

## **Vets newsletter April 27th**

Gentlemen

A not-so-brief update on our steady return to golfing near-normality.

### **Tuesday competitions**

With the exception of the first two Whisky competitions which have been deleted, we have now caught up with the postponed Trophy competitions, and if all goes as it should, remaining fixtures will follow the printed fixture list (of which there are a few remaining in the Clubhouse), which is also as they appear online. The full result of last Tuesday's Texas has been pinned up in the Clubhouse, as it was not possible to process the scores online.

Our Tuesday numbers seem to be a little down on where we left off last year, and if anyone can tell me why this might be, I would be delighted to hear from you. Also, if you know of anyone who is not easily able to enter online, or is missing out for whatever reason, please let me know, and I may be able to help.

### **Vets Matches**

Although a number of our early matches have had to be cancelled and a couple rearranged for later dates, we have now completed two matches despite the obvious problems with catering and refreshments:

#### Home v Bude 14th April

Bude sent the full 8 pairs, all of whom took advantage of the coffee and bacon baps provided beforehand, and the delicious fish and chip (takeaway) supper that followed. We won the home tie 5–3, which gives us a fighting chance when we visit them for the return at Bude on 1st September (rearranged from 2nd March). Our caterers did a fantastic job adapting to the changed circumstances, making our visitors feel most welcome, and have been duly thanked by the Captain of the day, Pat McGuckin.

#### Away v Minehead 21st April

Kevin Caris managed to raise a full team of 14 to make the journey up north for this one, although the result was not quite the success we might have hoped for. In fact, I believe we failed to win a single match. Minehead's caterers also rose to the challenge, offering a choice of 3 takeaway meals after the match, although I'm not sure anyone from RND went for the vegetarian option. The course, I'm told, was in very good condition, and the day was enjoyed by all.

#### President's Salver – Tavistock 21st April

The Section was represented on a sunny, but extremely gusty day, by Captain Bob McDermott, Simon Hopkins, and Phil Hall. *Despite* my inclusion, we finished with a total of 100 points, and a very creditable 3rd place from 33 teams, beaten only by Yelverton (not an omen, I hope) and Saunton (Grrr!), and keeping the home team out of the prizes. Bob's 37 points was only a point away from taking the highest individual score prize, and Simon's 2 gave us a couple of balls each.

### Torrington and Carlyon Bay

Graham White is still putting the team together for the home match against Torrington on 17th May, and the list is up in the Clubhouse for Carlyon Bay away on 24th May, so if you are interested in either of these, you'll need to get your name in fast.

### Home v Burnham & Berrow 27th May

Note the change of date from the original published. Details to follow in a separate email.

### **Vets Knockouts**

If you haven't already done so, please get your 1st round matches completed by the due date – it's amazing how time flies when you've got something to do (at last)! Please note also that there is a 'Playing Handicap' limit of 32 in these knockouts, and it is 100% of the difference. Thus, if your PH is 41, and you are playing someone off 6, you will receive 26 shots, not 35.

All the best to everyone, and I look forward to seeing you all out on the course especially those new members I haven't even met yet!

**Phil Hall**

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