



tidings

A Message from the President

Hello everyone,

The 7th February 2020 will be a date in the continuing history of Whitstable & Seasalter golf club, yippee we are in ... Thank you everyone for all your help during the move from old to new. This move is still an on going exercise such as pressure washing and treatment of existing patio furniture until we have funds to purchase new, putting up signs, and just generally getting the new place how we like it.

The 6th of February also was a big day with the Mayor and Mayoress cutting the ribbon to open the new Clubhouse with people from local businesses in attendance. Everyone was extremely impressed with our new facility so let's hope all the publicity will attract new people to join us and become members.

I would also like to say, please bear with us and the new staff during this time while we find our feet, I think everyone from the office to the kitchen, and the bar are doing a fantastic job.

The Weather..... this year it has been frustratingly wet and seems to continue to be..... please bear a thought for the guys looking after our main asset, the course! It's so difficult not to cause damage just by doing the main day to day things. I'm sure we have all walked into our own gardens to see all the deep footprints we leave behind us fearing they will still be there when the good weather finally arrives. I know the Greens staff are just as frustrated as we all are. Our close neighbours are no different with their course closed for long periods of time. At least our guys have opened it whenever possible even if it means carrying!

With catering Ben is planning a new programme for us from March onwards. You may have seen his menu, Over the Moon, with service times 9 – 2pm so I trust you will support Ben in his new venture. At the time of writing this tidings we are looking forward to the Past Captains dinner this evening. Look out on the new notice boards for Ben's other ideas for dining going forward.

Social events, again please support events put on by the committee, the next ones being the Race night on the 22nd February and a Bingo night on the 27th March. Murder Mystery is also planned so please keep an eye on the notice board.

To conclude, Rain, Rain go away....

See you next time. **John**



Please send me all your photos and stories for inclusion

... and from the Captain



A big hello to everyone

Well the day finally arrived and we have moved in to our lovely new clubhouse and I don't know about everyone else but personally I think it's fantastic. Judging by the number of people who came to the opening night on the 7th most of you fell the same way too! I think we all have a clubhouse to be proud of! There are a few people I would especially like to thank including Malcolm Kent, Ted Henderson, John Clarke and John Wegner whose massive contributions in time and effort have helped to make it all possible. Obviously I would also like to thank everyone else who have helped along the way including the efforts made to move from the old club to the new, including Mel,

John Stokes and Brian Best. As well as the 170 people who came to the opening night.

On other matters unfortunately not much golf being played due to the poor weather but I am looking forward to getting out on the course again..

I would like to thank my brother Richard for inviting me to and hosting the past captain's dinner which was a big success and worth the wait to have in the new clubhouse.

Finally I have to say to anyone who has put their name down to marshall in the Open, they need to fill in the form Steve has behind the bar. The R&A needs to know our final numbers and if it's not done soon you won't be able to marshall. Sorry but these are the R&A rules.

Hope to see you all on the course soon.

Captain Bob

Old Salts' Section - Captain Dave Rigden, Vice Captain Peter Smith

The first qualifying competition of 2020, Dave's Best 3 from 4 number 2 was played on the 2nd of January. The winner on count back was Colin Whitaker with 37 points, 2nd was John Stokes with 37 points and in 3rd place was Captain David Rigden with 34 points.

The Captain's Challenge was a win for the challengers Martyn Dines and Mick Wyles by 3 and 2 against Captain David Rigden and Vice Peter Smith.

High winds and unusually warm temperatures greeted Round one of the Winter Eclectic to be played on the 9th January, scores were generally low due the difficult conditions but as often happens the cream comes to the top ! In 1st place was Robbie Fudge with 35 points, in 2nd place was Paul Sampson with 34 points and 3rd on count back was Graham Hughes with 33 points who just pipped an extremely vocal John Wegner ...according to his playing partners !!!

The Captain's Challenge saw the Captain David Rigden and Vice Peter Smith struggle for grip on the slippery slope to a 4 and 3 loss to challengers John Allen and Andy Taylor.

Thursday 16th January saw no play due to 'waterlogged' course.

After a frustrating week due to the continued precipitation the re-scheduled Dave's best 3 from 4 qualifier was played on the 23rd , in 3rd place was Colin Whitaker with 36 points , 2nd was Trevor Croxton with 37 points and coming through on the rails to win was Ron Cooper with 38 points.

The Captain's Challenge proved indeed to be a challenge for the Captain David Rigden and Vice Peter Smith as they fell at the last hole to lose by 1 to Dennis Smith and Paul Sampson.

Play on the 31st was severely curtailed by the incessant rain that had again waterlogged the course. It did however save the Captain and Vice from potential further embarrassment , only joking !!

Here's hoping for an improvement in the weather for February so we can all get back to some serious golfing.

Regards

Brian Ridley

Men's Section - Captain, Bob Davis, Vice Rob Mumby

After two rounds of this year's Wood Trophy competition, Callum Buchanan and Ricky Allison look to be in a strong position and are sharing the lead with total scores of 111 points. Ricky did his best work in the first round to finish with thirty eight points and Callum matched this in the second round. Tony Taunton and David Morgan are in third and fourth places with just one more round to play and are both in a strong position to cause an upset.

In the first Captain's swindle of the year it was Ray Campbell who surprised everyone to finish with forty-one points and end an easy winner four points clear of the rest of the field. Ray's best work was over the opening holes and after twenty-two points on the front nine, he held his nerve and finished well enough to stay ahead of the chasing pack. Ronnie Rumball must have thought he was in with a chance after he finished with thirty-seven points but he had to settle for second place ahead of Micky Manning who lost out on count back.

In the final captain's swindle of the month, Andy Sargeant delivered a high quality performance in difficult conditions to finish with an impressive thirty-nine points. Although his round included a double bogie on hole nine this was quickly cancelled out by a birdie on the next hole. Another birdie on the fifteenth contributed to a twenty point total on the back nine and this was good enough to put him three points clear of Malcolm Cane who finished in second place. Callum Buchanan had to settle for third place when he lost out on count back after a disappointing back nine total of only seventeen points.

Derek

STOP PRESS: Neil Bennett has kindly (and bravely) agreed to take over the running of the Sunday morning men's competitions. So please be kind as he settles in. I will continue to look after knockouts and Golf Week comps. **Andy**

Ladies Section - Captain Sue Pout

Happy New Year from all the ladies and we're looking forward to a whole new decade of golf!

Our first competitive game in 2020 was a stableford on a dull but dry day. Jaki Bagley had the best round to score 33 points, Penny Perkins was a point behind on 32 and Holly Butler a couple further back on 30. And a special mention to our new member Maggie Reeves who played her first game with us-a very warm welcome and hopefully this is the first of many, many games at Seasalter.

Storm Brendan visited us the following week so only 3 hardy souls hacked round for the full 18 holes. Louise Tucker had the best score of the 3 to win with 34 points. Sue Pout and Mel Bashford were second and third respectively. More ladies completed 9 holes. Joan Sykes was the 9 hole winner with 14 points, Jacky Barker was second and Vilma Parrett third.

Typically the week after was a beautiful morning. But unfortunately also a very frosty one which put paid to any competitive golf! And the end of the month was so wet that the course had to be closed so that put paid to that.

Hoping February might be a bit kinder as well as an exciting month as we move forward to pastures new!

Louise

AUCTION

PRIOR TO THE OLD CLUBHOUSE BEING DEMOLISHED, SOME OLD AND UNWANTED ITEMS WILL BE ON DISPLAY FOR SALE ON ADVERTISED DAYS, PLEASE SEE NOTICEBOARD FOR DATES. PLEASE MAKE ANY OFFERS TO THE SECRETARY IN HIS OFFICE.





Midweeker's Section - Captain Ian Moyse

The first competition of the month was the Ron Thompson Trophy, the winner was Simon Rutherford with 40 points, second was Andy Short with 39 points on count back from Tony Taunton also on 39 points. The winners in the charity sweep were Eynon Price and John Grout and there were birdies on the 6/15 for Terry Robinson, Ian Moys, Robin George and Ron Orford and on the 4/13 for Martyn Silverton, Ian Moys and Ricky Alinson and on the 9/18 and the 8/17th for Simon Rutherford. There were attendance awards for Roy Lee 150 and Mark Tilbury 50. In the Captains Challenge he and the vice beat Dave Hodgson and Terry Robinson 3 & 2

The second competition of the month was the Ray Emmerson Winter Warmer Shield the winner of which was Doug Morton with 39 points second on countback was John Clarke and third was Andy Short with 38 points. In the Charity Sweep there were wins for John Allen, Terry Robinson and Ricky Alinson. There were birdies on the 6/15 for Roy Lee, Dave Tassell and John Fullager. There was an attendance award for John Clarke with 50 appearances. In the Captain's Challenge Terry Robinson and Simon Rutherford lost 3 & 2.

The final competition of the month was the rescheduled Tony Love Trophy postponed from earlier due to a waterlogged course, the winner was Martyn Silverton with 34 points second on countback was Ian Horton (I demand a recount!!) and third on countback was the ever present Andy Short. Winners in the charity sweep were Martyn Silverton, Ian Horton and Ivan Smith. There were birdies on the 6/15 for Margaret Reeves, Tony Hart, Don Williams and Colin Whittaker, on the 4/13 for Bert Thompson and on the 9/18 for Jack Tucker. In the Captains Challenge they won one up against Colin Whittaker and John Allen.

Finally just to put the record straight, in one of the December competitions I erroneously reported that the Captain and Vice beat Stuart Brown and Bert Thompson well they didn't Stuart and Bert were the victors. I needed to get this off my chest as it's been keeping me awake at night.

Also this coming month I shall be away until the middle of March so we need a volunteer to do the Tidings! Don't all rush.

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

**The winners of the 100 Club draw
for February are:**

**1st Robin George
2nd Neil Brown
3rd Alan Batchelor**

Congratulations to the winners.

Prizes may be collected in person from behind the bar.

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Junior's Section - Captain Jacob Best

Jacob is settling in nicely to his captaincy and won the junior competition, despite horrible conditions, on Saturday.

I am very pleased to announce that Dave Rigden has agreed to head the Junior Section when he finishes his captaincy of the Old Salts in November. Malcolm Cane has also agreed to work alongside him so they will be in very good hands and, after some twenty plus years, I can watch from the sidelines. Their future looks very bright so good news all round.

Further news of one of our flourishing juniors Brinley Foster has also been received. Brinley is very proud to have been awarded one of only 2 places on a scholarship scheme run by Canterbury Golf Club. Chosen from pupils from a wide range of local schools Brinley will be on the scheme until he is 18.

Brinley has also received the award for most improved junior at Faversham golf club. They currently have over 50 juniors so he is very proud to have been noticed.

WELL DONE BRINLEY

Mel



Car Parking at Whitstable & Seasalter Golf Club.

The Board of Directors are aware that our car park is used from time to time by persons who are not members and are not using the facilities here at the Club.

We have made it our resolution to be more pro-active in stopping this practise and thus ensuring that spaces are kept as free as possible for bone-fide members and guests of the club.

There will be the occasional check on membership and this being so please ensure that you ALWAYS display your car parking permit on the dashboard of your car in clear sight. Cars that do not display a permit will be recorded and details may be passed on to the relevant authorities.

There will also be placed on car window screens not displaying a permit at times, a notice requesting you to contact the office to confirm you are able to park in the car park. Please do not take offence if you find one of these on your window screen and you have forgotten to display your permit!

We would also ask you not to park in reserved spaces and the marked areas, unless you have permission from the club official. These spaces are for those who give time and effort to run the club and this is a very small way of thanking them for their efforts.

Board of Directors, February 2020

Whitstable & Seasalter Golf Club

At Whitstable and Seasalter Golf Club we expect all our members, visitors and guests to respect our traditions and comply with our required standard of dress and behaviour whether on the course or in the clubhouse or car park. They should approach the club slowly in cars and avoid unnecessary noise, especially early mornings and late evenings. We must show courtesy and consideration to all other members and our neighbours. Colourful language by members or visitors will NOT be tolerated at any time, either in the clubhouse, on the course, or in the car park. Dogs are not permitted on the course. Only guide dogs and assistance dogs are permitted in the clubhouse. Members dogs are permitted on the patio provided they are kept on a lead. **In compiling this code our aim is to put people at their ease by adopting a smart casual approach in keeping with today's modern lifestyles.**

ON THE GOLF COURSE

Beginners are welcome (we all had to start sometime) but you must make arrangements with the secretary before playing and Juniors under 14 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Men

You are required to wear recognised formal golf attire in the proper manner. Shirts must be fully tucked in unless designed to be worn outside, shorts must be tailored (tailored shorts with outside pockets are permitted) and worn with predominantly plain sports socks (shoe liners are acceptable).

The following are not permitted: Collarless (unless golf designed) or sleeveless T shirts; shirts cut above waist level; **beach type shirts or similar garments displaying slogans; combat or cargo type trousers/shorts; beach or elasticated shorts; denim; tracksuits; long trousers tucked into socks.**

Ladies

As above except that shirts with sleeves and a collar, shirts with a collar but no sleeves and shirts with no collar but with sleeves are permitted; skirts/shorts should be tailored and of an appropriate length.

IN THE CLUBHOUSE

Smart casual (which can include smart denim **but not distressed, frayed or torn**) is the expected dress code; golf players are expected to change from their golf clothing for some special functions. More formal attire, e.g. jacket and tie, may be required at certain times.

The following are **not** permitted in the main lounge at any time: **metal spiked golf shoes; hats or caps; tracksuits; shirts or similar garments displaying slogans; no beachwear; wet weather over-trousers or jackets. No metal spikes in the clubhouse. Modern golf shoes, i.e. soft spikes or dimpled soles can only be worn on vinyl walkway around the perimeter of the club room or in the spike bar and locker rooms. No golf shoes whatsoever on the carpet areas. They must be clean at all times.**

Notes: Shoes and sandals may be worn without socks in the lounge bar; a spike bar is provided for those not wishing to change from their golf shoes but we would expect you to change from wet or soiled golf clothing and footwear before entering the clubroom or spike bar.

Mobile Phones: Mobile phone calls may be made or taken in the car park at the rear of the building or the locker rooms, but definitely **not** within the clubhouse or on the patio facing the 1st/10th Tees and 9th green or anywhere on the course other than in an emergency. **Silent browsing of texts and e-mails is permitted within the clubhouse.**

Directors and committee members have been authorised to ensure that these rules are followed and staff will refuse service to anyone not complying with the code. The Secretary will instigate disciplinary action against any member not complying with any of rules.

It is the responsibility of all members, visitors and guests to comply with the detail and the spirit of these rules.

If the above guidelines leave you in any doubt then your attire/behaviour is probably not acceptable.

The above dress code does not apply to Junior golfers up to the age of 14

We thank you for your cooperation and support on the move to our brand new clubhouse. Whilst these revised rules have been compiled primarily for the move they will take effect in the old clubhouse from October 1st 2019

All submissions, comments and photos welcome