

TIDINGS

August 2020



A Message from the President

Hello everyone,

Only yesterday I received a message asking for my thoughts for the month. I have to say it is enormously difficult for me to be upbeat from the word go about the past and future months as I always seem to have to be the bearer of sad news and this month is unfortunately no different.

It is a sad message that I share with you today and that is the loss of a longstanding member Eric Rochester. Eric served the club well throughout his membership, with friendship and enthusiasm and I personally will miss our chats about aircraft and his career serving our country during exceedingly difficult times. When I last went to see Eric with John Wegner I was amazed how cheerful and determined he was considering he could only just move one hand... it is just wicked how someone like Eric can be served such devastating symptoms after his so called fairly routine operation. I know that he will be sadly missed by many of his friends in the Old Salts particularly by John Wegner who supported him throughout his time in care. Our thoughts go out to Val at this time.

Now for other news..... Excellent that Tuesday night golf has started after changes to the dreaded Covid 19 restrictions. I particularly enjoyed my game of 'friendly' golf this past week with 25 points! Not bad for an average golfer, well supported by my playing partners who kept

shaking their heads for some reason..... Well done to Martyn and gang for getting it started again and a big shout out to Ann Milner for giving up her free time to take payment and organise everyone's food choices for Tuesday evenings. Thank you, Ann.,

Now you will have noticed that we now have a programme of matches, weekly competitions and knockout competitions coming up so I would like to say thank you to all those involved in putting this all together. The best way to say thank you is to show your support and join in.

As I sit composing this message it is a warm rather sultry evening after a glorious hot sunny day. I love the summer and I suspect we may have a long rather stressful winter ahead of us so let's enjoy this weather while we can and make the most of our course and the lovely area we live in. Enjoy your golf everyone, stay safe and I for one, look forward to playing challenges ahead!

Bye for now John



**IF YOU PICK THIS COPY UP PLEASE TAKE IT HOME WITH YOU
AND DO NOT SHARE AROUND THE CLUBHOUSE**



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.

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 at all times, 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. Soft spiked golf shoes only can be worn in the spike bar, the vinyl walkway around the perimeter of the clubroom and in the locker rooms. 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 emails 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

Mens Sunday Morning Golf Report, Derek Bates

Bates Masters the March Hare and Tucker's Up-to-Scratch

With Sunday mornings fairly and squarely focused on playing committee cup fixtures, the first major competition of the year post lock-down, was the "March Hare". Derek Bates finished the surprise winner with 39 points after he managed to reverse his recent run of poor form. Glen Snook had to settle for second place with 37 points and he would have won but for a double bogie on hole six. Captain Rob David finished in third place with 36 points, ahead of Dave Tassell on count-back.

In the Scratch Cup it was Jack Tucker who

finished the winner on countback with a gross seventy. Jack is the new club champion and will represent Whitstable in the next Club Champions Watson Trophy event at Dartford. Neil Bennett finished in the runner up slot with a gross 72 and will be disappointed with a double bogie on the tenth that scuppered his chance of a win.

In the committee cup medal played at the same time three players finished with net 64 and after count-back it was Jimmy Bennett who took the honours from Jack Tucker in second place and Brian Beckley in third place.

Ladies Section Golf Report, Louise Tucker

We're back-hooray. Not quite back to normal but we have a new kind of normal. And we're able to get out and enjoy 18 holes of golf, sometimes in the sunshine, and then a drink and a sandwich on the patio, on our lovely new furniture. So life at the moment is not too bad.

And on another very positive note we have had 11 new ladies join us who are all very keen to get out there playing golf and have considerably swelled our numbers-so a very warm welcome to one and all.

We started back with some friendly 9 holes games and then played a few 9 hole stableford

competitions where we added the scores together to give an 18 hole total. Winner of this was Louise Tucker with a solid 36 points. Second was Carol Doghan, who along with her husband has just joined us from Chestfield, with 32 points, on countback from Penny Perkins.

We followed this with a 5 Club competition, this was won by another new lady, Fran Hollingsbee, with a very impressive 39 points. Louise Tucker was second with 35. In the 30+ handicap section Jean Hudson topped

the pile with 38 points, Maureen Davison second with 34. And Judy Butcher won the 9 hole equivalent with 16 points, Pat Bensted second with 13.

Our first trophy competition of the year was the rearranged Tim Pullin Trophy. The ink had barely had a chance to dry on her membership application form when Caroline Weal romped home to victory with a fantastic 41 points. Her reward is the lovely old trophy and a handicap cut of 3 shots!

We played a Covid-safe yellow ball team competition the following week where all competitors wererequired to supply their own yellow ball. Two teams came in with a brilliant score of 158 points and were awarded joint first prize as a result. Well played to Vivienne Costello, Annie Stirling, Caroline Weal (all new ladies, well done) and Pat Bensted. Also Penny Perkins, Holly Butler, Fran Hollingsbee and Janet Henley.

The Herne Bay Memorial Trophy was our next outing. Scores weren't quite so impressive this week but still pretty good. Well done to winner Carol Doghan, who beat Captain Sue on countback, both with 34 points. Holly Butler was one point behind with 33.

Old Salts Golf Report, Brian Ridley

Welcome back to all Old Salts after what has been an unprecedented episode in the clubs' history. Sadly we have lost three of our much respected members, David Atkins, Ron Thompson and Graham Hughes and our thoughts go out to their families and friends. We have been slowly edging back to some normality with the recent qualifying games, details of which are recorded below.

July 2nd..... Captain's Challenge

- 1st place Stephen Sage with 37 points.
- 2nd Ray Campbell with 35 points
- 3rd on Count back Andrew Taylor with 35 points .

The captain's Challenge was a win for Captain David Rigden and Vice Peter Smith 2 and 1 against the challengers Rod Whitehead and Frank O'Boyle.

July 9th..... The Des Barker Spring Cup

- 1st Mick Wyles with 36 points
- 2nd Colin Whitaker with 35 points
- 3rd Malcolm Cane with 32 points.

The Captain David Rigden and Vice Peter Smith continued their winning run with a 3 and 2 win against challengers Rod Whitehead (a glutton for punishment) and Ray Emmerson.



July 16th Dennis Fewtrel Trophy

- 1st Alec Parrett with 38 points
- 2nd Rod Whitehead with 37 points
- 3rd Roy Percival with 36 points.

It's a while since the Captain and Vice have racked up three wins in a row but this week it happened! As they beat challengers Dennis Smith and Andy Taylor 3 and 2.

23 July The Ken Vickers Trophy

- 1st Martyn Dines with 40 points
- 2nd David Rigden with 39 points on count back points
- 3rd Colin Cheyne with 39 points.

The Captain David Rigden and Vice Peter Smith continued to ride their luck carding another win by 3 and 2 against the challengers David Rhodes and Paul Sampson.

Old Salts Captain's Day and the Dave Atkins Trophy competition were held on 30th July in perfect golfing weather. Captain David Rigden and his wife Sue supported by some willing helpers worked very hard to produce a memorable day. The generosity of Old Salts was highlighted by the magnificent total of £800.00 raised for their chosen charity Canine Partners.

The Dave Atkins Trophy competition produced some excellent scoring and as has become the norm in recent competitions the scores were close. The Winner of the Trophy was Roy Percival with 40 points. Second on count back was Trevor Croxton with 39 points. Third was Frank O'Boyle with 39 points.

The Captain David Rigden wishes to thank all members for their support.

CAPTAIN'S PRIZE - MATCHES MUST BE PLAYED BY DATES SHOWN

Round 1 (29/08/2020)	Round 2 (19/09/2020)	Quarter Final (03/10/2020)	Semi Final (17/10/2020)	Final (31/10/2020)	Winner
David Tassell Stuart Clements					
Ron Rumball Chris Wright	David Tassell Ron Rumball				
Simon Rutherford Richard Gremo					
Derek Bates Glenn Snook	Richard Gremo				
Gerald Allan Jon Perkins					
David Archer Antony Hart	Jon Perkins				
Andy Short James Marsh					
Chris Beckley Jack Tucker					
Jonathan Whorlow Neil Hackshall					
Robert James Ireland Nicholas Denly	Nicholas Denly				
Ray Campbell Julian Zane					
John Clarke David Williams					
Robert Mumby Neil Bennett					
Paul Guilfoyle Lloyd Foster	Paul Guilfoyle				
Andrew Selwood Brian Beckley					
Neil Brown Mark Payne					

FURTHER KNOCKOUT UPDATES NEXT MONTH

KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

Thank you all for your patience while we've been shut

IT SEEMS THAT SOME MEMBERS FEEL THAT THE DANGERS OF COVID-19 HAVE PASSED AND THAT THEY NO LONGER NEED TO FOLLOW THE RULES. THOSE MEMBERS SHOULD READY THESE GUIDLINES AGAIN AND FOLLOW THEM.

- 1 Please do not come to the Golf Club if you are feeling unwell.
- 2 Hand sanitiser is available in the lobby and on all tables. Please use this on arrival (or wash your hands) and during your visit to the Club and maintain social distancing (1 metre plus) at all times.
- 3 We will already have the names of members booked in for golf for our records. Green fees should complete their details in the Green Fee Book which the Marshall will have on their table. **All other visitors must sign the Visitors Book which is in the lobby.** This will ensure that we have a complete record of everyone coming to the Club for Track and Trace purposes if necessary.
- 4 The locker rooms are now open. The showers are not to be used. Maximum of 2 people to use the toilets or locker room at any one time. A one way system will operate in the men's locker room. Enter the locker room from within the Clubhouse and exit via the external door to the course. The disabled toilet in the foyer will remain open for general use and all toilets will be cleaned regularly.
- 5 Tables and chairs have been set out, both within the Clubhouse and on the patio, with proper regard for social distancing.
PLEASE DO NOT MOVE TABLES OR CHAIRS AROUND.
- 6 Ben Silcock will be serving food at breakfast and lunchtime every Thursday to Sunday with a slightly reduced menu than normal. Order at the kitchen hatch and pay by contactless bank card. If someone is already ordering at the hatch please wait until they have moved away or respect social distancing.
The coffee machine will not be available for the foreseeable future.
- 7 Steve Wood will be serving drinks during normal bar opening hours, but with a slightly more restricted range than normal. When you enter the Clubhouse go straight to an empty table and Steve or one of the bar staff will come to you to take your order. Please do not stand at the bar and please only leave your seat to use the toilet or leave the building. Your drink will be brought to your table. Steve will accept cash (for a limited period only) but the preferred method of payment for drinks is either by contactless bank card or through your golf membership card. The membership cards have to be 'activated' to enable them to take credit and over the course of the next few weeks the office will be activating all membership cards - if you do not want your card activated please contact the office. Activation does not mean that you have to load money onto your card but it gives you the option if you do wish to do so.
Once activated your card can then be loaded with credit via Steve. There is no minimum amount you can put on your card. Moving forward we want to become cashless so we are encouraging all members to use cards wherever possible.
To get the members discount on drinks you will need to produce your card every time you order. Knowing your membership number is no longer sufficient.
- 8 To maintain a safe distance we will have a limit to the number of people allowed in the Clubhouse or on the patio at any one time. The maximum number in the Club will be approximately 40 and maximum on the patio approximately 20. If we are full then you will have to wait for someone to leave before you can come in.
- 9 A designated smoking area with a table will be on the right hand side of the patio as you are looking out onto the course, the 'kitchen' end.
- 10 Doors and windows will remain open where possible to improve ventilation.

**Thank you for taking the time to read this.
It's important that we all follow the new guidelines-both
so we can stay safe and also so we can stay open.**



A big THANK YOU from the club for all of those that volunteered to move the pavers from the old clubhouse. These are being stored and will be used to construct the new path to the first and tenth tees.

Thanks go to Ted Henderson, Malcolm Kent, John Clarke, Richard Davis, Louise Tucker, Richard Gremo, Jon Perkins and Martyn Dines and of course John Wegner who did extra on his own.

FOR SALE Ping G400 Driver. Stiff shaft £150
See Callum Buchanan



A Netball Team photo from 1956

Including three distinguished present members of our Ladies section.

Sue Pout is top row on left.
Pat Bensted is top row 3rd from left.
Penny Perkins is bottom row on left



ALTERED IMAGES

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EDITOR'S DECISION IS FINAL

THE CLUE IS IN THE TITLE!

100 CLUB

AUGUST PRIZE WINNERS

£30 SUE CLARKE

£20 JEAN HUDSON

£10 ERNIE WEST

INTERESTED IN JOINING? PLEASE PHONE OR EMAIL ME (SEE BELOW), IF YOU DON'T SEE ME AT THE CLUB.

NOTES TO PRIZE WINNERS

Unless already received by bank transfer, your prizes are being paid by cash in envelopes, and may be collected from behind the bar.

Prizes can be paid directly to winners' bank accounts if members give me advance notice, by email please, with their bank account details*.

(* Details must now include the account name, which has to match the name on your account and debit card, plus the sort code and account number)

IMPORTANT NOTE:

I do not have contact details for all 100 Club members. If you are not receiving 100 Club group emails please let me have your email address or mobile phone number for 100 Club communications.

THANK YOU.

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