



Members Newsletter

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Captain's Comment

Welcome to the first issue in 2011 of the Taunton Vale Golf Club Members newsletter! This newsletter is all about the golfing activities of the club, and we hope it contains news items which you will find interesting. If there is anything else you would like us to cover, please just have a word with me or anyone else on the General Committee. Have a great golfing year in 2011!

Thanks to all outgoing Members for their hard work in the past and welcome to all past and New Members of the Committee.

Best Wishes – Rhys Morgan

Who's Who

GENERAL COMMITTEE 2011

- Club Captain – Rhys Morgan
- Lady Captain – Jackie Woodman
- Seniors' Captain – Pat Francis
- Vice Captain – Jerry Maxwell
- Lady Vice Captain – Terina Marney
- Seniors' Vice Captain – Chris Sammons
- Junior Chairman – Diane Gough
- Handicap Committee Chairman – John Paterson
- Social Committee Chairman- Carole Paterson
- Treasurer – Paul Chesney
- Minute Secretary – Pat Campbell



Happy but cold before the Captains' Inauguration

Club captains 2011:

Rhys Morgan and Jackie Woodman

Captains' Inauguration Results

This took place on Sat, 29th. Jan. It was a good day with the weather being cloudy and chilly! Despite this the course played well on temporary greens-thanks to the Green keeping staff! The Lady Captain and I would like to thank all those who entered, and for all the support and good wishes of our members. The Competition was followed by an informal presentation in the warmth of the Clubhouse.

Texas Scramble, 3 drives to count, 1/10th combined handicap

	Name	Score
1 st	Rowena Bradnum, Jon West, Dan Keitch, Steev Cording	53.8
2 nd	Dian Gough, Bob Stenhouse, Lee Lewis, Nick Holley	55.8
3 rd	Stevei Foster, Paul Chesney, Brian Parkes, Dennis Marney	56.0

Congratulations to all who took part!

Reports

Forthcoming Competitions

February

Wed2 (L) 3 Clubs & Putter
NQ

Wed9 (L) Combi 6 Clubs
NQ

Wed16 (L) Dovetail NQ

Thu17 (S) Stableford

Tues 22 (J) AGM at
9.30am

(J) Medal at
11.00am

Wed23 (L) Blind Pairs
Stableford NQ

Thurs 24 (J) Stableford
at 11.00am

Sun27 Winter Mixed
Greensomes

March

Wed2 (L) Hidden Holes
Stableford NQ

Wed9 (L) Stableford Bonus
NQ



Dress code of black ties
for the Captain's dinner



Captain's Report

The Captains Dinner took place on Friday, 7th Jan and was well represented. In a good evening's entertainment the outgoing Captain, John Beer gave a resume of his year in office. This was followed by the New Captain, Rhys Morgan in giving his thoughts and aspirations to the coming year, and the introduction of his New Vice Captain, Jerry Maxwell. Rhys thanked John Beer for his excellent year of office and presented him with a digital camera, to replace the one he broke, from the Club, as a token of our gratitude and thanks.

The Seniors AGM took place on Wednesday, 5th Jan. at the Club. After lively discussion, it was agreed that a working party should be set up to look into unifying the Seniors and the "Senior Section". This will be made up of the Captains and Vice Captains of the Men's sections. One member wished for more qualifiers early season on the Durston course to enable people to enter Mo Brice & Bunny Current- this they can do provided it is on main greens. Also, a query about putting Durston Course on the Computer- Keith Marlborough assures me this can be done to run at the same time, but he will re-check.

The Ladies AGM took place at the Club on Tuesday, 11th Jan. Our thanks go to Lyn Gridley, we wish Jackie Woodman well and we welcome Terina Marney as the Ladies Vice Captain.

The first Social Committee meeting of the Year took place on Wednesday 12th Jan. Keith Bigwood organised a great evening of Skittles for all members of the Social Committee & Partners at the Enmore Inn on Sat, 22nd Jan. It went very well and was a fun and informal evening.

The Club AGM took place at the Club on Tuesday, 18th Jan. Steve Welch stated that the re-opening of a short game practice area alongside the driving range would be trialled this year but asked all members to help in "policing" it to ensure that all members would enjoy the benefits. Jo further stated that the refurbishment of the Club House would commence mid-February and should take approx. 4 weeks to complete. There will be slight disruption during this time, but we will all benefit with a better facility ready for the Spring.

Norman White re-iterated the Management thoughts over the issue of Seniors/Senior Section stating, "...in accordance with the Rules and Regulations which govern the Club....every male member at age 55 becomes a member of the Senior Section. Having paid his annual Club subscription, he is entitled to take part in any of the section's activities". Both he and Steve stated that Ron Welch's vision of a Club was one of "...unity within and between all sections of the Club". A working Party was set up to report back directly to the Management Committee whereupon they would base a future decision. Rhys, Jerry, Pat and Chris will head up this in due course.

The Captain, along with 10 other Past Captains represented TVGC at the Somerset Captains Dinner on Friday, 21st Jan. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Lyn & Nigel Gridley have already started the Winter Greensomes going-the first round of the year being on Sun, 30th Jan. The next round will be played on Sunday 27th Feb. so please come and join in the fun!

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with your comments and
ideas and get your friends
to sign up!

Lady Captain's Report

I am delighted to take on this role following a very smooth handover at our AGM on the 11th January. I very much look forward to this year and wish all of those I work alongside on both the Ladies and General Committee a very Happy and good golfing year. My special wishes go to Rhys Morgan our Club Captain and I know from the preparation work we did together in our Vice Captaincy I am going to enjoy this year working alongside you and I will give you every support I can.

Captain's Inauguration :IT WAS COLD! It was good to see such a turn out on the day especially in the conditions. I had a lovely day and it certainly set me up for the year ahead.

Competitions: the Ladies Section played in our first match on Sunday 30 January. 5 Ladies represented the section in 'The Mail on Sunday' at Taunton Vale against Burnham & Berrow. We lost 3 ½ - 1 ½ but each match went to at least the 16th hole. Well done to everyone who represented the club. A big thank you must go to Steve and his team who pulled out all the stops to ensure the competition took place under the strict rules of playing in winter conditions and arranged for flags to be placed onto main greens for the match following the winter greensomes which was all played on temporary greens. Elizabeth Slowman Lady Captain at Burnham and Berrow was very complimentary on the condition of the course.

There is a busy fixture list again in our section this year so I pray for good weather and good golf.

The Lady Handicap Secretary and Lady Vice Captain will amend the 9 hole score cards so that they display the correct SSI.

Seniors Report

January has been a quiet month for golf, however we did manage to play a Charity Stableford competition before the rains came and the outgoing captain Bob kindly donated the prizes which meant that all the donations - £83 goes into my charity tin for the Somerset Bowel Cancer Support Group – an excellent start to the year.

We were also fortunate to play our normal monthly Stableford albeit on temporary greens due to the frosty conditions. The winner of Division 1 was Arthur Edwards with 42 points and the winner of Division 2 was Martin Watson with 38 points.

The Seniors first Inter Club friendly match of the year in April against Cheddington Court has been cancelled due to the Club going into administration. Also the return match with Cheddington on 22nd September will not take place. As this date is now available the Seniors would like to offer this day for the John Brown Memorial Day and Pat, John's widow is agreeable to this arrangement.

There is now an alteration to this date. The competition will take place on Sept. 29th. Tee times from 8.00am onwards. Terry Benson and Brian Kelly are offering a trophy and will consult with the course manager as to the use of the proceeds.

The Senior Vice Captain and I look forward to working with the General Committee throughout the year and wish everyone a very Happy New Year with a successful golfing year ahead.

Juniors Section

Due to the weather, the activity in the Junior Section has been limited, which is only to be expected. During the months of December and January there have been several Saturday afternoon club games. In December there was one and we have had 2 in January, the average attendance has been 8. Could I ask everyone if they could remind and encourage our Junior members to join in on Saturday afternoons. I think if we also remind the parents as well it may stimulate more attendance.

The Juniors' calendar is scheduled to start in the February half term with the AGM followed by a medal competition (weather permitting). The League has revised the scheme for Player of the Year for 2011 due to the lack of support shown in 2010. The scheme this year is as follows, points will be awarded for points won in the league games i.e. 1 point per junior for a win and ½ point per junior for a halved result. This will not include the Knockout or the Jamboree events. Any tied positions at the end of the league will be assessed by a count back system. Hopefully, if we all communicate and promote it this opportunity may encourage our Juniors to support the club in the league this year.

The Junior Organiser' Golf Day that was postponed in 2010 has been rescheduled for Saturday 16th April at Minehead. There is an opportunity for someone to join me on that day for a round of golf followed by a meal for the price of £20. I need to respond by end of February if anyone is interested could they let me know. It's a great chance to meet organisers from other divisions to exchange views and ideas

Vice-captain's report re Musgrove Cup

Sponsors- Contacted 19 sponsors from last year by letter and followed up by speaking to many. There are 7 positive assurances so far.

Ali W (AAS), Mike B (Maxwell's Acct), Chris P (Elecsis), John and Alison M (Marchant Electricals), Maggie R, Neil W (Amey), Paul E (Rensburg Fund Management).

League of Friends: I have written to Mrs Bartaby (secretary) introducing myself as vice captain and notifying her that TVGC would be doing our usual charity day for Musgrove Park Hospital. Mrs. Rosemary McHugh, the President of the League of Friends rang me. She told me that she would contact the hospital and find a project that we could fund. We hope to have a decision by our next meeting.

Golf Clubs: I have prepared letters to 21 golf clubs asking for (reciprocal) golf vouchers.

Posters: These were sent out 2 weeks ago to golf clubs both locally and other counties. The Office advises me they have already received 4 bookings from Downes Crediton.

Sections: I have sent letters to Lady Captain, Seniors Captain and the Course Manager asking for similar help as last year.

Newsletter

It will be done in the same format as last year. The first newsletter will be out in April as I will be away until March 20th.

Social Committee

The committee meet on the 13th January, we got through a substantial amount of planning, for the year ahead. We have succeeded in setting out the year's calendar. The Social committee are full of ideas and enthusiasm.

St Pierre

Sub-committee met 19th Jan and outlined tasks/ programme/ things to do. We have 55 attending, inc 8 non golfers and lots of new faces. 22 are going on the extra night. We have planned a full weekend. 4 committee members will visit St Pierre on the 11th Feb, to finalise plans. Then it's all hands to the pump to get the detail done.

Cyril Hayes 23rd April.

We will need to ensure arrangements for this are completed well in advance as we have St Pierre the weekend before. We have gone for a jazz night, fun jazz with a well known local band. We wanted to do a bit more (not just a quiz) as we did not have the Christmas event. We very much want to encourage some of the senior members along and we hope the choice will be inviting. Management will run the bar menu as previously.

Captain's Day 18th June.

The Captain and Lady Captain have outlined two ideas, and at the next committee meeting we should be able to confirm plans.

Ronniemead 23rd July.

20th anniversary this year, Steve and the management team have some exciting ideas, the committee will work together with the Club Secretary, watch this space.

Call my Bluff 7th Oct

We are really pleased to have secured three valuers and auctioneers who put on a charity event at no charge to us, to enable funds to be raised. We will raise monies for 40 commandos by this event. Cheese / wine and an event where antiques worth between nothing and £10,000 will underpin a team quiz type event.

Christmas Draw

This is scheduled for the 17th December; we will get to sing our Carols etc. There was disappointment at the snow cancelled event in 2010.

Quiz night

We will add a quiz night in as they are always popular, perhaps May time.

Committee night out. It is a very sociable committee group and to prove that we have a skittles night at the Enmore Inn on the 22nd January arranged by Keith Bigwood, including partners, What a lovely venue. A chance to thank the partners for putting up with all our meetings.

Handicap Committee

The Stan Cleasby Shotgun has been re-scheduled for Sunday 10th April as it clashed with Easter Sunday. A poster will go up A.S.A.P. to this effect and John Paterson will inform Pete Lang who will contact the Cleasby family.

Active & Inactive Handicaps; It was agreed that, once again, this year certain competitions will only be eligible for entry by those with ACTIVE Handicaps. This rule will apply to all Board Competitions as well as Team Competitions. A full list of relevant competitions will be available by the next meeting and will go on display on notice boards A.S.A.P...

Club night is now likely to be run by club night players and not the handicap committee. Rhys Morgan and John Paterson are to liaise and consult with the view of ensuring the continuing success of Club Night. At the moment Lee Lewis, John West and Roger Howard are willing to form an 'informal committee' to organise and run Club Nights.

Keith Marlborough will report back our next meeting with regards to the processing of professional handicaps with our current software.

STOP PRESS

In order to make communication to all members easier it was suggested that a slip requesting email addresses be put into renewal bills next month.

Club Nights- the Handicap Committee will no longer be available to run club nights throughout the main season on Wednesdays. Any volunteers out there? Yes, Lee Lewis, Roger Howard and John West have agreed to take on this responsibility.

Congratulations to Kev Parker & Terina Marney who had a great week as they represented the Club in the "how did I do" match play finals in Portugal. They beat all the other teams to finish top of the round robin stage; defeated the 4th place team to reach the final – and then lost in the final to finish 2nd overall. Well done Kev and Terina – we are proud of you!

County Welfare Officer- Congratulations to Carole Paterson on her appointment to this role. We wish you every success and are positive you will use your skills and experience to do a great job.

Junior Competition- The Junior Chairperson is seeking support for a Texas Scramble comprising one junior, one lady, one senior and one man. The committee were enthusiastic about this.

SGU Rosebowl Round 1 draw:

*Men vs Tall Pines
Seniors vs Fosseway*

Air hose, the Seniors Captain expressed concern that the air hose was unreliable and lacking in power. Management is looking at the cost of replacement.
