

**WHITSTABLE TIDINGS**  
**The monthly journal of Whitstable and Seasalter Golf Club**  
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**News**

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS  
PERIOD 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

CATEGORY

	<u>MONTHLY</u>		<u>ANNUAL</u>	
FULL PLAYING	£50.00			£576.00
JOINT FULL PLAYING	£48.00			£552.00
SENIOR	£18.00			£192.00
JUNIOR UP TO AGE 13	N/A			£25.00
JUNIOR AGE 14 / 18	N/A			£50.00
INTERMEDIATE AGE 18 TO 22	£18.00			£192.00
INTERMEDIATE AGE 23 TO 25	£26.00			£288.00
INTERMEDIATE AGE 26 TO 28	£38.00			£432.00
FLEXIBLE				
(max 30 x 18 holes per year)	N/A			£300.00
(under 60 and in full time employment)				
LOCKER RENTAL	£3.00			£36.00
BUGGY SPACE				
RENTAL / CHARGING	£6.00			£72.00
SOCIAL	N/A			£50.00

1. Rates were last set in October 2013 and our costs have increased since in excess of the official inflation rate. The increases have been kept to a minimum and our rates are still lower than all other local clubs.
2. As agreed at the annual general meeting these rates have not been affected by the fees being incurred for the potential land sale and new club house (which will be paid from reserves)
3. Monthly payments must be made by bankers order. No loan is involved and no interest charged, but there is a £2 monthly charge to cover increased administration costs
4. Ages are calculated at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014

**STOP PRESS**

Many Members have asked for an up-date on progress where the sale of the land by the 8<sup>th</sup> Tee and the subsequent building of a new clubhouse is concerned.

The stage has now been reached where an Exhibition of our Plans will be held in the clubhouse on these dates :-

Friday Evening 24<sup>th</sup> April

Saturday Morning 25<sup>th</sup> April

The Exhibition will be open to all Members / Shareholders and interested members of the public and the Planning Consultant and Directors will be there to answer questions.

Can I again stress that the annual Subscriptions have not been increased to meet any Fees involved – these are being met from reserves.

Brian Best  
Secretary

March 2015

### **Future events**

Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>

Race night – Come to the races! All the fun of a big day out without the rain, cold and crowds!

Win big with our two trusty bookies Ted and Andy and enjoy your choice of Sausage, Cod or Haddock and chips for only £6! Condiments included!

See Social Notice Board for further details and menu choices. Please pay entry fee to Steve when applying.

St George's Day 23<sup>rd</sup> April

This is now an annual event to be held each year on St Georges Day, last year it was run by The Midweekers, this year as it is on a Thursday it will be under the control of The Old Salts. The day will comprise two competitions the first is The St George Shield Medal and is played over 9 holes to the St George Cross flag, the second competition is The St George Plate Stableford and is played over 9 holes to the English Rose Flag. The day concludes with a typical English Meal and some patriotic singing and maybe some other English event. It is your time to celebrate being English, we don't often get a chance to! So make the most of it.

Recent events

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February Quiz Night

Thanks to Andy and Fi Sargeant for setting putting the questions, very difficult but enjoyable, table food from Jenny was well presented, though bread was in short supply! The winners were on Fred Stokes's table and congratulations go to them!

Membership Raffle

Now in the clubhouse, buy a ticket for the price in pence of the number drawn and win £100 PLUS A YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP! What a prize! You'll be glad to know that the 500 ticket has already been drawn by me so it is all downhill from here.

### **From Competitions Secretary Andy Selwood**

The Men's Knockout competition entry sheets are up on the board. We need as many entries as possible, to enter please add you name to the relevant start form and pay your money in the handicap box near the back door. You can enter the Captain's Prize whatever you handicap but there is a maximum playing handicap of 18 in this competition.

From Jenny Haskell Catering

Dear heads of all sections:-

As the year is progressing and the lovely warmer weather is approaching, fixtures etc. are coming thick and fast so you all need to sit down with me to go through things such as menus and timings, so I'm going to set aside an afternoon with times to allow this. I'm now finding it hard to give my full attention during the day as I need this time for preparing for what I will next have coming up.

Many thanks for your cooperation! The day for consultation is Tuesday between 2pm and 4pm

### **CLUBHOUSE MOBILE PHONE**

A Pay As You Go mobile phone has been provided behind the Bar – for emergency use only. The Telephone No. is :-

**0778 4498061**

*Would all members enter this number on their mobiles for future emergency use*

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Like most Golf Clubs we are always looking for new Members to replace those who move away or just get too old to play. Our average age is higher than most clubs, which has its effect on our membership.

We will therefore be advertising again this year from March onwards and our new Membership Director Richard Gremo is currently considering our advertising campaign with our President Michael Behr. If anyone has any ideas please contact either of them – they will be pleased to hear from you.

We will also be offering a **£50 Incentive** to existing Members who introduce new Full Playing Members to the Club. Full details will be available soon – the incentive will be by way of a discount from the next year's subscription. There will be no limit to the number of incentives, which can be earned in any year. So introduce 10 Members for a free year!

### **Greens Committee Meeting Notes**

**10.30am March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015**

**Present;** Malcolm Kent, Steve Suttle, Seth Divine, Brian Best, John Rosser and John Stokes. (Copy to Captain)

**Apologies;** None.

#### **Matters arising;**

New bunker on 6<sup>th</sup> in play and green keepers happy with the way it has settled down.

Fine turf for the rear of the 8<sup>th</sup> now completed and the remove turf reused to improve an area near the 5<sup>th</sup> green. The clearing of the land to the left of the 8<sup>th</sup> fairway has been completed but garden waste and vegetables have appeared again. If any member identifies a person dumping rubbish to the

left of the dyke adjacent to the house boundaries, please report to the secretary.

### **Green Keepers Report**

Once again we have experienced a mild, wet winter. This is not good news for any golf course, least of all for those unfortunate to be based on London clay. I am hopeful that March will be dry and that we can revert to being a properly playable golf course again.

During the winter period the greens are mown at a height of cut of 6mm which will be gradually lowered as regular growth kicks in. At present we endeavour to mow the greens at least once a week. However this is dependent on the greens not being too wet.

We actually had a brief dry period at the beginning of February and we took the opportunity to aerate the greens, surrounds and tees. This was the first chance to aerate the greens since they were vertidraind last September in maintenance week.

When conditions are suitable we will apply the spring topdressing which does contain a small amount of fertilizer.

We shall also soon commence the monthly applications of seaweed extract, iron and turf surfactant.

As regards to winter works you will have noticed the new bunker on the 6<sup>th</sup> which has replaced the largely redundant bunker behind the 5<sup>th</sup> green. We have also stripped the turf from the bank immediately behind the 8<sup>th</sup> green and replaced it with a much finer quality turf. The stripped turf was used to the left of the 5<sup>th</sup> green after 3.5 tonnes of root zone was applied to soften the contours of the existing mound. All these works will be in play once spring kicks in properly. We have also filled in some sunken areas, notably behind the 2<sup>nd</sup> green and in front of the 4<sup>th</sup> green.

In the near future we will be divotting all the fairways as usual as well as filling in any damaged sunken areas.

Steve Suttle Head Greenkeeper

### **Ongoing Work**

The tree roots around the 4<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> tees will be looked at in the early spring. We believe a digger is needed to excavate trenches to cut the roots.

Green keepers to prioritize areas that would benefit from Astoturf paths after a second wet winter.

Shoe cleaning brushes replaced on some points with others to be replaced shortly.

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

All machinery is being serviced at the moment. The 2 most important machines have been completed. The compressor is working properly. The proposed new tee boards will be discussed and positions identified after this meeting. President to obtain sponsors for this project. Damage to 2<sup>nd</sup> green by seagulls has lessened slightly.

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

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd June at 10.30am.

## **Junior Section Captain Marijke Rapley**

Mel and John have run the junior section selflessly for about 12 years and feel the need to retire from this duty. The club needs a new organizer for this position and would appreciate offers from members. The junior section is an important part of the club and needs to be run with enthusiasm and commitment offers please!

## **Ladies Section Captain Beryl Wingrove Vice Captain Joan Sykes Secretary Jean Hudson**

Unfortunately February has been unkind with the weather so there is not a lot to report on the golfing front-only two competitions were completed in the month.

A few hardy souls managed to complete an 18 hole stableford on the first Tuesday of the month, despite intermittent snow flurries! The first division was won by Louise Tucker with 31 points, Mary King who has only recently managed to get back out onto the course came second with 27 and Pat Bensted third with 24. Captain Beryl Wingrove won the second division with 23 points from Inge Parry who was second on 18 points.

A charity stableford followed the week after in relatively benign conditions. Electric trollies were allowed back on the course and as a result a lot more ladies were able to venture out. Mary King romped home in the first division with a highly respectable 36 points, vice-Captain Joan Sykes came second with 30 and Mel Bashford third with 29. In the second division Val Brown was the winner on countback from Fran Price, both with 26 points. Sally Lawson was third with 25.

The last two competitions of the month were not played, one because of bad weather and the other because the course was shut as it was so wet. Fingers crossed that March will be slightly kinder!

And advance warning as we head towards April, that the ladies section Spring Coffee Morning will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April. There will be all the usual stalls, games, produce and fun so please pop down if you're able.

## **Men's Section Captain Ted Henderson Vice Captain Bob Ireland**

Mark Payne scored well throughout the recent Wood Trophy competition; with a score of forty-one points for his final score he ended a well deserved winner with a seventy-nine points total for the best two rounds. Howard Gordon showed terrific class and almost managed to sneak the overall winner's prize after he scored forty-three points for his final round, which included two birdies and two double bogies. Unfortunately his two previous Wood Trophy scores were relatively poor and he ended one point short of the total he needed. Ronnie Rumball finished in third place overall with thirty-nine points for his final score and a seventy-seven points total for his best two. The Captain's challenge, which had been very tricky for the Captain and Vice to win due to some measure of incompetence, has suddenly been transformed by the addition of two strokes to Ted's handicap and all of a

sudden we have won two of the last three challenges-bring it on you Sunday lot- we're ready for you!

In the Stableford completion played mid February, Glen Snook took the winning slot with an impressive forty-two points. Despite a double bogie on the eighth Glen finished strongly and a birdie on the sixteenth clinched it. Ron Cooper emerged from the doldrums to finish in second place with forty-one points whilst David Morgan lost out on count-back and had to settle for third position.

### **Old Salts Section Captain Ian Wingrove Vice John Wegner**

#### Belated January Tidings.

January saw the Old Salts only managing to play twice due to the weather conditions. Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January had a good turnout numbering 28 players for a Friendly Four Ball in reasonable weather. In the Captains Challenge Ian and John triumphed over Dennis Smith and John Williams 6 and 5 after a close fought match. Ian's Chase on the 29<sup>th</sup> January was played in very cold conditions with Trevor Croxton coming 1<sup>st</sup> with 37 points, Kit Ryan 2<sup>nd</sup> on 34 points and Robbie Fudge 3<sup>rd</sup> with 33 points. The Captains Challenge saw Ian and John lose 2 and 1 to Fred Stokes and Dave Rigden. Fingers crossed for February in the hope of better weather and more playing days.

February started on a sad note with death of Eric Bean on the 1<sup>st</sup>. A long standing member of the club he will be greatly missed by all.

The first Winter Eclectic of the month saw John Wegner coming in 1<sup>st</sup> with 37 points followed by Gary Hart-Trigg, a new member of the Salts with 34 points on count back and Peter Steigman 3<sup>rd</sup> also on 34 points. In the Captains Challenge Ian and John won 2 and 1 against the dynamic duo of Dave Atkins and Colin Holton. Ian's Chase No 4 on the 5<sup>th</sup> was won by Dave Rigden with a very good score of 41 points. Henry Kernighan was 2<sup>nd</sup> on count back with 37 points with Colin Holton 3<sup>rd</sup> on 37 points. Ian and John lost 2 and 3 to Peter Steigman and Martyn Dines in the Captains Challenge. Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> saw the three leading players all come in with a score of 36 points in Ian's Chase No 5. On count back John Wegner 1<sup>st</sup>, Dennis Smith 2<sup>nd</sup> and Trevor Coombes 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Captains Challenge, Ian and John v Dave Rigden and Tony Taunton resulted in the match being halved. Thursday's Eclectic on the 26<sup>th</sup> was played in dry but wet underfoot conditions. Honours went to Trevor Croxton 1<sup>st</sup> on count back with 39 points, John Wegner 2<sup>nd</sup> with 39 points and Brian Daw 3<sup>rd</sup> with 36 points. In the Captains Challenge Ian and John beat Ted Backhouse and Brian Daw 5 and 4.

### **Midweeker's Section Captain Bob Ireland Vice Captain Ian Horton Secretary Peter Fox**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February Les Fessey Cup Stableford

Captain's Challenge, well, no-one put their names down to play, Ian was away on holiday, so I played with late entry Bob McCormick we had a lovely game and I put £2 in the charity. I was a bit disappointed that I didn't have a challenge and I can't afford to keep putting my money in the box – so come along challenge us! In future if there isn't a challenge I will promote some likely suspects to play us!

As to the competition proper Paul Guilfoyle won with 39 points 2<sup>nd</sup> on count back Glen Snook and 3<sup>rd</sup> Don Crawford.

Birdie prizes were won by Don Crawford, Peter Shearing and Tony Lavender  
Charity sweep winners were 1<sup>st</sup> John Fullagar, 2<sup>nd</sup> me, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ges Jakimavicus

### **Future event**

Don't forget the Midweekers annual dinner and AGM to be held on  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> after the Peter Glenn March Shield Stableford. We will have  
dinner first then the AGM. Please do your best to attend both.

### **Fundraising 100 Club**

This fundraising venture costs £1 per month, with monthly prizes of £30, £20  
and £10. There is a bonus double draw at Christmas each year. There are  
plenty of spare numbers so get buying!

From Ryn Hudson now in charge of the 100 Club

### **Winners**

1 <sup>st</sup>	£30.00	Jan Bunes
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£20.00	Eric Rochester
3 <sup>rd</sup>	£10.00	Jean Hudson

### **What's on for the next two months?**

#### **March**

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	am Fourball betterball Stableford Drawn
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	am Ladies Competition
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	pm Old Salts Annual Dinner
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	1300hrs Juniors Medal
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	am Captains Swindle
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Medal
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	am Midweekers P Glenn March Shield Stableford pm Midweekers Annual Dinner followed by AGM
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	am Monthly Medal
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Competition Jubilee Foursomes
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	am Midweekers Ernie West Winners Trophy
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies v Westgate (away)
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	1300hrs Club v Westgate (away)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	am Captains Swindle
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	am Old Salts v North Foreland (away)
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Competition Stableford
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies v North Foreland (away)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	am Midweekers J Bills Trophy Stableford
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	am March Hare Trophy Stableford
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	am Old Salts v Walmer and Kingsdown (away) 1230hrs Kent Vets v Canterbury
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	am Ladies Competition Drawn Yellow Ball

#### **April**

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	am Old Salts Ken Vickers Trophy Medal
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Spring coffee morning
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	am Monthly Medal
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	1230 hrs Mixed Greensomes

Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Medal 1300 hrs Super seventies v Chestfield (home)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	am Midweekers P West Easter Cup Medal
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	0900 hrs Kent Vets v Etchinghill (home)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	am Ex Captains Skinner Trophy am Monthly Stableford
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	am Old Salts v Sheerness (home)
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Competition Spring Greensomes
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies v St Augustines (away)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies v Westgate (away)
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	am Club v The Old Salts
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	am Ladies Cancer Spoon Stableford
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	am Old Salts St. George's Day Competition
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	am Midweekers K Bills April Cup Stableford
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	1300 hrs Allard Cup Medal under 12 yoa Juniors 1300 hrs Comer Cup Scratch Medal Juniors
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	am Club v Sheerness (home)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Competition Stableford
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	am Seniors Open at St Augustines)

### **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.

### **Sudoku**

Answer to last month's Sudoku

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



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4					6			
		9	5			3	2	

### Competition

There have been no solutions offered for the last 2 comps so here is an easy one to get you all back into your winning ways

Last months quiz was won by Brian Ridley, the dates were Feb 7,16 and 19.  
This month's quiz is:-

- What is the next number in the sequence?      1, 1, 2, 3, 5, ?  
 What is the next letter in the sequence?      a. e, f, h, I, k, ?  
 Which number is missing?                              1, 4, 9, 16, 25, ?

First person with all three answers given to Steve behind the bar gets the £20 voucher!

### Flotsam and Jetsam

Quite Interesting

Pinochio is Italian for "pine head"

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies toilet at Blenheim Palace during a dance.

Most lipstick contains fish scales(that should stop you licking your lips)

Months that begin on a Sunday will have a Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

100% of lottery winners gain weight (It must be all that extra bread)

Bullet proof vests, fire escapes, windscreen wipers and laser printers were all invented by women.

The average life of an eyelash is 5 months

Prince Charles collects toilet seats

Babies are most likely to be born on a Tuesday

There are more cars stolen in Poland than anywhere else in the world.

You spend 7 years of your life in the bathroom( perhaps looking for the toilet seat)

Walt Disney was afraid of mice

Any contributions of any type will be considered, puzzles, stories, history, Anecdotes, your chance to get your stuff in print!

Here's a joke from Roger Backhouse

A woman in a supermarket is following a grandfather and his badly-behaved grandson. He has his hands full with the child screaming for sweets, biscuits, all sorts of things.

The grandad is saying in a controlled voice: "Easy, William, we won't be long . . . easy boy." Another outburst and she hears the grandad calmly say : "It's okay William. Just a couple more minutes and we'll be out of here. Hang in there, boy." At the checkout the little horror is throwing items out of the trolley. Grandad says again in a controlled voice : "William, William, relax buddy, don't get upset. We'll be home in five minutes, stay cool William."

Very impressed, she goes outside to where the grandfather is loading his groceries and the boy into the car. She says : "It's none of my business, but you were amazing in there. I don't know how you did it. That whole time you kept your composure, and no matter how loud and disruptive he got, you just calmly kept saying things would be okay. William is very lucky to have you as his grandad."

"Thanks," says the grandpa. "But I am William. The little b-----'s name is Kevin."

One from Robbie Fudge  
WALKING ON THE GRASS

The room was full of pregnant women with their husbands.

The instructor said, "Ladies, remember that exercise is good for you. Walking is especially beneficial. It strengthens the pelvic muscles and will make delivery that much easier.

Just pace yourself, make plenty of stops and try to stay on a soft surface like grass or a path."

"Gentlemen, remember -- you're in this together. It wouldn't hurt you to go walking with her. In fact, that shared experience would be good for you both."

The room suddenly became very quiet as the men absorbed this information. After a few moments a man, name unknown, at the back of the room, slowly raised his hand.

"Yes?" said the Instructor.

"I was just wondering if it would be all right if she carries a golf bag while we walk?"

Brings a tear to your eye, doesn't it?

This kind of sensitivity just can't be taught.

## NEW ITEM

Recipe

Sicilian Chicken serves 4

Ingredients

4 chicken pieces

1 oz butter

1 onion chopped

2 oz mushrooms chopped

5 oz natural yoghurt

2 eggs beaten

½ pint milk

½ teaspoon ground ginger

½ teaspoon grated nutmeg

boiled rice

2 oz flaked almonds

Method

Cook chicken pieces until tender, then strip meat from bones, Melt the butter in a saucepan and fry onions and mushrooms until soft, add chicken meat, mix together the yoghurt, eggs, milk and spices and stir into the chicken mixture, bring to the boil stirring well. Serve on the boiled rice and garnish with the flaked almonds.

## 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.

Here are some items from Robbie George 792070

Full set 3-SW Mizuno MX23 irons, golf pride grips £90.00

Full size Mizuno Golf Bag £60.00

All items in good condition

FOR SALE. Please contact Linda Bawden or Beryl Wingrove in the Ladies Section.

Golf bag	Golf bag	Ladies 7 iron	Ladies 9 iron
Ladies driver	3 wood	7 wood	9 wood
Sand iron	wedge	lob wedge	8,7,5 irons
Putter	umbrella		

Snake Eyes Python XLD Driver 10.5 degrees £35.00

    "    "    Viper XT 3 wood £30.00

    "    "    Python XLD irons 5-sand wedge £75.00

Or I would accept £120 for the lot

Seller - Colin Holton contact nos. 01227 274761 or 07516 401088

EXPECTING A NEW BABY/GRANDCHILD?

Almost new set of baby equipment comprising Car seat, carrycot and stroller(pram) - "Icandy Apple System"

Asking £100 o.n.o. £700 when new. (Mary Calthrop)