

WHITSTABLE TIDINGS
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Thoughts from the President

How nice it is that we are now in the season for better golfing conditions. Let's hope we have seen the back of that cold north easterly wind which prevents us from getting out the summer clothing!

By now, most of you will have had a chance to see the exhibition banners showing the proposed new clubhouse. I am very keen that we should all use our best endeavours to achieve this project. It would be wonderful to secure the future of our special club for our children and grandchildren, so they too, can enjoy the course and the social events as we all have done. I feel it is important, that when the time is right, we should all consider asking our friends and families to contact the Council Planning Department in support of our new clubhouse. The facilities will benefit not only the local area but Herne Bay too, who have tragically lost their course to be sold for building more houses.

On a sad note, I like many other members from the club, recently attended the funeral of one of our past Captains, Eric Bean. It was good to see a serving Royal Marine Bugler there to play at both the church and the crematorium. A fitting farewell to Eric who will be sadly missed by friends and family.

News

Recent events

St George's Day

Once again the day was a great success, The St George's plate medal competition was won for the second year by Robbie George with a net 29. In second place Martin Dynes with 29.5 and 3rd Roy Percival with 30. The St George's Shield Stableford was won by Bob Sykes on countback, with 21 points, 2nd Peter Steigmann with 21 and 3rd Robbie Fudge with 21. It was good to see the quartet of Knights again well done Rich Davis, Paul Guilfoyle, Howard Gordon and Glenn Snook, next year we may get a dragon or two? The evening meal and celebration of Englishness was very enjoyable much singing and flag waving, a good meal and plenty to be thankful for in this great country of ours.

Catering

As you will all know by now Jenny is leaving as caterer and we should all thank her for her efforts in that role. We wish her the best for the future. The new caterer, Karen Arnold starts on the 9th. Karen has a long history of golf club catering, having worked at North Foreland for many years, her first

major event will be the Gala night on Friday May 22nd and we wish her well for that night and hope for a long and successful association.

Future events

Friday 22nd May Gala Night

The list is up for this great night, Neil Duncan will once again entertain us and a three course meal will be provided

The cost of the evening will be £30.00 per person and is strictly limited to 72 persons.

In September we are proposing a Riverboat cruise on the Thames leaving from Whitstable by coach. The cost of this event will be in the region of £40 per person and includes the coach, the cruise, music and food. Please indicate your interest on the form in the clubhouse.

Casino Night

In November we propose a trip to the Casino at Westwood Cross

The event comprises a coach from Whitstable, entry to the Casino, a £10.00 voucher to spend on gambling or drinks, instruction in the games, a meal and return to Whitstable.

All this for £30 per person

Please indicate your interest in the usual way.

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 Vice Captain James Green

On Saturday 25th April the Juniors played for the Comer Cup (12 years and

over). The weather was kind, if a bit chilly towards the end, and four teenagers battled it out over the eighteen holes, they were, James Green, vice captain, Jack Tucker, immediate past captain, Oscar Girling and Adam Davis. All played well but Jack Tucker took the trophy for the third year running. Well done Jack!

Unfortunately, the Allard Cup should have been played alongside the Comer Cup, this is a competition for the 12 years and under, but we had no juniors able to play in it, hopefully it can be resumed again next year.

On Sunday 26th April Marijke, our junior Captain, played for Kent Juniors in a match at Dartford. The Kent girls played the Dartford Boys. Three lots of fourballs went out and, after a very close game, the match was halved. Marijke and I are again at Dartford on 9th May to play in the Lohan Trophy – watch this space.

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

The traditional Mixed Greensomes was played on Easter Bank Holiday Monday on a bitterly cold afternoon. Mary King and Jack Dale were the winners with 40 points on count back from Pat and Tony Bensted. Joan and Bob Sykes were third. Jane Bodiam and Ian Wingrove had the best front nine, and Molly and Barry Broadbent the best back nine. Winners received some lovely flowery gifts and the prize table looked very cheery.

The ladies were delighted to get back to medal play (!!) and the April medal Division 1 was won by Linda Bawden on net 72, one ahead of Penny Perkins with Joan Sykes a further two shots back. Beryl Wingrove won Division 2 with a net 74 from Vilma Parrett and Irene Snowdon on net 75. The temperature had rocketed from the previous day and some ladies were even so brave as to play in shirt-sleeves!

The Spring Greensomes was played in glorious weather. Joyce Jaynes and Betty Washby took full advantage of the benign conditions to romp home as winners with 35 points. Jane Bodiam and Irene Snowdon were second with 31 and Cathie Whithead and Judy Butcher third with 29. Winners all received a fine selection of plants and vouchers.

Shirley Rosser was the winner of the Cancer Spoon with a solid 34 points and can look forward to being presented with her prize later in the year at the Ladies Supper.

The Charity stableford at the end of the month was won by Mary King with 32 in Division 1 and Sally Lawson with 33 in Division 2. Joan Sykes, Penny Perkins, Inge Parry and Maureen Davison were all runners-up with 31.

This month the Ladies team ventured off to St Augustines, where we came a gallant second (out of two) in very balmy conditions. Later in the month we achieved the same result against Sheerness, hoping the tide will start to turn very soon!

Social golf has been ticking along nicely with lots of attendees-peaking at 16. Mary Calthrop is running it with her usual efficiency and giving out prizes to reflect the number of players.

Holly Butler and Penny Perkins had a fantastic win in the Daily Mail Foursomes away at Princes. They won on the 19th-the first time they had been ahead in the match. Best of luck in the next round.

Thanks as always to everybody who attended the Ladies Coffee morning at the beginning of the month and so generously supported all the stalls. Judy Butcher was the winner of the Name the Bunny, Sheila Hague won the Famous Golfers competition and Sue Goodall the putting event-beating off much stiff competition from some very experienced and low-handicap male golfers! Frankie Slater was the Junior Putter of the day. £500 was raised from your generosity.

On the afternoon of the coffee morning the children had their annual Easter Egg Hunt. 18 children seemed to thoroughly enjoy their afternoon, hunting down eggs, putting and bouncing on the bouncy castle.

Men's Section Captain Ted Henderson Vice Captain Bob Ireland

The April medal provided another occasion for Jonothan Whorlow to show he is now one of the most consistent golfers in the club. His gross 68 score put him into a first place position once again. His net 62 put him one shot clear of Chris Wright in second place and Howard Gordon had to settle for third place on count-back after he dropped shots on each of the last six holes.

John Clarke won the past Captains' Skinner Trophy with thirty-six points, one clear of Andy Sargeant who was playing in the event for the first time. A men's Stableford competition played on the same day was won by Vice Captain Bob Ireland with thirty-nine points. Phil Greene and Ron Cooper both finished with thirty-seven points but Ron lost out on count-back.

Jack Hicks

Congratulations are due to our team who contested the Jack Hicks on the 3rd May, at that notoriously difficult course Holtye. We lost the morning foursomes very narrowly 3-1, the score not really justifying what took place. In the afternoon our revitalized team played the singles and won them 4½ - 3½ but this meant a very narrow loss overall 6½ - 5½. Another half obtained would have seen us home with the away advantage! Well done team it was a great experience for the younger players and our new ex Herne Bay friends.

Old Salts Section Captain Ian Wingrove Vice John Wegner

Old Salts report

April saw the start of the serious golf for the Salts with the first medal of the year, the unique Ken Vickers Trophy up for grabs on the 2nd. Mick Wyles was the lucky recipient with a net 61 followed by Gary Hart-Trigg on 63 and Malcolm Cane on 65. The teething problems with the new computer scoring system have hopefully been sorted out and future competition results will be displayed on the day. The Captains Challenge saw Ian and Dave Atkins lose 3 and 2 to Henry Kernighan and Tony Bensted. The Old Salts v Chestfield match on the 8th saw a win for Chestfield 4½ to 2½. Dennis Smith and Trevor Croxton won their game by 1 along with Mike Moore and Clive Witten who also won by 1. Mick Wyles and Kit Ryan added the ½ to the Salts total. On Thursday 9th Captains Challenge Ian and Fred Stokes won 4 and 3 against Mick Wyles and Brian Ridley. The 15th saw the Salts v Sheerness result in 2

wins, 2 draws and 2 lost. Our winners were Robbie Fudge, Colin Holton and Clive Witten, Ian Burton. The final Winter Eclectic played on the 16th was won by Malcolm Cane with a net 38 followed by Ian Wingrove on 37 and Kit Ryan on 36 on count back. After a very close game Brian Ridley and Fred Stokes finished 1 up against Ian and Tony Bensted in the Captains Challenge. Tony Taunton and new member George Thompson lost 3 and 2 to Ian and John in the Captains Challenge on 30th April.

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

Wednesday 8th April Peter West Easter Cup Medal

Captain's Challenge Don Crawford and Paul Guilfoyle put up a spirited resistance to Ian's good play and my indifferent performance triumphing 2 and 1. Dav Hodgson returned the best score of net 62 with Eric Rochester taking 2nd from Steve Chambers on countback with 64.

Birdie prizes were presented to Eric Rochester, Don Crawford each getting 2! Derek Creed won the charity sweep, Tony Taunton was second and Dave Hodgson third.

Friday 28th April The Kenny Bills April Cup Stableford

Captain's Challenge the loves conspicuous by their absence in the challenge were replaced at the last minute by a scratch team of James Marsh and Roy Keohane, a spirited match was eventually won by a good put on the last hole by me of all people!

The competition was also closely fought having 4 players with the same score. Triumphant on countback with 39 points was Doug Morton, 2nd John Allen and 3rd Peter Steigmann.

Birdie prizes were won by Peter Steigmann, Roger Bryant and Dave Hodgson. Charity sweep winner was Eric Rochester and the other two rollover to the next match.

It was especially good to see Roy Keohane and Roger Bryant back from their recent trials and tribulations and playing well.

Fundraising 100 Club

1st £30	Roger Backhouse
2nd £20	Vicky Quinney
3rd £10	Ted Backhouse

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

What's on for the next two months?

May

Saturday 2 nd	am Qualifying Medal 1300 hrs Juniors Medal Winners Cup
Sunday 3 rd	0830 hrs Daily Mail Foursomes
Monday 4 th	1230 hrs Mixed greensomes

Tuesday 5 th	am Ladies 4 ball betterball
Friday 8 th	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
	1300 hrs Ladies Medal Winners
Tuesday 12 th	0830/1330 hrs Ladies Spring Meeting
Wednesday 13 th	am Midweekers D Fewtrell May Madness Shield Medal
Thursday 14 th	am Old Salts Norman's Trophy Medal
Saturday 16 th	pm Ex-Servicemen's Trophy
Sunday 17 th	am Captain's swindle
	pm Mixed Match v Sheerness
Monday 18 th	am Old Salts v Westgate (home)
Tuesday 19 th	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)
	1030 hrs Ladies v Chestfield (away)
Sunday 24 th	am Captains swindle
Monday 25 th	1230 hrs Mixed Greensomes
Tuesday 26 th	Ladies Competition Texas Scramble
Wednesday 27 th	am Midweekers Invitation Day
Saturday 30 th	am Qualifying Medal
	1300 hrs Juniors Aspen and King Trophies
Sunday 31 st	am Monthly Medal

June

Tuesday 2 nd	am Ladies Tim Pullen Trophy
Wednesday 3 rd	am Midweekers Peter Hadlow June Cup Medal
Friday 5 th	1200 hrs Ladies v Sheerness (home)
Saturday 6 th to Friday 12 th	Golf Week
	All day Centenary Trophy
Friday 12 th	pm Golf Week Prize giving
Sunday 14 th	am Captain's swindle
Monday 15 th	am Old Salts v Chestfield (home)
Tuesday 16 th	am Ladies Medal
Thursday 18 th	am Old Salts v Faversham (away)
Friday 16 th	1200 hrs Ladies v North Foreland (away)
	pm Super seventies v Chestfield (away)
Saturday 20 th	1200 Juniors Seath Cup
Sunday 21 st	all day Canterbury Cup -36 holes
Monday 22 nd	1200 hrs Old Salts v St Augustines Kay Shield (home)
Tuesday 23 rd	am Ladies competition Drawn Waltz
	0830 hrs Kent Vets v Broome Park (away)
Thursday 25 th	am Old Salts Hugh Ridley Trophy Medal
Friday 26 th	am Midweekers D King June Trophy Stableford

Saturday 27th pm Directors Cup
 Sunday 28th am George Fitt Bowl Seasalter
 am Billmier Plate Chestfield
 Monday 29th am Ladies jamboree Chestfield
 Tuesday 19th am Ladies Woodhead Wren Trophy

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

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

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			3				9	

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

- 1/ What's special about the words Civic, Livid and Mimic?
Answer They can all be made with Roman numerals
- 2/ What have the following words got in common, Beat, Dealt, Eat and Sip?
Answer they are all anagrams of letters in the Greek alphabet (beta, delta, eta and psi)
- 3/ What is this sequence all about E, M, P, U, N, J, S?
Answer It is the order of planets in the solar system by their no. of moons. (Earth 1, Mars 2, Pluto 3 etc)

This month's quiz is:-

Solve the following riddles:-

What has six legs but cannot walk?

What has a tongue but cannot talk?

What has eyes but cannot see?

What has ears but never listens?

What has hands but cannot hold?

What has a heart that never beats?

First person with all 6 answers given to Steve behind the bar gets the £20 voucher!

Flotsam and Jetsam

Quite Interesting Natural World facts

Venus is the only planet that revolves clockwise

Oak trees don't produce acorns until they are at least 50 years old

Every human spent about ½ hour as a single cell

Hot water is heavier than cold

Plutonium is the first man made element

On average half of all false teeth are slightly radioactive

The transistor was invented in the 1940's and demonstrated on December 23rd 1947. (It makes you wonder why it wasn't bought into general use until the 1960's doesn't it?)

A raisin dropped into a glass of champagne will bounce up and down continuously from bottom to top

Celery and apples have a negative calorific value-it takes more energy to eat them than they contain

One quarter of all the bones in your body are in your feet.

We are born with 300 bones in our bodies but by the time we reach adulthood there are only 206

The strongest muscle in the body is the tongue

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

NEW ITEM

Recipe

Rabbit and sausage hotpot serves 4

Ingredients

350g/12oz Sausage meat

1 rabbit (or Chicken) jointed

1 large red onion, chopped

Salt and pepper to taste

Chicken stock

75g/3oz breadcrumbs

25g/1oz butter

Method

Spread ½ the sausage meat on the base of a pie dish, place the rabbit or chicken joints on top and sprinkle with the chopped onion, salt and pepper. Cover with the rest of the sausage meat. Half fill the dish with the stock. Sprinkle the breadcrumbs over the top and press down firmly. Dot with butter, cover with tinfoil and bake in a preheated oven (150C/300F Gasmark 2) for 1½ hrs. 15 mins before the cooking time is up, remove the foil and brown the top.

Serve with mashed potatoes, carrots and peas or cabbage.

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 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		

Snake Eyes 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 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)