a long day for all those involved in the organisation behind the scenes, but worth it as everyone seemed to have enjoyed themselves even if they did not win a prize. However, 11 teams obviously had a more enjoyable time as there were 9 major prizes and 2 minor ones.

1st – E. Toon / B. Middleditch / L. Tinsley / S. White (East Devon) 84 pts  
2nd – M. Adams / R. Cirin / S. Eames / C. Snow (Torquay / Churston / Tiverton) 83 pts  
3rd – J.O'Dwyer / L. Williams / M. Coxill / V. Hayden-Foster (Torquay / Tavistock) 79 pts

## Senior Ladies

The roll up this month was cancelled due to rain on the day. An away match against Exeter was played on 19<sup>th</sup> August but sadly Torquay lost 5-2. The 6<sup>th</sup> October is the date fixed for a match against the Club's Senior men, which will be followed by a meal. The format is greensome and the list is filling up fast, so find a partner and sign up soon to be sure of a game.

## County News

Thurlestone was the venue for the South and West Foursomes and the Western Morning News Rose Bowl on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August. The Rose Bowl was won by Torquay at Torquay in 2010, so the six pairs who played this year were attempting to defend this title. Unfortunately despite trying hard to bring the cup back to Torquay it was not to be – Tavistock were the winners with 74 points (the total of the best two scores out the three pairs selected in secret by the lady's captain from each club) but out of the 16 clubs that participated Torquay came 9<sup>th</sup>.

Next year's Still, President's and Creasy opponents are now known.

Still – Division 2 – Exeter / Churston / East Devon / Staddon Heights / Torquay

President's – Division 7 – Holsworthy / Sidmouth / Tavistock / Torquay

Creasy – Division 5 – Holsworthy / Staddon Heights / Tiverton / Torquay

## Knock Out Competitions

All matches have now been played in readiness for Finals Day. The following will be playing on 25<sup>th</sup> September – please come along and watch!

**Mixed** – Barry Long / Sheelgh Dean v Mike Arnold / Sue Arnold

**Scratch** – Molly Haslam v Lesley Rowe

**Field** – Anna Balfour v Chris Lester

**Buswell** – Pat Harris v Shirley Wilson

**Maconchy** – Laura Colman v Claire Carey

**Illingworth** – Laura Colman / Philippa Affleck v Charlotte Dommett / Jill Copping

**Senior Ladies** – Chris Pring v Anne Haines -Nutt

## Mixed Competitions:

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August – AM AM

30 teams of 4 participated in this relatively recent addition to the mixed fixture list. Out of the 120 players 50 were visitors from 14 different clubs. The format off  $\frac{3}{4}$  handicap was the best man's and the best woman's score to count on each hole. This arrangement obviously suited the fourth team out which ended up winning having amassed a total of 78 points. It was a family affair the team being made up Bob and Jill Copping, daughter Charlotte Dommett and grandson Jake Dommett aged 10. Second place went to the team of Club Secretary Colin Nolan, Jan White, Mike and Helen Jones with the score of 77 points. In third place was a team from Bridport (S. Walsh / B. Walsh / D. Loving / M. Barter) with 75 points, and another Torquay team came fourth also with 75 points (C. Wilkinson / K. Wilkinson / E. Raikes / G. Raikes).

## **Rule of the Month**

As there are numerous rabbit scrapes around the course this scenario, which originally came from the Devon Captains' Newsletter, has been included to highlight possible rulings: Jill's sliced drive came to rest between the roots of a large tree from which no reasonable stroke was possible in any direction. She claimed free relief under Rule 25-1 because, as it happened, her stance for a stroke at the ball would have been in a rabbit scrape. The referee agreed that the rabbit scrape was an abnormal ground condition being "a hole cast or runway made by a burrowing animal, reptile or a bird," and she agreed that it interfered with Jill's stance but relief was refused on the grounds that, regardless of the rabbit scrape, it was "clearly unreasonable for her to make a stroke" at the ball where it lay between the roots. Jill had to declare her ball unplayable and take a drop, or proceed under penalty of stroke and distance.

Jane's sliced drive came to rest six inches behind Jill's, in a position where she could actually play it, but only sideways. She too claimed relief because her stance for a stroke towards the green would have been in Jill's same rabbit scrape. Once again relief was refused by the referee this time because a stroke towards the green would have involved an "unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing or line of play." The only reasonable line of play in that position was a sideways stroke, for which the rabbit scrape did not interfere. A stroke towards the green was an abnormal line of play in the sense that no golfer in her right mind would have contemplated it, and it was also unnecessary.

Nicky's sliced drive came to rest a yard behind Jane's where there was no interference from Jill's rabbit scrape for a stroke towards the green, but there was interference with Nicky's stance for a sideways stroke from a completely different rabbit scrape, so she claimed relief. This time the referee allowed relief on the grounds that a sideways stroke was a reasonable line of play for Nicky in this position. Nicky accordingly dropped her ball within one club's length of her nearest point of relief from the rabbit scrape and as luck would have it this drop took her clear of the tree and enabled her to play her next stroke towards the green. The referee agreed that although Nicky was taking relief for a sideways stroke, she didn't actually have to play sideways once she had dropped.

## **Weekly Competitions:**

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August – Medal / Captain's Rosebowl**

Division 1 - Val Atkinson 67 / Karen Hough 69 / Jan White 70 / Sue Bradford 71

Division 2 - Ray Evans 69 / Susie Brinsley 72 / Elizabeth Raikes 73 / Kara Bridgeman 73

Division 3 - Rita Gibson 71 / Pauline Wetten 71 / Chris Pring 73 / Karen Jamieson 75

Winner of the Captain's Rosebowl – Val Atkinson

### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August – Lady Captain's Day – Yellow, Red & Blue Team Competition**

1st – Maxine Adams / Caroline Craig / Maggie Coxill 97 pts

2nd – Jan White / June O'Dwyer / Sue Mitchell 96 pts

3rd – Molly Haslam / Laura Colman / Sue Arnold 96 pts

4th – Joy Prail / Karen Hough / Sue Slater 95 pts

5th – Trudie Cross / Sylvia Glasscock / Sue Wells 95 pts

Best Front 9 – Barbara Hele / Anne Needham / Rita Gibson 51 pts

Best Back 9 – Janet Heal / Dorothy Jefferson / Pauline Goodrich 52 pts

Nearest Pin on 2nd – Molly Haslam

Nearest Pin on 11th – Jane Gerard

Nearest Pin on 17th – Susie Brinsley

## **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August – Medal / Bolckow Cup 1**

Division 1 – Joy Praill 69 / Sue Baxter 70 / Toni Jones / 70 / Claire Carey 71

Division 2 – Di Swift 72 / Sue Mitchell 74 / Vonnie Evans 75 / Roz Wood 75

Division 3 – Libby Porter 71 / Pauline Green 75 / Jan Spencer 77 / Barbara Hele 77

## **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August - EWGA Medal / Bolckow 2 / MMP 6**

Division 1 – Anna Balfour 68 / Lesley Rowe 71 / Chris Lester 74 / Toni Jones 74

Division 2 – Pat Mallett 72 / June O'Dwyer 75 / Janet Heal 75 / Vonnie Evans 76

Division 3 – Rosemary Ashley 76 / Pauline Wetten 80 / Barbara Hele 80 / Jan Spencer 80

Bolckow Cup – 1<sup>st</sup> Toni Jones 143 / 2<sup>nd</sup> Joy Praill 143 / 3<sup>rd</sup> Claire Carey 146 / 4<sup>th</sup> Sue Baxter 149

MMP 6 Winner – Anna Balfour

## **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August - Medal / 36 Hole Club Championship / Breakthrough Brooch**

Division 1 – Molly Haslam 69 / Pauline Goodrich 71 / Laura Colman 72 / Sheelagh Dean 73

Division 2 – Trudie Cross 69 / Sue Slater 76 / Ann Fisher 77 / Di Swift 78

Division 3 – Christine Pring 73 / Anne Haines-Nutt 75 / Pauline Green 76 / Pauline Wetten 77

Winner of Breakthrough Brooch – Molly Haslam

36 Hole Championship – Best Gross – Molly Haslam 150 / Runner-Up – Charlotte Dommett 153

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## **Other News**

Maggie Coxill who is a member of both Torquay and Teignmouth Golf Clubs succeeded in winning the Eclipse Salver at Teignmouth earlier on in the month with a fine score of 41 points. *She is to be congratulated on this achievement.*

## **Forthcoming Events in September:**

1st Senior Ladies

5th Senior Ladies match v Thurlestone at home

6th County & Final Stableford / Cancer Relief Spoon + rescheduled Ladies County Meeting in Clubhouse at 5.00pm **(\*IMPORTANT FOR LADIES TO ATTEND)**

9th Ladies Past Captains v Past Captains

13th Ladies' Invitation

16th Ladies v Seniors

18th Tea Pot Match

20th EWGA Medal / MMP 7 / Millennium Cup

21st Wednesday Fourball and BBQ

25th Finals Day

27th County Stableford

30th County Crocus at Exeter