

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

### **Children's Party**

What a good party this was 32 children attended and were frightened to death by me as Santa, many games were played and presents given, there were a couple of problems caused by people putting their names down on the wrong list but all was reconciled in the end and all the children went away happy. Thanks to all who helped especially John Clarke who was my elf for the day!

### **Adults Party**

Another terrific night, Tony Love provided a nice selection of food for a very good price. We were entertained by Ben Mills and there was a slight blot on the proceedings when a wizzer balloon landed on Ben's microphone and hung there like a used condom, to which he took slight offense! Over 100 people attended and everybody had a great time.

### **New year's Eve**

As if it couldn't get any better New Year's Eve arrived! 89 party goers had a meal and were entertained into the early hours by Unit 5 who played just the right sort of music to dance to and enjoy. It doesn't get any better than this and demonstrates once again what this club is all about. I can't see any other clubs in the vicinity enjoying themselves like we do so keep it up there's a lot coming up in 2015, starting with Burns Night on 24<sup>th</sup> January the list will be going up soon do not miss it!

### **Membership Raffle**

Now in the clubhouse, buy a ticket for the price in pence of the number drawn and win £100 PLUS A YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP! What a prize! You'll be glad to know that the 500 ticket has already been drawn by me so it is all downhill from here.

### **From the Bar**

Steve has the following New Year Offer

Put £50 in the bar book and get a 10% reduction on all drinks until exhausted (the money that is not you).

**Greens Committee Meeting Notes**  
**11:45am Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2014.**

**Present;** Malcolm Kent, Steve Suttle, Seth Divine, Brian Best, John Rosser and John Stokes. (Copy to Captain)

**Apologies;** None.

**Matters arising;**

New bunker on 6<sup>th</sup> to be in play for a trial period. Green keepers concerned about the amount of sand that had to be used in construction.

Fine turf for the rear of the 8<sup>th</sup> still on the "work to do list" with the removed turf to be used elsewhere on the course. The clearing of the land to the left of the 8<sup>th</sup> fairway behind the houses on agenda.

**Ongoing Work**

The tree roots around the 4<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> tees will be looked at in the early spring. We believe a digger is needed to excavate trenches to cut the roots.

**A.O.B.**

All machinery is working well but as usual there are concerns over its age. A second hand top dresser may be available from a closed course. Steve chasing.

The compressor stopped working again due to a leaking hand gun. Please report if air escape is noticed. Green keepers to monitor oil levels and condition of the gun weekly. All hedge trimming complete along Westcliffe. The new marker flags for the greens have been received (to indicate front/middle/back hole position). Green keeper to try to source new brushes for foot cleaners. The secretary mentioned a new notice board which was welcomed; however the proposed new tee boards need to be considered more fully.

Damage to the second green by seagulls is causing a lot of extra work, bird scarer (manual) will be investigated. Pitch marks and wrongly repaired pitch marks on the greens are a major problem. Members must repair properly.

**PLEASE REPAIR ALL PITCH MARKS, AND OTHERS YOU SEE, PROPERLY.**

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 10.30am

**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 Michael Behr. 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!

### **Forthcoming Events**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January Robert Burns Night

The list for this very popular event is soon to be posted on the Social Notice Board. Do not delay in putting your name down, together with the ticket money to Steve to ensure your place! Ticket price and details are shown on entry form.

### **Junior Section Captain Marijke Rapley**

After a brilliant ladies' coffee morning and a great nine hole competition with super weather, the Club House on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon was the scene for some very riotous activity as the Juniors enjoyed their annual Christmas Party. Fierce competition reared its head with the argy bargey of musical chairs and a great deal of nudging went on for pass the parcel. Toilet rolls flowed in abundance for the mummy statues game, ably judged by John while Steve looked on in horror as debris covered more and more of the floor. A suitably unhealthy tea was prepared by Tony and devoured in double quick time by children and adults alike, all this accompanied by the rather loud playing of cd's supplied by Captain Marijke.

My grateful thanks go to Louise, Mandy and Marijke who organised the whole afternoon, and, of course, to Steve and Tony who kept us fed and 'watered'.

First competition of the New Year is on January 10<sup>th</sup> 1pm

On behalf of John, Mandy, Louise and all the Junior Section I'd like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year.

Mel.

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

The first Tuesday of the month was a very grey, chilly December day so the planned 18 hole Stableford competition was abandoned and a few ladies played a few holes of social golf instead.

The last team competition of the year was the annual Pink Ball, which precedes the Christmas lunch and festive singsong. It was lovely to see lots of

ladies out on the course, with Christmas jumpers and tinsel aplenty. And it was even lovelier to get back to the Clubhouse and to be greeted with some warming mulled wine!

We had a fabulous Christmas lunch, courtesy of Team Tony and then were royally entertained by 'The Useless Pluckers' who treated us to a Christmas medley of songs old and new-many thanks to all of them.

Prizes were then given out for any competitions, which had not been completed prior to the annual prize-giving at the Ladies Supper.

16 players entered the Summer Eclectic and the result was a close-run thing. Pat Bensted was third with a net 68, Penny Perkins second with a net 67 and Louise Tucker took home the trophy with a net 66.

Holly Butler was the winner of the England Golf Medal, for the best 4 medals within the calendar year, and can now go through to the regional finals.

There were an impressive 35 entrants for the Christmas Competition, which was played over 4 straight weeks (which is almost unheard of) and the best 3 of 4 Stableford cards counted. Louise Tucker was the winner with 96 points, Jackie Witten second with 90 and Joan Sykes third on 89.

The pink ball team competition was won by some margin by the trio of Holly Butler, Pat Bensted and Shirley Rosser. Vilma Parrett, Judy Butcher and Penny Kinnersley came in second. It is played as a 'bring a prize, win a prize' format, so for this day only, everyone's a winner!

And a special mention must be given to Shirley Rosser's part in the annual rendition of 'Twelve Days of Christmas'-surely there could be a career in musical theatre?

The last competitive golf competition was played the week before Christmas when the ladies played their final Stableford competition of the year, and the first round of the Winter eclectic. It was a lovely morning for golf, but as this goes to print the result is as yet unknown!

Many thanks to all who took the time to come down to the Ladies Christmas Coffee Morning. It was lovely to see so many faces, old and new. And thank you for your generosity-we raised in excess of £650.

As another year draws to a close, the Ladies Section would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, and we look forward to more happy times in 2015.

**Men's Section Captain Ted Henderson Vice Captain Bob Ireland**

Nothing to report this month

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

December's weather has not been very kind to the Old Salts Thursdays Matches. A combination of heavy rain, very cold temperatures, course closures and a ban on trolley use has meant depleted numbers turning out on the days when we were able to play. The first game of the month on the 4<sup>th</sup> saw only 12 hardy souls braving the wet and soggy conditions. Ian's Chase on the 11<sup>th</sup> saw a few more taking part despite the very, very cold biting wind and rain. Robbie Fudge was 1<sup>st</sup> with 37 points followed by John Wegner and Gwyn Oakley both on 35 points. The Captains Challenge saw Ian and John beat Colin Holton and Gwyn Oakley 3-2. A 9 hole stableford on the 18<sup>th</sup> was followed by 60 Old Salts sitting down for a Christmas Lunch. Captain Ian, ever the gentleman, bought drinks for the overall winner Dave Rigden and the winning team of Martyn Dines, Dave Rigden and Trevor Coombes. Many thanks to Tony and his staff for another excellent meal. The entertainment was provided by the three amigo's, Ted (Sticks) Backhouse on percussion, Gwyn (Fingers) Oakley on guitar and vocals by Roger (The Voice) Trice who got everybody singing along to some old favourites and a good time was had by all. Thanks are also due to Beryl Wingrove for the table settings and to Fred Stokes and Alec Parrot for the place name cards. Finally Best Wishes to George Bawden and hope to see you back at the club in the near future.

### **Midweekers Section Captain Bob Ireland Vice Captain Ian Horton Secretary Peter Fox**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December Tony Bensted Cup 18 hole Stableford and The Pat Bensted Christmas Trophy 9 hole Stableford

This was the day of the Midweekers Christmas lunch and two of our guests, Captain Ted Henderson and President John Clarke played us in the Captain's challenge They narrowly beat us 5 and 4!

John Wegner once again showed his class by taking the trophy with 39 points, second on count back Ted Henderson with 36, third Joe Cousins (good to see Joe in the frame) The nine hole competition was won by A Humphrey with 16 points, second Margaret Barker 15, and third Eric Rochester with 14. Birdie prizes were won by Mike Moore, Ted Henderson, John Wegner (2), Martin Silverton and Robin George.

Charity sweep results were 1<sup>st</sup> John Fullagar, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ted Henderson and 3<sup>rd</sup> Stan Dobson

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December Tony Love Trophy Stableford

We once again lost the Captain's challenge against Tony love and Chris Reeves who won 4 up - if only I could chip!

The competition proper was won by Peter Shearing with 41 points, second Tony love with 38 and third on 37 Ian Horton. Birdies were non existent and the charity sweep was won by Ian Horton, Eynon Price second and a rollover third place.

## **Fundraising 100 Club**

This fundraising venture costs £1 per month, with monthly prizes of £30, £20 and £10. There is a bonus double draw at Christmas each year. There are plenty of spare numbers so get buying!

From Ryn Hudson now in charge of the 100 Club

I am taking over the 100 Club administration from Mel Bashford and she has kindly reminded me to request you to put a notice in the forthcoming Tidings.

I attach a copy of the notice that is to be put up on the board by the bar, which has all the details for you to summarise in the Tidings. I shall be grateful if you will draw members' attention to this and ask them to pay their subs for the forthcoming year as soon as possible.

Apart from the attraction of generous monthly prizes, surplus subscriptions go towards projects that benefit the club and members, for example the defibrillator, the golf buggy and future similar projects.

New 100 Club Members are welcome and there are many club members who do not presently subscribe to the 100 Club. Let's make every club member, who is not already in the 100 Club, aware of the 100 Club and ask them if they would like to join this year; then invite golfing friends in their respective sections to do the same.

Please also request the Captains and leaders of the W&SGC's sections and groups to promote the 100 Club in their announcements for the next few weeks at least and pointing any new club members towards the 100 Club details on the notice board.

### **Winners**

Two winners in each category last month, Happy New Year!

1 <sup>st</sup>	£30.00	Mike Calthrop and Vilma Parrett
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£20.00	Derek bates and Helen Foad
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£10.00	Ryn Hudson and George Bawden

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

#### **January**

Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	am Wood Trophy Winter Stableford
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Competition
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	am Midweekers Ron Thompson New Year Trophy Medal
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	pm Juniors Medal
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	am Captain's swindle
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Competition
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	am Wood Trophy Winter Stableford

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> am Ladies Competition  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> am Midweekers Ray Emmerson Shield Stableford  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> am Captain's swindle  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> am Ladies Competition

## **February**

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> am Wood Trophy Stableford  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> am Ladies Competition  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> pm Juniors Medal  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> am Captains Swindle  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> am Ladies Charity Stableford  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> am Midweekers L Fessey Cup Medal  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> am Stableford  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> am Ladies Competition Texas Scramble  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> am Captains Swindle  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> am Ladies Competition Stableford  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> am Midweekers S Ashworth Cup Stableford

## **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 Course Director Malcolm Kent or use the suggestion book.

## **Flotsam and Jetsam**

Some random thoughts on life etc

It's always been and always will be the same in the world: The horse does the work and the coachman is tipped.

What you discover about life's shell game is that it's hardest to follow the pea when you're the pea.

An unwatched pot boils immediately.

If you wonder where your child left his roller skates, try walking around the house in the dark.

Anything you lose automatically doubles in value.

Everything is funny as long as it is happening to somebody else.

When the plane you are on is late, the plane you want to transfer to is on time.

How is it that one match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box of matches to start a campfire?

Never do anything that you wouldn't want to explain to the paramedics.

Shin: a device for finding furniture in the dark.

Why do they put the Gideon Bibles only in the bedrooms, where it's usually too late, and not in the barroom downstairs? It is often easier to ask for forgiveness than to ask for permission.

The man who says he is willing to meet you halfway is usually a poor judge of distance. It's frustrating when you know all the answers, but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.

### Competition

15, 17, 19, 23, 34, 38, 41

Nobody got this last month- The answer is 23 all the others come with rice!

This months puzzle what is next in these sequences 20, 14, 15, 20, ?  
69, 60, 75, 66, ?

Think arrows!

First correct answer to Steve gets the £20

### Sudoku

Answer to last month's Sudoku

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

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



## **NEW ITEM**

Recipe

### **LAYERED NACHO DIP**

- 1 x 16oz can refried beans (kidney beans liquidised if not available)
- 1/2 packet (1.25oz) taco seasoning
- 1 x (6oz) carton avocado dip
- 1 x (8oz) carton sour cream
- 1 x (4 1/2 oz.) can chopped ripe olives
- 2 x large tomatoes, diced
- 1 small onion, chopped.
- 1 x (4oz) can chopped green chilli's
- 1 1/2 cups (6oz) monteray jack cheese, shredded (strong cheddar otherwise)

Combine beans and seasoning mix; spread bean mixture evenly in a 12x8x2inch dish.

Layer remaining ingredients in order listed. Serve with large corn chips.

## **Beachcomber**

There was a Red Indian settlement where the most important Squaw had a Hippopotamus hide to sit on and all the other squaws had hides of lesser importance. When it came to the right of passage for the young Indian braves they always fought a battle two against one, the one being the son of the chiefs squaw, who was always victorious. Which just goes to prove that the son of the squaw on the hippopotamus hide is equal to the sons of the squaws on the other two hides.

## **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](mailto: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 Wingrove 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		