



tidings

A Message from the President

Hello everyone.

Well we are underway, the New Clubhouse has started! The first thing is that due to some re-organising we have not lost as many car parking spaces as it looked initially but I would still urge members to car share whenever they can, particularly when we have very busy days such as Ladies coffee morning just to mention one event. I think the access to the course between the hoarding and the office seems to be working well, with sit on buggies going the opposite way around.

We had further good news, the Greenkeeper managed to construct the new putting green virtually the same size as our original. Every last turf was reused and Steve is hopeful that with good winter conditions it will be ready for use in late spring. The Bunds between the 5th and 7th fairways are almost completed too, apart from a few turves. I think all those involved are very pleased that they have already formed an integral part of the course, so well done every one.

I think the builders have done a nice neat job of making sure the impact of the building work doesn't cause unnecessary grief for all members. They are very aware of the tight conditions that they have to work within and John our Secretary, has a very good day to day working relationship with David the site manager.

Since my last message we have had the Dinner Dance which I think went extremely well. The room was spectacular and I have to say what a great idea Andy Sargeant with the illuminated balloons, magnificent. Everyone enjoyed themselves, so well-done to all those that had an input.

Halloween... I won't say too much because of doubling up but an awesome night, the amount of work contributed by the Captain with Lesley and all their helpers was only to be admired. Well-done too to all those that dressed the part, what a magnificent collection of witches, ghouls and assorted monsters! Plenty more opportunities to join in as the festive season approaches.

November is a month of change for our club with the AGM and the Drive in for the new Captains. I am sure you will all join me in saying well done to the outgoing officers and good luck to the new ones. Let's all look forward to supporting them all as much as we can in their special year. Well that's where I round up my message for this month, happy golfing.

Bye for now John



They breed 'em tough on Sheppey!!

... and from the Captain



I think I have thanked everyone for their help and support over the past few weeks but I always forget to mention Steve Wood behind the bar-he has been like my oracle-he has seen it all and has to listen to all the rubbish we go on about when we have had a few too many! He does a lot more than many people appreciate. I often hear him welcome new visitors and he always promotes our Club and is very informative as well as organising and collecting monies for all the events we have. So a big well done Steve.

Lastly I wanted to mention the new Clubhouse. I have listened over the past two years to the comments of members - we should have done this - should have done that - why are they doing this and so on.

So here is my personal take on it.

The Board of Directors have worked so hard in particular Malcolm Kent, to do the best for our Club and to get us a new Clubhouse for the future. As far as I have seen they are always having to defend themselves and their decisions. If you look around the Club you will see we have a lot of members from Herne Bay - I think around 50. In my opinion this has most certainly saved our Club from being in serious trouble. The new Clubhouse can only be another added bonus for new members to be interested in joining. I talk to a lot of golfers from other Clubs and trust me they envy what our Board have achieved. And don't forget these are just ordinary golfers, just like you, who have worked for years to achieve this. And it hasn't cost you a penny. Take that business plan to the Dragon's Den and see if they think it was a good idea! It's about time we gave them some praise not a hard time - **BRILLIANT WORK- WELL DONE!** My very best wishes to Richard and Rob for the coming year.



The Captain shakes a leg with Lesley at the D&D, after a superb rendition of 'My Way'

Happy golfing - Captain

BAT & TRAP



We narrowly missed out on being outright winners. After a shaky start to the season we eventually came good.

Looking forward to next season and promoting awareness of our soon to be new clubhouse.

New players welcome please contact Louise or Richard.



Midweeker's Section - Captain Alan Fowler, Vice Captain Dave Hodgson

The first competition of October was the Ray Thomas Cup, this was won by Bob Daniels with a net 64 on count back with Tony Lavender 2nd and David Chalk 3rd. The only birdie of the morning was for Bob Daniels on the 9th/18th hole. There were wins in the charity sweep for Stewart Brown, Peter Jaynes and John Fullager.

The second competition of the month was the Dave Rosendale Sorcerers Trophy this was won by John Fullager with 38 points second was Andy Short on count back with 38 points and third John Wegner with 37 points. That unfortunately is all the details I have on that competition.

The Midweekers held their annual charity night during the month and as usual this was another resounding success the proceeds from which coupled with other monies raised during the year enabled the captain Alan Fowler to donate £ 1700 to the Pancreatic Cancer Charity so well done to all the entertainers and those that attended on the night.

The Midweekers have also had their AGM and the captain for next year is David Hodgeson and his vice captain will be Ian Moyle so wish the pair of them all the best for the coming year. Also a big vote of thanks to Alan Fowler our outgoing captain who has done a sterling job through out the last year. The incoming captain will drive in on Wednesday the 14th of November so make sure you are there to support him.

Don't forget the Midweekers is open to all club members without subscription so come along and get your name down give it a go!

Ian Horton

Men's Section -

Captain Howard Gordon, Vice-Captain Richard Davis

In the October Medal it was Duncan Palmer who again demonstrated his good form. Despite two double bogies and one triple bogie on the front nine, Duncan finished strongly and ended two shots clear of the rest of the field. His net sixty-three total was two better than Neil Brown and Mike Calthrop who both finished with net sixty-five scores. Neil was eventually awarded second place on count-back after confusion arising from the final scores entered into the electronic scoring system.

A disappointingly small field competed for the medal-winners cup; nevertheless the competition proved to be one that each entrant was keen to win. At the finish it was Ricky Allison who managed to sneak a win with a net sixty-five, one shot clear of John Wegner who had to settle for the runner up slot, and three shots clear of Jon Perkins who ended in third place. In the Stableford competition competed

for on the same day as the medal winners cup, it was the enigmatic Ray Emmerson who proved yet again that off his current handicap he is a force to be reckoned with. Ray finished the easy winner, two shots clear of the rest of the field, with John Stokes taking second place on thirty-six points and Andy Selwood placed third on count-back ahead of Trevor Croxton and Ian Horton.

Andy Selwood is also doing well in this year's Turkey Trot competition. After two rounds, and with just one more round to play, Andy is in the lead with seventy-five points, one point clear of Callum Buchanan. In the chasing group behind the leaders are Jon Perkins, Ricky Allison, Robin George and Trevor Croxton, all of whom are just five shots behind the leader. They will all be keen to do their best in the final round in order to relegate Andy to a lower position and a smaller "Turkey". **Derek**

ALL MEMBERS MUST MAKE SURE THAT IF THEY HIT A BALL THAT LEAVES THE COURSE THEY FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE BOOK IN THE FOYER OF THE CLUBHOUSE THIS IS COMPULSORY FOR ALL MEMBERS & GUESTS

Old Salts' Section - Captain Colin Holton, Vice Captain Malcolm Cane

Monday 1st October and the Indian Summer still with us Old Salts hosted a team from Manston Golf Club, the result was a good win for Old Salts 5 and 1.

A popular Texas Scramble was played on October 4th, in 3rd place with 58 points were David Rigden, Kit Ryan, Ian Wingrove and Ray Campbell, in 2nd place were Barry Broadbent, John Allen, Brian Ridley and Sid Silk with 56.8 and the winners were Martyn Dines, Henry Kernighan, Colin Holton and Graham Hughes with 54.9. Special congratulations to Barry Broadbent for a hole in one on the 13th.

The winner of the 2018 Challenge Cup was Ray Campbell, the trophy was presented by the sponsor Rod Whitehead.

The prize for the winner of Holton's Hooch Stableford competition was presented by the Captain Colin Holton to John Allen.

The annual Old Salts / Ladies Pairs Stableford match was played on Monday 8th, in 3rd place were the pairing of Sheila Wyles and Malcolm Cane with a score of 64 points, 2nd were Linda Bawden and Gwyn Oakley with 65 points but the winners were the men's Captain Colin Holton and the Ladies Captain Sue Pout with a score of 67 (it was noted that the Lady Captain outscored her partner !)

The last Old Salts match of the season was played away at North Foreland, always a popular course. The result was a win for the hosts 6 and 2 , (The names of the successful pairs are withheld to preserve their modesty !).

Thursday the 18th was a medal competition, in 3rd place on count back was Trevor Croxton with a net score of 67, 2nd with a net 67 was Ian Burton but the winner was Graham Hughes with a net 64.

The Captain's Challenge cudgel (Captain was on holiday) was taken up by Vice Captain Malcolm Cane ably assisted by Gwyn Oakley , unfortunately a bigger cudgel was needed as they lost by 2 holes to John Stokes and Ian Horton.

The last competition of October was a drawn pairs Greensome. In 1st place were Henry Kernighan and John Allen with 42 points, 2nd were Colin Holton and Micky Dunne with 40 points and 3rd on count back were David Morgan and Bob McCormick with 39 points.

Captain Colin Holton presented awards to Graham Hughes winner of the Summer Eclectic with 52.5 joint second were Martyn Dines and Paul Lithgow with 56.0. The award for the Best Scratch score was presented to Stuart Brown by the sponsor, Peter Steigmann for a net 75, 2nd was Peter Steigmann with a net 76 and 3rd was Graham Hughes with a net 77.

The Best Three Medal score winner was David Rigden with a total 196, 2nd on count back was Graham Hughes with 196 and 3rd Brian Daw with 197.

Brian Ridley

Junior Section -

Captain Callum Buchanan, Vice-Captain Millie Tucker

Rather a small turnout for our November competition, but, nevertheless, ably won by Millie, our new Captain. Callum and Millie accompanied young Brinley for the eighteen holes and Brinley was awarded the Genesis Trophy, unfortunately we couldn't actually present it to him as it was still in the home of young Mr. Jacob Best who wasn't present that day. However all will be rectified before long.

Mel



The Victors - Sue and Colin

Ladies Section - Captain Sue Pout, Vice-Captain Louise Tucker

The Autumn Meeting was very well-supported in both the morning Medal and the afternoon Texas Scramble. Scores were good and the top 3 players in the morning got their handicaps cut as a result. The winner, on count back, was Val Brown with an impressive net 65. Mia Waddingham was second on the same score and Louise Tucker third with a net 67. Front nine winner was Mary King, net 33, and back nine winner Judy Butcher, net 32. The Texas Scramble in the afternoon is always good fun. Scores were very close, the winning trio were Lady Captain Sue Pout, Cath Whitehead and Ann Milner with a score of 25.3. Second were Beryl Wingrove, Sharon Mills and Maureen Davison with 26.0. Thanks very much to our esteemed President John for getting up early to see us off with a smile and a sweet, and to all the ladies who made the delicious cakes for the afternoon.

We do enjoy a Waltz competition in the ladies section! One score counting on the first hole, two on the second, three on the third and repeat. It was a perfect morning and scoring was good. Winning trio were Mary King, Helen Foad and Louise Tucker with 74 points. Second were Betty Washby, Mia Waddingham and Madge Harris with 68.

The monthly medal was played on an incredibly warm day for the middle of October. Mia Waddingham had a fantastic round, scoring a net 59 to win by a country mile and get her handicap cut from 18 to 15 in the process. Holly Butler was second in Division 1 with a net 69, Penny Perkins one shot further back on net 70. Division 2 winner was Helen Foad with net 73 followed by Jean Hudson, net 77 and Helen Foad, net 82. A few ladies played in the 9 hole stableford which Judy Butcher won with 14 points, one better than Jean Clode who scored 13.

The weather had turned by the time we returned to the course the following week and for the first time in a long time there was a proper Wintery chill in the air when we played our mid-month stableford. Scores were close in Division 1-Mel Bashford won with 35 points, Louise Tucker second one point behind and Penny Perkins third a further point back. And scores were even closer in Division 2-Helen Foad was winner on count back with 21 points, Fran Price second on the same score and Millie Tucker third on 20 points.

We enjoyed (as always) our second match with the Old Salts in which we pair up with a man, rather than playing against the gents. Fittingly, the winners were the Captains of the two sections, Sue Pout and Colin Holton-a fitting way to end their Captaincy year!

The annual Ladies Supper was a lovely evening as always. Good food, good wine, good company, a quiz and a load of trophies. Lady Captain Sue made the presentations to Jean Hudson for the Winter Eclectic, Penny Perkins for the Lowe Trophy, Sharon Mills for the Wren Runner-Up, Joan Sykes for the Tim Pullin, Sally Lawson for the Herne Bay Memorial Trophy, Mia Waddingham for the Most- Improved Player and Jane Nearn for the Woodhead Trophy and the Macmillan Silver Spoon. And Louise Tucker for the Kath Collins Plate, the Wren Trophy, the Aggregate Cup, The Medal Winners Trophy and the Birdie Tree.

Louise



Halloween Re-visited



The Tuckers and Jack Dale



Too many Fireballs for the Captain



*Sue and The 'Pres', Rob and Juliet and Gerry Allan
Unfortunately Gerry couldn't find a costume in time!*

Greens Committee Meeting Agenda

11 am Friday 2nd November.

Present; Malcolm Kent, Steve Suttle, Seth Devine, John Stokes and Ted Henderson

Apologies; Howard Gordon

Matters arising; Peter Leeves re the alteration of the irrigation system by the 1st Tee.

Some of the alteration has been carried out but there still remains a couple of small problems to be resolved on his next visit.

Machinery repairs update;

Irrigation pump to be attended to plus a small amount of work on 2 machines, but no major issues.

Course fencing repairs/improvement.

Length of fence behind 5th Tee for price and repair. Still chasing for a visit to quote.

To be chased again or alternative installer found.

Green Keepers Report.

Greens

The greens were successfully vertidraind to a depth of 300mm in maintenance week. Two weeks later they were top dressed and have recovered reasonably well considering how dry September and October were. It is not good practise to blanket water clay based greens in October but it was so dry that I did have to spot water with a hand held hose on occasions. I did treat the greens with a fungicide and iron spray recently and expect to repeat iron applications on a monthly basis throughout the winter period. Slitting of greens, surrounds and approaches will commence shortly.

General

Tees, greens surrounds and walkways were vertidraind in maintenance week as well as the fairways even though they were very dry. Following this work, we have managed to divot all fairways and repair the worst of the aeration disruption. After such a hot and dry summer, it was inevitable that we would lose turf coverage on some of the crowns on the fairways. Use of the fairway slitter will help to get moisture into these areas to help promote recovery before temperatures get too cold for significant growth.

As is readily apparent we stripped all the turf off the putting green and surround and both 1st and 10th tees just prior to the builders starting work. We have basically re-laid the putting green in the only available area. This green is of a similar size but will have more character than its predecessor when it is opened for play in the spring.

The tees turf has been laid on the new bunds between the 5th and 7th holes. Any shortfall will be made up with bought in low maintenance fine turf.

The useable top rootzone from the putting green area plus that from the 1st tee area is being stripped off and stockpiled for future use in the construction of the new 1st and 10th tees.

I did take advantage of a brief window of opportunity in October to weed kill the 6th hole between the tee and green.

A good number of sunken drain lines on fairways have been made good with our divot mix and these have germinated quite well.

Steve Suttle (Head Green keeper)

Ongoing Work

Maintenance week;

See Green Keepers report.

Winter work;

Bunker repairs, sunken drain lines. Approximately 30sq mts of the 8th green to be replaced.

New Clubhouse issues.

1. 1st/10th Tee changes. Temporary Tees created near existing 1st. Soil has been made available to create the new tees. They will be constructed when the builders have finished using the temporary gate to course through the hoarding. This is to deposit the additional soil from construction to left of 1st fairway after the first dyke.

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2. Path to 1st/10th Tees
Astro turf laid to assist access in bad weather.
3. Temporary putting green
Installed and ready for spring use, weather permitting.
4. Car parking.
Coping at the moment.
5. Soil storage to the left of the 1st/10th fairway.
Most soil moved.

A special thank you to John Wegner and Martin Dines for there valuable help in moving the turf cut from the putting green etc.

A.O.B.

Grass growth on some fairways. In GK report.

Drainage channels sunken in rough. Local rule and filling taking place. Continuing through winter.

Preparation of soil bunds on 24thOctober. Report.

Turf already laid from the old tees and putting green. Grass to be purchased when amount needed is known to finish the bunds.

The bush in front of the 6th Tee is to be tided where possible, again lack of time available.

During winter work.

Ted Henderson thanked Malcolm for his work as greens chairman over many years. This was echoed by all members present.

Members must not under any circumstances enter the new club house building site.

Next meeting will be on..Tuesday 8th January at 11 am
PLEASE REPAIR ALL PITCH MARKS, AND OTHERS YOU SEE, PROPERLY.

The winners this month are:

1st	£30	Sheila Wyles
2nd	£20	Penny Perkins
3rd	£10	Roy Percival

Congratulations to the winners.

Prizes may be collected in person from behind the bar.

Christmas is coming.

Please note there are double draws for December! Good luck.

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Well done and thank you for your support.

Whitstable & Seasalter Golf Club

Dress Code

General: At all times, members and guests must be smartly dressed.

On the Course:

Gentlemen should wear collared shirts, collar-less golf shirts or roll neck shirts tucked into waistbands. Shorts should be properly tailored (no combat, sports or beach styles).

Proper Golf Shoes (not trainers) should be worn.

No shell suits, track suits or leggings.

Trousers should not be tucked into socks. Jeans are not permitted. No football shirts.

In the Clubhouse:

No Golf shoes are permitted (including those with soft soles or cleats), except when ordering food, when players must keep to the matted areas.

No waterproofs should be worn.

Caps or hats are not permitted.

Smart jeans (including blue) are permitted. They must not be cut, torn or bleached.

Mobile Phones

On the Course:

Except in an emergency, mobile phones should not be used.

In the Clubhouse:

Their silent use only is permitted.

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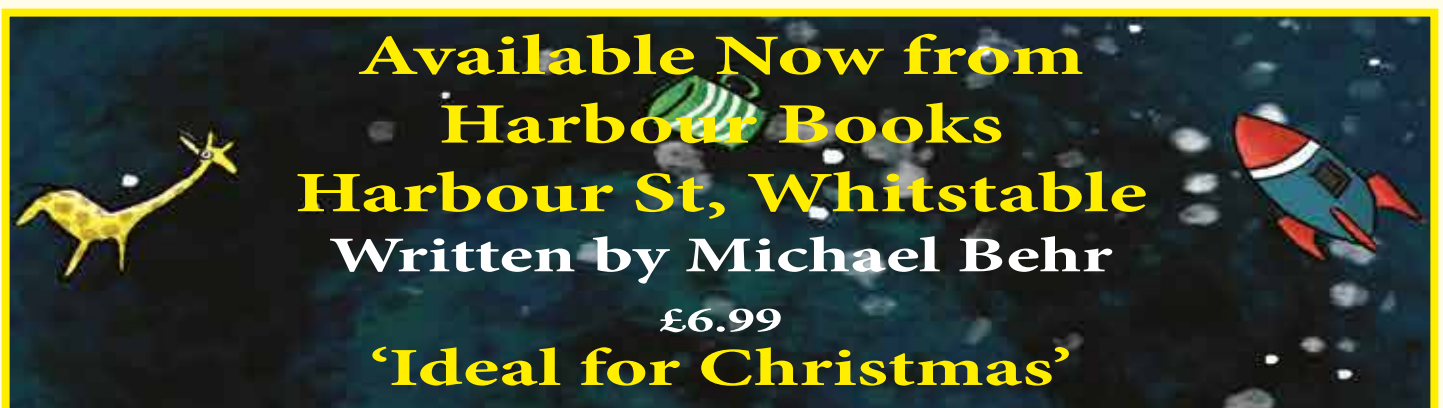
**Preferred Lies have been authorised
for the period 1st October 2018
until 30th April 2019.
Please see below the
Winter Rules which are approved by
CONGU for use in qualifying competition:**

A ball lying on a closely-mown area through the green may be lifted without penalty and cleaned.

Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within six inches of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

(Appendix 1 Part A 3b of the Rules of Golf)

Through the green, a ball that is embedded may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. (Appendix 1 Part A 3a of the Rules of Golf)



All submissions, comments and photos welcome