



tidings

A Message from the President

Hello everyone,

Dear members of Whitstable and Seasalter Golf Club, I am writing this message to you in the hope that it finds you all fit and well in these strange and unsettling times that we all find ourselves in. It is hard isn't it and completely alien to us all, as we are by the nature of the beast that is a golfer, very sociable creatures. We are now being asked to socially distance ourselves from people who are not usually members of our households which I am afraid pretty much rules out members of the golf club, unless of course you already live with another member!

I suspect many of you, like myself, have been finding jobs around the house that need attention. I have to say my sheds have never been so tidy and I have pressure washed patio and paths within an inch of their lives and Sue is getting very jumpy each morning when I look around for the next project.....

To those of you who continue to work in essential services, I would like to say 'thank you' on behalf of us all. It would seem appropriate at this time to include Steve and Seth our two greenkeepers, in my thanks for their continued dedication to the course, thus looking after this precious asset for us all.

We currently find ourselves in an unimaginable period in the Club's history. We the Directors, are trying to do our best for the Club and whilst we appreciate the hardship and injustice of the situation forced upon us all by the advent of Covid19, we do need your help. I personally want to take this opportunity to say thank you to those members who have already demonstrated their continued support to the club by contacting the office and paying their annual subscriptions for the coming season.

I just want to say a heartfelt 'take care' to you all from Sue and I and look forward to seeing you all again as soon as we are allowed to resume our Golf Club activities.

See you next time.

John



John is making us all a new bench!!

An message from The President on the passing of Dave Atkins and the health of Graham Hughes

Good morning everyone,

Firstly I would like to say to you all please take care during this most unsettling time. People are saying it's like a wartime situation. Well in past war times you could see the enemy that was trying to do us harm but with this virus it is an invisible killer so please take care.

My other reason for speaking to you is to share my thoughts about Dave Atkins. What a fantastic guy. Dave always helped out whenever we needed him to stand in for a missing player. I remember my President's Day a couple of seasons ago when he stood in at the last minute and won with Brian Wild. I am also aware that Dave will be sadly missed particularly by the Ladies section as he was a willing gallant partner for mixed events. An ex-serviceman Dave had a genuine lovely manner about him, always pleased to see you and NEVER moody. Dave will be sadly missed by us all. Our love and condolences go to his family at this very difficult time.

I am also sure that at the time of writing, you will have heard that Graham Hughes is also seriously ill in hospital. I am sure that everyone will send their best wishes to Graham and his wife Jilly, and pray for a speedy recovery.

John Clarke (President)

Whitstable & Seasalter Golf Club

Subscription renewal 1st April 2020

Dear members

We hope you are all keeping safe and well during these very difficult times for all.

As a board of directors we understand that some of you will find yourselves in a position of financial difficulty or job insecurity, but it falls to us to manage the club's finances in a way that keeps Whitstable & Seasalter Golf club ready for when this situation abates, your club needs your help.

The annual subscription now due has come at a very difficult time for all of us but we would very much appreciate your renewal either by way of full amount due or by way of the monthly standing order. We still have a club to run, a course that must be maintained and bills to pay. Even in these difficult times we all want the club to be able to be available for members to play and socialise as soon as we are allowed to open. Please remember your subscription payments are the club's main source of income.

This being so we know some members are in financial difficulties due the present situation that is affecting all of us throughout the country.

The directors have therefore agreed the following.

Members who are able to support the club by paying fees whilst we are closed will receive a credit of three months subscriptions next year (April, May and June 2021). You would therefore not pay for those months. To be able to make this happen you will need to have advised the office and made your payment/set up payment order by 30th April 2020.

Those who are unfortunately unable to pay because of financial difficulties please can you advise the office (e-mail is preferred) to discuss your situation with us. If you would like to talk to the Secretary or a director, please send us a number and preferred time of contact. All discussions will remain confidential.

If you are not going to re-join then please let the office know. Unfortunately the club rules are that if subs are not paid or arrangements not made as above by 30th May your membership will lapse. Obviously we would not want that to happen.

Whitstable & Seasalter is a members' club and we hope that all of you will understand the difficult times we are all in and support your club and we thank those who have already paid.

We WANT the club to prosper once the country returns to a more normal state.

Your support is vital for our future.

Board of Directors. March 2020.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE MEMBERS WHO HAVE COMMITTED TO PAY THEIR SUBS BY STANDING ORDER OR WHO HAVE ALREADY PAID BY BACS SINCE THIS LETTER WAS PUBLISHED. WE HOPE THAT ALL OTHER CURRENT MEMBERS WILL CONSIDER DOING THE SAME WITHIN THE DATES ABOVE TO KEEP THE CLUB ON A SOUND FINANCIAL FOOTING.

Ladies Section - Captain Sue Pout, Vice-captain Gail Nathan

So the dismal weather continued into March meaning the Texas Scramble at the beginning of the month couldn't be played as the water-logged course was still shut. So lots of coffee was being drunk by the ladies but no golf being played.

Week 8 and no golf.

Week 9 and no golf-coronavirus well and truly upon us. The lockdown had begun.

We did manage to play 2 inter-club knock-out competitions before play was suspended. In the Captain's Cup (which is played as a mixed foursomes format with 2 pairs with 2 different handicap limits) we were drawn away at the very smart looking Royal Blackheath golf club. 4 times we attempted to get there for a courtesy round but the course was shut on every occasion as it was too wet. And it was still shut on the day of our match, as was Seasalter, so we headed off to play them at Westgate, which was open as always. Louise Tucker and Andy Selwood were the lower handicap pair and got off to an awful start, going 3 down after 3 holes. They slowly pegged this back however and eventually went 1 up on 17th and then halved the last to win 1 up. Gail Nathan and Malcolm Cane were the higher handicap pair and got off to exactly the same start also losing the first 3 holes. They also rallied and got back to 1 down after 9 but couldn't quite put enough pressure on their opposition and ended up losing 5 down which meant that Blackheath went through as their winning margin was the greater. So it was close but no cigar for our quartet.

In the Tappin Trophy we were lucky to get a home draw to Wrotham Heath. This is a 3 (wo)man team from 3 different handicap divisions. Luckily our course was open on the agreed date so we were able to retain home advantage. First off was Louise Tucker who managed to compensate for very erratic driving with a decent short game and got the team off to a good start winning 4 and 3. Gail Nathan had a very close game where both players alternated winning the early holes. In a tight match Gail came a very close second, losing by one hole. So it went down to the final match to see if we were going to progress but unfortunately Maggie Reeves lost on 16th which meant Wrotham Heath are the team going on to the next round.

And now golf is unfortunately off the radar for a little while. Stay safe everyone and looking forward to seeing you all again soon.

Midweeker's Section - Captain Ian Moyse

The first competition of the month was the Stuart Ashworth Trophy, this was won by Simon Rutherford with 38 points, second was Martyn Silverton with 33 points and third was Tony Furnival with 31 points. There were birdies on the 6/15th for Ian Moys and Dave Tassell and on the 4/13th for Martyn Silverton. The Captain's challenge was won by Tony Hart and Martyn Silverton 1 up.

The second competition of the month was the Peter Glenn March shield in first place was Dave Tassell with 34 points second on count back was Don Williams and third was Tony Lavender 33 points. There were birdies on the 6/15 th for Peter Shearing, Don Williams, Ron Orford and Dave Tassell. In the charity sweep the winners were John Fullager, John Clarke and Malcolm Wright. In the captain's challenge it was a one up win against James Marsh and Paul Guilfoile.

Mention has been made of Invitation Day and the away day but because of the current situation the dates for these are on hold.

In these difficult times I will continue to send in a report to Andy Selwood if there is anything to say as I believe the "Tidings" is being published on line someone will correct me if I am wrong, so if any member of the mid-weekers has anything to contribute let me know on 07724 602834 or ianhorton55@yahoo.com.

If some of you are getting bored at home may I suggest the following publications:-

Your Borders are Secure by Tony Lavender

My life in the Diplomatic Corp by Don Williams

A Vertical Challenge by Ron Orford

Tommy Cooper, a Goalkeepers life! by Peter Shearing

Short stories by Ian Moys

I am H-A-P-P-Y by Ian Horton

and finally

Who ate all the Pies by Terry Robinson.

Happy reading everybody here's to a quick end to lockdown!

Ian Horton

The course as it looks today

Photos courtesy of Colin Holton, taken on his daily exercise dog walk.

Keep up the good work Steve and Seth



100 CLUB

Update to all 100 Club Members

Greetings to all 100 Club Members.

I hope you are keeping safe and well and, with necessary care and good luck, we can all stay that way until the danger of the Covid-19 virus has passed. I am doing all the right things according to Government advice and am isolating at home until I am told it is safe to socialise again. Hopefully this will help Jean and me to avoid the virus altogether and also protect all of us so that we can get back to normal as early as possible. It may be a long time yet before we have any good news of that sort.

Meanwhile I want to carry on with the 100 Club draws each month. I can do this at home in a fair way that closely represents the old fashioned way of drawing the counters from a bag. I shall perform the draws by using a Random Number Generator programmed to select numbers from a range. We have 149 paid up members with numbers ranging between 1 and 154. There are 4 spare numbers unsold and 1 unpaid within that range. Any of those numbers generated will be discounted. I shall therefore generate 4 numbers that will appear as a list; the first number for the 1st Prize, the second for the 2nd Prize and the third for the 3rd Prize. If an unsold/unpaid number is drawn the next number drawn shall take its place. I can photograph that screen so the results can be referred to later and verified, if necessary. The first three valid numbers generated shall be matched in order, with members' numbers, then Prize Winners published.

As I cannot presently put the list of 100 Club Members or the Prize Winners up on the 100 Club notice board in the Clubhouse I shall try to put them up electronically in as many places as possible ie. on the Club website, in Tidings and on the Members' Facebook page.

That should cover it. I shall keep the winners' prize monies in the 100 Club bank account to be distributed in the usual way as soon as possible. If any winners want their prize money sooner I can transfer it to their bank account, if they contact me by email please. I shall not be making any cash transactions for the time being.

I do not have all 100 Club Member's contact details. If members would like me to contact them by email I could do this either individually or as a group. Please let me have your name and email address if you wish to be on the 100 Club Members' email group list.

Thank you.

Please keep well and stay safe. After a few more weeks of the restrictions W&SGC members and the whole population may be able to look forward to some relaxations and begin to go back to our usual activities, with every one of us healthy and able. That is something to look forward to!

The winners of the 100 Club draw for April are:

1st Dennis Smith
2nd Marjorie Harris
3rd Tony Henley

Congratulations to the winners. Your prizes are being held in the 100 Club bank account and will be distributed in the usual way as soon as possible. If any winners need their prize money sooner I can transfer it to their bank account, if they contact me by email please.

I shall not be making any cash transactions for the time being.

Ryn Hudson 100 Club contact: T. 07713160207 email sgc_100_club@icloud.com

NEWS!

Update on The 149th Open

TUESDAY 7th April 2020

The R&A has decided to cancel The Open in 2020 due to the current Covid-19 pandemic.
The Championship will next be played at Royal St George's in 2021.

The Open was due to be played in Kent from 12-19 July but it has been necessary to cancel the Championship based on guidance from the UK Government, the health authorities, public services and The R&A's advisers. This is the first time since the Second World War that golf's original Championship, first played in 1860, has been cancelled.

The 149th Open will be played at Royal St George's from 11-18 July 2021.

The 150th Open will be played at St Andrews from 10-17 July 2022.

QUIZ

Over the next few issues of the Tidings there will be an increasingly difficult rules quiz taken from the R&A website.

Today's is the beginner level so should be easy for everyone.

Rules are supplied at the end and further explanations are available on the website should you need them.

Question 1 of 18

In match play, if a player plays a ball from outside the teeing area when starting a hole, the penalty is loss of hole.

A - False

B - True

Question 2 of 18

A player is entitled to free relief when his ball is embedded in the rough.

A - False

B - True

Question 3 of 18

Temporary water is an abnormal course condition.

A - False

B - True

Question 4 of 18

Any bush or tree growing in ground under repair is not part of the ground under repair.

A - False

B - True

Question 5 of 18

The spare golf balls in a player's bag are part of her equipment.

A - False

B - True

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A - False

B - True

Question 6 of 18

The front edge of the teeing area is defined by the line between the centre points of two tee-markers set by the Committee.

A - False

B - True

Question 7 of 18

The fairway is part of the general area.

A - False

B - True

Question 8 of 18

A player may employ two caddies at the same time during a round.

A - False

B - True

Question 9 of 18

A player makes a stroke on the putting green with the flagstick in the hole. Her ball comes to rest against the flagstick with part of the ball below the surface of the putting green. The ball is considered holed.

A - False

B - True

Question 10 of 18

The term opponent applies in both match play and stroke play.

A - False

B - True

Question 11 of 18

The nearest point of complete relief may be nearer the hole than the ball's original spot.

A - False

B - True

Question 12 of 18

Red penalty areas give a player an extra lateral relief option, in addition to the two options available from a yellow penalty area.

A - False

B - True

Question 13 of 18

In stroke play, a player's ball is half buried in the rough. Without saying anything to any other players in the group and without marking its position, the player touches the ball and rotates it. By so doing she identifies the ball as hers. What is the ruling?

A - The player gets two penalty strokes.

B - The player gets one penalty stroke.

C - There is no penalty.

Question 14 of 18

A boundary edge extends up above the ground, but not below the ground.

A - False

B - True

Question 15 of 18

The general penalty is a two-stroke penalty in stroke play and match play.

A - False

B - True

Question 16 of 18

In stroke play, a player may practice from a bunker close to the putting green of the hole just completed.

A - False

B - True

Question 17 of 18

When taking relief under a Rule requiring a drop, the ball must be dropped from knee height with the arm fully extended out from the body.

A - False

B - True

Question 18 of 18

Before playing his ball from long grass, a player moves some loose impediments from around his ball. In doing so he causes his ball to move. What is the ruling?

- A - The player gets two penalty strokes and the ball must be replaced.
- B - The player gets one penalty stroke and the ball must be replaced.
- C - There is no penalty but the ball must be replaced.

Correct Answers

Question 1

Correct answer A

Explanation:

When starting a hole in match play, there is no penalty for playing from outside the teeing area, but the opponent may cancel the stroke and require the player to

play from inside the teeing area (Rule 6.1b).

Question 2

Correct answer B

Explanation:

Relief is available for a ball that is embedded in the general area (except when it is embedded in sand in the general area, or if interference by something other than the ball being embedded makes the stroke clearly unreasonable).

Question 3

Correct answer B

Explanation:

See the definition of Abnormal Course Condition.

Question 4

Correct answer A

Explanation:

Any grass, bush, tree or other growing or attached natural object rooted in the defined area, including any part of those objects that extends up above the ground outside the edge of the defined area, but not any part (such as a tree root) that is attached to or below the ground outside the edge of the defined area. See Definition of Ground Under Repair.

Question 5

Correct answer B

Explanation:

See the definition of Equipment.

Question 6

Correct answer A

Explanation:

The front edge of the teeing area is defined by the line between the forwardmost points of two tee-markers set by the Committee.

Question 7

Correct answer B

Explanation:

The general area covers the entire area of the course except for the teeing area, bunkers, penalty areas and the putting green.

Question 8

Correct answer A

Explanation:

A player may have only one caddie at any one time. See Rule 10.3a(1).

Question 9

Correct answer B

Explanation:

If a ball comes to rest against the flagstick left in the hole, and any part of the ball is in the hole below the surface of the putting green, the ball is treated as holed.

Question 10

Correct answer A

Explanation:

See the definition of Opponent.

Question 11

Correct answer A

Explanation:

See the definition of Nearest Point of Complete Relief.

Question 12

Correct answer B

Explanation:

See the definition of Penalty Area.

Question 13

Correct answer B

Explanation:

If a ball might be a player's ball but cannot be identified as it lies, the player may lift or rotate the ball to identify it, but the spot of the ball must first be marked and the ball must not be cleaned more than needed to identify it. (Rule 7.3). The player does not need to advise anyone that she is going to lift the ball.

Question 14

Correct answer A

Explanation:

See the definition of Course.

Question 15

Correct answer A

Explanation:

The general penalty is loss of hole in match play and a two-stroke penalty in stroke play.

Question 16

Correct answer A

Explanation:

A player may practice putting or chipping on or near the putting green of the hole just completed, but such practice strokes must not be made from a bunker (Rule 5.5).

Question 17

Correct answer A

Explanation:

See the definition of Drop.

Question 18

Correct answer B

Explanation:

As the player has caused his ball to move, he gets a penalty of one stroke and must replace the ball.

Intermediate Quiz Next Month

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