

OLD TAUNTONIAN GOLFING SOCIETY

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Dear Old Tauntonian,

A Very Happy 2015 to you all.

.We were very sorry to learn, at the end of March, of the death of Ian McLennan, a long time member of the OTGS, and we extend our condolences to his friends and family.

We are in challenging times. The stalwart competition team members grow older and new blood seems increasingly difficult to attract. Two incentives introduced last year have not been a conspicuous success – only one TS girl took up our offer of free golf and no OT U25s that I know of did likewise. The Rose Bowl in October had to be cancelled through lack of numbers - the first time this event has failed to attract interest. We would like to make one more effort in addition to these offers, which remain in place. The Annual Golf Reunion weekend is to be 21/22 June and all those entering the Championship on the Saturday, (preceded by the AGM, not compulsory!), will have 50% of their green fee subsidised by the OTGS. All participants are invited to a BBQ at the Jowett's in the evening. I hope that Clive Large is deluged by requests to play!!

The TS Golf Centre continues to provide excellent practice opportunities for the young golfers and free lessons are available for beginners and experts thanks to generous donations by a few OT golfers. The official opening of the Centre is yet to be announced. A new Headmaster takes over this term, Mr Lee Glaser. Our President, Terry Davidge, has already met him and pleaded our case and I understand that he had a sympathetic hearing. Mr Glaser is not an active golfer himself but he has just bought himself a new set of clubs, (promising!), and pledges to support TS golf. The OTGS wondered what else we could do to support TS golf and some sets of second hand clubs might prove useful. So if you are getting rid of unwanted clubs please let me know and I will arrange to get them to Simon Hogg, Master i/c golf.

The financial situation of the Society is healthy thanks to the extreme generosity of a few. There is no compulsion to subscribe and indeed all are welcome to play but in order to defray the considerable costs of running the competitions side of the society (over £1200 pa) we invite you to contribute £20, or more, annually. Many thanks to the 25 who subscribed last year. Subs/donations can be sent to the Hon Treas: Richard Norris, 26 Sutton Court, Chiswick, London W4 3JE (from whom direct debit forms can be obtained).

EVENTS 2015

Society Meetings (all welcome)

3.3.15(Tu)	Invitation meeting	Swinley Forest	David Murrell
3.5.15 (Su)	Thone Cup	Taunton+Pickeridge	Gill Jowett
10.5.15 (Su)	Fairwater Cup	St. George's Hill	Richard Willacy
20.6.15 (Sa)	AGM and Reunion w/e	Burnham+Berrow	Clive Large
21.6.15 (Su)	Match vs School	Oake Manor	Clive Large
22.6.15 (M)	Old Honitonians	Taunton+Pickeridge	Richard Jowett
4.10.15 (Su)	Rose Bowl	Oake Manor	Gill Jowett

Scratch Competitions (Bona fide OTs)

28/29.3.15(Sa-Su)	Brent Knoll Bowl	Burnham+Berrow	Richard Willacy
9-12.4.15(Th-Su)	Halford Hewitt	Deal/Sandwich	Richard Willacy
17.5.15 (Su)	Grafton Morrish (qualifier)	Denham	Richard Willacy
24-27.6.15 (We-Sa)	Cyril Gray (over 50)	Worplesdon	David Morgan
24-27.9.15 (Th-Su)	Grafton Morrish (event)	Brancaster/Hunstanton	Richard Willacy

I really hope that you will be able to play in some of these events. Please contact the Match Managers direct (details below).

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With all good wishes for 2015,
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