



Members Newsletter

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Captain's Comments

May seems to have picked up where April left off, with another busy month of golf and lots to report

I was delighted to see 12 captains and past captains participate in the Past Captain's invitation on 16th May, especially as this event had to be cancelled last year. Special thanks to Bill Campbell for his meticulous organisation and generous prizes. Congratulations to the winning team of Rob Loder and Nigel Wixon (Enmore Park). (PS The food was excellent).

It was a pleasure to make my debut as a member of the Seniors side away at Isle of Wedmore and experience at first hand the fun, enjoyment and good company of these fixtures (regardless of the eventual result).

Congratulations and many, many thanks to Lyn and Nigel Gridley on the first "nine and dine" of the new season. The club was full and the food (again) was superb – a great night was had by all, and we look forward to the next one on 25th June.

As usual, I would like to thank everyone, and their committees, for everything they do to contribute to the success of golf at Taunton Vale

Enjoy your golf – John Beer

**Past
Captain's
Invitation:
Sunday
16th May
2010**



Back Row (Left to Right): Club Captain John Beer, Past Captains - Simon Gough, Barry Woodman, John Paterson, Paul Chesney, Bill Campbell, Club Vice-Captain Rhys Morgan & Club Professional Martin Keitch

Front Row (Left to Right): Past Captains - Alan King, Rob Loder, Brian Parkes, Tom Insall, Pete Lang & Tony Mortimer

Who's Who

Social Committee 2010

Chairperson – Carole Paterson

Secretary – Alison Marchant

Treasurer – Steve Durston

Keith Bigwood

Lin Brown

Anne George

Rhys Morgan

Chris Salmon

Jeff Saunders

Plus Lyn Gridley & John Beer

Reports

Forthcoming Competitions

JUNE

- Sat 12th: 1st Captain's Bowl
 - Sun 13th: Ladies Medal no 7
 - Tues 15th: Seniors Open
 - Weds 16th: Clubnight
 - Weds 16th: Ladies medal no 8
 - Thurs 17th: Seniors vs Windwhistle (A)
 - Fri 18th: Veterans Bunny Currant Trophy (9H)
 - Sat 19th: Monthly medal
 - Sat 19th: Avalon A vs Wedmore (A)
 - Sun 20th: Mixed Friendly vs Windwhistle
 - Sun 20th: Fathers Day Cup
 - Sun 20th: Ladies Bill Webb Putting Salver
 - Tues 22nd: Seniors Stableford Rd3
 - Weds 23rd: Ladies Bill Webb Putting Salver
 - Weds 23rd: Clubnight
 - Thurs 24th: Seniors vs Mendip Spring (H)
 - Friday 25th: Ladies vs Taunton & Pickering (H)
 - Sat 26th: SWEB Trophy
 - Sun 27th: Past Captains Trophy
 - Sun 27th: Ladies Freshline Foods Trophy
 - Tuesday 29th: Seniors Invitation Day
 - Weds 30th: Clubnight
 - Weds 30th: Ladies Freshline Foods Trophy
- #### JULY
- Thurs 1st: Seniors vs Wedmore (H)
 - Friday 2nd: Seniors Tom Harris Cup (9H)
 - Sat 3rd: Men's Club Championship Rd 1
 - Sun 4th: Men's Club Championship Rd 2
 - Mon 5th: Anniversary Shield Week
 - Mon 5th: Ladies vs Enmore (H)
 - Tues 6th: Seniors vs Mendip Spring (A)
 - Thurs 8th: Seniors Stableford Rd 4
 - Thurs 8th: Ladies vs Tall Pines (H)
 - Fri 9th: Seniors Athey Trophy
 - Sat 10th: Ronniemead Anniversay Trophy
 - Sun 11th: Ladies Club Championship

Captain's Report

Thank you to everyone who attended the new members meeting on 18th May. I felt the evening was a great success and I have already seen several of these new members up at the club since the event.

It was a privilege to award the prizes at the Juniors AGM on 18th May, and I would like to congratulate James Keitch on his appointment as Juniors Vice-Captain. The Assistant Junior Organiser and I attended a meeting with the Course manager and the club professional to move forward with the golf mark scheme, and I am very grateful for everything which Diane Gough and Ken Bell are doing to promote the Juniors. We have now started a Juniors Club Night on Mondays and I hope this will be a great success. I would also like to congratulate James Popham who won the Somerset Golf Union Juniors Championship on 9th May.

Unfortunately, both of our Somerset Bowl teams lost their second round matches: the club team lost to Oake at Taunton and Pickering, and the Seniors lost to Enmore 3-2 at Weston-super-mare. I would like to thank all the members who have supported the club so enthusiastically in these SGU events this year and look forward to similar competitions next year.

Our Avalon League 'B' side continues to do well, drawing away at Frome and beating Chedington Court comfortably at home on 15th May. The team is currently top of Division 6 with 60.5 points, with a crunch game against the team in second place (Minehead) due to be played on 17th July. Unfortunately, despite a good win over Orchardleigh in their first match, the 'A' team is not yet enjoying the same success but I am sure the team will come good in the second half of the season.

Lady Captain's Report

The Ladies section continues to grow with several new members joining over the last few months. We now have 106 members although about 10 are non playing members and it was pleasing to meet some of our new ladies at the new members evening. There was a real buzz at this meeting and the new members were very appreciative for all the information given about the running of the club.

There have been several highlights and successes amongst our section during the last month – Firstly the success of the team in the second round of the Rogers Cup, we defeated Wedmore 4-3 last year's runners up at Burnham and Berrow. It was extremely tight with our last player having to play an extra hole to determine the result. We now face Saltford which will be played at Enmore. In our league matches we have narrowly lost 4-3 both times away to Orchardleigh and Tall Pines but had a great win 7-0 at home to Orchardleigh last week and today 5? - 1? home to Wheathill

Congratulations must go to Betty Norman who played in the regional final of the EWGA Medal and gained the last qualifying place for the national final at Worcester we are very proud of her and wish her every success.

At the recent Oake Ladies Open Karen Sammons had a hole in one and I was lucky to witness this and we all celebrated in the club house later. Not to be outdone Sue Hales also achieved a hole in one last Sunday here at Taunton Vale on the 4th and I understand the celebration could be heard all over the course!

We are now half way through the season and time just seems to be flying by, let's hope the second half of the year will be as successful as the first.

Seniors Report

May has been another busy month, with matches versus Long Sutton, Kingweston, Wedmore and Minehead, I am sorry to say we cannot record that elusive away win, maybe next time!

The vets played their match against Vivary, resulting in a win 5.5 -1.5, and they continue to enjoy themselves. The Cole Trophy was played for, the winners being Bernie Reed and Dave Amor. There was also a monthly medal, and we played round 2 of our summer stableford.

All through the month the weather has favoured us, and with the course in such good condition, playing golf has been a pleasure. Rod Gain, my vice captain, captained the match versus Wheathill, maintaining his 100% record, 2 from 2.

Vice-captain's report re Musgrove Cup

Sponsors are in the process of paying their monies. A letter will go out this week thanking them and informing of progress to date, also to remind them to get their advertising to the club the week before.

I have rung Hester Crowe at the League of Friends regarding day and auction and also informed her of the date of the presentation on Wed. Oct 13th. Have yet to confirm attendance.

We have secured a 4 ball voucher from Machynys. I have approached Ashburnham (next door to it) with the idea of raffling it as a Welsh Week-End with favourable overnight accommodation at the Stradey Arms Hotel (many thanks to Ronnie Brown). Have also approached Trevoise and Axe Cliff- this is to add to Keith Bigwood's Cornish Cottage at Padstow and Steve Durston's thatched Cottage at Axmouth (both donated as Auction items). We await replies.

Many thanks go to all sections for their continued support. I have approached Jo and the kitchen staff reading food and BBQ donations-this is ongoing and under control. Letters will go out this month to confirm names of helpers but we are fortunate to have many already confirmed verbally.

A very big thank you goes to the staff and students of Heathfield School who supported my request for a donation from a non-school uniform day on May 28th. They have added £280 towards the Musgrove Cup Charity! We have also acquired for the Auction this month a Meal for 2 at The Bird in Hand (James Mogg, North Curry), a Cottage holiday for 1 week in Axmouth (Steve Durston), an Authentic home cooked 3 course Indian Meal for 10 people (Barrie Greenslade), a week-end for 2 at the Bloomsbury Hotel, London (Simon Gough). Colin Warnes is well under way with a fantastic power-point presentation of all the auction items-a very big thank you to Colin. In July this will hopefully be ready to use in the clubhouse on the TV to promote interest, but I need to check how this will operate first! A programme of auction items and offer slips will also be available next month with pre-bids also being taken and added to the bidding on the evening. Unfortunately, we have had no offers for the Cricket tickets so will try them in the Auction itself.

The ball draw is doing well- Val Russell has insisted that she wants to do this on the day (all being well, of course). The raffle tickets are going slowly so we need a push on this. We are also short on Raffle prizes- so could do with some donations!

Juniors Section

Diane Gough would like to thank everyone who helped on our first Junior Club Night. Captain and Past Captains, Juniors and members, thank you so much, if you are able to continue with your support we should find ourselves in a better position that we currently are . We had 13 Juniors turn up on the first night, which exceeded my hopes because of the wet weather. It was always going to be quite informal for the first get together and the intention is to give the Juniors a competition each week whilst alongside helping some to achieve handicaps.

On the league front we haven't fared well. During May we lost against T&P. Vivary couldn't get a team together and since that time they have pulled out of the league. The match against Long Sutton went ahead but with only 4 of the 8 players required. This is partly due to Juniors having examinations and revision. We appreciate that the GCSE's are very important and this reinforces the need to progress with younger Juniors who hopefully will come through. At the end of this year as with previous years Juniors will get to 18 years old and we must in a position to progress without spending so much time desperately scratching about for players.



Bob Peilow Winning Team 2010 of Steve Blackmore, Nigel and Lyn Gridley, Neil Whisler with Carol Peilow and John Beer

Social Committee

Ronniemead Event. 10th July

Preparations well underway, posters done / tickets on sale. Evening outline:- short history of Ron Welch , toast to Ron Welch, competition presentation and the BBQ and evening entertainment. Please support this event and buy your tickets asap.

Next Year's Weekend away

Following the very successful weekend away this year, Plan for St Pierre, 16th April dates, avoided Easter. We will plan for 2012 earlier so we have lots of choice.

Table Cloths

Placed in cupboards in foyer, Martin really pleased with them and he will use them for all club presentation events. All sections welcome to make use of them.

Help the Hero's event. 24th July

Bill Campbell and Keith Bigwood meeting to outline ideas. We hope to fully support this event, especially after the recent losses from the local camp. We would

Handicap Committee

Carlsberg kindly put up prizes of Umbrellas, Polo Shirts and Ripper Wallets as prizes for The Carlsberg Tetley Trophy this year, much appreciated.

Confirmation has been given to the Assistant Junior Chairperson that new and or inexperienced Juniors may obtain their first Club handicap by completing 3 cards on the 9 hole course. John Paterson will be looking after and administering these cards for the immediate future.

The Mens Open was a tremendous success this year with a field of 124 competing for the title, many of the entrants were from other clubs such as Pickeridge, Farrington, Wareham, West Berkshire to name a few.

I spoke to most of the visitors as they left the course to hand in their cards and the feedback was that they all enjoyed the course, competition and our hospitality, and many will be returning again next year.

I would also like to add that our prize table was absolutely fantastic and much better than any others he has seen over the last 18 months while

like to see a full competition entry with perhaps a collection going on through the day. Menu choice throughout the day. Sadly more losses from Norton Fitzwarren this week so we need to fully support this event.

Ronniemead Anniversary Trophy

Tribute to Ron Welch

Saturday 10th July

£10.00 per ticket

Includes

Footloose Trio Entertainment

BBQ

7.30 until late

Tickets now available

attending other opens, so a big thank you to Martin Keitch for selecting the prizes.

15th May	Stableford (NQ) 62 entrants
16th May	Rabbit Cup (Q) 49 entrants (Lee Ward winner)
22nd May	Blind Pairs(NQ) 25 pairs
23rd May	Monthly Medal(Q) 60 entrants
29th May	Carlsberg Tetley (NQ) 22 Teams of 4
30th May	Stableford(Q) 48 entrants
5th June	Men's Open (NQ)124 entrants
6th June	Colin West Cup (Q)51 entrants

Entries for the Men's Club Championship are now being taken in the Pro-Shop.

See page 5 for results of competitions held in May

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

RECENT RESULTS FROM MAY COMPETITIONS

Congratulations to Shirley Gooding and Betty Norman won the Peugeot Coronation Foursomes with 41 pts and will go forward to the regional final.

Stableford: 2nd May

Div 1: 1st Wayne Davey 32pts; 2nd Steve Cridge 30 point
 Div 2: 1st John Paterson 35 pts; 2nd Rob Hodge 33 pts; 3rd Andrew Sealey 31 pts
 Div 3: 1st Chris Sealey 41 pts; 2nd Steve Lukins 23 pts

Ladies Stableford No.2 2nd / 5th May

Div.1: 1st Pat Goodall 38 pts; 2nd Beryl Richards 35 pts (B9); 3rd Diane Gough 35 pts
 Div. 2: 1st Pat Campbell 35 pts; 2nd Anne Simpson 33 pts; 3rd Cindy Saunders 31 pts

Medal 8th May

Div 1: 1st Ron Brown net 63; 2nd Paul Chesney net 67; 3rd Richard New net 67
 Div 2: 1st Glyn Pearce net 69; 2nd Bernard Reed net 70; 3rd John Paterson net 71
 Div 3: 1st P Hewton net 63; 2nd John Earp net 68; 3rd Tony Snelling net 69

Stableford 9th May

Div 1: 1st Peter Scarratt 39 pts; 2nd Daniel Keitch 38 pts; 3rd James Keitch 37 pts
 Div 2: 1st Richard Gilham 38 pts; 2nd Mark Kirkpatrick 35 pts; 3rd Rob Berry 35 pts

Seniors medal 13th May

Div 1: 1st Bill Campbell net 68; 2nd Bill Maginn net 71; 3rd Cyril Griffin net 74
 Div 2: 1st D Amor net 69; 2nd David Lake net 71; 3rd Ted Lemon net 71

Rabbit Cup 16th May

Div 1: 1st Barrie Greenslade net 68; 2nd G Tillett net 69; 3rd Neil Whisler net 69
 Div 2: 1st Lee Ward net 66; 2nd Tony Snelling net 66; 3rd Ian Hockey net 66

Ladies Medal No.5 16th May

Div. 1: 1st Alison Harman net 72; 2nd Carole Paterson net 73 (B9); 3rd Wendy Walker net 73
 Div. 2: 1st Sarah Payne net 66; 2nd Rowena Bradnum net 72; 3rd Maggie Tolchard net 73

Ladies Medal No.6 19th May

1st Maggie Tolchard net 70; 2nd Alison Harman net 71; 3rd Rita Pope net 72

Seniors Stableford 20th May

Div 1: 1st Geoff Hill 37 pts; 2nd Bill Maginn net 37; 3rd Bb Pascoe net 36
 Div 2: 1st Alan Bown 41 pts; 2nd D Amor 40 pts; 3rd R Vian 37 pts

May Monthly Medal 23rd May

Div 1: 1st Kev Parker net 68; 2nd Jerry Maxwell net 68; 3rd Nigel Contreras net 70
 Div 2: 1st Alan Palmer net 64; 2nd Ian case net 70; 3rd Lee Lewis net 70
 Div 3: 1st Mike Saffin net 67; 2nd Lee Ward net 71; 3rd Terry Brown net 76

Ladies PING 4BBB Stableford 23rd/26th May

1st Jenny King and Shirley Gooding 46 pts and will go through to the next round.
 2nd Sally Morrice and Jane Sewell 40 pts.

Stableford 30th May

Div 1: 1st AJ Parker 37 pts; Richard New 36 pts; 3rd Cyril Griffin 36 pts.
 Div 2: 1st Peter Smith 41 pts; 2nd Richard Pearce 39 pts; 3rd Ian Littlejohns 38 pts
 Div 3: 1st Steve Lukins 38 pts; 2nd Charles Langridge 35 pts; 3rd Chris Pratt 35 pts.

Lady Captain's Charity Bowmaker 30th May/2nd June

1st Lyn Gridley, Jackie Woodman and Alison Greenslade 85 pts
 2nd Sheila Baker, Susan Grover and Margaret Davey 80 pts
 3rd Karen Sammons, Betty Norman and Pat Campbell 77 pts

Colin West Trophy 6th June

Div 1: Mike Edwards net 67; 2nd Wayne Davey net 67; 3rd Neil Whisler net 69
 Div 2: 1st D Cross net 66; 2nd Peter Smith net 66; 3rd Colin Warnes net 69
 Div 3: 1st Chris Pratt net 69; 2nd Terry Brown net 74; 3rd Steve Lukins net 75

Ladies Stableford No.3 6th June

1st Chris Lewis 41 pts (B9); 2nd Cindy Saunders 41 pts (B9); 3rd Betty Norman 41 pts

INTERVIEW
WITH JAMES POPHAM



James, Congratulations on winning the Somerset Junior Championship on Sunday 9th May!

*Where was it held? **At Enmore Park***
*What were the scores? **72 in the morning and 74 in the afternoon.***

*Was it close? **Yes It was a thrilling finish. I was leading after the first round but was pushed to the last putt on the last green by Sam Sloman of Taunton & Pickeridge. He was trailing by one shot standing on the 18th tee, and then he sank a long putt for his birdie; leaving me with a tricky 16 footer to avoid a playoff.***

*Other honours this year? **Captain of the Somerset U18 golf team***

*Other highlights this year? **Winning all three of my matches in the Four Counties Tournament at Bude (against Devon, Cornwall and Dorset).***

*When did you start playing golf? **About 5 years ago, when I was 13!***

*How long have you been a member at Taunton Vale? **Since 2005***

*And what has happened to your handicap over those 5 years? **It has gone down from 24 to 1 !***

*What is your favourite golf course? **Dartmouth Golf & Country Club***

*Which golfer do you admire most? **From a purely golfing point of view – Tiger Woods.***

*Taste in music? **R & B***

*Current situation? **At Bridgwater College.***

*Plans for the future? **Hope to go to USA on a golf scholarship in August 2011***

*Ambition ? **To be a professional golfer.***

Thanks James and good luck in the future.

GOLF RULES QUIZ ANSWERS –
REMEMBER JUST FOR FUN

1. Which of the following does not result in a penalty?
(b) Playing a stroke with his ball and dislodging an abandoned ball that was hidden and lay underneath it.

2. Which is correct regarding the marking of the position of a player's ball?
(b) He may mark it with the toe of his putter.

3. Which one of the following is correct regarding a player giving information on the Rules of Golf in match play?
(a) Giving information on the Rules is not considered to be advice.

4. Which is correct regarding bunkers/
(c) Grass covered ground within a bunker is not part of the bunker.

5. A player putts and a spectator accidentally deflects his moving ball into the hole. What is the ruling?
(b) The stroke must be canceled and replayed.

6. A has given advice, in breach of Rule 8-1 in which one of the following?
(b) A tells B that his (B's) putt will break to the left about 12 inches.

7. A hole must always have a lining.
(b) False

8. The margin of ground under repair extends vertically downwards and upwards.
(b) False

9. The penalty for failing to sign a score card in match play is disqualification.
(b) False

10. Parts of immovable artificial objects which lie out of bounds are considered to be obstructions.
(b) False