



Ladies Section

NEWSLETTER - December 2011

Where did December go? For that matter where did 2011 go? 'Tempus' certainly does 'fugit', especially when one is busy and there has been plenty going on during the past month, from beginning to end, to keep one busy.

Senior Ladies

On Thursday 1st December forty five of the Senior Ladies sat down to a tasty Christmas lunch organised by Barbara Hele and ably assisted by Anne Needham. Some of those present had worked up an appetite for their meal by playing a nine hole competition beforehand. This was won by Cora McCauly, with Barbara Hele second, Dorothy Jefferson third and Muriel Mitchell fourth. Another nine holes after lunch might have been a good idea to walk off any excesses!

Christmas Coffee Morning

This annual event was held on Friday 2nd December and as usual it was well supported. Those who attended were parted from their money in a variety of ways: besides paying for a cup of coffee, they bought books, nearly new items, League of Friends Christmas cards, cakes, jewellery, signs, lemon curd, mystery bags, raffle tickets, lottery bonus ball numbers, or entered "Feel the Stocking" and "Guess the Name of the Bear" competitions. After two hours of frenetic spending, £613.52 was raised, with £366.00 of the total going to the Captain's Charity - 'Help for Heroes', and the remaining £247.52 going into the Ladies' Section funds.

Torquay Golf Club Annual Dinner Dance

The Club's Annual Dinner Dance used to be held in February but early December is now when this event is staged. Saturday 3rd December was the date for 2011's function at the Palace Hotel attended by nearly two hundred members, guests and Captains from local Clubs. After pre-dinner drinks, a five course dinner was enjoyed in the dining room which was beautifully decorated ready for Christmas. The meal was followed by speeches from the Club Captain, Alex Rowe, and his guest speaker, then everyone retired to the ballroom to dance the night away. It was carriages at midnight for those going

home to bed, but for other revellers who had booked bed and breakfast at the Palace the party carried on a little longer!

Mixed Competition

Twenty four pairs played in the Greensome Stableford on Sunday 4th December, some of whom had been partying at the Palace only a few hours beforehand, but this did not seem to have had any detrimental effect on their golf.

The results are as follows: 1st – Sue and Philip Bradford 44 pts; 2nd – Jan White and Colin Rowlands 42 pts; 3rd – Barbara and Roger Hele 41 pts; 4th – Anne and David Needham 40 pts; 5th – Trudie and Peter Cross 40 pts.

Weekly Competitions

Only two official competitions were scheduled for the first half of December, the remaining Tuesdays during the second half of the month being left so individuals can make their own arrangements.

Tuesday 6th December – County Stableford (14 holes only)

Division 1 – Sue Bradford 26 / Sue Wood 26 / Anna Balfour 25 / Claire Carey 25

Division 2 – Cora McCauly 26/Sue Slater 26/Vonnie Evans 26/Philippa Affleck 24

Division 3 – Hayley Ratcliff 21/Margaret Parry 21/Val Banks 21/Anne Haines-Nutt 21

Tuesday 13th December – Christmas Competition

(cancelled due to inclement weather)

Although this fun competition sadly had to be cancelled due to very unpleasant conditions all was not lost, as the mulled wine and mince pie get together that was supposed to follow prize giving, still went ahead, as did the distribution of Christmas gifts to the staff from the Ladies' Section. Despite the cheerless nature of the weather outside, there was an abundance of cheerfulness inside the Clubhouse – the rather tasty brew of mulled wine could have had something to do with creating this atmosphere.

Ladies' Christmas Dinner

The evening of Friday 9th December saw almost eighty lady members attending their Section's annual Christmas Dinner. The proceedings got off to a good start with free pre-dinner drinks which were paid for from funds. A two or three course meal ordered in advance was then enjoyed by all those present and the evening ended off with the secret Santa gifts that had been brought by each individual attending, being distributed at random.

Quiz Night

Having a Quiz Night was somewhat of an on the spur of the moment idea – it only appeared on the social calendar about a month before the appointed day, which was Thursday 15th December, but proved extremely successful and as a result may well

become a regular feature of the social scene in the future. Roughly one hundred and twenty people participated in the quiz divided up into eighteen teams each with five, six or seven members. Sport, music, entertainment, Christmas and a picture round were the subjects for the five different sets of questions all posed by Dave Cadwallader, who was in charge. For each round there was a winning team who could choose from the many prizes on offer, so in theory there could have been five separate winning teams, but Di Evitt's team were obviously in top form as they succeeded in winning three out of the five rounds. A platter of food was provided for refreshment on each table. Not only had the evening exercised the brain cells but had also raised £600.00 in the process, for the Captain's charity – Different Strokes.

Party Night

Party Night was obviously a popular event in the social calendar as nearly a hundred members attended this function on Saturday 17th December, which was organised by the Club's chef, Andy Clarke. A tasty three course meal ordered beforehand was served and followed by dancing to a disco that helped to shake down the meal.

Christmas Draw Night

This was held on Friday 23rd December and although it was only two days before the 'big day' the turnout of members was much better than it had been for a number of years, when this function has been held earlier on in the month. Draw tickets had been on sale for quite a few weeks prior to the day in question and continued right up until the draw commenced. There were almost eighty prizes including tins of biscuits, bottles of wine, plants, clocks, games, cuddly toys etc: with the top five prizes of an iPad, a Rangefinder, a Kindle, £150.00 and £100.00 in cash, all waiting to be won. The Club Captain, Alex Rowe, conducted proceedings while the draw ticket numbers were generated by a random number machine which took the form of Jacky Rowe, Jacky Lovering, Jan White and Barbara Hele taking numbered golf balls out of four different stockings. After half the prizes had been accounted for there was an interlude during which time members of Torbay Brass played a selection of carols whilst those present aired their vocal chords and attempted to sing. The highlight of the evening was when the Club Captain, the Vice-Captain and the Club Secretary were "volunteered" to perform solo parts as Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar in the carol "We Three Kings." Gareth Malone eat your heart out! The second half of the draw continued once this entertainment was over and refreshments had been served. Holly Newbold (daughter of Chris Newbold), Rosemary Bailey, Mike Angelos, the Houghs and Brian Holmes were eventually the lucky winners of the five star prizes.

New Year's Eve Almost a hundred revellers celebrated the coming of 2012 at the Club on 31st December, with a delicious six course dinner followed by dancing to a disco and a rendering of "Auld Lang Syne" accompanied by balloons and bubbly at midnight.

Rule of the Month

Rule 18-2b “Ball Moving After Address” is one of the principal changes introduced in the new Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status 2012-2015. Before 1st January 2012: “If a player’s ball in play moved after he had addressed it (other than as a result of a stroke), the player was deemed to have moved the ball and incurred a penalty of one stroke. The ball had to be replaced, unless the movement of the ball occurred after the player had begun the stroke or the backward movement of the club for the stroke and the stroke was made.” **NOW** “a new exception has been added that exonerates the player from penalty if his ball moves after it has been addressed when it is known or virtually certain that he did not cause the ball to move. For example, if it is a gust of wind that moves the ball after it has been addressed, there is no penalty and the ball is played from its new position.” You will also be pleased to know that you can now win a car for a hole in one without losing your amateur status if you choose to accept it!

There are other changes so it is a good idea to read pages 6 and 7 in the new rule book.

Forthcoming Events in January

- 3rd – Stableford
- 4th – Evening Bridge
- 5th – Senior Ladies
- 10th – County Stableford
- 11th – Evening Bridge
- 13th – Deadline for emptying lockers in Ladies’ Changing Room / Wine Tasting
- 15th – Mixed Competition
- 17th – Captain/Pro Challenge
- 18th – Evening Bridge
- 20th – A.G.M. of D.C.L.G.A. at Exeter Golf and Country Club at 11.30am.
- 21st – Burns Night & Ceilidh
- 24th – 4 Clubs & Putter
- 25th – Evening Bridge
- 31st – Stableford / Opening of refurbished Ladies’ Changing Room (hopefully)



“WISHING YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR”