

WHITSTABLE TIDINGS
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News

Saturday 18th Captains Day

What a great day this was fine weather and some good golf. We had a guest from The On Course Foundation, a Ghurka, Hari who had played with us before. John Clarke and I had the pleasure of playing with him this time and it is truly inspiring to be in the company of people like him, who overcome their difficulties with great spirit and enthusiasm.

We followed this up with a visit to Sheerness the following day for a match and although many of us were in no fit state for a golf match we won the drinking again!

Future events

Quiz night Friday 11th September 7pm for 7.30pm

The entry form is up on the Social Board for this event already 6 tables are sold so do not delay!

Teams of 8 all electronic aids are to be surrendered at the start and will be returned at the end.

Cost is £6 per person, table nibbles supplied and prizes for the most knowledgeable

Riverboat trip October 3rd almost sold out limited to 71 trippers. Please pay your money by the end of August £40 per person.

I am arranging for the coach to pick up from Herne bay Bus station at 4.45pm on the day before the pick up at Whitstable Library bus stop at 5.30 pm

Casino Night November 19th

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.

Greens Committee Meeting Notes (reprinted from July edition for those who missed it)

10.30am June 9th 2015

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

Apologies; John Rosser

Matters arising;

Tree root ingress on the 4th/8th/9th Tees will be dealt with w/c 22nd June. Additional areas for astro turf have been identified at the 2nd Tee and the 8th green/9th tee. Quotes to be obtained and details of where existing astro turf was obtained from.

New Tee boards, notice board and ball washers are currently being sourced by the President, costs to be paid by sponsors. A member's suggestion for a clubs cleaner was rejected on cost at this time.

Green Keepers Report

REPORT June 2015

Greens

The greens are currently mown daily at a height cut of 4.5mm. They are Lightly verticut on a weekly basis and are sprayed monthly with wetting agent and seamac proturf, which is seaweed based with added iron for presentation.

During the dry periods you may see hand held hosing taking place. This does not mean that the sprinklers are out of action. Fine turf is only watered to keep it alive and with enough vigour to counteract the day to day wear and tear. It is not watered to make it green, grow lushly and certainly not to make the greens 'hold'. The sprinklers put on the minimum amount required, and hand held hosing is used to top up dryer areas i.e on slopes and missed areas due to wind. Over watering of greens must be avoided.

General

The past three months have been incredibly dry, virtually drought conditions. (see figures below)

All the fairways were divotted in April but due to the paucity of rain, germination has not been good.

In May, the tees, all the fairways and most of the semi-roughs were successfully sprayed with a selective weed killer.

Steve Suttle

Head Greenkeeper

March – May rainfall.(3 months)

2013 = 125mm 2014 = 133mm **2015 = 55mm**

Ongoing Work

Work on the new 6th bunker will be carried out later in the year. A special material to try and retain the sand on the sides of the bunker will be purchased subject to the cost.

Various areas of the course have been identified for improvement in the autumn. This includes some turf lifting and filling.

A.O.B.

All machinery has been serviced. There is always concern over the age of our machinery.

Various discussions took place regarding the placement of memorial benches to avoid hampering of machinery and accelerating grass wear through foot traffic.

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

Next meeting to be arranged close to maintenance week.

Malcolm Kent

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

Monday evenings are going along fine and so far we have been blessed with good weather which has made the evenings very pleasant.

We played the Seath Cup at the end of June which was ably won by our vice captain James Green and the July competition was for the Maflin Trophy, this time Oscar Girling came in with 37 points and so took the prize from last years winner, who just happened to be James. It's good to see the teenage members sharing the spoils fairly evenly, with the result that their handicaps are coming down nicely.

Last Saturday (August 1st) was the day for Marijke's captains day. The weather was glorious, we had a great turnout with, great prizes and a good spread at the end of it. Marijke, Mandy, Jolie and Trevor worked very hard to make the day such a success, pity we can't do it all over again! President

John saw us all off, as well as playing at the end of the field, Captain Ted captured the microphone to give us a speech at the end. As he said, nothing happens in this club without Ted having a word. There were prizes in abundance: Winner of mens was Rob Davis closely followed by Alex Parrett, Ladies winner was Sheila Wyles then Joan Sykes, Junior winner was Oscar Girling after countback from James Green (that pair again). Nine hole competition was won by Noah Best, second was Jamie Powell and third was Billy Surbey. Nearest the pin was won by John Clarke, Sheila Wyles and Ryan Davis. A good time was had by all.

Next competition will be a stableford on Friday 7th August 1pm.

Mel

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

The ladies played their monthly medal at the beginning of the month in relatively benign conditions. The rain which was threatened never materialised and so the large field which went out enjoyed a nice morning's golf. Louise Tucker won division 1 with a net 69, from Jackie Witten (net 71) and then Margaret Barker (net 74). Jackie finished in fine style by holing her second shot at the last to finish with a nice birdie. Helen Foad had a very good round to win division 2 with a net 67, from Judy Butcher (net 71) and Fran Price (net 72).

Beryl put on a lovely Lady Captain's Day for the ladies section in the middle of the month. She started us off with sweets and special pencils and then refreshed us after 9 holes with the aid of Moira Mayhew and Janet Henley. We were then rewarded with a personalised photo and a glass of Pimms at the end of the round, before a lovely lunch. The weather was kinder than had been predicted and a lot of ladies played to, or better than their handicaps, which was great to see. Sheila Wyles won the day with a fantastic 40 points, closely followed by Shirley Rosser on 39, and Debbie Murray on 38-all three won prizes and vouchers supplied by Beryl, and handicaps were duly reduced. Sue Maflin won the front nine prize with 19 points, and Maureen Davison the back nine with 22. Nearest the pin on the 15th was Sue Goodall-which was no mean feat as it was nigh on impossible to stop the ball on the green with the strong tailwind. And nearest the line on the 11th went to Helen Foad, for an extremely straight drive. Thank you Beryl for hosting such a great day.

Many of the ladies then enjoyed Ted's hospitality at his Captain's Day just a few days later. The weather was kind and Ted's refreshments on the 6th hole very welcome. The BBQ and prize-giving in the evening were well-attended and the entertainment enjoyed by all. Fittingly, Lady Captain Beryl won the ladies prize with 35 points, from Fran Price with 34 and Jackie Witten on 33. Another fantastic day!

A joint stableford was played mid month, where the ladies all played individually and then pairings were drawn after the event. Individual winner with 36 was Louise Tucker, from Maureen Davison and Fran Price both on 34. Louise and Jean Clode were the winners of the pairs competition with 62, one shot ahead of Maureen and Margaret Barker, who were 2 clear of Fran and Shirley Rosser.

In the charity stableford at the end of the month Louise Tucker was winner of Division 1 with 34 points, from Margaret Barker (32) and Mel Bashford (28). Division 2 was won by Maureen Davison with 36 from Betty Washby (32) and Joyce Janes (29).

We had a lovely match against our friends in the Old Salts, we enjoyed good weather and good company, and then to make the day even better the ladies were victorious, thus winning the Centenary Cup. Players from both sides then enjoyed a lovely meal, drinks and chatter back at the Clubhouse. We were not so successful in inter-club matches, coming a close second to both Westgate and St Augustines at home.

We combined with our men to defend the Panther Trophy against our close friends and rivals at Chestfield, but unfortunately we were not able to keep hold of the lovely silver trophy, although we did make Chestfield work for it.

And the Grandparents Trophy, due to be played in July, has had to be postponed to August due to torrential rain on the day-got to love a British Summer!

Men's Section Captain Ted Henderson Vice Captain Bob Ireland

The Scratch Cup competition is arguably the best opportunity for club members to demonstrate they are capable of playing to the highest standard. This year's event proved once again that Andy Gremo is someone who can certainly do that and his gross 67 score provided him with a relatively easy win over nearest rival John Stokes who finished on gross 73. In the medal competition Andy's score put him in third place with Dean Amos finishing as winner with next 62. Anthony Wright surprised everyone with his best score in a long while and took second place just losing out after count-back. The Frennd Cup provided Dave Rigden with the chance to achieve one of his best ever results. At the finish his thirty-nine points proved just good enough to relegate early club house leader Giles Govier into second place after count-back. Tommy Burns proved once again that he can never be ruled out of the running and his thirty-eight points put him comfortably in third place.

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

July has been a very busy month with the Old Salts playing seven matches starting with the Frank Fox Trophy on 2nd. Slightly cooler weather conditions made for a very pleasant day with Ron Fuller taking the trophy with a net 62 on count back followed by Dave Atkins also on 62 and Gwyn Oakley coming in

3rd with a net 63. The captain's challenge was a win 3 and 2 for Ian and John against Bernard Peter and Barry Broadbent. The Old Salts versus The Ladies Centenary Cup held on the 6th saw the ladies regain the cup with a good win. Following an excellent lunch and the presentation of the cup the individual winners with the best cards, Sally Lawson and Ian Wingrove were presented with a bottle of wine each. Ian's Chase No 3 on 9th was a win for Roy Percival with 41 points on count back followed by Brian Daw on 41 and Gwyn Oakley on 39. Captains Day on 16th was a great success the nine hole P Tucker over 75's Trophy going to Colin Chapman with net 22 points. Fred Stokes came in with an excellent score of 43 on count back to take 1st place followed by Dave Rigden on 43 and Tommy Burns 3rd on 41 points. Other winners on the day were Rod Whitehead on the 4th and Eynon Price on the 15th for nearest the pin. John Wegner on the 2nd and Colin Holton on the 11th for nearest the line. The best front 9 went to Ryn Hudson with 22 points and the best back 9 to Brian Daw with 20. The Old Salts v North Foreland at home on 20th was a great win for the Salts who won 5 and 3. The Dennis Fewtrell Trophy played on the 23rd saw the reintroduction of the players and gentlemen scores. For the players 1st Peter Steigman 62, 2nd Trevor Croxton 64 and 3rd Dave Morgan 65. For the gentlemen 1st Ryn Hudson 61, 2nd Dave Rigden 68 and 3rd George Earlham 69. The trophy going to Ryn Hudson with a net 61. The Captains Challenge was a close fought match with Ian and John winning 2 and 1 against Tony Bensted and Barry Broadbent. Another good win for the Salts on 28th away at Westgate winning 5 and 3. The month finished with a Friendly Four Ball on 30th and Ian and Martyn Dines taking on Peter Steigman and David Kinnesley in the Captains Challenge resulting in the match being halved.

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

Weds 8th July Eynon Price Members Medal

The Captains challenge we were thrashed 5 and 4 by Paul Guilfoyle and Glenn Snook must do better, I couldn't chip a spud at present, if I don't get it sorted soon I may resort to bribery!

The competition proper was won by Glenn Snook with a net 63, second Ges jakimavicius on 64 and third Tommy Burns with 65. Birdie prizes were won by Paul Guilfoyle, Glenn Snook and Tony Lavender. The charity sweep was won by Steve Matthews second Mark Tilbury and third Ges Jakimavicius.

Friday 24th July The July Sweeps Stableford

Captains challenge, we were mugged again! I am getting tired of this also getting expensive! Barry Broadbent went mad on the second nine getting two birdies and holing 40' putts John Wegner also contributed to their 4 and 3 victory. Don Williams won with 40 points on countback from Gary Hartley-Trigg with Don Crawford bringing up the rear with 39. Birdies were thin upon the ground Don Williams and Barry Broadbent being the only two.

I won the Charity sweep with Ernie West second and Don Crawford third. Nice to see Ernie and Di back we missed them.

Superseventies

The Supers went to Broome Park in late July with happy hearts, but low

expectations. They knew they were up against a very strong championship side as always and came off worst after a hard fight.

Of the five games, Seasalter took the hosts to two close finishes, and one very close, there being just the one hole between loss and victory in Martyn Dines' and Henry Kernighan's match. The home captain marvelled at Martyn's big hitting as he and Henry charged after their drives in the hired buggy and he was a very worried man as they neared home with the Seasalter duo still very much in touch. But the greens thwarted them on the last.

Alec and his team had to wait in the clubhouse for our honour to be saved by the last two out who came in with a very creditable half. Bernard Peter (he of the lampshade hat) and dour John Dowle saved the whitewash as they plodded home in the late sunshine to give us two hard-earned points. The result was a 4 1/2 – half win for Broome Park.

Playing away on big tracks such as Broome Park is always daunting, with our handicaps and slopes not exactly helping, so it was a very creditable performance to be so close on most of our matches. For instance, David Kinnersley had to give shots to two very worthy 17 home handicappers in his match and one of the opposing BP pair had seven pars over the first nine holes. The boot perhaps should have been on the other foot, with David getting shots. As it was, he and Alec went down by just three and two after leading early on and fighting hard. But very well done to our Seniors!

Only days after, the Supers set off for an away encounter at Etchinghill and much of the same transpired in gale –like conditions. Good to the fringe, too many three putts by just about all of the Collingwood Road brigade made it all too much as the wind blew and the home pairs blew us all away and we came home empty handed.

Out first, guest John Wegner and mighty Mick Wyles were humbled by some extra big hitting by the Etchinghill pair and they were back in the clubhouse a good hour before the second pairing.....who were in a buggy! Only last pair out, Don Williams and Bernard Peter, both originally reserves, made a game of it, again losing by one hole

So just two points from two away visits in the month, and unfortunately a slide down the league table from fourth place to we don't yet know where.

Luckily, the Supers next encounter is on home turf that we understand, on August 4, to North Foreland.....hold your breath and watch this space.

Kent Vets Captain Tony Love Secretary Bob Ireland

The vets played Broome Park on Friday 10th at home and had a 3½ – 1½ victory at home; Monday 13th we played our rescheduled match against Tudor Park and halved 2½ - 2½; on the 17th we entertained Chestfield and again won 3 – 2. We then went away to Tudor Park, on the 21st and had a close fought match losing 3-2, almost a victory away!

All this leaves us third in the league but too far behind Canterbury to finish any higher. We have one match left this season against Etchinghill but it would be a miracle to win there –their greens get a better ironing than my shirts!

Fundraising 100 Club

1st £30	Martin Dynes
2nd £20	Mick Wyles
3rd £10	Henry Kerningham

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

What's on for the next two months?

August

Saturday 1 st	am Medal
Sunday 2 nd	all day President's Prize 27 holes
Monday 3 rd	am Old Salts v Walmer and Kingsdown
Tuesday 4 th	am Ladies Competition
Tuesday 4 th	1300hrs Super Seventies v North Foreland (home)
Thursday 6 th	pm Ladies Past Captains Trophy
Friday 7 th	0830hrs Kent Vets v Etchinghill (away)
Friday 7 th	1300hrs Junior's stableford
Saturday 8 th	1300 club v Westgate (home)
Sunday 9 th	am Captain's Swindle
Monday 10 th	am Old Salts Invitation Day
Tuesday 11 th	0830hrs Ladies President's Day
Wednesday 12 th	am Midweekers T Backhouse Rosebowl Medal
Thursday 13 th	am Old Salts Senior's Cup Medal
Friday 14 th	1030hrs Ladies v The Ridge (home)
Saturday 15 th	all day Captain's Charity Day
Sunday 16 th	am Captain's Swindle
Tuesday 18 th	am Ladies Medal
Thursday 20 th	am Old Salts Dave Gould Trophy Medal 1330hrs Ladies Captain v Vice Captain
Friday 21 st	am Midweekers A Sait August Shield Stableford 1330hrs Tripartite (home)

Sunday 23 rd	am Texas Scramble
Tuesday 25 th	am Ladies Texas Scramble
Wednesday 26 th	am Old Salts v St. Augustines Kay Shield (home)
Friday 28 th	1130hrs Ladies Invitation Day
Saturday 29 th	1300hrs Esworthy Rose Bowl
Sunday 30 th	am Monthly Medal
Monday 31 st	1230hrs RNLi Mixed Greensomes

September

Tuesday 1 st	am Ladies Autumn Greensomes
Thursday 3 rd	pm Super Seventies v North Foreland (away)
Friday 4 th	am Midweekers Autumn Match/Captain's Day 1200hrs Ladies V Sheerness (home)
Saturday 5 th	am Qualifying Medal, spare day for KO finals
Sunday 6 th	am Finals Day – Captain's Prize, rest of club KO's am Captain's swindle
Tuesday 8 th	all day Ladies Autumn Meeting
Wednesday 9 th	am Midweekers C Wren September Cup
Saturday 12 th	1300hrs Seasalter v Chestfield President's Teams (home) 1300hrs Juniors Ford Five club Stableford Genesis Cup
Sunday 13 th	am Monthly Medal pm Mixed Jamboree at North Foreland
Monday 14 th	Course Maintenance Greens and Tees all week
Saturday 19 th	1300hrs Juniors Ford five club Stableford Genesis Cup
Sunday 20 th	am Captain's swindle
Tuesday 22 nd	am Ladies Competition Charity Stableford 1300hrs Super Seventies v Etchinghill
Wednesday 23 rd	am Old Salts v Sheerness
Friday 25 th	am Midweekers H Burnett Tandoori Cup Stableford
Saturday 26 th	1245hrs Mixed match v Westgate
Sunday 27 th	am Texas Scramble
Monday 28 th	am Old Salts Past Captains
Tuesday 29 th	am Ladies Daily Mail Foursomes

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

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

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Competition

Last month's quiz was not won the answers are below

Antonyms

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

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Not here – Gift | absent - present |
| Beer – Pudding | bitter - sweet |
| Leap – Not charged | bound - free |
| Harvester – Not together | combine - separate |
| Drop – Admit | decline - agree |
| US President – Garbage | Grant - refuse |

Now you've got the idea we'll try that once more
Here are another six

Sentient - expired
Bygone – progressive
Tie – set right
Touch – loan
Heavy type? – Shy
Trashy - darling

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

Flotsam and Jetsam

Quite Interesting General Ignorance
The plastic things at the end of shoelaces are called aglets
A hippo can open its mouth wide enough for a 4 foot child to stand inside! (I wouldn't recommend it)
The longest one syllable word in English is schreeched
A Boeing 747's wingspan is longer than the Wright brothers first flight
It is believed that Shakespeare was 46 around the time that the King James edition of the Bible was written. In Psalms 46 the 46th word from the first word is "shake" and the 46th word from the last word is "spear"
Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair (Doesn't say much for you slapheads does it)
The venom of the Australian Brown Snake is so powerful that 1/14,000 of an ounce is enough to kill a human.
Any contributions of any type will be considered, puzzles, stories, history, Anecdotes, your chance to get your stuff in print!
Charlie Chaplin once won 3rd prize in a Charlie Chaplin look alike contest
Arachibutyrophobia is the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of your mouth
Groaking is watching people eat in the hope of them offering you some.
A jumbo jet uses 4,000 gallons of fuel to take off
An ant always falls over on it's right side when drunk

Joke

Reaching the end of a job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "In the region of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer inquires, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a red Corvette?" The engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

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.

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.

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