



# Members Newsletter

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## Captain's Report

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***Congratulations to James Keitch - Club Champion 2011, pictured above with Club captain Rhys Morgan***

June has been another busy Month! The Men's Open proved to be very successful with a large field from members of Clubs throughout the County and from Taunton Vale, who were very complimentary of the Course and our hospitality. At the Presentation at the close of play, Kev Lewis and Alan Palmer (3rd with 43 points) Terry Brown and Gary Tillet (44 points) were just "pipped" by the winners Neil Whisler and Brian Southwood (44 points ( B9 ). The Colin West Cup had over 60 entrants and was closely fought in all 3 divisions. The 1st Captains Bowl was won by Dan Keitch over Dave Hawkins, both with 66 points.

The Seniors Open on 14th June was a terrific day with good golf, good weather and camaraderie from over 100 entries-well done to all, especially the Senior's Captain and Vice Captain and their committee for all their tremendous efforts!

Our first casualty to the weather was the SWEB Trophy which has been postponed until Saturday, August 27th -a new date for the Diary! Many of the Summer Singles, Pairs and Mixed Pairs are well under way-well done to all those members that played them by their correct date and deadline!(wish I had been 1 of them- serves me right!)

I would like to thank everyone who took part in the Capt/ Lady Capt. Day. The Lady Captain and I were pleased the weather held off-for the most part- and a large field of men and ladies took to the tees continually from 8.20 until 1.10 in the afternoon. A keen and close competition ensued and the Presentation took place before an Evening Dinner. Lady Captain and I had the honour of playing with some Marines from 40 Commando and all proceeds from the Raffle and other things went towards our Charity supporting the Unit. The winning team of Angie Warnes, Bernard Reed, Richard New & Dennis Lumley took the honours with 115 points. A splendid evening of entertainment and "fine dining" took place in the newly named "Ronnie Meade's" restaurant, with over 60 members attending. Thanks go to the Handicap Chairperson and the Committee for their organisation; the Course Manager and the greenstaff for the quality of the course; the Club Secretary and her team for their help and kindness; the Social Committee Chairperson and Committee for the entertainment; Pete, Gemma and Ben for the excellent food and refreshments, and all the members that came and made the whole day very memorable!

The Fathers Day Cup was played in fine conditions - it was pleasing to see many family members playing together as well as many other teams! The honours went to Steve Lukins, Syd Mather & Jeff Saunders with 82 points. Past Captains Trophy had a field of over 50 and again scores were tight throughout the divisions. The hugely anticipated Captains Away Day to The Rolls of Monmouth took place on the 27th June. On a fabulous course in good conditions close competition ensued! "The hills were alive with the sound" of 44 members in 11 teams on the course and after in the bar! The team event was won by Pete Lang, Rob Hodge, John Paterson and Nick Dennis, and the individual title was won by John Paterson. Nearly £300 was raised for the Captains Charity!

The Seniors Rose Bowl team continue to perform excellently and beat Mendip Springs to go through to the next round-well done to Jerry and his senior gang! Unfortunately, the Men's Rose Bowl team lost their match in a close encounter- commiserations to all who played. The A team continue to perform well and still hold first place in their division, whilst the B team continue to perform well but have been edged out in some close games. The Seniors also are having a good season with pleasing results. July will be a busy month for all our teams, so good luck to all!

The Pro/Capt and Assistant/Vice Challenge continue to take place on a regular basis with some close and challenging matches being played. If your match was postponed due to Martin's injury, please make arrangements in the Pro shop in order to replay your match.

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*Forthcoming Competitions*


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Sat	9	Avalon B V T&P (H) Avalon A V Long Sutton (H)
Sun	10	Seniors v Oake Manor – Away (J) Match V T&P (A)
Mon	11	(L) Match V Bath (H) 11.00
Wed	13	(L) 4 BBB (NQ)
Sat	16	(M) Seniors Club Championship (Q) Avalon A V Stockwood Vale (H) 13.00-14.00 Avalon B V Long Sutton (A) 13.00
Sun	17	(M) Colin Newton Trophy
Mon	18	Anniversary Shield Week
Tue	19	11.00 - 12.00 Seniors v Long Sutton (L) Friendly V Wells (A)
Wed	20	(L) Anniversary Shield
Thu	21	Seniors v Taunton & Pickering – (A)
Fri	22	(L) Match V Bath (A)
Sat	23	RONNIEMEAD TROPHY
Sun	24	Mixed Friendly v Weymouth (H) 13.00 (M) Renault Cup
Mon	25	Seniors v Burnham & Berrow – (A) (L) League V T&P (H) 11.00
Tues	26	(J) Club Championship Round 2 – 11.00
Wed	27	(L) Freshline Foods & Bill Webb Memorial (Q) (J) Club Championship Round 2 – 11.00
Thu	28	08.00 - 10.00 Seniors Section Championship & Medal (L) Lady Captains Away Day
Fri	29	9 & Dine
Sun	31	(M) Monthly Medal (Q) (J) Match V Minehead (A)
<b>August</b>		
Mon	1	(L) Friendly V Vivary (H)
Tue	2	SENIORS OPEN TEXAS SCRAMBLE (L) League V Mendip Spring (A)
Wed	3	(L) Stableford no. 6 (Q)
Thu	4	11.00 - 12.00 Seniors V Brea (J) Medal Comp at 10.00am
Sat	6	MUSGROVE CUP CHARITY OPEN

**Congratulations to Beryl Richards who successfully retained her title as Ladies Club Champion!!**

## Lady Captain's Report

This month we have seen two of the key competitions on our ladies calendar particularly from a social aspect. The Ladies Invitation Day on the 8th May was enjoyed by 44 members and their guests with a 4BBB competition followed by a terrific 2 course meal and presentation. This was a thoroughly enjoyable day with a good mix of winners.

Our Captains Day was a mixture of fortunes. The weather ..... well depends really what time of day you went out. All I know is we got very wet at times and the clothing came on and off for the whole of the round! Barry and I were joined by Denby a Marine from 40 Commando who was great company. Shame about the golf (that's me of course). The cash raffle manned by Tina and Barry collected a total of £261 towards our charity. Alban Chennells joined us for the evening meal and entertainment enjoyed by 60+ members and partners. My thanks to Carole who was managing the whole process through.

Matches/Results: Unfortunately we lost 4- 3 at Wedmore against Wheathill in the Rogers Cup after a closely fought match. 2 matches went to the 19th hole and we eagerly awaited the result of the last match out.

Leagues matches -

- \* Taunton & Pickering away played in awful rain for the most part where we drew the match
- \* Mendip Spring at Home where we had our first loss of the season
- \* The return match with Long Sutton at Home yesterday saw a great win for us 5? – 1 ?

The remaining league matches will all be played by the 2nd August and then we have a gentle run of friendly matches finishing at Minehead on the 15th October

Looking Forward

I will be joining the senior ladies for lunch after they play for the Tom Harris Cup on Friday this week on the 9 Hole course. I will be playing in the Athey Trophy for the first time on Friday 8th July which is a combined competition with the senior men and we look forward particularly to this weekend when our Ladies Club Championship will be played. The Championship rounds commence at 9am, followed by the Supporters Cup at 1 pm and then the second round of the championship being played from 2 pm onwards. Our presentation will be followed by a 2 course meal to be enjoyed by players, partners and caddies.

Achievements

Beryl Richards and Joy Jordan competed in the second round of the Centenary Plate where they lost after a closely fought match.

Well done to Alison Harman who won our Silver Division medal on the 1st June which takes her through to the Dickinson Cup qualifier at Taunton & Pickering on the 15th August and also to one of our newer lady members, Jeanne Leader who won the Bronze division medal and goes forward to play for the Barlow Cup on Monday 25th July at Orchardleigh. We wish them both luck in the next rounds.



## Juniors Report

During the half term holiday the Juniors and Seniors took part in the Generation Cup. The competition format was changed from last year's stableford to greensomes to enable high handicap juniors an opportunity to contribute throughout all 18 holes.

The field was made up of 12 combined Junior/Senior teams. The winning team was Pat Francis (Senior Captain) and Connor Perry with a score of 38 stableford points and they were presented with the trophy after the meal. The meal was once again generously paid for by the Senior section and on behalf of the Junior section I would like to reiterate my thanks once again to the Senior section for their generosity, patience and continued support.

This competition will be played annually.

During this same holiday week we had some significant handicap reductions as a result of some good weather and great medal rounds. Lewis West came in with a net 53, Matt Contreras with net 61, Steven Blake, Johnny Kingston and Timothy Mckee all came in with net 68. Well played!

On Sunday 5th June I accompanied James Keitch, Jake Webber-Cadby and Matt Contreras to play Wells in the league Knockout. We won this round 2-1 and now go on to meet Oake Manor away on Sunday 24th July for the quarter final stage.

Due to inclement weather the Jamboree at Long Sutton was cancelled on 12th June and I await the re-scheduled date and look forward to taking a team of 4 along for that fixture.

The Club night on Mondays is still well supported and we have a couple more new junior members attending, we have had up to 17 players of all abilities. Some of our new members are children of existing members, which suggests that there has been positive feedback and communication, which we hope bodes well for the section and the club.

I would like to convey my thanks to everyone who donated their prizes/golf balls to the Junior Section during the recent Captains' Day presentation.

The league match against Windwhistle on Sunday 26th June resulted in a 2-1 win for Windwhistle.

## Vice-captain's report re Musgrove Cup

Seniors Somerset Bowl;

We played Mendip Springs at Minehead on 15 June, A very good Taunton Vale team consisting of John Beer, Alan Palmer, Alan King, Pete Lang, John Paterson, Terry Hogan, Jerry Maxwell, Pete Farnell, Paul Evans and Bill Campbell saw us 3 to 2 winners in a match that went down to the last pairing. Next game will be against Stockwood Vale at Isle of Wedmore on 13 July.

Taunton Vale A Team. Avalon League

The team went to Isle of Wedmore on Saturday 25 June and came away with a 4 to 1 victory, Made all the better by a number of non regular players making themselves available to play without much notice. Thanks to Phil Howard, Frank Penny, Jon West, Jake Webber-Cadby, Neil Whisler, Terry Collins, Paddy Vearncombe, Mark Payne, and Rob Loder.

Musgrove Cup Auction:

Colin Warnes has the Powerpoint presentation well in hand and we expect it to be on show in mid July. We have 24 items for auction and more donations are expected. I am looking at having sealed bids for people who are unable to attend the auction. Details to be worked out.

Musgrove Tee Times,

There are only 14 tee times left out of a possible 208. Best anyone interested in playing had better book with secretary's office quick smart.

## Seniors Section

June has been another busy month f with 5 inter-club matches, round 3 of the summer Stableford, the June medal, Invitation Pairs Stableford and the Open Championship.

The main competition was the Senior's Open which attracted a field of over 100 and produced some scintillating golf including a hole in one on the 14th from Bill McCullum of Frome Golf Club. Vale Seniors took the honours in all 3 divisions - played as a Stableford and the outright winner was John Earp with 43 points.

Full results

Div 1: 1. Des Wilson (TVGC) 42 pts; 2. Bill McCullum (Frome GC) 39 pts (B9); 3. Cliff Alexander (Axe Cliff GC) 39 pts

Div 2: 1. John Earp (TVGC) 43 pts (OPEN CHAMPION); 2. Alan Brown (Enmore GC) 41 pts; 3. Bob Pascoe (TVGC) 38 pts

Over 70's: 1. John Potter (TVGC) 37 pts; 2. Dennis Mathers (TVGC) 36 pts; 3. Alex Morrice (TVGC) 35 pts

I would like to thank all the lady helpers who worked tirelessly throughout the day and contributed in making the day a great success. A special thank you to Sheila who raised £130 for the captain's charity.

Medal Results

Div 1

1st Pat Francis net 70; 2nd Dave Few net 72; 3rd Geoff Hill net 72

Div 2

1st Alastair Lawson net 68; 2nd Martin Watson net 69 (B9); 3rd Dave Halliday net 69

Stableford Result

Div 1

1st Chris Auton 36 pts; 2nd Bob Pascoe 35 pts (B9); 3rd Paul Evans 35 pts

Div 2

1st Chris Evans 38 pts; 2nd John Earp 35 pts; 3rd Tony Weston 34 pts

The Invitation Pairs attracted a field of 24 pairs with one member of the pair being invited from another club. The result will be published in my next report.

The Texas Scramble Open on August 2nd has attracted a projected entry in the region of 100+ players. Many visitors to the Open in June were keen to return in August as they were so impressed with the course and the meal afterwards.

## Social Committee

### **Memorial Bench for John Brown**

I have the details of the supplier of the benches on the 18th, I have spoken to Patricia and she would like the same sort of bench we already have and have it sited between the 5th and 9th Tee on the 9 hole course. The views there are wonderful and the course is most used by the Vets. I have approached the course manager regarding this. I can order the bench before the golfing event if you wish.

### **Club Weekend Away 2012-Carlyon Bay**

There has been an incredible response to this venue. Rooms increased to 35 (70). We had a very productive meeting at Carlyon Bay on the 3rd June. Entertainment / Friday and Saturday included. Two free places, which will provide prize vouchers. Reasonable price wine. The menu choice is brilliant, choose on the night. We were so impressed with everything on offer, (it was a roasting hot day when we went). Deposits in from 68 guests, so one room left...nice we have some single ladies going this time, many guests have not been on the weekend away for many years. Old friends who always go have booked, (rooms increased to accommodate those.) We plan to set up a webpage and keep everyone up to date. New notice board in the main foyer, this should accommodate all our needs, we will set ours out shortly.

## Handicap Committee

Generally we are still receiving good entries into the competitions but due to the bad weather after consulting with the pro shop we did decide to postpone the SWEB Trophy. It is now rearranged for 27th August.

We are issuing quite a few new handicaps which reflects the welcome influx of new members this year.

We have had 57 enter the Club Championship and of those entries we have 20 single figure handicappers, a good reflection on the quality of golfers we now have at the club. We have only had 4 applications for the use of buggies, all of which have been approved. Tee times start at 7.30 for the first round and 12.30 for the second round. We anticipate the last round to finish at around 7.30pm which would allow enough time for a 5 hole play-off if required, if not, presentation should at around 8.30pm.

The Seniors' Club Championship takes place on Saturday 16th July incorporating a medal competition for the less mature members.

It does appear that the club must be doing something right as we are attracting new golfers as well as retaining the "better" golfers. I put it all down to the handicap committee. Recently we have been having problems with both the printer and the computer culminating in Keith and I manually entering 98 cards for the Past Captain's Trophy. Keith and Reuben are looking at how we can improve the system.

### **Rhys & Jackie's Captains' Day**

The smiling Captains with Angie Warnes from the winning team



### **Ronniemead.**

We are working closely with Jo to see how this is advertised, we hope for nice weather as band / BBQ outside. Mead Loxton has accepted the invite to the presentation of the Ronniemead Trophy, a letter has also gone to Cybil.

You may have noticed the name over the dining area now, Ronniemead Restaurant. Celebrate 20th anniversary.

### **Christmas Draw Night,**

At the next social meeting we will be considering the offer of an A'cappella style, choral society to come along and sing some Carols for us. The Somerset Hills Coral Society.



**Captains Away Day Winners:**  
**John Paterson (above); and Rob Hodge, JP,**  
**Pete Lang and Nick Dennis below**



## Stop Press

***Look who Paul Casey played with last week!***



*Club Professional Martin Keitch was invited on a Nike VIP day to play a few holes with Paul Casey - held at Sundridge Park Golf Club in Bromley, Kent. It was a great day, super course with some of the best greens Martin has ever played. Martin even managed to knock it inside him on the par 3 they played together and kept up with Mr Casey on one tee shot! (L to R; Neil Whisler, Rhys Morgan, Paul Casey, Dan Keitch, Martin Keitch)*

A big week-end for the Club took place on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd July; Championships for the Men (Sat. 2nd July) and Ladies (Sun. 3rd July) - Full report in the next newsletter

The Senior's Championship takes place on Sat. 16th July. Sunday 17th sees the Colin Newton Trophy- a 3 man team event.

Another huge event takes place on Sat. 23rd July- the Clubs 20th Anniversary! Do not miss this event this year! The Ronnie Meade Competition will take place in the day followed by a formal Presentation in the Evening. Bands, entertainment and a summer BBQ will be available and it promises to be brilliant in our 20th year of Celebrations!

On Sunday 24th July from 1pm, the Club will be running a new event in the form of an "Open Day", with courtesy of the 9 hole course given to non-members, alongside lessons and taster sessions from the Club Pro, a BBQ and mid-summer sale to promote membership. It will also run in conjunction with the "Get into Golf Week" and the Club's 20th Anniversary.

## Rules Quiz – Just for fun

1. In match play, a player mistakenly believing he has won a hole, picks up his ball-marker. What is the ruling?

The correct answer;

**C : The player incurs a one stroke penalty and must replace his ball.**

(See decision 20-1/8)

2. In stroke play, A looks into B's bag to determine which club B used for his last stroke. What is the ruling?

The correct answer;

**C. There is no penalty.**

(See decision 8-1/10)

3. In a match between A and B, A has played 3 strokes and B has holed out for 5. A putts and his ball apparently comes to rest, but is overhanging the hole. Within five seconds, B concedes A's next stroke and knocks his ball away. What is the ruling?

The correct answer;

**A. Since B infringed A's rights, in equity (Rule 1-4), B lost the hole.**

(See decision 16-2/2)

4. In stroke play, a competitor waiting to play to the putting green dropped a ball on the fairway and struck it twice with his putter. What is the ruling?

The correct answer;

**A. The competitor incurs a penalty of two strokes**

(See decision 7-2/2)

5. A player plays a stroke on the putting green and, while the ball is still in motion, it is picked up and carried away by a dog and dropped next to the hole. What is the ruling?

The correct answer;

**C. The stroke is cancelled and the ball must be replaced.**

(See decision 17-1/7)