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News

2015 subscriptions are now due please pay them before the end of April.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS PERIOD 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016

CATEGORY

FULL PLAYING <u>MONTHLY</u> JOINT FULL PLAYING	£50.00 £48.00	ANNUAL	£576.00 £552.00
SENIOR	£18.00		£192.00
JUNIOR UP TO AGE 13	N/A		£25.00
JUNIOR AGE 14 / 18	N/A		£50.00
INTERMEDIATE AGE 18 TO 22	£18.00		£192.00
INTERMEDIATE AGE 23 TO 25	£26.00		£288.00
INTERMEDIATE AGE 26 TO 28	£38.00		£432.00
FLEXIBLE			
(max 30 x 18 holes per year)	N/A		£300.00
(under 60 and in full time employ	/ment)		
LOCKER RENTAL	£3.00		£36.00
BUGGY SPACE			
RENTAL / CHARGING	£6.00		£72.00
SOCIAL	N/A		£50.00

- 1. Rates were last set in October 2013 and our costs have increased since in excess of the official inflation rate. The increases have been kept to a minimum and our rates are still lower than all other local clubs.
- 2. As agreed at the annual general meeting these rates have not been affected by the fees being incurred for the potential land sale and new club house (which will be paid from reserves)
- 3. Monthly payments must be made by bankers order. No loan is involved and no interest charged, but there is a £2 monthly charge to cover increased administration costs
- 4. Ages are calculated at 1st April 2014

Many Members have asked for an up-date on progress where the sale of the land by the 8^{th} Tee and the subsequent building of a new clubhouse is concerned.

The stage has now been reached where an Exhibition of our Plans will be held in the clubhouse on these dates :-

Friday Evening 24th April

Saturday Morning 25th April

The Exhibition will be open to all Members / Shareholders and interested members of the public and the Planning Consultant and Directors will be there to answer questions.

Can I again stress that the annual Subscriptions have not been increased to meet any Fees involved – these are being met from reserves.

Brian Best Secretary March 2015

Future events

St George's Day 23rd April

This is now an annual event to be held each year on St Georges Day, last year it was run by The Midweekers, this year as it is on a Thursday it will be under the control of The Old Salts. The day will comprise two competitions the first is The St George Shield Medal and is played over 9 holes to the St George Cross flag, the second competition is The St George Plate Stableford and is played over 9 holes to the English Rose Flag. The day concludes with a typical English Meal and some patriotic singing and maybe some other English event. It is your time to celebrate being English, we don't often get a chance to! So make the most of it.

CLUBHOUSE MOBILE PHONE

A Pay As You Go mobile phone has been provided behind the Bar – for emergency use only. The Telephone No. is :-

0778 4498061

Would all members enter this number on their mobiles for future emergency use

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

I owe an apology to Peter Wade and John Bills for wrongly stating that Mel and John had run the junior's for the last 12 years. Whilst they were both involved heavily in the last 5 years, John and Peter selflessly looked after the juniors, taking them to Manston Driving Range for lessons and practice and giving up Monday evenings and Saturday afternoons during the summer, previous to this, thank you both for your time and efforts.

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

The first Tuesday of March was a lovely sunny day but with a bitterly cold wind blowing. The planned team Waltz competition had to be abandoned due to a few last minute drop-outs so a Stableford was played instead, 9 or 18 holes, depending on how keen (crazy) you were. Joan Sykes and Louise Tucker were the 9 hole and 18 hole winners respectively.

The medal the following week was also cancelled as it would not have been qualifying so an 18 hole stableford was played instead, again on a glorious Spring day. Division 1 was won by Mel Bashford with 30 points, by some margin from Sue Goodall in second spot with 22. Sally Lawson won the second division also with 30 points. Vilma Parrett was second with 29 and Val Brown third with 28.

The Jubilee Foursomes saw the biggest turnout of the year so far, with 30 players entering. The winning duo were Holly Butler and Penny Perkins, with a very respectable 32 points, particularly as they received so few shots. Sheila Wyles and Helen Gurney were second on count back with 29, had they not blown up on the last 2 holes they might have gone one better. And Beryl Wingrove and Pat Bensted were third with the same score.

The weather was not particularly kind for the ladies who ventured out in the Five Club Competition, and so a lot of the field didn't complete the full 18 holes, choosing to dry off in the Clubhouse after 9. Louise Tucker was the winner with 30 points, one ahead of Jackie Witten with Maz Garlinge third a further 2 points behind.

The planned 18 hole team Yellow Ball competition at the end of the month was changed to a 9 hole competition as many of the ladies feared they'd get blown away by the ferocious and freezing wind that was blowing that morning! The trio of Jackie Witten, Linda Bawden and Janet Arnold laughed in the face of the conditions and romped to victory with 43 points-8 of which were scored by Janet's par on the 6th-3 for 8!! Molly Broadbent, Vilma Parrett and Joan Sykes were second on count back with 41 points.

The ladies section has also had a busy month with both ladies and mixed team matches. In the Captain's Cup we were drawn at home to local rivals Canterbury. Louise Tucker and John Wegner did well to beat their opposition, but unfortunately Beryl and Ian Wingrove lost by a slightly larger margin and so Canterbury go through to the next round with the better aggregate score. We were also unlucky in the Mail on Sunday team competition where we drawn away at Deangate Ridge, a Club most of our ladies have never visited before. The team of 5, led by Pat Bensted, had a good day out, but were unlucky to lose 3-2, Linda Bawden and Jane Bodiam notched up the two Seasalter wins and Joan Sykes only narrowly lost out in her match so unfortunately we just miss out on progressing to the next round.

Holly Butler and Penny Perkins played their first round match of the Daily Mail Foursomes at home to Etchinghill and played well to come back and win 3 and 2 and go forward to round 2.

In ladies team matches we have played away to both Westgate and North Foreland this month. 10 ladies made the short journey to Westgate to play in very Wintery conditions. Although Sheila Wyles and Pat Bensted were the only victors for the away side, all the ladies enjoyed the hospitality of the new halfway house and the lovely hot food afterwards. We also came second to North Foreland, losing out by two and a half to one and a half. Mary King and Jackie Witten got the half and Sheila Wyles and Joan Sykes played and putted very will to earn a hard-fought point.

We also narrowly lost out in the Tappin Trophy. Our three-lady team played away at Sheerness and lost 2-1, mainly due to the strength of the opposition's putting.

Looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Ladies Spring Coffee Morning this Saturday, 4th April.

Men's Section Captain Ted Henderson Vice Captain Bob Ireland

Andy Short finished as winner of this month's club medal competition with a round of two very contrasting halves. Andy started poorly with four double bogies on the outward nine but managed to steady his game and with birdies on the thirteenth and sixteenth eventually ended with a net sixty-two finishing score. Jonothan Whorlow played superbly well to end with a net sixty-four and take the runners up slot. Jack Tucker took third place with a net sixty-five, ahead of Steve Chambers and Dave Rigden on count-back.

The first of this year's club major competitions, the March Hare Trophy, was played in testing conditions, which proved far too challenging for most players in the event. By comparison, Andy Sargeant found conditions to his liking and finished clear winner with a miraculous forty-one points five clear of the rest of the field. New member Mark Tilbury ended in second place with thirty-five points on count-back from Jon Whorlow who once again had to settle for one of the lesser places.

Old Salts Section Captain Ian Wingrove Vice John Wegner

OBITUARY

Eric Reginald Bean

Eric was born at Goole, in Yorkshire, on the 19th. February 1930. In 1947 he left Goole to join the Royal Marines. He married Eileen in 1951 and they celebrated their diamond Wedding in 2011. Eric's career in the Royal Marines spanned 23 years and took him to both the Middle East and the Far East. It was during a posting to the latter that one of his colleagues introduced him to a certain sport - GOLF.

Eric became an avid and very competitive golfer. He was an active member of two Clubs, Woodlands Manor and Whitstable and Seasalter.

At Woodlands Manor he was Club Captain in 1982, Club President from 1991-1994 and in 2000 was given Honorary Membership for loyal services to The Club. The Bean Cup was played for by Past Captains and he maintained active contact with The Club until his death.

Eric joined Whitstable and Seasalter Golf Club in 1996. He was a Member of The Board from 1997-2001 during which period he was Club Captain in 1999. He became the Old Salts Captain two years later.

Eric continued to play golf to a good standard until 2013 when getting around the course became steadily more difficult and decided to stop playing in 2014. Some in The Club may have found Eric to have been rather irascible, but he was a Yorkshireman through and through and as we know Yorkshiremen are always right. Despite this, disputes were settled with a smile and a handshake. The man had a heart of gold and would be the first to help anyone, on or off the course.

Eric died at his home in Herne-Bay on 31st. January 2015 leaving his wife Eileen, two daughters, Carolyn and Lorraine and grandchildren.

The funeral service took place on 9th. March at St. Mary's Church, Reculver. The Royal Marines were in attendance with a standard bearer and a bugler who blew The Last Post and Reveille. The coffin, which was draped in the Union Flag, had a golf course painted on it as a tribute to the game he so loved.

Committal was at Barham Crematorium followed by a wake, attended by more than one hundred friends and family, at Whitstable and Seasalter Golf Club. Rest in Peace Eric.

Old Salts report

After a delayed start due to frost on the course Thursday's Friendly Four Ball on 5th March saw a good turnout. Weather wise it was one of the best playing days so far this year with glorious sunshine and warm temperatures. Dave Rigden and Malcolm Cane overcame Ian and John in the Captains Challenge winning 2 and 1.

The Old Salts Annual Dinner took place in the evening and was a great success. After the eats the entertainment was provided by The Useless Pluckers aka Ted Backhouse, Gwyne Oakley, Kit Ryan, Roger Trice and his wife Pam.

The Winter Eclectic on the 12th was played in near perfect conditions weather wise and saw Mick Wyles come 1st with a very impressive 40 points followed by Malcolm Cane 2nd with 38 points and the ever steady Kit Ryan 3rd on 37 points. The Captains Challenge saw Ian and Dave Atkins who was standing in for John Wegner win by one hole against Colin Holton and Gwyne Oakley. In a complete reversal of the previous weeks weather the last Ian's Chase no 6 on the 19th was played in bitterly cold conditions yet managed to produce some excellent scores. 1st was Dave Morgan on 41 points, Roy Percival was 2nd on count back also with 41 points and Mick Wyles 3rd on 39 points. Ian

and Dave Atkins won 3 and 2 in the Captains Challenge against Brian Ridley and David Kinnersley.

In the first away match of the year against North Foreland on the 23rd the Salts lost 5 and 3. For the record Trevor Croxton and Martyn Dines won by 1, Mick Wyles and Dave Atkins won 5 and 4, Bob Ireland and Kit Ryan won 2 and 1. A small field braved the rain to play the Eclectic on the 26th. Mick Wyles (that man again) won with 37 points followed by Fred Stokes also with 37 points on count back and David Kinnersley coming in 3rd with 35 points. Ian and Dennis Smith were beaten 5 and 4 by the ever consistent Fred Stokes and the ever improving Brian Ridley in the Captains Challenge. After a closely fought match the Salts lost by 6 to Walmer and Kingsdown on 30th March.

Trevor Coombs

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

Wednesday 11th March Peter Glenn March Shield

There was a good turnout for this competition as it was to be followed by the Midweeker's Annual Dinner and AGM. Club Captain Ted Henderson and President John Clarke were our guests and played us in the Captain's challenge beating us 2 up. The competition was won by Colin Holton with 39 points winning on countback from Peter Shearing in second place and Bob Ireland third. Ted won 2 birdie prizes and John won one (hardly surprising we lost the challenge), Bernie Whittaker, Adam Birmingham, Don Williams and Albert Adams also had birdies. The Charity sweep was won by Steve Matthews, second Don Williams and 3rd Steve Chambers.

The Midweekers Eclectic Trophy was presented to Tony Lavender with a net 54, second was John Fullagar and third David Hodgson.

With $\frac{1}{2}$ hour to go before lunch the AGM was held in record time the agenda was completed and we went to lunch.

Jenny provided a choice of two beautifully tasty pies and a lovely pudding, well done to her and the serving staff!

Wednesday 18th March Ernie West Champions Trophy

This competition is held for a magnificent glass trophy donated by Ernie West and is played by all the year's competition winners. Finishing in 3rd position was Rob Davis, 2nd Don Crawford and first Ronnie Rumball with a net 66. In the support competition Alan Fowler won beating Mike Heath and Frank Sheldon into 2nd and 3rd places respectively.

At the finish of the competition a photo call was held and I personally wouldn't buy a car from any of those present especially the chap with a bacon roll lurking in the doorway.

Friday 27th March John Bills Trophy

The Captain's challenge between Bob Ireland and returning from hotter climes Ian Horton, against President John Clarke and Martyn Silverton. 3 down at the turn we rallied to win three on the trot but finally succumbed 2 down.

The Trophy was won by Joe Cousins with 36, 2nd Alan Fowler and 3rd Trevor Croxton. Birdie prizes were awarded to Tony Lavender, Gary Hartley-Trigg

and John Fullagar.

The charity sweep was won by Dave Chalk, 2nd David Barnes no-one drew 3rd so that is a rollover 'til next time.

Fundraising 100 Club

The lucky Prize Winners of the March draw of the 100 Club were

1st £30 Shirley Rosser 2nd £20 Clive Witten 3rd £10 Cath Whitehead

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

Thanks to all who responded to my requests for early payment of their subscriptions for 2015/16. All the numbers were sold before the March draw and the list is now closed. Watch out for your monthly prizes!

Mel Bashford and John Wegner have now handed over the 100 Club administration to me, and Jean is assisting me should I be indisposed or need help. Please don't be too hard on us if your number is not drawn as often as you would like. (Colin you **did** win £10, in April 2012. I hope you will be lucky again soon.)

I would like to thank Mel for her help over the change over period. Mel set up the 100 Club in 2010 to raise extra funds for Centenary year and has run it since then, latterly with John's help, raising thousands of pounds that have supported projects of W&SGC Club, for the benefit of the club and its members.

We should all appreciate Mel's work and, on behalf of the members, thank you Mel.

Ryn Hudson

What's on for the next two months?

April

am Old Salts Ken Vickers Trophy Medal
am Ladies Spring coffee morning
am Monthly Medal
1230 hrs Miixed Greensomes
am Ladies Medal
1300 hrs Super seventies v Chestfield (home)
am Midweekers P West Easter Cup Medal
0900 hrs Kent Vets v Etchinghill (home)
am Ex Captains Skinner Trophy

Monday 13 th Tuesday 14 th Wednesday 15 th Thursday 16 th Sunday 19 th Tuesday 21 st Thursday 23 rd Friday 24 th Saturday 25 th Sunday 26 th Tuesday 28 th Thursday 30 th	am Monthly Stableford am Old Salts v Sheerness (home) am Ladies Competition Spring Greensomes am Ladies v St Augustines (away) am Ladies v Westgate (away) am Club v The Old Salts am Ladies Cancer Spoon Stableford am Old Salts St. George's Day Competition am Midweekers K Bills April Cup Stableford 1300 hrs Allard Cup Medal under 12 yoa Juniors 1300 hrs Comer Cup Scratch Medal Juniors am Club v Sheerness (home) am Ladies Competition Stableford am Seniors Open at St Augustines)
May Saturday 2 nd Sunday 3 rd	am Qualifying Medal 1300 hrs Juniors Medal Winners Cup 0830 hrs Daily Mail Foursomes
Monday 4 th	1230 hrs Mixed greensomes
Tuesday 5 th Friday 8 th	am Ladies 4 ball betterball 0900 Kent Vets v Canterbury (home)
Saturday 9 th	pm Mixed Match v Westgate (away)
Sunday 10 th	am Harry Johnson Cup am Monthly Medal
Tuesday 12 th	1300 hrs Ladies Medal Winners 0830/1330 hrs Ladies Spring Meeting
Wednesday 13 th	am Midweekers D Fewtrell May Madness Shield Medal
Thursday 14 th Saturday 16 th	am Old Salts Norman's Trophy Medal pm Ex-Servicemen's Trophy
Sunday 17 th	am Captain's swindle
	pm Mixed Match v Sheerness
Monday 18 th Tuesday 19 th	am Old Salts v Westgate (home) am Ladies Medal
Thursday 21 st	1330 hrs Ladies White Elephant
Friday 22 nd	am Midweekers Martin's Trophies Trophy Stableford
	0830 hrs Kent Vets v Chestfield (away)
Sunday 24 th	1030 hrs Ladies v Chestfield (away) am Captains swindle
Monday 25 th	1230 hrs Mixed Greensomes
Tuesday 26 th Wednesday 27 th	Ladies Competition Texas Scramble am Midweekers Invitation Day
Saturday 30 th	am Qualifying Medal
	1300 hrs Juniors Aspen and King Trophies
Sunday 31 st	am Monthly Medal

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.

Sodoku

Answer to last month's Sodoku

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

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

Competition

There have been no solutions offered for the last 2 comps so here is an easy one to get you all back into your winning ways

Last months quiz was not won the answers are below

What is the next number in the sequence? 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, ?
Answer 8 each number is a sum of the previous two.
What is the next letter in the sequence? a. e, f, h, I, k, ?
Answer I when capitalized these letters have no curves.
Which number is missing? 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, ?
Answer 36 each number is increased 3,5,7,9,11 etc.

This month's quiz is:-

- 1/ What's special about the words Civic, Livid and Mimic?
- 2/ What have the following words got in common, Beat, Dealt, Eat and Sip?
- 3/ What is this sequence all about E, M, P, U, N, J, S?

First person with all three answers given to Steve behind the bar gets the £20 voucher!

Flotsam and Jetsam

Quite Interesting Animal facts

A donkey's eyes are so sited that it can see all four feet at the same time. Owls are the only birds that can see the colour blue.

Spiders have transparent blood.

A horse can look forwards with one eye and backwards with the other at the same time.

A crocodile cannot stick it's tongue out.

A shrimp's heart is in its head.

Sharks and rays are the only animals known to man that don't get cancer. Scientists believe this may be due to the fact that they have cartilage rather than bones!

A group of twelve or more cows is called a flink

Polar bears are all left-handed.

A donkey will sink in quicksand but a mule won't

"Lassie" was played by a number of dogs the main player was called "Pal" Donkeys kill more people than plane crashes.

In 1859 24 rabbits were released in Australia in 6 years there were 6 million

Any contributions of any type will be considered, puzzles, stories, history, Anecdotes, your chance to get your stuff in print!

Here is a wartime contribution from Robbie Fudge

British 'phlegm' was never better illustrated than during 1940; as witnessed by this calm notice.

RICHMOND. GOLF CLUB

· TEMPORARY RULES. 1940

- Players are asked to collect Bomb and Shrapnel splinters to save these causing damage to the Mowing Machines.
- In Competitions, during gunfire or while bombs are falling. players may take cover without penalty for ceasing play.
- The positions of known delayed action bombs are marked by red flags at a reasonably, but not guaranteed, safe distance therefrom.
- Shrapnel and/or bomb splinters on the Fairways, or in Bunkers within a club's length of a ball, may be moved without penalty, and no penalty shall be incurred if a ball is thereby caused to move accidentally.
- A ball moved by enemy action may be replaced, or if lost or destroyed, a ball may be dropped not nearer the hole without penalty.
- A ball lying in a crater may be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole, preserving the line to the hole, without penalty.
- A player whose stroke is affected by the simultaneous explosion of a bomb may play another ball from the same place. Penalty one stroke.

NEW ITEM

Recipe Pork and Bacon Loaf serves 4 Ingredients 1lb (450g) lean belly pork minced or minced beef 8oz (225g) unsmoked back bacon, rinded and minced or finely chopped 6-8oz (175-225g fresh breadcrumbs 1 onion finely chopped

¹/₂ teaspoon dried mixed herbs

salt and pepper to taste

1 egg beaten 1/2 pint (150ml) cider Method Mix together the pork or beef, bacon, breadcrumbs, mixed herbs, salt and pepper, and bind with the egg and cider, press into a greased 2lb (1kg) loaf tin, and smooth the top. Cover with greaseproof paper or tinfoil. Bake in a preheated oven 350F (180C) gas mark 4 for about 1½ hrs, turn out and serve with parsley or onion sauce or cold with salad.

Beachcomber

Castaways

If you have any unwanted clubs or equipment sell them through this Publication or the Web Site and donate 10% to the Captains Charity! Send the details to my e-mail robert.ireland@gmail.com , by post or place the details on the notice board marked for my attention.

Here are some items from Robbie George 792070	
Full set 3-SW Mizuno MX23 irons, golf pride grips	£90.00
Full size Mizuno Golf Bag	£60.00
All items in good condition	
FOR SALE. Please contact Linda Bawden or Beryl Wir	ngrove in the Ladies
Section.	-

Golf bag	Golf bag	Ladies 7 iron	Ladies 9 iron
Ladies driver	3 wood	7 wood	9 wood
Sand iron	wedge	lob wedge	8,7,5 irons
Putter	umbrella		
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Snake Eye	es Python XLD Driver 10.5 degrees	£35.00
	Viper XT 3 wood	£30.00
	Python XLD irons 5-sand wedge	£75.00
Or I would	d accept £120 for the lot	

Seller - Colin Holton contact nos. 01227 274761 or 07516 401088

EXPECTING A NEW BABY/GRANDCHILD? Almost new set of baby equipment comprising Car seat, carrycot and stroller(pram) - "Icandy Apple System" Asking £100 o.n.o. £700 when new. (Mary Calthrop)