

## **WHITSTABLE TIDINGS**

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

Hello everyone and welcome to 2017. Firstly I would like to wish you all a happy and prosperous new year.

We are very fortunate this winter, as so far the course has stood up remarkably well. This is partly due to the forward thinking of the greens committee although a huge part is down to the weather. I would also say that more understanding is also showing through with regards to trolleys and buggies, which is very much appreciated by the Members. So thanks go to those who make key decisions, from me and on behalf of the membership. I thought the hard work put in by the Social committee paid dividends during the festive season in particular the Children's Christmas party. I would especially like to thank our new lady captain Maureen and the new Vice captain Sue Pout for their hard work on the day, not forgetting all the helpers and the wonderful Cup Cakes made by Mrs Fowler. I would say that some of the children were a bit confused when the Mousse/Reindeer removed his head in front of them..... Well we seem to have our very own serial Father Christmas who has made this role his own. (All the future Vice Captains are breathing a sigh of relief), so thank you Michael you helped to make the children's Christmas memorable. Maureen, well-done with the little torches a touch of inspiration I think! On a final note thank you to Shirley for decorating the Clubhouse along with her helpers.

The New Year also didn't come up short with a great band and dancing that went into the small hours. A good time was had by all. Keep up the good work everyone and keep supporting the events put on by the social side, I am sure that when you read on further in the tidings, future events will be listed by Gary and Howard.

On a more serious note, as you know, we are about to make very important decisions in this forthcoming year for our Club. So please keep a look out on notice boards for any revised drawings for the new clubhouse received from our architect, which we will be proposing for presentation to the planners at Canterbury council. We encourage your input for any suggestions, but please understand that we will never be able to please everyone. We have to consider all aspects but mainly making it affordable and most importantly, that the design works for our club....

Happy golfing everyone for 2017. Kind regards, John.

### **Captain's Message**

Hi everyone,

6 weeks in, and what an amazing 6 weeks it has been!

I would firstly like to say 'thank you' to the Captains who have invited me along to most enjoyable, matches & Christmas celebrations.

An exceptionally busy December.

I would like to thank Ladies Captain, Maureen, and all who helped running and providing for a most successful coffee morning.

That afternoon, I joined with Junior Captain Oscar, for a fun 9 holes, followed by snacks at the golf club, then joined by families for bowling. Surprisingly, the juniors beat the adults at bowling!

Adult Christmas party, with chilli/shepherds pie, disco & fun evening, I must point out I was disappointed to see most people leave after the raffle. Please note, we are still waiting for some prizes to be claimed, they are in the office.

Children's Christmas party, attended by 38 spellbound, well behaved children. Once again the entertainer was great. Thanks to Ladies Captain, Maureen, Sue, Howard and Santa, the children were most impressed.

New Year's Eve, what can I say, another New Year. Monsoon, absolutely outstanding, food wonderful & great atmosphere. Full house, great party.

Big thank you to Steve and Harry & their staff, for all the continual hard work and commitment.

With regards to the course, I would like to thank the Green staff and the weather, for keeping us playing.

Burns night now approaching, and guest list rapidly filling up for Sat 21st Jan. Thanks to Mick Found and Kev Stevens who arranged a pre Christmas Society Day, which was fun. And made some money for my charity.

Lastly can I wish you all a happy successful 2017.

Best wishes

Gary

### **Ladies Captain's Message**

May I wish everyone a very happy and prosperous New Year.

The Children's Christmas party was a great success this year. All committee members worked hard in the preparation for this event. The children really enjoyed their jam and marmite sandwiches, jelly and cream and of course those lovely cupcakes. Once again Father Christmas delivered the presents and what a good job he did. Hope he managed to get back to the North Pole safely!

Maureen Davison

### **From the office December 2016**

#### **Club Diary 2017**

The new club diary is available from the office should you have not collected one already.

We hope you like the cover photograph of the course that was taken by a drone controlled by Mark Tilbury. Thanks to Mark for his photographs and video clips that feature on the Club website.

Thanks also need to be given to the members and friends of the Club that took out an advertisement in the Diary. These adverts pay for the diaries.

We are planning the 2018 edition already, so if your company is willing to take an advert please contact the office for further information.  
Thanks also to Tony Henley in his work in preparing the fixture list for the year.

### **New Course Notice Board**

Please ensure you read the notices on the notice board as you walk from the car park towards the first tee. It is updated daily on matters concerning what type of golf trolley can be used on the day in question. The club answer phone message will back this information up.

### **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.

1. Borehole now completed under budget – we are now course water sufficient
2. New ride on buggies shed update/clearance of land by Old Salts. Ongoing delivery of container. Old Salts organising.

### **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 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

**Present;** John Stokes, Malcolm Kent, John Rosser, Steve Suttle and Seth Devine.

**Apologies** \_\_\_\_\_Rob Davies and John Wegner.

**Matters arising; Machinery repairs update.**

All up to date.

### **Machinery viewed at Chestfield Golf Club**

Malcolm Kent viewed the available machinery with the conclusion that it was not suitable for the club.

### **Winter mats; new ones, cleaning H & S slipping 3<sup>rd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> concrete broken corner.**

Review budget with a view to purchase 4 new mats total approx. £1000

### **Wash down update**

On going

### **Well pump protection and water stop cock re clubhouse.**

All completed.

### **4<sup>th</sup> green update on work/repairs**

All completed after further work to lower drain

### **Course fencing repairs/improvement.**

Price being obtained for work near to the 8<sup>th</sup> green and behind 5<sup>th</sup> Tee.

### **Hire buggies.**

Available subject to weather.

### **Loss of use of land on the 8<sup>th</sup> for storage.**

Area of land identified left of 7<sup>th</sup> near 4<sup>th</sup> Tee by conifers as useable subject to access.

### **OOB/posts. JW/JC/RG**

On going.

### **New cutter (Seth)**

Still awaiting delivery.

### **Green Keepers Report December 2016**

#### Greens

The height of cut is now set at the winter bench setting of 6mm. The greens have been deeply slit on two occasions recently and remain in healthy condition. During the winter they are sprayed on a monthly basis with an

iron solution, which improves presentation and hardens off the turf as a protection against possible disease infection.

#### General

The extensive prolonged dry period continues to amaze me. Apart from a three week period at the beginning of November we have virtually been in a drought situation here in Whitstable since the beginning of July. Despite this the contractor managed to vertidrain all the fairways and selected other areas in October. Following this work we divotted all the fairways and also topped up sunken drainage channels. All the drainage work that has been completed has yet to be tested but I am hopeful that it will improve matters when required. Drainage pipe has been installed on the 4<sup>th</sup> green and 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> fairways with the latter areas also mole ploughed along with areas on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> fairways.

In recent weeks we have refurbished bunkers on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and removed fairy ring contaminated turf besides greens numbers 1, 2 and 5. This latter work involves removing infected areas and replacing with fresh root zone and turf. We are also smoothing out sunken areas around greens by removing turf, making good the levels with root zone and replacing the original turf. The borehole is now in place and plumbed in. I am very happy that we are now in the position of being unaffected by any drought restrictions orders in the future.

We have laid new Astroturf on the path besides the 10<sup>th</sup> tee to eradicate the slip hazard.

Steve Suttle

Head Greenkeeper

#### **Ongoing Work**

##### **Extra hours/priorities needed?**

None at present.

##### **Winter 2016/7 schedule.**

Fairy rings started; ditch trimming continuing and car park conifers under review.

##### **Replacement of old astro turf paths. 1<sup>ST</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> done, others needed??**

Secretary to price for replacements where needed.

##### **A.O.B.**

##### **New ride on buggies shed update/clearance of land by Old Salts.**

Now informed planning permission is needed so ongoing.

##### **Any more course signs needed.**

Some needed regarding major ditches for health and safety.

**Land sale update.**

In process of awaiting solicitors draft contracts.

**Course policy document now available electronically.**

This will be updated during the winter by the green staff and committee.

**Next meeting will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am.**

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

**Junior Section Captain Oscar Girling Vice Captain Callum Buchanan**

New Junior Captain, Oscar, came in with style by winning the January Medal off his handicap of 14.0. Well done Oscar.

Next meeting for the Juniors is Sat 4th Feb 1pm

**Ladies Section Captain Maureen Davison Vice Captain Sue Pout**

We played a Stableford at the beginning of the month on a beautiful Wintery morning. Once the frost and mist had cleared the sun came out and it was a pleasure to be out playing. Maz Garlinge was winner of Division 1 with a great score of 38-helped along the way with a 4 for 5 points on the 5<sup>th</sup>! Louise Tucker was second with 34 and Mia Waddingham 3<sup>rd</sup> with 32-it's lovely to welcome Mia, one of our juniors, into the ladies events. In Division 2 Vilma Parrett was highest scorer with 35 points, from Stella Lakin on 34 and Jean Hudson on 28.

We played our annual pink ball Stableford in teams of 3, before our Christmas lunch. Possibly for the first time ever, all the pink balls that left the Clubhouse returned to the Clubhouse! Winning trio with a very good score of 67 were Judy Butcher, Shirley Dalton and Sally Lawson. Second on count back were Doreen Dale, Mel Bashford and Jane Bodiam-partly thanks to Doreen's 2 for 8 points on the 6<sup>th</sup>, with the pink ball! In third place, on the same score of 61, were Louise Tucker, Sue Goodall and Molly Broadbent.

Other prizes were given out for the England Golf Medal-to Louise Tucker, for the best 4 medal scores in the year. Louise now goes through to regional finals. The Summer Eclectic went to Lady Captain Maureen Davison, narrowly beating Maddy Shaw. 33 players entered the Christmas Competition. 4 rounds were just about played, despite fog and rain, and the best 3 scores counted. Penny Perkins was victorious with 103 points from Louise Tucker on 101 and Mel Bashford on 90. Maz Garlinge was 4<sup>th</sup> on 85 and Vilma Parrett and Jean Hudson joint 5<sup>th</sup> on 84.

Christmas lunch was great as always, good food, good company and a good old sing-song at the end. The perfect end to the year!

Many thanks to all those who came and supported the ladies annual Christmas coffee morning. There was the usual array of stalls and games and as always we are grateful for your generosity and support.

A very Happy New Year to you all. Looking forward to more happy times on and off the course in 2017!

### **Men's Section Captain Gary Morgan Vice Captain Howard Gordon**

4th Dec was our first Sunday, being the Captions swindle, 1st Nick Denly, 2nd Glen Snook 3rd Malcolm Cane.

11th continuing captains swindle. 1st Malcolm Wright, 2nd Gerry Allan 3rd Barry Broadbent.

18th Brian Wild 1st Peter Smith 2nd, John Wegner 3rd

Boxing Day Brandy Stakes;

28 turnout most impressive Callum Buchanan 1st, 2nd Brian Wild, 3rd Andy Selwood.

Captain's "Challenge for Dec, won 2 lost 2

### **Old Salts Section Captain Dave Atkins Vice Captain Colin Holton**

The second round of Dave's Dozen was played on a very cold morning on 1<sup>st</sup> December, third on countback was Alec Parrett 38 points, second was Frank O'Boyle 38 points and first was Colin Whittaker with 39 points.

The Captain's Challenge was a win for John Dowle and Colin Satchell 2 and 1 against Captain David Atkins and Vice Captain Colin Holton.

December 8<sup>th</sup> saw the playing of the Annual Christmas Cup Nine Hole competition followed by a very well attended and boisterous Old Salts Christmas Lunch, among the guests were Club President John Clarke, Club Captain Gary Morgan and Past President Michael Behr.

The nine hole competition was a very close affair, the result was in third place Brian Ridley with 19 points, second was the evergreen Ted Backhouse with 20 points on countback but the winner was an OLD favorite, Mick Wyles with 20 points.

The Captains Challenge was a win on the last hole for Old Salts Captain David Atkins and Vice Captain Colin Holton who took on President John Clarke and Club Captain Gary Morgan.

A round of Dave's Average Score Winter competition resulted in a win for Mick Wyles with 39 points, second was John Wegner on 38 points and third was Bernie Whitaker with 37 points.

Captain David Atkins and Vice Captain Colin Holton took on Gary Hartley-Trigg and David Rhodes in the Captains Challenge, the result was a 4 and 3 win for the challengers.

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> was a friendly four ball competition .The Captain's Challenge saw a win for the challengers Mick Wyles and Fred Stokes by 4 and 2 against Captain David Atkins and Vice Captain Colin Holton.

The last competition of 2016 was unfortunately delayed by heavy frost which reduced the day to friendly nine hole game.

The Old Salts Section wishes all members A Very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year for 2017.

## **Midweeker's Section Captain Don Williams Vice Captain Alan Fowler**

Only have one set of results for December to hand, the other will be reported in the next edition.

The results of the A. Bensted December Cup- Stapleford Competition.

Winner Alan Fowler 39 points, 2nd Gary Hartley-Trigg 37, 3rd Ian Moys 37 on count back

Birdies 6/15th Gary Hartley-Trigg, Mel Bashford and Ivor Smith.

4/13th. G H-T

Charity Sweep Mel Bashford, John \*\*\*\*\*, Robin George.

Captains Challenge a win for the challengers John Clarke and Gary Morgan 3 and 2.

## **Fundraising 100 Club**

### **Doubled in December!**

1st £30 John Rosser and Penny Kinnersley

2nd £20 Betty Washby and Martin Dynes

3rd £10 John Wegner and Colin Chapman

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.

### **Joke**

I went round to see a mate of mine the other day and he answered the door sporting a lovely black eye, I asked him how he got it and he told me he had been at church and the woman in the row in front of him had got her dress caught in the cheeks of her bottom and it looked uncomfortable. "So what happened next"? I enquired. "Well" he said "I pulled it out for her and she turned round and socked me in the eye"! "Well I'm not surprised" I said.

The next week I went to see him again and he answered the door sporting two black eyes! "Crikey" I said "what happened to you"? "I was at church and the same woman was in the row in front and when she stood up her dress was tucked into the cheeks of her bottom again"! "You didn't pull it out again did you" I asked? "No" he said, "her husband did, but I know she doesn't like that so I tucked it back in again"!

## **December Quiz**

All 6 answers get the £20 voucher from Steve, please contact him first not me!

- 1/ What was marketed in Britain as "Quietness" a soothing agent for babies?
- 2/ What is the modern name for BackRub"?
- 3/ What is the most "shoplifted" item in Europe"?



- 4/ What is the Scot's word for that panicky hesitation you get when you forget the name of the person you are introducing?
- 5/ What was an Olympic sport between 1900 and 1920?
- 6/ What is odd about the word "stewardesses"?

Answers to November Quiz

I must apologise for the November quiz, there was an error in the text so the whole thing was impossible, I will try harder in 2017 not to make so many mistakes!

**Sudoku**

Answer to last month's Sudoku

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

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