

WHITSTABLE TIDINGS

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Presidents Message

Firstly I would like to thank all those members who attended the Planning meeting at the Guildhall on the 2nd February which went on until quite late, plus all those who supported the application by email or letter.

The granting of this outline planning permission is great news for our Club and we look forward to the next step.

It is a relatively quiet time of the year for golf but I think the course is holding up well during the winter period so thanks to Steve and Seth for keeping us playing during this period. So let's look forward to the better weather when we can play in good conditions.

We all have our nice new diaries for 2016. As you are aware, especially those captains who are in charge of various sections, there is an awful lot of work that goes into producing this diary. So on behalf of all the members, I would like to thank Tony Henley who has carried out this challenging task for a number of years now which is no mean feat in gathering all the information for the annual program!

Don't forget to support the social program. Coming up is the quiz evening on February 26th. See you there,
John

Captains Message

Planning.

"Success. After 2 years+ and 792 emails, at the last count, and many hours Canterbury City Council planning committee granted the club outline planning permission for both the houses by the 8th tee and the new clubhouse.

This being despite the planning officers recommendation to refuse. Our thanks go to the architect, Keith Cattell, the technical director for Herrington Consulting, Simon Maiden-Brooks brought in at the last minute, who stated in his presentation that the housing is sustainable in that area despite the planning officers opinion, and especially Mike Goddard our planning consultant who has guided us through the minefield that is planning, over the last 2 years. We certainly could not have done it without him.

That is the first and probably the biggest hurdle. The Board will now formulate the way forward towards the sale of the land and detailed permission for the clubhouse. Once we have received the written permission we will know any conditions the council will require. Thank you to all directors and members that attended the arduous planning meeting on the 2nd, turning up at 6.30 and our application starting at 9.30.

Our club has a fantastic future for generations to come.”

This message is from Malcolm Kent who has worked tirelessly on the club's behalf to get this permission passed, he deserves all our thanks, the future of the club should now be assured.

We will keep you informed of any progress on this as it happens.

On other matters, we now have an away match with Faversham in memory of Bill Dance, I hope this will be a popular fixture now and for the future, we need to build good relationships with the other clubs in our area, this and the Hythe match will start us on that road.

Future events

Quiz Night Friday 26th February

Cudgel your brains night - nibbles and knowledge look out for notification on the Social Board.

St Patrick's Night Friday 18th March

Join in an evening of Irish fun, plenty of Guinness, good food, music and dancing, fancy dress optional although you must wear something green! Price and date to be advised.

St George's Day Saturday 23rd April

Gird your loins for this fantastic celebration of Englishness, an all day golf competition comprising a 9 hole medal round followed immediately by a nine hole Stableford competition, both comps run concurrently and are to different flags on each green. The day is completed by a rousing dinner in the clubhouse, good English grub and spirited singing make this an unmissable event. Wear something red and white for the golf or more fancy dress if you want!

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.

Could you please advise the office if you have changed address or contact details in the last year ,It all helps come the time to send membership renewal letters out in the New Year.

Many thanks John Stokes

BOREHOLE

The installation of the borehole has been shelved for the time being, as, when work started recently, the water level was found to be so high, there was a danger of flooding the course, if the well head had blown during drilling.

The project has been rescheduled for next summer when the pressure in the water table should have fallen somewhat.
The contractor has assured us that this will not effect the cost of the installation.

Website Update

Our new look website is now live .There are video clips of the course as well as some other new items to view. Have a look at and "like" it!

PROPERTY DAMAGE ON AND 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.

There has also been a lot of damage to the course and signage by vandals in the form of local kids, we have permission from the police to take photos of any children on our property committing acts of vandalism.

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 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 James Green Vice Captain

No report for January as there was no play in the junior section.

Ladies Section Captain Joan Sykes Vice Captain Maureen Davison Secretary Jean Hudson

The weather at the start of the year has not been all that kind for golf-too much rain and then frost-so the Ladies didn't manage any competitive play during the first three weeks of January.

We did manage to get out to play a stableford competition on the last Tuesday of the month, despite the ever-strengthening gale. The tricky conditions meant that many ladies called it a day after 9 holes and headed in to the warmth of the Clubhouse, rather than risk getting blown away during the back 9. Scoring was not brilliant of those who did complete 18, but managing to finish 18 holes was quite an achievement in itself. Mel Bashford won Division 1 with 27 points from Louise Tucker on 24 and Pat Bensted on 19. Val Brown was Division 2 winner with 22.

Hopefully February will be kinder and we can get a few more ladies out on the course in slightly easier conditions!

Men's Section Captain Bob Ireland Vice Captain Gary Morgan

For the first time most of us can remember, course conditions proved good enough for all three rounds of this year's Wood Trophy to be played without any postponements or cancellations. The first round provided Robin George and Christ Wright the opportunity to signal their intentions with each player posting a thirty-eight point total. In the second round Chris did well again but Colin Satchell put themselves in contention with each player scoring thirty-eight points. However Howard Gordon and Glenn Snook showed their intentions with thirty-seven and thirty-six points respectively to also put themselves in with a chance. With just one more round to play Chris Wright was in the strongest position but he had to settle for runners up slot when Howard finished his last round with a blistering thirty-nine points to end with an aggregate best two round total of seventy-six one just one ahead of Chris and two clear of Glenn.

In the Captain's swindle played on 24th January, Old Salts Captain John Wegner scored a brilliant forty points to finish winner one point clear of Rob Davis and two points clear of Jon Whorlow and Gary Morgan. John "the injured golfer" with a gammy knee fortunately didn't have to be stretchered off the course but made his own way to hospital a few days later for day surgery. We wish him a full and speedy recovery and no doubt it won't be long before he's scoring forty points again.

Old Salts Section Captain John Wegner Vice Captain Dave Atkins

The planned 'Pink Ball' competition on January 7th was unfortunately cancelled due to heavy rain.

This seemed to set the pattern for the week of 14th as well, the course being closed due to water logging.

Many players arrived on the 21st January to find the course heavily frosted, quite a few departed but a few hardy souls waited and played 9 holes.

So here we are at the end of January with very little opportunity for play, however round four of John's Walker eclectic was able to be played, albeit with six temporary greens and a bit wet under foot, the result was a win for Trevor Croxton with 37 points followed by Roy Percival on 36 points and Colin Holton third with 34 points on count back.

Midweeker's Section Captain Ian Horton Vice Captain Don Williams

As this is first report of 2016, a Happy New Year and a good years golf to all. The first 2016 competition was The Ron Thompson Trophy played on the 20th Jan, the alternative date due to earlier course closure, was reduced to 9 holes following a hard frost. The winner with a very good score of 21 points, was Paul Guilfoyle, second Alan Fowler 19, third John Wegner 18.

One birdie winner Alan Fowler 6/15th.

Charity sweep winners were Eynon Price and Colin Holton.

A presentation for 50 competition appearances was made to Tony Taunton.

The Captain Challenge, no information to hand . .

The Ray Emmerson Winter Warmer Shield was played two days later on the 22nd. The computer could not separate the leaders on 36 points so joint winners were declared, John Fullagar and John Wegner, third Mark Tilbury on 35. Birdie prizes 6/15 Eynon Price John Wegner Peter Shearing 4/13 Mel Bashford and John Fullagar. Charity Sweep winners were Don Crawford and James Marsh The Captains Challenge was won by the challengers John Wegner and John Fullagar, no surprise there as they were our joint winners, They won by 6 shots, a new format strokes rather than holes.

The entry sheets are up for the AGM/Annual Lunch 16th march, it will soon be here. Also note that any competition start time delayed by 90 minuets (due to frost etc) will be played over 9 holes.

If you should enter a competition and are unable to attend, please try and let the start table know, otherwise you may face a two competition ban thank you!

Peter Shearing

Fundraising 100 Club

1st £30	Mary Calthrop
2nd £20	Molly Broadbent
3rd £10	Brian Wild

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

Subscriptions for 2016 are now due please pay £12 for each number you have to Steve and good luck!

What's on for the next two months?

February

Tuesday 2 nd	am Ladies Competition Stableford
Saturday 6 th	pm Juniors Medal
Sunday 7 th	am Captain's swindle
Tuesday 9 th	am Ladies Charity Stableford
Wednesday 10 th	am Midweekers L Fessey Cup Medal
Sunday 14 th	am Stableford
Tuesday 16 th	am Ladies Competition Texas Scramble
Sunday 21 st	am Captain's swindle
Friday 26 th	am Midweekers S Ashworth Cup Stableford
Sunday 28 th	am Captain's swindle

March

Tuesday 1 st	am Ladies competition
Thursday 3 rd	pm Old Salts Annual Dinner
Saturday 5 th	1300hrs Juniors Medal
Sunday 6 th	am Captain's swindle
Tuesday 8 th	am Ladies Medal
Sunday 13 th	am Monthly Medal
Tuesday 15 th	am Ladies Jubilee Foursomes
Wednesday 16 th	am MW P Glenn March Shield Stableford
Wednesday 16 th	pm MW Annual Dinner
Thursday 17 th	am Ladies v Westgate (away)
Saturday 19 th	pm Club v Westgate (away)
Sunday 20 th	am Captain's swindle
Monday 21 st	am Old Salts v N Foreland
Tuesday 22 nd	am Ladies 5 club Stableford
Friday 25 th	am MW J Bills Trophy Stableford
Sunday 27 th	am March Hare Trophy Stableford
Monday 28 th	am Mixed Greensomes
Tuesday 29 th	am Ladies competition Drawn yellow ball

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

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

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2						7		
4				2	6			

Competition

This was won by Mel and John well done! Here are the answers and a new quiz to keep you guessing, all 6 right gets the £20 voucher

January Quiz answers

- 1/ Who is January named after and why?
Answer Janus (the doorkeeper)
- 2/ When and who first declared January 1st to be New Year's Day?
Answer The Roman Senate in 153 BC
- 3/ In which year did January 1st see a flag called Grand Union unfurled for the first time and who altered it from its original design?
Answer 1776 Betsy Ross
- 4/ What is the Chinese floral emblem for January?
Answer Cherry Blossom
- 5/ Which date in modernish times did January 1st become New Year's Day and which date did it replace?
Answer 1622 March 25th
- 6/ Which famous signatory of the Declaration of Independence was born in January and why is he famous?
John Hancock, American slang for signature

February Quiz

This quiz features words and their antonyms each clue has an opposite, within each antonym is a three letter word, the first person to get all 6 three letter words gets the £20

- 1/ Arrive - ?
- 2/ Cheap - ?
- 3/ Attack - ?
- 4/ Birth - ?
- 5/ Cautious - ?
- 6/ Black - ?

Flotsam and Jetsam

Ten points to ponder

1. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
2. If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes?

3. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self-help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.
4. If a man is standing in the middle of the forest speaking and there is no woman around to hear him...is he still wrong?
5. Isn't it a bit unnerving that doctors call what they do "practice?"
6. What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?
7. If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?
8. Would a fly without wings be called a walk?
9. Why do they lock service station toilets? Are they afraid someone will clean them?
10. Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?

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 clubs. Driver, 9, 5, 3 . Rescue club. Price £60 or £10 each.

Wilson irons: 5, 6,7,8. 9, pitching wedge and sand iron. £60 or £10 each.

Carry bag with stand £15

Contact Pat tel: 01227 905312.