



Ladies Section

NEWSLETTER - October 2011

Help for Heroes Charity Day 14th October 2011

This event, organised to support the Lady Captain's charity – 'Help for Heroes' not only proved to be the highlight of October but could possibly qualify as the highlight of the year for the Club overall as well as the Ladies' Section. The day got off to a good start as the weather was fine and then it went from strength to strength. Forty two teams of four players participated – there were bacon baps to start with, drinks at 11th tee, a dinner and disco in the evening attended by over a hundred and a raffle. The best ladies' team was that of Pat Harris, Susie Brinsley, Libby Porter and Val Banks with 86 pts; the best mixed team was that of June O'Dwyer, James O'Dwyer, Jon Bell and Ben Perry with 90 pts; and the best men's team was that of Eric Walsh, Mike Narramore, Terry Bastow and Alan Bastow with 91 pts. However, at the end of the day it could be said that everyone was a winner as a wonderful 'feel good factor' was generated by the desire to help others and that was certainly the case because the day raised an amazing £4000.00 for this worthy cause. The fact that Torquay Golf Club has its own 'Band of Brothers' in Sean, Christopher, Matthew and Peter Needham and the Charity Day was attended not only by them but also by twelve Royal Engineers and four Royal Marines, all of whom had recently returned from Afghanistan, made the day extra special and meaningful.

County News

Monday 3rd October was the day the Express and Echo finals were played with Honiton being this year's venue, as opposed to previous years when it was played at Exeter. Toni Jones and Sue Baxter together with Marie Scobie and Claire Carey had qualified earlier on in the season as the two pairs representing Torquay. Playing conditions were fine apart from the speedy greens which got the better of our representatives denying them the chance of a prize!

A fresh breeze, squally showers and a temperature on the cool side were the conditions experienced by those who played in the County Bowmaker at Tavistock on Friday 7th October. Teams of three from clubs across the County participated in this competition, with two scores to count off three quarters handicap. Torquay was represented by June O'Dwyer, Pauline Goodrich and Sheelagh Dean who made up one team and Val Atkinson, Anna Balfour and Philippa Affleck who made up the other. Although the scores overall were not high due to the inclement weather conditions, neither of Torquay's teams scored enough to win any prizes but they did score sufficient to avoid being near the bottom of the field and thanks to Anna's two (only one of three achieved all day) her team did not go home empty handed, on the contrary their hands were quite full as eighteen balls were awarded for a two.

Coffee Morning

The coffee morning was originally scheduled to take place way back in March, but unfortunately the course was shrouded in fog on the day in question and play was impossible, so it was rearranged for Monday 3rd October. Luckily the weather behaved itself on this alternative date and the event went ahead without a hitch.

Senior Ladies

Torquay's Senior Ladies travelled to Staddon Heights on Friday 7th October to play their Senior Ladies in a friendly match, but unfortunately the weather was decidedly unfriendly which could have contributed to the 5-0 loss for the away team, though the après golf made up for the discomfort and disappointment.

Junior Girls

As winners of the Junior South Devon League Torquay's Juniors went on to compete in the regional finals of the Junior Team golf Inter-Club Championships held at Trethorne where they were up against Ferndown from Dorset, Carlyon Bay from Cornwall and Cumberwell Park from Wiltshire. The format was individual medal with one gross score and four nett scores to count and Torquay ended up with the best overall total. Molly played to her handicap but Emily on this occasion played a supporting role as reserve. This win meant that the team then progressed to the national finals held on Monday 24th October in Essex, where they competed against nine other teams from across the country. The winners of this competition would go on to represent England in the Home Nations Final in Spain, but sadly this time the Junior Team could not maintain their winning streak, though what an achievement to get that far. However, on Friday 28th October they bounced back from this disappointment and won the Henry Truscott Cup at Wrangaton where they beat the winners of the County's other Junior League winners, namely RND, Thurlestone and Fingle Glen and both Emily and Molly contributed towards this win. Emily has now finished her year as joint Junior Captain with Nathan Gilpin and they should feel extremely proud of what the junior squad has achieved during their captaincy, under the guidance of Chris Lester and Rob Corbett. Molly has now taken over as Junior Vice- Captain with Cameron Thorne as Captain.

Battle of the Sexes (continued)

The final match in this series between the male and female members of Torquay was played on Thursday 6th October when the Senior Ladies took on the Senior Men in a greensome competition. There were nine games altogether but unfortunately the ladies were only victorious in one and managed to halve two, leaving the men with six wins, so the overall result of the four match series is a draw (2-2). However, the ladies felt a little hard done by in that both men and women were teeing off from the same tee on quite a few holes, giving the men an unfair advantage, so if the same situation arises next year the ladies will be requiring extra shots! The disappointment of losing was soon forgotten however, over a tasty lunch of either ham, egg and chips or lasagne, salad and chips.

Mixed Competitions

The annual MUMPS (Mixed Up Mixed Pairs) competition was played on Sunday 9th October, when instead of playing with one's regular mixed partner the mixed pairings are mixed up making the round of golf a bit of a lottery! Liz Sparkes and Roger Hele certainly hit the jackpot by scoring 44 points which made them this year's winners. Second were Libby Porter and Chris Searson also with 44 points; third came Shirley Wilson and Dave Cadwallader with 42 points; in fourth place

were Jan Reed and Phil Porter with 40 points; and with 40 points as well were Pat Harris and Pete Coxill in fifth place. With these high scores maybe drawing for partners is not such a bad idea after all!

Devon Lady Captains' Golf Society

Past Ladies' Captains from across the County descended on Teignmouth for their Autumn meeting (a greensome off three quarters handicap) plus AGM on Thursday 13th October. Sadly it was not possible to play any golf as the course was obliterated by a blanket of fog which would not disperse despite the start being delayed in the hope that it might. When it was obvious that this wait was futile the society's officials decided to hold the AGM so that everyone could then go home. It was a pity that the end of Verena Richards' captaincy proved somewhat of an anticlimax due to the fog. The meeting concluded with Sue Pearman, who took over as Captain of the D.L.C.G.S. for the next twelve months, explaining her vision for the future of the Society.

Prize Giving

The winners of some recent competitions were awarded their prizes at a prize giving held on Tuesday 11th October. Glasses for the winners of MMP 6 / 7 / 8 were presented to Anna Balfour, Nicole Simonetti and Val Atkinson respectively. The Bolckow Cup was presented to Toni Jones; the Millennium Cup to Nicole Simonetti; the 36 Hole Club Championship Gold Medal to Molly Haslam, who also won this year's Breakthrough Brooch; and finally the Carol Gladwin Cup was presented to Jan Spencer by Gladys Hopwood, the mother of the late Carol Gladwin, who gave the Cup to the Ladies' Section and is played for annually in her daughter's memory. The proceedings ended with Jacky Lovering, this year's Vice-Captain, announcing the name of her Vice-Captain for when she takes over from Vonnie Evans as Ladies' Captain in 2012 – and the lady that will hold that position and will then be Captain in 2013 is Barbara Hele.

Rule of the Month

If you hit your ball into the rough then bend down and pick it up to identify if it is your ball you have just given yourself a penalty of one stroke for moving your ball at rest. The correct way is:

- 1) Before lifting the ball, you must announce your intention to your fellow-competitor in stroke play, or your opponent in match play.
- 2) You must mark the position of the ball.
- 3) You must then lift the ball and identify it, provided that you give your fellow-competitor or opponent, an opportunity to observe the lifting and the subsequent replacement.
- 4) Note that the ball must not be cleaned beyond the extent necessary for identification when lifted under this Rule.

Weekly Competitions

Tuesday 4th October – EWGA & Final Medal / MMP 8

Division 1 – Val Atkinson 65 / Sheelagh Dean 68 / Anna Balfour 69 / Maxine Adams 70

Division 2 – Cora McCauly 68 / Jane Gerard 68 / Gill Balsdon 70 / June O'Dwyer 71

Division 3 - Jan Spencer 68 / Chris Pring 69 / Anne Needham 72 / Rosemary Ashley 75

Tuesday 11th October – Carole Gladwin Cup (Stableford)

Division 1 – Claire Carey 40 / Pauline Goodrich 40 / Val Atkinson 39 / Sue Wood 38

Division 2 – Philippa Affleck 39 / Ann Fisher 38 / Roz Wood 37 / Vonnie Evans 35

Division 3 – Jan Spencer 42 / Barbara Hele 38 / Jacqui Rowe 37 / Hayley Ratcliffe 34

Winner of Carole Gladwin Cup – Jan Spencer

Tuesday 18th October – County Stableford

Division 1 – Muriel Mitchell 39 / Maureen Harris 37 / Anna Balfour 37 / Nicole Simonetti 36

Division 2 – June O'Dwyer 37 / Dorothy Jefferson 36 / Sue Slater 35 / Elaine Ewings 33

Division 3 – Liz Sparkes 40 / Barbara Hele 33 / Jan Chapman 31 / Doreen Ashforth 30

Tuesday 25th October – White Team Trophy

1st – Nicole Simonetti / Jean Parnell / Trudie Cross 62 pts

2nd – Karen Hough / Gill Balsdon / Barbara Hele 58 pts

3rd – Maureen Harris / Elaine Ewings / Jan Reed 58 pts

4th – Sue Baxter / Helen Jones / Doreen Ashforth 57 pts

5th – Maxine Adams / Susie Brinsley / Karen Jameson 57 pts

Forthcoming Events in November:

1st – Captain v Secretary Match

2nd – Evening Bridge

3rd – Senior Ladies

8th – County Stableford

9th – Evening Bridge

13th – Mixed Bottle Competition

15th – Team Competition & Committee Meeting

16th – Evening Bridge

22nd – Stableford

23rd – Evening Bridge

24th – Past Lady Captains Autumn Meeting & AGM

29th – Team Competition

30th – Evening Bridge