

**WHITSTABLE TIDINGS**  
**The monthly journal of Whitstable and Seasalter Golf Club**  
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## **News**

### Notes from the President.

Since our last edition of the Tidings, we at the club have lost two of our senior members, both past Captains of the Old Salts, George and Tony were much loved members and were both perfect gentlemen. They will be missed by all. The past and current President of our close neighbours Chestfield, John Lee and Nick Pout, send their sincere condolences to George and Tony's families through this difficult time.

Staying with Chestfield, during the last month, we have played our Presidents team match against them at home, and can report that we won 4 & 3. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my team for giving up their time and say well done. In fact I can report that we have won 90% of all matches played against our neighbours at home in the past year, a statistic to be justly proud of and again a well done to all who took part.

During the last month our seasonal maintenance has taken place on the course together with additional drainage work, for which I would like to congratulate all concerned including our own green staff. I think the course is in terrific condition so well done.

The social activities have continued to entertain us and we have been lucky enough to have enjoyed a challenging and enjoyable quiz and just this past weekend a Boat trip on the river Thames. Both events were well supported and enjoyed by all and my thanks go to Mel Bashford for all her hard work with the quiz and Bob Ireland for his organisation of the river trip.

I am sure you will all have noticed the days are getting shorter as Autumn commences, so know you will all join me in hoping the weather gods will be kind to us in the months ahead.

## **Future events**

Casino Night Saturday November 7<sup>th</sup>

New notice going up make sure you are on it all participants will be required to pay their money in full by the end of September to ensure their place. The coach will pick up from Whitstable first then Herne Bay Bus Station then on to the Casino, returning at midnight.

**Annual Dinner Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1830 hrs for 1900 hrs**

There is a table of 10 still available for this wonderful event if you would like to attend contact Steve behind the bar, it doesn't matter if you cannot make up a full table, you will still have a great night

## FROM THE OFFICE

John Stokes has now taken over the day to day administration of the Office in conjunction with Fran Price. He has also now taken over as Club Secretary but Brian Best will remain as Company Secretary of Seasalter Golf Club Ltd until he retires in November.

### **BOREHOLE**

The Board has now given the go ahead for the installation of a bore-hole close to the water storage tank, and work will start in September and will take approximately 2 weeks to complete.

A test bore was carried out in 2014 and water samples were analysed which proved satisfactory for irrigation purposes and confirmed that the water was not saline.

The water from the borehole will only be used for irrigation purposes and mains water will continue to be supplied to the clubhouse. The borehole will not only save money but will also allow us to continue to irrigate the course in the event of future drought restrictions applying.

### **PLANNING PERMISSION**

Following the public exhibition in May we have made some amendments to the Plans which are available in the office for all members to view.

Virtually all the information and professional Reports have now been obtained and we are hoping to submit the Planning Application for the development of 3 detached houses to the Council in late September. Plans for the new Clubhouse will be incorporated but purely to indicate our intentions for use of the sale proceeds from the land. Planning Permission for the new Clubhouse will not be applied for at least another year.

### **PROPERTY DAMAGE OFF THE COURSE**

We regularly get claims from our neighbours relating to damage caused by golf balls to their property. This is a significant cost to the Club as we have a £350 Excess applicable to this type of Insurance claim, and not many claims exceed this.

Recently there has been a dramatic increase in the number of claims for no obvious reasons – which have come from all sides of the course but mainly from the caravan park where there are often children playing. Please ensure that you shout fore loudly, apologise to those affected and report every incident in the relevant book in the foyer.

Clubhouse Hire

The clubhouse can be hired by members for events such as a birthday party . First call should be with the Club Steward and /or the Office to check availability. There is a hire form that needs to be filled out (copies are available from the office ) in advance of the event. Our caterers are to be used for any food requirements.

There is a charge for hire of £100.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Like most Golf Clubs we are always looking for new Members to replace those who move away or just get too old to play. Our average age is higher than most clubs, which has its effect on our membership.

We will therefore be advertising again this year from March onwards and our new Membership Director Richard Gremo is currently considering our advertising campaign with our President John Clarke. If anyone has any ideas please contact either of them – they will be pleased to hear from you.

We will also be offering a **£50 Incentive** to existing Members who introduce new Full Playing Members to the Club. Full details will be available soon – the incentive will be by way of a discount from the next year's subscription. There will be no limit to the number of incentives, which can be earned in any year. So introduce 10 Members for a free year!

### **Junior Section Captain Marijke Rapley Vice Captain James Green**

Not too much happened this month except to say that for the second year running (third time in all) young Jack won the Richard Gremo K O Cup after a close fought battle with Marijke, who seemed rather more concerned about not breaking a nail as she was going out that night! The Ford Five Club, later in the month, was ably won by Oscar Girling who was then rightly cut a few shots. Monday nights have been blessed with good weather for the last few weeks and will continue for as long as the weather does. The next competition will be on Saturday 17th October 1 pm.

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### **Ladies Section Captain Beryl Wingrove Vice Captain Joan Sykes Secretary Jean Hudson**

Finals weekend was as always well-supported and a great advert for golf at Seasalter. The Klein Cup, for husband and wife pairings, was played a day early between the Wyles' and the Broadbents. Sheila and Mick Wyles got off to a flying start, and although Molly and Barry fought back during the back nine they couldn't quite catch up, so Sheila and Mick walked off winners on the 16<sup>th</sup>. The Seasalter Ladies singles was a close match, with no player being more than one hole up right to the end when Joan Sykes beat Louise Tucker on 17<sup>th</sup>. The Jubilee Rosebowl is played in pairs, one from each handicap division. This match went all the way to the last where Shirley Dalton holed a long putt to win the match with Pat Bensted against Judy Butcher and Shirley Rosser. The closest match of the afternoon was the Stanley Cup (for non-

husband and wife pairings). Jack Dale (playing with Mary King) holed his chip shot from just off the green on the 18<sup>th</sup>, forcing Ian Wingrove (playing with Sheila Wyles) to hole a tricky putt and take the match down the 19<sup>th</sup>, where Sheila and Ian's par was good enough to win the match. Congratulations to Jack Dale for a hole in one on the 4<sup>th</sup>. What a great afternoon's golf.

The Autumn meeting was a pleasant day for all who played. The morning medal was won by Maz Garlinge with a net 68 (and a handicap reduction) from Mary King and Joan Sykes both on 69. Best front nine went to Mary King, best back nine to Louise Tucker. The 9 hole Pinehurst Greensomes was won by Fran Price and Sheila Wyles with 18 points, Shirley Rosser and Jackie Witten were second with 17. Lovely cakes were much enjoyed after all that golf!

Beryl organised an away day for the following week at the North Foreland 9 hole course, which was really well-attended, particularly as the weather was not kind at the start of the day. Everyone enjoyed the course, especially those who stayed out of the bunkers, which were devilishly difficult to get out of. Three ladies finished on 44 Stableford points. Winner on count back was Penny Perkins, from Fran Price and Shirley Dalton. Prizes were given out and lunch enjoyed before we wended our way back home-good job Beryl!

The inaugural Stableford for the Herne Bay Cup had to be postponed the week after as the weather was absolutely foul, new date to be decided.

In inter-club matches we entertained Westgate at home in a mixed match. Seasalter recorded a narrow victory by five and a half to four and a half. The sun shone, company was lovely and food very good.

### **Men's Section Captain Ted Henderson Vice Captain Bob Ireland Golf Report – September 2015**

Outright winner of the September medal, with an impressive net sixty-one, was Rob Davis. The competition was played in difficult wet conditions and Rob did particularly well with only two dropped shots on the back nine and a birdie on the last. An unfortunate disqualification affected the runner up positions after John Wegner left early to play at North Foreland and failed to hand in his card. John's net 62 would have left him placed but his oversight left David Morgan and Les Cox to finish in second and third place respectively. The Captain's swindle on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September against John Wegner and Andy Selwood ended in a win for the Captain and Vice, 4 and 3, they then went on to win the combined Stableford competition with 71 points.

### **Old Salts Section Captain Ian Wingrove Vice John Wegner Old Salts report**

September kicked off with Ian's Chase No 5 on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Honours went to Martyn Dines 1<sup>st</sup> on 37 closely followed by Ryn Hudson 2<sup>nd</sup> on 36 and Ian Wingrove 3<sup>rd</sup> on 35. The Captains Challenge was a win for Ian and John 2 and

1 against Kit Ryan and Barry Broadbent. Faversham visited on the 7<sup>th</sup> and went down 5 ½ to 2 ½ to the Salts However they did retain the Bill Dance Plate with an overall score of 9 ½ to 2 ½. The Seniors Cup was replayed on the 10<sup>th</sup> with Dave Rigden coming in with a net 64 followed by Les Cox with 65 and Gary Hart-Trigg with 68. The Captains Challenge on the day saw Ian and Dave Atkins lose 1 and 2 to Colin Holton and Gwyn Oakly. Course maintenance on the 17<sup>th</sup> meant only the Captains Challenge was played. Ian and Henry Kernighan played Colin Holton and Brian Best, Ian winning by 2. The Salts were away to Sheerness on the 23<sup>rd</sup> but came home having lost 5 and 1. Thursday's Texas Scramble on the 24<sup>th</sup> was cancelled following the sudden collapse and demise of Tony Bensted. As a long standing club member and a past Old Salts Captain he will be greatly missed by all. His funeral is on the 14<sup>th</sup> October at 10.40am and will be held at Barham Crematorium. The past Captains match on the 28<sup>th</sup> saw Brian Best win the 18 hole Dennis Annis Cup coming home with 36 points and Colin Chapman winning the 9 hole comp with 15 points.

Sadly on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September the club was informed of the death of George Bawden.

George was both an active club member, and a dear friend to many. Both he and his wife Linda joined the club in 2008, when George quickly became a valued member of the Old Salts bringing with him his many years of experience of golf. When George and Linda initially moved to Kent they joined Herne Bay and later Faversham and the friendships they made then have stayed with them. George was a keen gardener and had the expert knowledge and qualifications to contribute to the greens committee. Those who visited both Waulchop Road and latterly The Grange would be knocked out by the array of shrubs and plants which he lovingly cared for.

In 2013/14 George became Old Salts Captain. He felt that after taking from the game for so many years it was time to put something back, and that he certainly did. So with Linda as Ladies Captain, George had a memorable and busy year. It was not until the October that it was obvious things were just not right and during the following months George stoically battled on but even with extensive treatment at the Royal Marsden it was not enough. George will be remembered for his kind ways, his wry sense of humour but most of all as a great friend for so many of us. Cheery Bye George, he will be missed.

### **Midweeker's Section Captain Bob Ireland Vice Captain Ian Horton Secretary Peter Fox**

Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup> The Cecil Wren September Cup Medal  
Captain's challenge I cannot find the result of this match as I wasn't there so whoever beat us this time will have to go unannounced!

The winner of the competition was David Rhodes with a net 59, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ronnie Rumball with 62 and 3<sup>rd</sup> with 64 Mike Cousins. Mike Moore won the charity sweep, 2<sup>nd</sup> John Cook, 3<sup>rd</sup> Doug Morton, the only Birdie prize was won by Ronnie Rumball

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September The Hamish Burnett Tandoori Cup Stableford

There was an air of sadness at this meeting due to the death of Tony Bensted the previous day. Tony was a valued and long serving member of the club and was a founder member of the Midweekers, our thoughts go out to Pat and her family.

The Captain's challenge was halved John Fullagar played in place of Ian Horton who was moving house that day, John Wegner and Tony Taunton put up a spirited attack but were unable to triumph.

The event was won by Derrick Creed with 39 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Williams with 38 and losing on countback 3<sup>rd</sup> Ted Henderson. Doug Morton won the Charity sweep and there were no Birdies!

The Summer Eclectic Prize was won by John Fullagar net 53, 2<sup>nd</sup> Don Crawford 55, and 3<sup>rd</sup> jointly Tony Lavender, Tommy Burns and Mike Cousins all on 56.5

The list went up for inclusion in the Midweeker's Charity night on the 9<sup>th</sup> October and was heavily subscribed; the list is now open on the Social Board for other club members and guests to enter their names, only £10 per ticket, food on the tables and entertainment of a kind not seen since last year!

### **Superseventies**

The last month of Super Senior's golf ended in a rearranged match with Seasalter entertaining Etchinghill at Collingwood Road .... and our stalwarts carded a good, but close victory by three games to two to finish off the season.

On a points basis that determines the League standings it was even closer, with just the one point between the teams, W&S adding nine points to their season's tally, against Etchinghill's eight. As always, an away win quickly narrows the eventual result.

With Martyn Dines handling the day's proceedings as playing captain as Alec was indisposed, he and David Kinnersley showed the way in the first game with a fine four and three success. Later an even better result came from the Ridley/McCormick pairing who thrashed a very capable (and very surprised) Etchinghill duo who were blitzed by the comeback of the home pair. After being well down at the turn breathless Bob (who was not aware of his commitment to the game and had to be summoned from home and rushed onto the tee with nothing to eat) said it was the best game he had played for months. Raring-to-go Ridley of course was always up for the fight and played brilliantly to help crush the opposition.

Bernard Peter and Henry Kernighan finished two up as the throng grew on the club terrace to see Henry hole out to seal the win.

The proceedings were deeply overshadowed by the sad death of our Super

Tony Bensted who had collapsed and died on the course just days earlier. Tony was scheduled to play with Alec in the lead match and as Captain elect of the Super Seniors for next year was looking forward to the game and being introduced as such to the visitors, many of whom of course already knew of his great passion for the game and of his intention to better Seasalter's showing in the League. To say he will be missed is an understatement.

His mild manner and kindness was a hallmark of his very existence at the club of many years.

### **Kent Vets Captain Tony Love Secretary Bob Ireland**

We finished third overall this year and had our annual dinner and match on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October, with all the participants during the year, The Captains team won and the Secretary's team had to buy the port! There followed the annual meeting in which Tony Love stood down as Captain and John Clarke took over for the 2016 season, very good luck to him. Tony's last act as Captain will be to lead us all in the rescheduled Jamboree at Broome Park on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October and we wish him luck in that.

### **Fundraising 100 Club**

1st £30	Tony Henley
2nd £20	Ernie West
3rd £10	Jacqui Witten

Congratulation to the winners. Please collect your prizes in person from behind the bar.

### **What's on for the next two months?**

#### **October**

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	am Kent Vets Annual Meeting, match and dinner
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	am Monthly Medal
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	am Old Salts v Ladies
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Medal
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	am Old Salts AGM
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	1200hrs Ladies v Boughton (home) 1900hrs Midweekers Charity Night
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	am Medal Winners Cup Medal am Stableford
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	am Old Salts 7 club Past Captains at Seasalter
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies competition Waltz

Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	am Midweeker's Ray Thomas Cup Medal
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	pm Ladies Supper
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	pm Juniors Medal
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	am Turkey Trot 1 <sup>st</sup> round
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Competition Medal
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	am Midweeker's D Rosendale Sorcerers Trophy Stableford
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	am Texas Scramble
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Xmas Competition

## **November**

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	am Turkey Trot 2 <sup>nd</sup> round
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	am Ladies Xmas competition
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	am Captain's swindle
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Xmas competition pm Ladies AGM
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	am Midweeker's Tudor Tearooms Trophy Medal
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	am AGM
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	am Captain's swindle 1330hrs Captains Playing in
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Xmas competition
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	am Turkey Trot 3 <sup>rd</sup> round
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Xmas competition
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	am Midweeker's Vic Green Shield Stableford
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	am Captain's swindle

## **Ebb and Flow** (letters section)

The Editor would appreciate your comments or suggestions of ways to improve the club, magazine, web site, social activities, or anything else that comes to mind! Get writing – it's your club say what you want!

If you have any specific questions about the course please direct them to the suggestion book.



## Sudoku

Answer to last month's Sudoku

6	1	3	5	2	8	4	7	9
8	4	5	1	9	7	6	2	3
2	7	9	3	6	4	1	5	6
1	3	7	8	4	6	5	9	2
5	9	6	2	7	1	8	3	4
4	8	2	9	5	3	7	6	1
9	2	4	6	1	5	3	8	7
3	6	1	7	8	2	9	4	5
7	5	8	4	3	9	2	1	6

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## Competition

This wasn't won in September here are the answers and a new quiz to keep you guessing, all 6 right gets the £20 voucher

Antonyms

Each clue should lead to a pair of antonyms (words of opposite meanings)

Answers to September's quiz

Without exception – not once

Starting – finishing

James? – Becky?

Gambler – not as good as

? Martini – ? wipe

Batman – Robin

always - never

beginning - ending

Blunt - Sharp

better - worse

dry - wet

guardian - ward

## October Quiz

### Number sequences

Which numbers are missing from the sequences?

- 1/ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ?, 7, 16
- 2/ 3, 5, 7, 9, 25, ?, 81
- 3/ 5, 6, 16, 19, 27, ?, 38
- 4/ 7, 8, 10, 14, ?, 38
- 5/ 9, 60, 417, 2,916, ?, 142,881
- 6/ 11, 26, ?, 206, 611, 1,826

## Flotsam and Jetsam

### Interesting Facts

Coconuts kill more than 150 people a year – that's more than sharks do!

A group of goats is called "a trip".

If the Earth was smooth water would cover it to a depth of 12,000 feet.

Sigmund Freud had a morbid fear of ferns.

Each year in the USA around 300,000 deaths are attested to obesity.

California has issued 6 driving licenses to people named Jesus Christ

A "Jiffy" is the scientific name for 1/100<sup>th</sup> of a second.

You are more likely to be killed by a champagne cork than a poisonous spider.

A full moon always rises at sunset.

A blind chameleon still changes colour to match it's environment.

On a Canadian 2 dollar bill the Stars and Stripes is flying over the Parliament Building.

Jupiter is bigger than all the other planets in the solar system combined.

## Joke

A bottle collector knocks on a house to ask for empties. A sour faced woman answers the door and says "What do you want?" The bottle collector asks "Do you have any empty beer bottles?" "Do I look like I drink beer?" the woman says, "Well do you have any old vinegar bottles then?"

A 65 year old guy goes to the doctor. He's in great shape. Doctor says, "You've got good genes. How old was your father when he died?" Guy says, "Did I say my father had died?" Doctor says, "You mean your father is still alive? How old is he?" Guy says, "My father is 87." Doctor says, "That's great! How old was your grandfather when he died?" Guy says, "Did I say my grandfather had died?" Doctor says, "You mean your grandfather is still living? How old is he and how is his health?" Guy says, "My grandfather is 112 years old and he is in great shape. He just got married last month!" Doc says, "Why in the world would a 112 year old want to get married?" Guy says, "Did I say my grandfather WANTED to get married?"

## Beachcomber

### Castaways

If you have any unwanted clubs or equipment sell them through this

Publication on the Web Site and donate 10% to the Captains Charity! Send the details to my e-mail [robert.ireland@gmail.com](mailto:robert.ireland@gmail.com) , by post or place the details on the notice board marked for my attention.

For sale

Yonex 1,3,5,7 woods (metal) irons 6,7,8,9,P/w ,S/w ,Ram 58 degree wedge, Odyssey Putter.

Callaway Bag. Hill Billy trolley, battery and charger. Plus a number of used balls and towels. Any reasonable offer considered.

The person to Contact is Peter Wood on 01227 277134.

A set of ladies right handed clubs consisting of: Driver, 3 and 5 Woods. Irons 3,4,5,6,7,8,9, a pitching wedge, sand wedge and putter, a sky blue and white coloured carry bag and matching umbrella. All in new condition as they have hardly been used.

Price £50.00 Phone: 07836 676469 or 01227 793598

Mitsushiba Verdict 2 oversize iron set; 3-9 irons plus pitch and sand wedges  
£20

All clubs are right handed and in good condition. Plus free golf bag.

Beginner golf set (right handed)

£15

Howson Derby 3 wood / Meridian Z3 5 wood / Vantage putter  
3,4,5,6,7,8,9 irons plus pitch and sand wedges. Free golf bag

Driver: Taylormade R360 Ti 9.5 degree loft right hand  
£25

Taylormade Tour S-90 shaft. Nice club in good condition

Ladies black Hi Tec golf shoes size 5. Only worn twice  
£8

Men's black Green Friend golf shoes size 9 with soft spikes  
£5

Men's Foot Joy golf shoes size 8 with soft spikes.  
£10

Some wear but plenty of life in them and very comfortable.

Tel: Ges Jakimavicius on 07963 819604 or 01227 278618