

WHITSTABLE TIDINGS

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Message from the President.

Captains Message

Well it's been a funny old month, Men's Invitation on the 2nd July proved to be a huge success, a terrific participation, many thanks to John Clarke, Robin George and Don Crawford for all the organization and getting the prizes etc. Thanks also to Steve Wood for the booze!

On Sunday 14th we played a drawn pairs medal, a new format for the men which I thought would be a nice change to the usual Captain's swindle. How I misjudged the feeling of some of the participants! Whilst engaged in a fascinating match with Rob Mumby against Robin George and Derek Bates I was struck on the head by a ball fired from the 16th tee by Glenn Snook. He did call fore but managed to hit me in one. Help was summoned from the clubhouse and I was transported back to safety. A subsequent visit to the minor injuries unit found no lasting damage so the £5 fine I levied on Glenn seems small beer by comparison.

I have been struck previously- Dave Rigden hit me on the leg from the 5th tee, whilst I was trying to extricate my ball from the greenside bunker on the 7th. I only charged him £2 for this privilege, but sensing a trend, I am now instituting a full scale of charges for the duration of my Captaincy they are as follows, hits to the lower body excluding privates £2, hits to the upper body front or back £5, Head shots £10, should anyone be unfortunate enough to score a bulls eye on the wedding tackle they will have to fork out £50. All this money will go to charity unless expensive medical care is required!

I look forward to receiving your further contributions.

Captain's Day on the 23rd was also a wonderful day, very well attended some great play during the day resulting in a victory for Bob Davis, runner up Dave Williams. Pat Bensted won the Ladies and Callum Buchanan the Juniors.

From the office; June 2016

Half day first aid course for members

Earlier in the year we ran a course for twelve members and have asked if there are any more members who would like to be considered for a second course later in the year. To date we have 7 members expressing an interest, so we need 5 more candidates. If you would like to be added to the list please advise the office. Will be a weekday, time 10am until around 2pm.

Property Damage On And Off The Course

During the year we get a number of claims from our neighbours relating to damage caused by golf balls to their property and cars. The cost to the Club is significant as we have a £350 excess applicable to these claims.

The number of such claims is increasing and so the cost to the Club becomes greater.

Many of the claims come from the caravan site to the left of the 7th. Last year we installed a sign on the 7th tee to remind members and guests to shout fore loudly if their shot is heading towards the caravan site. Remember that there are children often playing in the caravan site.

We now have a claim for a damaged solar panel on a house to the left of the 7th green, which is going to involve a very large claim. There are no entries in the "out of course" book for the incident. If this level of damage continues the cost will have to be taken account with regards subscriptions, so PLEASE make sure all occurrences known to me are written in the book once you have finished your game.

Photographs for the website

As you know the Club website has a section for photographs of interest (clean one's please!) to be posted on it. So now the golf season is in full swing if you have one showing a golfing event at the club or celebration of something like a hole in one, please forward to the office as an attachment to an e-mail (one photo per e-mail please) so we can then get added to website.

Pitchmarks

Over the winter we have distributed over 100 excellent quality pitch mark repairers to members (kindly made and donated by John Wegner). We trust that they are carried with you when playing the course. The green staff are hoping not to have to repair pitch marks this season!

Telephone message concerning course conditions/ Messages on Club noticeboard

Due to some misunderstandings in the past month can we please remind members that the message on the answer phone should be exactly as per the course information boards on the new club sign.

If in doubt the message(s) on the club sign are those that apply to the day in question.

Clubhouse Hire

The clubhouse can be hired by members for events such as birthday parties. First call on dates should be with the Club Steward and/or the Office to check and whether the clubhouse is free for booking. There is a form that needs to be filled; copies are available from the office. The form needs to be returned at least two weeks before the event.

Our caterers are to be used for ANY food requirements.

There is charge of £125 for hire

Rainfall figures for golf course.

These are published on a regular basis on the notice board in the lobby for members to view.

Start sheets for competitions on the website

Rather than telephoning the bar or office we now have some start sheets on the golf club website.

If you navigate the page ABOUT US at the top you will see a new icon titled START SHEETS. Click on this to see when you are teeing off. We have started this process for the Sunday morning competitions ,but if the relevant secretaries of sections would like to their start sheets put on the website please contact the office. You will need to give at least several days advance notice of the competition/event to make it worthwhile doing.

Greens Committee Meeting Agenda.
10.30am Monday 13th June 2016

Present; Malcolm Kent, John Stokes, John Rosser, Steve Suttle, Seth Divine and Rob Davies.

Apologies None.

Matters arising;

Maintenance of mowers/equipment update.

Servicing continues with a few added breakdowns. We think there will be a substantial increase in costs for the maintenance.

Matting on the 8th.

This was discussed and decided the matting will remain where it is as it has been successful.

Do we require any more new mats for Autumn/Winter 2016/7.

There are no plans to lay extra matting at the moment. Awaiting samples of new winter tee matting for evaluation/costs.

Possible places to plant more gorse/broom.

Always under review.

Out of Bounds marker posts on 5th.

Extra posts to be placed around pond area.

Wash down update.

Southern Water forms to be completed and submitted and await permission.

Possible date for drainage work on 4th green.

Will be carried out immediately after maintenance week

Irrigation problems

2 problems on 4th and 3rd greens. Both problems now repaired.

Ongoing Work

Railway fence /rabbit fence 5th/6th.

Railway fence completed now we are pushing for the rabbit fence to be installed.

Seth overtime update /priorities for next few weeks. Tree Tek cutting conifers 9th/West cliff date agreed /other items on quote.

Extra grass cutting and clearing of an area adjacent to 5th Tee. The area to be sprayed and considered for further improvement. Tree Tek coming w/c 13th June.

Green Keepers Report

Greens

The greens are mown daily at a height of cut of 4.5mm. They are regularly verticut which fines down the grass blades and helps to maintain a smoother surface. The greens are sprayed monthly with a mix of seaweed extract and iron, wetting agent and a growth retardant called Primo Maxx which has the

effect of tightening the base of the sward. A light topdressing is planned in due course.

General

Fairways were successfully weedkilled at the end of May with areas of semi rough, rough and all the tees being treated this month.

Due to the excessive growth we have experienced this year which has necessitated being very regularly mown, we have as yet not completed all the fairway divotting at the time of writing. This is in hand as well as the more regular tee divotting.

Steve Suttle

Head Greenkeeper

A.O.B.

Golf week.

A great deal of thanks to the Greens staff for a superb course. Well done.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 16th August at 10:30am.

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

Junior Section Captain James Green Vice Captain Oscar Bensted

Ladies Section Captain Joan Sykes Vice Captain Maureen Davison

And the sun came out for Golf Week!!! The week began with a medal for the Centenary Cup. Conditions were good and Jean Hudson took advantage to win the day for the ladies with a net 70. Sheila Wyles was second on count back from Mary King, both with net 74. The evening's BBQ and disco were much enjoyed, well done to all those who helped it to run so smoothly.

Sunday's 4 Ball Better Ball was won by the pairing of Mary King and Cath Whitehead from Mel Bashford and Margaret Barker in second.

The flag competition was a close run affair. Louise Tucker won with her final shot just short of the 18th green. Second and third was decided by a matter of inches on the 17th green, with Mary King marginally closer to the pin than Mel Bashford to take second spot.

Tuesday's stableford saw Mel Bashford take first place in the sunshine with 32 points, Louise Tucker was second on count back from Joan Sykes, both on 31, all finishing in the thunder but without any of the threatened rain.

A joint stableford was Wednesday's competition. The winners were Mel Bashford and Louise Tucker, second Mary King and Pat Bensted and third Sheila Wyles and Jenny Vening.

Thursday's five club stableford was won by Sheila Wyles with 35 points, one ahead of Louise Tucker on 34 and Mel Bashford was third with 31.

The last day was a Pinehurst Greensome and Louise and Jack Tucker were winners of this with 44 points. Nice to see a lady and a junior member coming up trumps!

Presentations were done on Friday night and for the first time in the history of golf week both the ladies and the men's first prize and Golfer of the Week trophies were shared. The ladies prize went jointly to Mel Bashford and Louise

Tucker, who finished narrowly ahead on points of Mary King. Well done to Mary Calthrop and everyone else who ensured the smooth running of the week, and thanks to Paul Guilfoyle and Gary Morgan for the lovely paella and chilli which brought the week to a close.

When we returned to the course on the Tuesday after golf week it seemed strange to only have one flag on each green, we'd got so used to there being a red and a yellow one! Jean Hudson won the stableford competition with 31 points, on count back from both Joan Sykes and Sally Lawson.

We then had a waltz competition which we play in teams of three, picking one score on the first hole, two on the second, three on the third, then repeating for the rest of the round. 9 teams played and all enjoyed fine weather and good camaraderie. The top two teams both came in with 64 points and it had to be decided by count back on the last 3 holes that the winning trio were (just) Molly Broadbent, Maz Garlinge and Louise Tucker. Narrowly in second were Sally Lawson, Jean Hudson and Marie Hood. Jean had a fantastic round scoring 40 points on her own.

The annual Jamboree was hosted by Faversham this year with us and Chestfield visiting. Our 7 lady team did as well as they could but were no match for the hosts who won the day for the 8th time with Chestfield coming second. We were pleased to get round in the dry and enjoyed a good meal at the end of the day so it wasn't all bad!

And we have to mention our first ladies team victory at home to Sheerness where we won by the margin of 2.5 to 1.5, despite all our ladies having to give large numbers of shots to the opposition! And now we've started winning we can't stop! We followed this up with a win at home to North Foreland, where all our pairs were victorious. Our Captain Joan had to play on her own against 2 of the North Foreland ladies and she still managed to get a half! Well played ladies!

Men's Section Captain Bob Ireland Vice Captain Gary Morgan

Golfer of the Week honours were shared this year after stalwarts John Wegner and John Clarke finished the week with the same points total. Jack Tucker won the prestigious Centenary Trophy on the first day with a net sixty and Neal Hazel finished winner of the men's medal competition on the same day. It wasn't till Monday of Golf Week that John Clarke put down his marker finishing in third place in the Flag competition. He went on to win the Joint Stableford competition on Wednesday with a brilliant forty-two points that included four birdies and two pars on the first six holes. John Wegner played steadily throughout the week and in the Five Club competition he posted his best score when he finished in third place with forty points. Brian Wyles won that event with a mind boggling forty-three points.

In the monthly medal John Wegner did well again with a net sixty-six. Unfortunately he lost out on count back and had to settle for fourth place. Winner on the day was Junior Callum Buchanan. Playing in his first men's competition Callum played superbly and finished with a fantastic score. His gross seventy-two was the best score on the day and his net fifty-one put him fourteen shots clear of Fred Stokes who ended in second place ahead of Joe Dowdeswell on count-back.

Old Salts Section Captain John Wegner Vice Captain Dave Atkins

June 2nd roared in 'like a lion' and made the playing of Weg's Whisky round two qualifying Stableford an interesting day. Coming out on top in the very windy conditions was Roy Percival with 37 points, followed by John Allen on 36 points and third was Malcolm Cane with 34 points. The Captain's Challenge resulted in a very satisfying win for Gary Hartley-Trigg and John Allen by 5 & 4 over Captain John Wegner and Vice David Atkins.

Monday 13th June Old Salts played a match against Chestfield Golf Club, it is always a close affair and this year was no exception as the result was a drawn match.

The next match in the summer series was an away match on Monday 13th June against Faversham Golf club, the result was an improvement on last year's heavy loss but was still a win for Faversham 5&3.

With matches coming thick and fast, Old Salts were at St Augustines Golf Club on Monday 20th June. The precipitation was extreme to say the least! But most teams ploughed on to the finish, the result was a well earned, very wet draw.

Thursday 23rd competition was cancelled due to heavy overnight rain .

After early rain on Thursday 30th it cleared to allow play. The Captain's Challenge was a win by 4 and 3 for Captain John Wegner and Vice David Atkins against Barry Broadbent and Colin Satchell.

The main event was the Hugh Ridley Trophy Medal , in first place was the very consistent John Allen net 64, second Peter Steigmann net 66 and third David Atkins net 66 on count back.

Midweeker's Section Captain Ian Horton Vice Captain Don Williams

No report for the Midweekers this month as Peter is on holiday

Here are the results of the competitions played

Wednesday 1st June The Peter Hadlow June Cup, Medal

The winner with a magnificent 61 was Glenn Snook, 2nd on countback James Marsh with 64, 3rd Mark Tilbury. Birdie prizes were awarded to Tony Lavender, Tommy Burns and Mark Tilbury and Ronnie Rumball won a bottle of scotch for a birdie on the 8th.

The nine hole competition was won by Ernie West with 37, 2nd Frank Netts

with 39 and 3rd Roger Bryant with 42.

Bottles of wine were presented to Dave Chalk 250 appearances, Tony Lavender 150 appearances and Ron Orford 50 no.

Charity sweep winners were Ernie West 1st, Ray Thomas 2nd, 3rd was a rollover 'til next time.

Friday 24th June The Dave King June Trophy Stableford.

Tommy Burns showed his class again with a wonderful 41 pnts, 2nd 3 behind was Dave McIntyre and 1 behind him Don Williams.

Birdies were won by Tommy Burns 2 no less, Ronnie Rumball, John Wegner also 2 and John Cook.

Charity sweep winners were David Barnes, Bob Ireland and Don Crawford
Fundraising 100 Club

1st £30	Ian Horton
2nd £20	Don Crawford
3rd £10	Geoff Hughes

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

What's on for the next two months?

July

Friday 1 st	am Ladies v St Augustines (home)
Saturday 2 nd	all day Men's Invitation Day
Sunday 3 rd	am Captains Swindle 1200hrs Club v Faversham (away)
Monday 4 th	am Ladies v The Old Salts Centenary Cup
Tuesday 5 th	am Ladies Medal
Thursday 7 th	am Old Salts Frank Fox Memorial Medal
Friday 8 th	0900hrs Kent Vets v Broome Park (home)
Saturday 9 th	am Qualifying Medal
Sunday 10 th	am Monthly Medal Scratch Cup
Tuesday 12 th	am Ladies Lady Captain's Day
Wednesday 13 th	am Midweekers Eynon Price Member's Medal
Thursday 14 th	am Old Salts Captains Day
Friday 15 th	0900 Kent Vets v Chestfield (home)
Saturday 16 th	1300 Juniors Mafin Trophy
Sunday 17 th	am Captain's swindle
Monday 18 th	am Old Salts v North Foreland (home)
Tuesday 19 th	am Ladies Competition drawn pairs 0830hrs Kent Vets v Tudor Park (away)
Thursday 21 st	am Old Salts D Fewtrell Trophy Medal
Friday 22 nd	am Ladies v Chestfield (home) am Midweekers July Sweeps Stableford
Saturday 23 rd	all day Captain's Day
Sunday 24 th	am Frened Cup Stableford pm Grandparents Trophy
Monday 25 th	pm Super seventies Etchinghill (away)
Tuesday 26 th	am Ladies Lowe Trophy Medal

Wednesday 27 th	Am Old Salts v Westgate (away)
Friday 29 th	0830hrs Kent Vets v Tudor Park (away)
Saturday 30 th	1200hrs Ladies V Westgate (home)
	am Qualifying Medal
	pm Ex Servicemen's Trophy
Sunday 31 st	all day Presidents Prize 27 holes

August

Tuesday 2 nd	am Ladies Competition Charity Stableford
	1300hrs Super Seventies v North Foreland (home)
Thursday 4 th	pm Ladies Past Captains Trophy
Friday 5 th	0830hrs Kent Vets v Etchinghill (away)
	1300hrs Junior's stableford
Saturday 6 th	1300 club v Westgate (home)
Sunday 7 th	am Captain's Swindle
Tuesday 9 th	0830hrs Ladies President's Day
Wednesday 10 th	am Midweekers T Backhouse Rosebowl Medal
Thursday 11 th	am Old Salts Senior's Cup Medal
Friday 12 th	1030hrs Ladies v The Ridge (home)
Saturday 13 th	all day Captain's Charity Day
Sunday 14 th	am Captain's Swindle
Monday 15 th	am Old Salts Invitation Day
Tuesday 16 th	am Ladies Medal
Thursday 18 th	1330hrs Ladies Captain v Vice Captain
Friday 19 th	am Midweekers A Sait August Shield Stableford
	1330hrs Tripartite (home)
Saturday 20 th	Junior Captain's Day
Sunday 21 st	am Club v The Old Salts
Tuesday 23 rd	am Ladies Texas Scramble
Wednesday 24 th	am Old Salts v St. Augustines Kay Shield (home)
Thursday 25 th	Old Salts Fave Gould Trophy Medal
Friday 26 th	1130hrs Ladies Invitation Day
Saturday 27 th	1300hrs Esworthy Rose Bowl
Sunday 28 th	am Monthly Medal
Monday 29 th	1230hrs RNLi Mixed Greensomes
Tuesday 30 th	am Ladies Autumn 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.

Joke

A lady goes into a country sports store to buy a fishing rod for her husband

but as she knows nothing about fishing she just grabs the first rod to hand. On arriving at the pay desk she sees an assistant wearing dark glasses and asks him if the rod she has got is a good one. The assistant replies that he is blind but can tell by the sound of the item dropping on the floor, exactly what it is. The lady being a bit dubious about this nevertheless drops the rod on the floor. The assistant immediately tells her that the rod is a Shakespeare graphite rod with a Peel matchcaster reel loaded with 10lb line and is on special offer at £25.00.

She is amazed and opens her purse to pay but drops her card on the floor. The assistant says that is an American Express Gold Card, she bends down to pick it up and accidentally breaks wind. Terribly embarrassed she is about to apologise when she remembers he is blind so wont be able to identify her. The man rings up the sale and tells her that the bill comes to £37.50. I thought you said the rod was £25.00 she remarks, it is he replies, the duck call is £10.00 and the catfish bait £2.50!

Competition

Answers

June Quiz

- 1/ Who or what became 15 on June 1st? In 1792 Kentucky became the 15th State of the United States
- 2/ What happened on June 15th at quarter past twelve? The Magna Carta was sealed (1215)
- 3/ Who was created commander of the Continental Army on June 15th? In 1775 George Washington was elevated to this post.
- 4/ What have a famous brand and a small angel in common? Russell Brand and Angelina Jolie share a birthday June 4 1975
- 5/ Some men were saved on this day and 100 years later many more were lost. What was the date and what were the events? June 6th YMCA founded in 1844, D Day landings started June 6th 1944.
- 6/ What left on June 13th 1983 never to return. The Pioneer Space capsule

July Quiz

First to get all 6 right gets the £20

- 1/ What have a crab, a lion, a lily, and a ruby in common?
- 2/ What 50th anniversary was morbidly celebrated on July 4th 1826 and who was involved?
- 3/ Which "big bang" happened on July 16th over 70 years ago?
- 4/ Which two "A's" became "first footers" on 21st July 1969?

5/ Who's birthday was celebrated by a big splash in 1969 and what was it?

6/ What is special about 1pm on July 3rd except in a leap year?

Sudoku

Answer to last month's Sudoku

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

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Flotsam and Jetsam

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.

Ping Irons 3 – PW 8 clubs in all, Left Handed £100 see Bill Mumford

Sue Goodall has a set of Ping Rapture clubs graphite shafts, LW, SW, PW, 9,8 and 7 irons £120.00 Contact on either 07813633730 or 01227749188

Ron Orford wants to sell:-

Mizuno MX19

3 to sand iron, steel shaft, new grips

Mizuno

Hybrid 20 degree, graphite shaft

3 wood 15 degree, graphite shaft

All this for £115.00

Contact Ron on 01227 266767