

## **WHITSTABLE TIDINGS**

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### **Message from the President.**

Salutations tout le monde, je suis addressing vous de mon maison en France ou ma Femme et moi et sojourning pour deux weeks. J'espair que Whitstable et Seasalter Golf Club n'est pas descending en despair avec moi ne pas present ! Nous et missing tout de vous extrememont, mais le bon French booze est mollifying le misery dequoi!

Bon golfing de mon absence et Hasta la Vista!

John et Sue

### **Captains Message**

Forthcoming events

Don't forget to pay the balance of the money for The Dinner Dance asap  
And make sure your menu choices are known or you may not get what you wanted!

Children's Christmas Party and Adult's Party will soon be available for entry, watch this space!

New Year's Eve soon to be upon us the list will be going up on the board soon so make sure you get your names up and pay the deposit to Steve before the end of October!

There's not too much to say about matches etc. although the Kent Vets played a Jamboree here, 60 players were accommodated, and all went extremely well finishing with a lovely carvery meal, well done Harry!  
We came last of course!

In an effort to speed up play, "Ready Golf" play is being advised. This means that players should play when ready rather than adhering strictly to the "furthest from the hole plays first" stipulation in the Rules of Golf.

This would not be used in Match play as strategy could be involved in those games.

Examples of "ready golf" are

- 1/ Hitting a shot when safe to do so if a player faces a difficult shot and is taking time to assess their options.
- 2/ Shorter hitter playing first from the tee or fairway if longer hitters have to wait.
- 3/ Hitting a tee shot if the person with the honour is delayed in being ready to play
- 4/ Hitting your shot before helping a player to look for a lost ball
- 5/ Putting out even if it means standing close to someone else's line
- 6/ Hitting a shot when someone has played a bunker shot whilst they are raking it

- 7/ When a player's ball has gone through the green and they are walking to it to assess their shot, you may chip up to the green
- 8/ Leaving your bag or trolley on the exit of the green rather than where you played from then getting your bag and clearing the green
- 9/ Marking your scorecard on the next tee rather than the green, the first to drive off marking their card after driving off

I look forward to seeing how this will speed up the game!

Bob

### **From the office October 2016**

Half day first aid course for members

We now have a full number of candidates for the course. Are looking at mid/end November for probable date for the running of it. The members concerned will be contacted shortly.

### **WIFI in the clubhouse**

Yes Royal Whitstable and Seasalter GC has arrived in the 21<sup>st</sup> century wifi is now available throughout the club! Steve will give you the code and if you would like to make a small donation to the Charity I would not be offended!

### **First Aid Kit locations**

Please note there are First Aid Kits available in the following locations, Ladies changing room, behind the bar, in the box below the notice board by the main door and the Greenkeeper's shed.

### **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 7<sup>th</sup>. Last year we installed a sign on the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **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!

### **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.

### **Junior Section Captain James Green Vice Captain Oscar Girling**

### **Ladies Section Captain Joan Sykes Vice Captain Maureen Davison**

The weather gods were kind to us for the Knockout Finals which were held over the first weekend of September. There were 4 finals featuring the ladies section and all saw some very high quality golf played. Mel Bashford and Penny Perkins played in the final of the Seasalter Ladies Trophy which Penny clinched with a putt for a par on the 18<sup>th</sup> green, a very tight match all the way round. The Klein Cup (for husband and wife pairings) was a re-run of last year's final between Sheila and Mick Wyles and Molly and Barry Broadbent. Sheila and Mick got off to a good start and Molly and Barry could never quite catch them after that, so the Wyles' retained the Cup. The Stanley Cup (for non-husband and wife pairings) was won by Louise Tucker and Andy Selwood who beat Linda Bawden and David Kinnersley in the final, just a couple of loose shots making the difference. Louise and Andy lost on the 19<sup>th</sup> the last time they got to the final so they were delighted to avenge that defeat! The Jubilee Rosebowl was the closest match of the weekend, between Vilma Parrett and Louise Tucker playing Helen Foad and Pat Bensted. Very few holes were halved in a really close game, with both sides chipping in at different points. Vilma holed a 6 foot putt on the 18<sup>th</sup> to win the hole and tie the match and send the pairs up the 19<sup>th</sup>. The momentum stayed with Vilma and Louise and they just managed to finish the job on the 19<sup>th</sup>, an excellent match. Thanks to all the organisers, referees and caddies for ensuring the smooth running of it all.

There weren't that many pairs in the Daily Mail Foursomes this year, think we were all a bit golfed out! Those that did play enjoyed a nice morning in the warm sunshine. Sue Pout and Shirley Rosser were the winners with a respectable 34 points, Mel Bashford and Louise Tucker came second with 30.

We played a charity stableford alongside the Herne Bay Memorial Cup on a very benign morning in the middle of the month. Shirley Rosser made the most of the calm conditions and came in victorious with a very solid 36 points. Penny Perkins was second on count back from Helen Foad, both with 33 points.

The Autumn meeting was a pleasant day with a morning 18 hole medal and an afternoon 9 hole Texas Scramble. Numbers were slightly down on last year but all those who did play enjoyed a good day of golf topped off with one of Harry's finest strawberry and cream cakes! Pat Bensted was a convincing winner in the morning with a net 65 (handicap suitably adjusted) from Louise Tucker (net 68) and Vilma Parrett (net 69). Front nine winner was Maureen Davison and back nine winner Maz Garlinge. In the afternoon team event the trio of Helen Foad, Sally Lawson and Maz Garlinge were clear winners with 23.5 from Linda Bawden, Cath Whitehead and Pat Bensted with 26.4. Another nice day to remember!

We sent 8 mixed pairs to the annual Jamboree at North Foreland, best 7 scores out of the 8 counting for the team. It was a noisy but interesting afternoon as we had free entertainment provided by the 'Wheels and Fins' music and sport festival at nearby Joss Bay! John Stokes and Jenny Vening scored a magnificent 44 points to help our team score to 259, but this still wasn't enough to get us anywhere near the top. North Foreland won, again, with 294 points from Walmer and Kingsdown and then Faversham. John Clarke and Mel Bashford both walked off with nearest the pin prizes so at least we had a couple of winners on our side!

### **Men's Section Captain Bob Ireland Vice Captain Gary Morgan**

Golf Report for Sundays in September

Trevor Croxton finished clear winner of the Captain's swindle played early in the month with a solid thirty-eight points. Both Nicholas Denly and Robin George finished just one point short of the winning total and had to settle for the runner up positions.

In the September medal scores across the board were impressive with no less than four players ending with net 60 totals and all final places had to be settled on count-back. Eventual winner was Malcolm Cane who played his best golf over the closing holes during which he dropped only two shots. In second place was Neil Bennett who played superbly throughout; after a birdie on the first Neil went on to finish with twelve consecutive pars to end with a fabulous gross sixty-seven. Derek Bates had to settle for third place despite a strong back nine finish. Rob Davis also with net 60 was unlucky to miss out on the win after he dropped three shots over the final holes.

September medal results provided final points available for this year's Committee Cup. Neil Bennett's fine medal performance provided him with the strong finish he needed to put him clear of the rest of the chasing pack with a total of twenty-eight points and provide the outright win he craved after just missing out last year. Lloyd Foster couldn't add to his total and finished six points short of the winning tally whilst Derek Bates ended eight points short despite his best efforts in the final qualifying competition.

### **Old Salts Section Captain John Wegner Vice Captain Dave Atkins**

September began with round 5 of Weg's Whisky played as a Qualifying Stableford. In third place was Brian Pratt with 38 points, second was John Allen 38 points on countback but the winner was Micky Dunne with 39 points. The Captains Challenge was a duel between Captain John Wegner and Vice David Atkins against David Dale and Rod Whitehead, the result was a win for Captain and Vice 5 and 4.

September 15th was a friendly four ball due to course maintenance, in addition a Captain's Challenge was played between Captain John Wegner and Colin Holton against Barry Broadbent and Steve Sage, the result was a halved match.

Old salts played matches against Boughton away, losing 5-1 and Sheerness away on September 21<sup>st</sup>, losing 4 ½ – 1 ½.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> saw the playing of an enjoyable team Stableford competition, the runners up were Malcolm Cane, Dennis Smith, Gwyn Oakley and Dave Rhodes with 91 points, the winners were Tom Burns, Ray Cooper, Andy Taylor and Dave Gower with 95 points.

Round Six of Best Three Scores of Six Weg's Whiskey was played on a very blustery September 29<sup>th</sup>, in third place was Dave Rigden with 37 points, second Bernie Whitaker with 38 points and the winner was Steve Sage with 39 points.

The overall winner will be announced at a later date.

The Captain's Challenge was a win 2 and 1 for Captain John Wegner, Vice Captain David Atkins against Colin Holton and Gwyn Oakley.

### **Midweeker's Section Captain Ian Horton Vice Captain Don Williams**

The Cecil Wren Medal was played on Wed 7th Sept. 31 players took part on a very hot sunny day, the course was in excellent condition considering the long hot spell there had been.

The winner by 1 shot was John Fullagar with a very good 62, from in second place John Wegner (63 if you had not work it out). 3rd playing to handicap (66) Gary Hartley-Trigg, sporting another new pair of shorts.

Birdies were hard to come by, with only two, 6th/15th Bob Ireland and 4/13th David Rhodes.

The Charity Sweep winners Colin Holton and Ian Horton.

The captain's challenge, with Alan Fowler standing in for the absent Vice Captain (away in the fiords of Norway, lucky man) finished all square against the challenge of Bob Ireland and Ian Burton.

The much prized Summer Eclectic was won by the very late challenge of Paul Guilfolye with 53.5 from the consistent Tommy Burns 54 and third, the previous holder Alan Fowler 55

Bottles of wine were presented for appearance at competitions Tony Taunton 50 and Peter Shearing 100.

The proceedings were completed with a rousing rendition "Happy Birthday" to John Fullagar (thanks for the drink, for he's a jolly good fellow)

## **Fundraising 100 Club**

1st £30 Denis Smith

2nd £20 Shirley Rosser

3rd £10 Antony Trevett

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

### **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.

### **Jokes**

When my daughter was about three, she told me, whilst eating a large gherkin, that she had just killed a fly, worried about the possibility of infection, I washed her hands with antiseptic. As she continued to eat her gherkin I asked her how she had killed it. With my gherkin she replied between bites.

"I have to tell you that you have a very contagious disease" the doctor informed me, "you will have to remain in quarantine for three weeks until the disease has run it's course. We will be feeding you a special diet of cheese and salami for that period". "Why do I have to have a special diet of those things" I asked? The Doctor replied "they are the only things we can get under the door!"

A 50 year old woman went to the doctor's as he examined her the nurse outside heard her scream then she appeared in a high state of anxiety at the nurse's desk. After calming the woman down, the nurse went into the surgery and asked the doctor why he had told the woman she was pregnant? The Doctor calmly writing his notes said "does she still have hiccups"?

### **Competition**

Answers

#### **September Quiz**

- 1/ What is Gerst Monath?  
Saxon English for barley month
- 2/ What "express" departs on September 1<sup>st</sup>?  
Hogwarts express
- 3/ What arrived in Philadelphia in 1752?  
The Liberty Bell
- 4/ What famous first happened in 1972?

Mark Spitz won 7 gold medals

- 5/ What is peculiar to September and is shared by no other month?  
It has the same number of letters as it's place in the year
- 6/ Which Victoria returned to Spain and was the first?  
The ship commanded by Vasco de Gama first round the world voyage

### October Quiz

All 6 answers gets the £20 from Steve

- 1/ What famous model was born on 1<sup>st</sup> October 1908?
- 2/ What "first" occurred in 1895
- 3/ What happened in Poland, Italy, Portugal and Spain on 5<sup>th</sup> October 1582?
- 4/ Who caused mass panic with a broadcast in 1938 and why?
- 5/ Who nailed his 95 theses to a church in Germany in 1517?
- 6/ What do October and February have in common?

### Sudoku

Answer to last month's Sudoku

7	6	3	5	1	2	9	8	4
2	8	5	4	9	8	6	3	7
8	4	9	7	6	3	5	2	1
1	9	7	8	3	4	2	5	6
3	5	4	1	2	6	7	9	8
6	2	8	9	5	7	4	1	3
4	3	1	2	7	5	8	6	9
5	7	9	3	8	9	1	4	2
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### 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](mailto: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

#### Taylor Made Burners

4-sand wedge, 2 years old steel uniflex shafts, good grips, £50.00 ono  
Martin 07932 784707