



## **Newsletter – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2010**

### **European Senior Men's Team Championship**

**Headlines: England and Ireland contest Final – 1.00pm, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

The championship, which concludes tomorrow, will see England and Ireland in the final, a match which will produce some great golf and bring a fitting conclusion to what has been a most enjoyable and successful week.

The players, organisers and spectators praised both the course and the service within the Clubhouse. This praise is very much due to the hard work of the green-keeping and catering teams, as well the members who have volunteered their time in assisting the English Golf Union to produce a very enjoyable and successful championship.

The EGU have asked a special vote of thanks be expressed to all the volunteers who have helped make this a very special event for all the competitors.

The final day starts at 7.30am tomorrow (Saturday), will see all 19 nations competing in a match-play format; one foursome match followed four single matches.

The undoubted highlight being the 'final' between Ireland and England, which 'tees off' at 1.06pm.

Ireland reached the final after a fighting victory over Scotland by a score of 3½ to 1½ . England won an equally hard match against Spain by 3 games to 2.

Ireland start as favourites after leading the qualifying section and on handicap, with an average handicap of +2, which includes players such as former Walker Cup star Gareth McGimpsey. England, the defending champions, field a strong team of scratch golfers, including former Lancashire champion and the newly crowned English Senior Champion, Alan Squires.

Matches in Flight A include;

Switzerland -v- Austria for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> places; starting at 11.00am

Germany -v- Sweden for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> places; starting at 11.42am

Spain -v- Scotland for 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> places; starting at 12.24pm

England -v- Ireland for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> places; starting at 1.06pm

***With more sunny weather forecast and a feast of exciting golf assured, Fairhaven is definitely the place to be tomorrow.***

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## **Handicap Committee Update**

### **Fixture Change**

The End of Season Competition and Summer Prize Presentation, which were due to be held on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010 have been moved to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

The reason for this change in dates is due a clash with the Ryder Cup, which was missed when the fixture list was compiled in August 2009.

The 4BBB competition which was due to be held on the 16<sup>th</sup> October has been cancelled.

### **Presentation of Prizes – 6.00pm Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October**

The presentation of prizes for the summer competitions will take place at approximately 6.00pm on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October. A list of winners will be displayed on the notice board and website, if you have won a prize your attendance is requested. If unable to attend please contact the Secretary

### **Men's Competition Start Sheets**

The start sheet will be removed from the notice board at 5pm on the eve of the competition. If after that time you want to add your name or make an amendment please contact the Professional. You can book a time on the day of the competition if a vacancy exists.

### **Players not showing up for their allocated tee-time**

The problem of players not arriving to play at their allocated time after they have entered a competition continues. If you are not able to fulfil your commitment to play at your allocated time please ensure you either remove your name from the start sheet before 5pm on the eve of the competition or contact the Professional before start of play.

It is apparent some of the 'No Shows' are the result of players names being added to the start sheet without their knowledge; please do not enter a name without prior consent.

### **Access to Course on Final Day of Captains Final & Centenary Vase**

Council have agreed to amend the access to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee on the final day of the Centenary Vase and Captains Final to 30minutes after the last competition tee time. Players must keep at least 1 hole behind the last competition match and no call through allowed. If the presentation is held outside the 1<sup>st</sup> tee will be closed for the duration of the presentation.

### **Recording of Finish Time on Competition Days**

The Committee wish to thank members for their cooperation in recording their finish time on the score card.

The Committee will continue with this as it is providing information as to the pace of play at different times of the day, as well as focusing attention to the time it takes to complete a round.

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## **Captain's Final Weekend**

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Captains Auction

The traditional auctioning of teams will start at 7.00pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September; your support as usual for this entertaining evening is much appreciated.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September – 1<sup>st</sup> Rd

The Captain will host an Italian Evening – further details to follow

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Final Rd

The Presentation of Prizes will follow shortly after the last players have completed their round – further details to follow.

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## **Tee of the Day Update**

The result of the 2 questions within the members questionnaire concerning the management of the 'tee of the day' for members casual golf, in which 25% of the male golfers in Club expressed a preference is as follows;

### **Q. 14 a) 'From which tee do you prefer to play your casual golf'**

43% of the returned forms had a preference for 'yellow' tees, whilst 57% had a preference for 'white' tees.

### **Q.14b) 'Allowing for consideration of wear and tear which tee would you prefer to play your casual golf from'**

54% of the returned forms had a preference for 'yellow' tees, whilst 46% had a preference for 'white tees

Council has discussed which tee members may use as 'tee of the day' for casual golf. As no 'tee' had an outstanding majority Council approved, as from Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010, members may elect to play their casual golf from either the 'white' or 'yellow' tees.

The course was measured in the spring and new distance marker plates were installed, which made the yellow teeing area longer, whilst shortening the white teeing area. As members now have a choice, the smaller white teeing area will be subject to excessive wear if every member elects to play their casual golf from it, members are encouraged to consider this when electing which tee to play from.

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