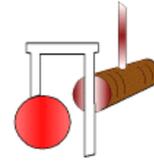


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Chairman's Corner

Having been away on holiday for a month, it was amazing to see the third lawn not just seeded, but growing healthily – it was in its raw state before I left. Howard promised to get a third lawn during my Chairmanship: I may have retired before we actually play on it, but it is certainly there and, with any luck, may be playable towards the end of next season. That will be a big bonus when organising some of the club tournaments. Our thanks are due to Howard for all his efforts in accomplishing the additional lawn. Time alone will tell whether any settling or drainage problems may need attention before the lawn is used.

I would remind everybody that we have now entered the winter period and that lawn 1 is to be used only on club afternoons from 1.00pm. Wednesday afternoons will be kept for the short-lawn competition: a chance, for those new to Association, to get some experience before the next season. Depending on the state of the lawns, it may be decided to close lawn 1 for a time and to open lawn 2. Notices will appear in the clubhouse if this is to take place after Christmas. The Federation advisor, mentioned in the last newsletter, did come to the club and was suitably impressed with the general state of the lawns.

I missed the Presentation Day, but heard that the weather was glorious and that a good time was had by all. Unfortunately, Des also was away, so many of the trophies were not presented. After the committee meeting last week, we offered to give him a note, in case he was stopped by the police when carrying a sackful of silverware. He declined the offer, and presumably got home safely. Congratulations to him for his success in many of the tournaments. Congratulations to Richard, on winning the President's Association Cup, and to Maggie for winning the Brian Jepson Trophy for the Golf Ladder. Brian's widow has said how much she

appreciates our gesture of using Brian's subscription for this very attractive glass trophy.

Those available to play for the President's Association Cup this year were reduced to just two. In order to attract more competition, Richard has offered to run a series of lessons on Advanced Level Play, which should cater for those with lower handicaps and ensure the future of the trophy, and give members a chance to enter outside competitions at this level. We also intend to revert to having the final party on Finals Sunday next year.

The committee decided to enter a team in the proposed Golf Level-Play League next season. This will only take place if a minimum of eight clubs opt to take part. There was some reluctance to enter, because of the already crowded fixture list, but it will give a chance, for those with low handicaps, to play and not to have to battle against an opponent with a hatful of free turns. There is, of course, no reason why a player can't play in both leagues. The downside may well be the travel involved; as teams could be scattered over the whole of the Federation area if there are only a few teams involved.

We have had two nominations for Chairman; they are Joyce Wilson and David Edwards. Both have done much for the club over the years, and have served on the main committee. Joyce has done a lot on the social side and has run the Portpean Golf League Side for two years. David has run, and played for, the Intermediate Association League side for the past two years, and has played for the Cornwall Golf side for several years. He also gets involved with the ground maintenance and is on the grass-cutting team. Both of them are to be seen supporting club activities generally.

Whilst it is good to see members willing to be Chairman, it is disappointing to have had

nobody prepared to take on the Secretary's job. Are there members waiting to be nominated, but not liking to push themselves forward? If so, please let me know at some time when nobody is looking. The job is not very onerous, even at AGM time, as most of the paperwork is the same from year to year, except for the dates and a few names perhaps. So the majority of the work is having some mainly standard sheets duplicated and posted. It can't be all that difficult because even I managed to prepare much of it last year when Lynda got stuck in Australia (or was it New Zealand?). We have 60 members – there must be somebody (male or female) willing to give it a go. There is always help available if needed.

Many of you will know that Joyce has had an ankle replaced recently. She is recovering well but will be out of action for some time. We wish her all the very best for a complete recovery, and hope to see her on the lawns in time for next season. I'm sure that she'll appear sometime, even if not able to play. I'm told that she is not expecting to become a bionic woman!

Margaret and Stephen have moved into their new house at last, after having to make a quick flit from their old one – no! **Not** a moonlight one – and spend some time in a friend's house. We wish them well in their new surroundings. Their telephone and e-mail details remain the same as before.

Brian Jepson's mallet is still available for purchase – details are on the clubhouse notice board. Des Honey currently has it if any body wishes to try it.

This may well be the last newsletter that I write. Whilst it is too early to start thanking everybody for the support that I have had over the past three years as Chairman, I must say that, although there have been ups and downs along the way, the support has always been there in one form or another. My successor desperately needs a Secretary to come forward – **Please don't let him/her down.**

Ron.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH Dec 15th

Carlyon Bay Hotel at 12.30pm

Don't forget to let Dorianne have your money by the 20th

The following has been submitted by David Edwards.

Ballad of the Silvo Kid

Alas, on presentation day,
One winner was, perforce, away.
A rising star in all he did –
Meet young Des Honey – the Silvo Kid!

Having measured both lawns' levels,
In this knowledge now he revels.
Aware of every hump & hollow,
Success he knew was bound to follow.

The Dowding Cup, the Bradshaw Bowl,
The Plymouth Cup – he's on a roll!
The Knockout Golf – successful bid,
By young Des Honey, the Silvo Kid.

Richard Griffiths? – Bring him on!
The Silvo Kid can do no wrong.
So playing "mucho excelente"
He wins "El Copa Golf del Presidente"!

This must, you think, complete the list,
But no – there is a trophy I have missed.
A Wilson Salver (only one –
You can't win doubles on your own).

A season you could call impressive –
Opponents might get quite depressive!

SO:

MacRobertson Shield?
Put in a bid!
For young Des Honey,
THE SILVO KID.

[Chairman's Comments –

Whilst home spun trophies do abound
Des won another on foreign ground
At Budleigh, where he made his bid
To show the world "I'm the Silvo Kid".
A first round knockout couldn't bow his head:
He won The High Bisquers highest score
instead.

Well done Des]



Brian's Mallet

WANTED-Urgently
To hire for one year.
Stout table or similar.

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