



Ladies Section

NEWSLETTER - SEPT 2011

With the arrival of September heralding the start of Autumn one might expect that life in the Ladies' Section would start to slow down after the busy Summer months, but the hectic pace has so far continued unabated. Read on to discover what has been going on for the past thirty days.

Lady Captain's Away Day - 29th September 2011

The Lady Captain's Away Day was certainly the highlight of this month – the event was worth waiting for even though it took place on the penultimate day of September. 50 ladies set off for Oake Manor Golf Club in Somerset early on the Thursday morning in fog, with the majority of the group travelling by coach to the venue, where they arrived in brilliant sunshine. After consuming bacon baps and coffee the competitors set out to play a three ball team event off full handicap with 2 scores to count on the even holes and 3 to count on the odd holes, in conditions far hotter than any summer's day this year. Once all the rounds had been completed and refreshing showers had revived the players, all sat down to an excellent two course meal. Finally the Lady Captain rounded off the proceedings by presenting prizes to the best seven teams: 1st – Anna Balfour, Philippa Affleck, Jan Spencer 87 points; 2nd – Maureen Harris, Marie Scobie, Gill Balsdon 85 points; 3rd – Val Banks, Pat Harris, Karen Jameson 79 points; 4th – Sue Mitchell, June O'Dwyer, Maxine Adams 75 points; 5th – Dorothy Jefferson, Sue Bradford, Hilary Bray 75 points; 6th – Chris Lester, Rose-Marie Duffield, Janet Heal 71 points; 7th – Claire Carey, Sue Yeoman, Toni Jones 71 points. The winner of the wet tee shirt competition was Vonnie Evans, though she had no opposition being the sole contender and then she only participated because it was the best way to cool down! Following prize giving everyone headed for home tired but contented after a great day away.

Finals Day - 25th September 2011

This was the culmination of all the knock-out competitions played throughout the Summer months. The weather was decidedly unpleasant for those having to play their matches in the morning, but for competitors teeing off in the afternoon it was a totally different experience the conditions being warm, sunny with hardly any wind, just perfect for golf. Prize giving, held in the Clubhouse at 18.00 hrs: was well attended – the results are as follows:

Illingworth Foursomes

Runners-Up – Laura Colman & Philippa Affleck

Winners – Charlotte Dommett & Jill Copping

Mixed Foursomes

Runners-Up – Sue and Mike Arnold

Winners – Barry Long & Sheelagh Dean

Maconchy Cup

Runner-Up – Laura Colman

Winner - Claire Carey

Buswell Cup

Runner-Up – Shirley Wilson

Winner – Pat Harris

Field Cup

Runner-Up – Anna Balfour

Winner – Chris Lester

Scratch Cup

Runner-Up – Lesley Rowe

Winner – Molly Haslam

County News

The Killard-Leavy, which is a Devon County Vets competition, was played at Teignmouth on 8th September in conjunction with the Vets Autumn Foursomes. Janet Heal and Jacky Martin, who qualified to represent Torquay in this event earlier on in the year, were not far off winning a prize, but not near enough either!

The County Crocus (formerly known as the Warren Crocus) was played at Exeter Golf and Country Club on 30th September in beautiful sunny conditions. Chris Lester and Anna Balfour represented Torquay's silver players in this 4 ball better ball competition and Sue Yeoman was the sole bronze representative. There were 5 prizes in each division – unfortunately our silver pairing just missed out winning a prize by one point.

Torquay's annual County Meeting was held on 6th September attended by 14 ladies. Various matters were discussed but the main issue was the proposed merger of EWGA with the EGU in 2012. A short DVD supplied by EWGA was watched showing the benefits of merging, after which a vote was taken with all present being in favour of this proposal. Finally, those assembled were informed that Chris Lester is to become a County Selector in 2012.

Senior Ladies

Eighteen ladies played in the September roll-up: Ann Fisher was 1st; Jill Copping 2nd; Pat Mallett 3rd. The Senior Ladies played their last friendly match at home on 5th September against Thurlestone and managed to secure a brilliant 5-0 win. There was a Seniors' Open at Staddon Heights, also on 5th September, where Maureen Harris succeeded in winning the venerable vets' section. Anne Haines-Nutt succeeded in winning the Seniors' Knock-Out competition at Torquay by beating Christine Pring in the final.

Battle of the Sexes!

Over the past month there have been a number of matches between the male and female members of the Club. On 9th September the Ladies' Past Captains played the Men's Past Captains and managed to win 4-3. On 16th September the Ladies played the Senior Men but on this occasion unfortunately the Ladies were not victorious, being beaten 5-2. However, the Ladies managed to

gain another victory over the Men on 18th September in the annual Teapot match the result of which was 5-4 to the fairer sex! So far it is 2-1 to the Ladies. The final contest will be on 6th October when the Senior Ladies play the Senior Men.

Junior Girls

After the disappointment of missing out by half a point last season, Torquay's Junior South Devon League squad of which Emily Davies and Molly Haslam are important members, made sure of victory this year by finishing the league 16 points ahead of their nearest rivals after the last fixture played at Teignmouth on 4th September.

Team Teas

It is a tradition in the Ladies' Section that after all the inter-club matchplay fixtures have been completed and the season draws to a close, the Ladies' Captain and her Vice-Captain organise a competition for all those who have played in or caddied for the Still, President's and Creasy teams, and then treat them all to tea afterwards as a thank-you for their efforts during the playing season. This year the event in question took place on 30th September – unfortunately not everyone who could have played was able to do so due to other commitments but 14 ladies did take part. After a draw for partners a three ball team event with 2 scores to count was played. Barbara Hele, Helen Jones and Sally Spokes won with 75 points; Pauline Goodrich, Rosemary Ashley and 'Penelope Pro' were second with 73 points; Anne Needham, Jean Parnell and Shirley Wilson came third with 71 points. Following the game baked potatoes proved to be the unanimous choice for tea, served with a variety of fillings.

Wednesday 4 Ball and Barbecue

This monthly competition played during the Summer months is always extremely popular, but the last one of year has now taken place, Wednesday 21st September being the finale. Congratulations go to Sue Yeoman and Dorothy Jefferson for both achieving the best aggregate score over the six month period of play, so they will be sharing the Peter Northcott trophy awarded for this achievement. Gill and Brian Balsdon have run the Wednesday Fourball for a number of years, but have now sadly decided to call it a day – our thanks go to them both for their contribution towards making this such a successful event.

Winter Competitions

Not only will there be the Winter League as usual for ladies to play in over the next few months, which keeps matchplay skills ticking over ready for the 2012 season (please sign up on the sheet provided by the beginning of November to enter) but a Winter Knock-Out is also being trialled this year. After the Final Medal has been played on Tuesday 4th October, the top 16, who want to enter this competition, will go forward to the knock-out stage, with the final being played before the AGM in February 2012.

Weekly Competitions:

Tuesday 6th September – County & Final Stableford / Macmillan Silver Spoon

Unfortunately this competition had to be cancelled due to inclement weather conditions and was rescheduled for 27th September.

Tuesday 13th September – Ladies' Invitation

60 ladies played in this competition (30 members and their guests) the format being 4 ball better ball. There were 6 prizes plus nearest the pin on the 2nd / 11th and longest drive on the 18th.

- 1st – Philippa Affleck & Karen Preston 42 pts.
- 2nd – Nicole Simonetti & Paula O'Neill 41 pts.
- 3rd – Claire Carey & Angela Philips 39 pts.
- 4th – Elaine Ewings & Pam Stanaway 37 pts.
- 5th – Anna Balfour & Chris Spyer 37 pts.
- 6th – Maggie Coxill & Carol Wetherington 37 pts.

Tuesday 20th September – EWGA Medal / MMP 7 / Millennium Cup

Division 1 – Claire Carey 74 / Karen Hough 75 / Sheelagh Dean 75 / Maxine Adams 78

Division 2 – Nicole Simonetti 73 / Trudie Cross 77 / Sue Slater 79 / Shirley Wilson 80

Division 3 – Jan Spencer 76 / Val Banks 78 / Elizabeth Sparkes 79 / Anne Needham 82

Best Gross – Charlotte Dommett 82

Millennium Cup / MMP 7 Winner – Nicole Simonetti

Tuesday 27th September – County & Final Stableford / Macmillan Silver Spoon

Division 1 – Maureen Harris 33 / Lesley Rowe 33 / Jan White 33 / Toni Jones 33

Division 2 – Ann Fisher 36 / Elaine Ewings 35 / Dorothy Jefferson 35 / Philippa Affleck 34

Division 3 – Hayley Ratcliff 40 / Doreen Ashforth 38 / Chris Pring 34 / Jan Spencer 34

Macmillan Silver Spoon winner – Hayley Ratcliff (£54.00 was donated by those who entered this competition and sent to Macmillan Cancer Support for their funds)

Final Stableford Winner (Silver) – Maureen Harris

Final Stableford Winner (Bronze) – Elaine Ewings

Rule of the Month

No matter how long a golfer has been playing, whether a beginner, a seasoned campaigner or even a professional, mistakes can be made regarding the rules of the game, so it is always important to have a rule book to hand for reference and in addition the 'Rules of Game' section on the R and A website (www.randa.org) is well worth looking at. Some situations and their subsequent rulings can be quite complicated or confusing, but the following are common occurrences and the rulings straightforward. When coming out of a bunker it is easy to hit the ball twice – if this happens the player must count the original stroke and add on a penalty stroke making two strokes in total (Rule 14-4). It is possible for strong wind to cause a ball to move on a putting green – if the ball has not been addressed there is no need to replace it and no penalty is incurred. However, if the ball has been addressed and it moves, then it must be replaced and a penalty of one stroke is incurred (Rule 18-2b).

Forthcoming Events in October:

3rd – Coffee Morning / Express & Echo at Honiton

4th – EWGA & Final Medal / MMP 8

5th – Evening Bridge

6th – Senior Ladies v Senior Men

- 7th – County Bowmaker at Tavistock
- 9th – MUMPs
- 11th – Carol Gladwin Cup + Prize Giving at 17.30 hrs:
- 12th – Evening Bridge
- 13th – Past Lady Captains' Golf Society Autumn Meeting at Teignmouth
- 14th – Help for Heroes Charity Day
- 16th – Mixed Match v Exeter (away)
- 18th – County Stableford
- 19th – Evening Bridge
- 25th – White Team Trophy
- 26th – Evening Bridge
- 29th – 60s & 70s Social Function