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KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH—the Club's newsletter

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CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

News in brief:

- Autumn/winter course maintenance under way

- Captain's Charity:

Delta Tango 7

- Ladies' Captain's

Charity:

Royal British

Legion

Welfare Fund

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First of all, thank you for electing me as your Chairman. I am delighted to be working on your behalf, along with my Management and Captain's Committee colleagues, to ensure the continuing prosperity and well-being of the Club.

The recent AGM was well attended with over 100 members present. Of the two resolutions tabled the increase in subscriptions was passed but that relating to a computerised tee-booking system was not. Following a vote Malcolm Moore was appointed a member of Management Committee. Di Dick was appointed to Captain's Committee.

The matters which were raised under AOB, namely the need to ensure new members are aware of the names and responsibilities of their Committee representatives, parking outside the entrance to the Golf Club, and the use of marshals as opposed to/in addition to starters in the coming year are being considered and our decisions will be outlined in forthcoming minutes of our respective committee meetings.

On the financial front, the Club continued to flourish in the first two months of the 2011/12 financial year in that green fees in August and September were 14% ahead of last year, while the

combined bar/catering surplus for the two months was an improvement on the previous year.

A range of work to improve Club facilities is either in course or imminent, including that on the drains and the provision of the new grease trap (October/ November 2011), the upgrading of the gents' showers (January 2012) and the re-surfacing of the rear car park (also in the new year). Please continue to browse the Minutes, which are available in the Lounge, to keep abreast of developments and decisions.

Jim Allan
Chairman

JUNIOR SECTION

Once again a successful year for the Juniors with improvement showing in all age groups and it is encouraging to see different winners of trophies and medals following father's footsteps. Bradley Searle won the Easter Cup, Club Championship Handicap winner was new boy Lewis Cotton, Club Championship Scratch winner was old boy George Seed and our junior under ten champion and youngest ever was 7 year old Billy Gait, [watch this young man!](#) The Order of Merit Tournament which is played

throughout the year where the best 4 rounds out a possible 6 was won by Mr Consistency himself – George Yorke with rounds of 72 72 72 and 70! The Endeavour Cup for achievement will be announced at the presentation night.

Duncan Driver's academy is going from strength to strength with many up and coming youngsters. Lyme Regis GC can now boast not only the achievements of Sophie Keech but eight juniors already playing for Dorset County or being coached by them, Billy Gait being

the youngest in the County – well done to all. I would like to thank Jim Allan and all the helpers who give up their Saturday mornings to look after junior golf at LRGC.

Finally on behalf of the Junior Section I would like to wish Richard Yorke all the success in the future. Richard is leaving to join the Navy at the end of November. He has supported the section for many years and has been a great asset and is a real fun character.

David Astill
Junior's Organiser

Does the Fore! newsletter contain the items you want to read about? Please let us any have comments and suggestions either via the club office or send an email to:

newsletter@lymeregisgolfclub.co.uk



JULIA'S JOTTERINGS

The Captain's Drive-in went ahead amid a good crowd of well-wishers and perfect weather. Thanks to my brilliant vice captain, Gloria, for her arrangements on the day and for an *almost* perfectly timed rocket!. A huge thank you also to all the staff for all their efforts in making our first event a success. It is such a great honor to become Captain - and I was very proud to accept. I really appreciated all the kind words of support and encouragement I have received for the year ahead. I am very lucky to have a brilliant and enthusiastic team around me. In addition to becoming Vice Captain, Gloria will continue to look after the mixed friendly matches for a second year. Gilly Madill has joined the team as Competition Secretary, and we have a new Treasurer, Susan Moore. I am very pleased to welcome them both. Ellie Langford and Gill Cotterill are looking after our administration and the ladies handicaps are once again in the safe hands of Sue Crabb and her team. Wendy Cannings will be looking after our Opens again this year. Prue Russell, our wonderfully resolute County Representative will be keeping us all up to date on County issues. Hanna Jacobsen will once again be at the helm of our friendly matches. Linda Baker, our knockout organizer, who has many other talents—just give her a hammer or a drill and she can work wonders - she is our "DIY extraordinaire" – we would be lost without you! . We are all looking forward to your support in making 2012 an enjoyable and successful year for us all. We are also very fortunate at Lyme Regis to have excellent facilities, hardworking, friendly staff and an enviable location. Our course is immaculately presented by our greenstaff, who are always to be

commended. Our Golf club is quite rightly something we should be very proud of. In these difficult times, it is especially important that we do everything possible to promote the friendliness and the sense of pride we should all have in our Club to all and, during this year I would particularly like to build on that philosophy, to ensure that visiting Lyme Regis Golf Club is a pleasurable experience for everyone. My chosen charity is "the Royal British Legion – Welfare Fund" OR "THE POPPY APPEAL" as it is more commonly known. It is their 90th Anniversary this year and they would like to raise £90m as an ongoing target. The work they do is very diverse "and the demand on their services continues - as Service men and women, young and old, call on them for assistance. The Legion is the major voice for both Serving and ex-Service people and their families throughout the year. They also campaign and lobby on a wide range of issues, including mental and physical health, housing and homelessness, employment and skills development, care and disability. I hope you will all try and support the Poppy Appeal by dropping into my charity bunker on the far right of the 11th hole occasionally. It's a particular favourite of mine!

Golfing News.

To my great delight Lyme Regis have become the first winners of the Lloyd Wilson Cup. This is a new ladies County trophy awarded to the Club who has achieved the best overall scores in Dorset, taking account of all club results, teams and individual winning scores. What an honour it was to be asked as Captain to collect this prestigious trophy at the County AGM on behalf of Lyme Regis Ladies. I could not have been more proud.

Jane Southcombe has now become our County Captain and was pre-



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Ladies' Captain
Julia Collins

sented with her badge of office, Jane also collected two County trophies: The Felicity Eden Bowl (best gross at the Autumn Meeting) and the Arkell Cup (combined Spring and Autumn Meeting scores (166)).

Well done Jane. We wish you every success in your new role. Sophie Keech's achievements this year are well documented. The number of titles she has gained at the tender age of 15, along with her scratch status is really quite astounding: - Dorset Ladies County Champion, Dorset Junior County Champion, England under 18 Schools Champion and World Schools Champion to name but a few. Sophie also met Rory McIlroy and Sir Nick Faldo whilst taking part in the final of the Faldo Golf Series Challenge at the Lough Erne Golf Resort in Ireland. Keep up the good work Sophie we are looking forward to hearing about your coming successes this year. Finally, may I take this opportunity to wish all our members a happy and healthy year and lots of enjoyable golf.

Julia Collins
Ladies' Captain



CAPTAIN'S LOG

I would like to thank Ray Farrell on behalf of everyone at LRGC for all the hard work he has put in in his year as Captain. He and I worked very well together and had a good crack!

The Captain's drive-in took place on a beautiful sunny day and I would like to thank all those who turned out to support Julia and myself. Julia still does not know who lit the firework just as she was about to drive. I managed to hobble up to the tee and (thank God) just managed to drive past Julia's ball!

We have a change in the captaincy of the Hardy A

team but not a clue who it is going to be yet...watch this space. The Hardy B captain is Mo Collie, well done Mo.

The quiz nights remain very popular with our members and provide a good, fun night out.

Don't forget Presentation Night on 9th December.

New Year's Eve at the Club will this year will have a black and white dress theme. There will be a disco with Karaoke and a good menu at a cost of just £29.95. So book early to avoid disappointment. Look out for Burn's Night,

Valentine's Night, Race Night followed later in the year by Casino Night and much much more.

My charity this year will be DELTA TANGO 7. They raise money for local people with financial problems and also help struggling small enterprises. Keep an eye on the notice boards for more information.

Finally I would like to say thank you to all those members who have offered me tons of support, I am counting on you all. Lets have a good year together.

Steve (Babe) Phillips
Captain



*2012 Club Captain
Steve Phillips*



PRO SHOP NEWS

Well another year is drawing to an end and what a year it has been!! I've been extremely busy this year, both here at the Club and in my position as Head Golf Coach for the Dorset Golf Academy. There I have nine other golf pros who work under me and the coaching is at five different venues, monthly on a Sunday. When I started in the role two years ago I had 35 children in the Academy, this year there are 92, nine of whom are from Lyme Regis GC. Well done, boys!! I have also been busy going into seven local primary schools and have taught over 200 children under

ten years old, a number of whom have now joined my academy here at the Club. There are also 40 children who come on Saturday mornings for their coaching, and I would like to thank David, Jim, Tony, Malcolm, Geoff and Di for their continued help and support. As you are all aware Richard Yorke is about to start his new career in the Royal Navy. Richard has been a fantastic member of staff here at Lyme Regis GC and I am sure you would all like to wish him well in his new career. Richard's replacement is Tom Glover; Tom is a superb golfer who cur-

rently plays off one, he is fast getting up to speed with our systems at the Club and is getting to know all the Members. Please pop in and say hello to him the next time you are at the Club.

Finally, I would just like to say a big THANK YOU to all the Members of the Club for your continued support in what is a difficult economic climate; please be assured that it is very much appreciated. Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Duncan Driver
Professional

THE NINETEENTH HOLE

We are now coming into our busy festive season starting with Christmas lunches and dinners on Nov 25th through till Dec 23rd. Quiz nights are proving as successful as ever with over 20 teams every month. Details of the News Year's Eve Dinner & Dance will be posted on the social board shortly and then on January 21st we have Burn's

Night. This is always an early sell-out so I have kept everyone's table names from last year and they will get 1st option. If you wish to book a table see David or Simon behind the bar. Throughout 2011 there will be a series of themed dinner evenings plus Race Night and Casino Night as all were popular last year.

I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Bar & Catering staff to thank you all for your support in 2011. We will endeavour to maintain our high standards in 2012.

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The next edition of Fore!
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Social dates for your diary:

December
9th Presentation Night
13th Christmas Quiz
31st New Year's Eve
Dinner & Dance

January
21st Burns Night

February
11th Valentines Dinner
25th Murder Mystery

March
17th St Patrick's Night

May
25th Race Night

September
29th Casino Night

EVERETT'S EDGINGS

Another year nearly gone, months go by like weeks on our busy golf course.

Work continues to keep the course in good condition with regular mowing still being carried out in November.

We started off the season with the brief to try and improve ball roll on the greens, trueness and pace being the key to good greens. Brushes were made to fit the greens mowers in an effort to stand up the grass blade to the cutting cylinder, we also had turf groomers fitted to the cutting units. These units "fine" down the sward pruning creeping, and coarse grasses.

This work was backed up with power rollers being used throughout the season, mainly at weekends.

The results have been good with greens playing consistently well all season.

I personally think the course has held up well all year and I would like to thank the green staff for their hard work and continued commitment.

In August we had our first

ever maintenance week. A week when green staff get 100% priority on the course to enable them to carry out intensive work on the greens. This included scarifying to remove thatch and micro hollow tining which removes small plugs of thatch, plus allows air into the soil.

Why August? Because recovery is very quick at this time of year, as the sward is growing well and irrigation is available if need be.

If this work is carried out later in the season recovery becomes a gamble.

The 8th tee is being reconstructed to give more playing positions. Par three tees can almost never be big enough to cope with the wear they are subjected to. I have exploited all available land on the site and hope to end up with some 500m² of level teeing space.

Over the winter we will be renewing sand in bunkers, our aim is to make all bunkers consistent.

Machinery and plant. The Management Committee

continue to recognise the importance of trading in old machinery and purchasing new equipment. The 8 year old Toro Side Winder has been replaced with a new one. Budgets have been set and are adequate to ensure complete maintenance of the course.

To conclude I would like to say a big thank you to Neil Pollard for his encouragement and support through two terms of office. Neil has helped me both personally and professionally. Thanks, now I hope you can enjoy relaxed golfing.

Neil Cornelli has taken the time to find out what we get up to and our ideas for the future of the course. Neil has been welcomed with open arms by all of the greenkeepers as we recognise he has the interests of the club at heart and is not on some ego trip. Well lets hope we have a reasonable winter and plenty of golf.

David Everett.
Head Greenkeeper.

SENIORS' SECTION

As the incoming Chairman of the Seniors' Section, my first pleasant task is to congratulate and thank Adrian Wells the outgoing Seniors' Chairman for all his efforts in ensuring an extremely enjoyable golfing year for all concerned. He certainly is a hard act to follow.

Our new Seniors' committee comprises:

Chairman	Tony Johnstone
Treasurer	Tony Wakeling
Home Opens	John Phillips
Away Opens	David Lines
Club Fixtures	Ted Baker
Competitions	Steve Percival

This year's two Seniors Open Competitions were both well supported with representatives from 37 clubs at the Spring event and 31 clubs participating in the Autumn event, helping to raise funds for the Club. Neither

of these 'Open' days would be as successful as they are without the assistance of Staff, Members and especially the Ladies Section. It was also gratifying to hear members from other clubs comment on how good our course is compared to either their own, or to others which they had recently played; so well done to David Everett and his team of green-keepers for producing and maintaining the course to the usual very high standard. Our golfing Calendar and match fixtures for 2012 are now all in place and I look forward to all Senior Members enjoying their golf and making as much use as possible of the Club and its facilities in the coming year.

Tony Johnstone, Seniors' Chairman