

WHITSTABLE TIDINGS
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Thoughts from the President

Each time I sit down to write some words for the Tidings, I realise that another month has galloped by. Now I sound like my Mother "wondering where the time has gone".

Last month I wrote about looking forward to Golf Week and encouraged you all to play and dine. Well you did both of those and the weather gods were certainly kind to us. My heartfelt thanks go out to all those who helped behind the scenes to make it all happen and so enjoyable for us all.

My only regret is that we were somewhat short of numbers on the Friday night to congratulate and celebrate with the winners....

It was nice to stand in for Ted, who was on a well-deserved holiday, for the Chestfield home match. It was a very enjoyable day resulting in a win at home and a good result away too. We have since received a very nice letter from the Chestfield vice - captain thanking us for our hospitality.

On a personal note, I have recently hosted my first Director's Cup and hope that all those who attended enjoyed themselves as much as Sue and I did.

Now for July, another busy golfing summer month. The club diary is full with various competitions, Captain's Day and inter club matches. I hope you will all join in and support as many of these events as you can during such a busy time of the year both on and off the course.

John

News

Golf Week from behind the scenes.

A good week both golf and weather wise.

513 rounds of golf were played, £236 was raised for the Charity and the ladies raised another £400 with their Ladies in the Kitchen night. The atmosphere in the club was brilliant, and no matter what time the person manning the "caravan" table arrived there was always a group of men waiting to sign in – this accompanied by their usual friendly banter.

The Texas scramble produced the usual all men result, so we made sure the ladies got their share of prizes for the Pinehurst. Did you know that Pinehurst is the name of a golf course in the North Carolina Sandhills. Payne Stewart won the US Open there in 1999. A bit of information for the next quiz?

With music on two nights, a barbecue for over 100 with a bouncy castle, and food every night thanks to Karen and Harry what more could we ask for?

Future events

Saturday 18th July Captain's Day

Do not miss this day one of the most important days in the calendar a full day's golf followed by a BBQ with all the usual trimmings and entertainment what more could you want and all for £

Riverboat Cruise

The date for this event has now been decided – it will be Saturday 3rd October.

A new entry form has been placed on the Social events board for you to confirm your place.

Those who put their names down on the original list will find their names already entered on the new list – but best to check anyway in case of an administrative oversight!

From John Stokes (Apprentice Secretary)

Please can you ensure that if you hit a golf ball outside confines of the course you write details in the "Balls Hit Outside Perimeter of Course " book that is in lobby.

Please record date, time, location, persons involved, any damage and print your name. This is important for possible insurance claims.

Thanks John

Greens Committee Meeting Notes

10.30am June 9th 2015

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

Apologies; John Rosser

Matters arising;

Tree root ingress on the 4th/8th/9th Tees will be dealt with w/c 22nd June. Additional areas for astro turf have been identified at the 2nd Tee and the 8th green/9th tee. Quotes to be obtained and details of where existing astro turf was obtained from.

New Tee boards, notice board and ball washers are currently being sourced by the President, costs to be paid by sponsors. A member's suggestion for a clubs cleaner was rejected on cost at this time.

Green Keepers Report

REPORT June 2015

Greens

The greens are currently mown daily at a height cut of 4.5mm. They are lightly verticut on a weekly basis and are sprayed monthly with wetting agent and seamac proturf, which is seaweed based with added iron for presentation.

During the dry periods you may see hand held hosing taking place. This does not mean that the sprinklers are out of action. Fine turf is only watered to keep it alive and with enough vigour to counteract the day to day wear and tear. It is not watered to make it green, grow lushly and certainly not to make the greens 'hold'. The sprinklers put on the minimum amount required,

and hand held hosing is used to top up dryer areas i.e on slopes and missed areas due to wind. Over watering of greens must be avoided.

General

The past three months have been incredibly dry, virtually drought conditions. (see figures below)

All the fairways were divotted in April but due to the paucity of rain, germination has not been good.

In May, the tees, all the fairways and most of the semi-roughs were successfully sprayed with a selective weed killer.

Steve Suttle

Head Greenkeeper

March – May rainfall.(3 months)

2013 = 125mm 2014 = 133mm **2015 = 55mm**

Ongoing Work

Work on the new 6th bunker will be carried out later in the year. A special material to try and retain the sand on the sides of the bunker will be purchased subject to the cost.

Various areas of the course have been identified for improvement in the autumn. This includes some turf lifting and filling.

A.O.B.

All machinery has been serviced. There is always concern over the age of our machinery.

Various discussions took place regarding the placement of memorial benches to avoid hampering of machinery and accelerating grass wear through foot traffic.

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

Next meeting to be arranged close to maintenance week.

Malcolm Kent

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 John Clarke. 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!

Junior Section Captain Marijke Rapley Vice Captain James Green

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

The brave ladies who ventured out for the Tim Pullin trophy at the start of the month were well and truly battered by the monumental winds and came home exhausted. The extreme conditions were represented by the scores, Penny Perkins winning with 29 points on countback from Joan Sykes.

Golf week began in glorious sunshine and lots of ladies completed the medal on the opening Saturday. Three players finished on net 72, Margaret Barker beating Beryl Wingrove and Mary King on count back. The evening's BBQ was then thoroughly enjoyed by a very large contingent of members, family and friends. Monday was also glorious and the flag competition was well supported, won by Mary King from Joan Sykes and Mel Bashford. Captain and Vice-Captain Beryl Wingrove and Joan Sykes were the victors in the joint Stableford on Tuesday, Fran Price and Mary King were second, Pat Bensted and Mel Bashford third. The following day's Stableford competition was again made more testing by the strong winds. Jacquie Witten won with 32 from Molly Broadbent on 31 and Mel Bashford on 30. The ladies then got busy in the kitchen providing a selection of hot dinners for golfers and their families. Many thanks to all those who contributed and helped out during the evening to make it such a success. Over £420 was raised for the Captain's charity. And didn't the waiters look lovely! Thursday's five club was won by Margaret Barker with 32 points, one ahead of Pat Bensted and Mary King. The week ended with a Pinehurst Greensome on Friday before the presentation of trophies in the evening. The winners of the ladies Pinehurst were Molly Broadbent and Judy Butcher and the mixed winners the Captain's Wingrove.

The winner of the ladies section, rewarded for playing consistently well all week was Mary King-who was absolutely delighted to win her first Lady Golfer of the Week trophy.

A quick thank you to Mary Calthrop at this point who ensures the smooth-running of the week and coordinates everyone on 'caravan' duty. And well done Captain's, committee members and volunteers whose time and effort does not go unnoticed-another great week.

The monthly medal was played in beautiful conditions and several ladies came back with low scores. Jenny Vening used her new clubs to good advantage to win Division 1 with a net 67, from Jackie Witten and Penny Perkins both with net 72. And Joyce Janes had a great round, coming home with a net 65 to win Division 2 by six strokes and earn a two shot cut to her

handicap. Sally Lawson and Fran Price were second and third respectively, both with net 71.

Players were drawn in teams of three for the waltz competition. Runaway winners were Cath Whitehead, Sue Maflin and Pat Bensted with 79 points, winning by some margin from the 2nd placed trio of Sally Lawson, Helen Foad and Sue Goodall.

At the end of the month the Woodhead and Wren trophies were played for simultaneously. The Wren is for players with handicaps of 29 and below, the Woodhead for handicaps 30 and over. The Wren is played as a Par Competition and three players came in with a score of minus 2. Winner on count back was Jenny Vening, from Louise Tucker and Joan Sykes. The Woodhead is played as a Stableford and Maureen Davison won this with 27 points, from Jean Hudson (26) and Penny Kinnerseley (23).

The Captain vs Secretary match was played for by drawn teams of ten. A mere 5 Stableford points separated the winning secretary's team from Beryl's Captain's team. Well done Jean-you have again avoided ownership of the notorious Gonk Trophy for the losing side!

The annual Jamboree between Seasalter, Chestfield and Faversham was hosted by Chestfield this year. For once the breeze was very welcome as conditions would have been unbearable otherwise. Faversham were victorious, with Chestfield a close second. Seasalter came not such a close third!

The ladies match at home to Sheerness was an interesting affair from start to finish. Sheerness arrived 3 hours early as they had incorrectly recorded the start time. We hastily assembled our team and got the match underway. Massive thunder, lightning and downpours stopped the match mid-way-which was slightly unfortunate for the 4 who were on the 6th hole. The match resumed when conditions calmed down, and the match ended in the only fair result-a draw! We also took on North Foreland at home and came second again.

Men's Section Captain Ted Henderson Vice Captain Bob Ireland

Golf Report – June 2015

This month's competitions were dominated by "Golf Week" and it was Neal Hazel who got his week off to a flying start with a win on the first day. His net 63 in the traditional Saturday medal competition not only ensured maximum golf week points for the day but also gained him first place in the prestigious Centenary Trophy. On Monday in the Flag competition it was Mike Love who dominated. His net 61 finish put way clear of Peter Shearing and brother Tony Love who finished with net 65 and net 66 respectively. In the main Stableford competition of the week on Wednesday it was Tony Lavender who showed his class with an impressive 39 points. Tony finished two points clear of Ted Backhouse who took second place on countback ahead of David Archer. At the end of the week's competitions it was Paul Guilfoyle who finished with 39 points in the five club competition to clinch first place and the prize for "Golfer of the Week" following his earlier win in the Joint stableford on Tuesday.

June's monthly medal competition was won by new boy Gerry Allan. Gerry finished with a net 62 ahead of Derek Bates on count-back. Both players had better back nine scores but Gerry clinched the win by the narrowest of margins on the last three holes. Dean Amos finished in third place with net 64 with Dave Tassell, Jon Whorlow and Martyn Silverton also losing out after count-backs.

Old Salts Section Captain Ian Wingrove Vice John Wegner

Old Salts report

Thursday 4th June Ian's Chase No 2 saw an on form Kit Ryan coming 1st with 38 points followed by Gwyn Oakley 2nd on count back with 35 points and Alec Parrett 3rd with 35 points. The Captains Challenge was a 4 and 2 win for Ian and John playing against Martyn Dines and Mick Wyles. A good time was had by all during golf week with Ian and John coming second and third with 38 and 37 points respectively in the 5 Club Competition on 11th. A close fought match against Chestfield at home on 15th saw the Salts lose 3 and 5 Ian Wingrove/Robbie Fudge, Gwyn Oakley/Brian Best and Mick Wyles/John Wegner winning their matches. Disaster struck on the 18th in the away match at Faversham, the Salts going down 7 and 1. Moving on success was not far away when on the 22nd the Salts were away to St Augustine's in the 1st leg of the Kay Shield, the Salts winning 4 and 2. The Hugh Ridley Trophy on 25th went to John Wegner with a net 65 on count back with Dave Morgan 2nd on 65 and Mick Wyles 3rd with 66 points. Ian and John played David Dale and Tony Bensted in the Captains Challenge victory going to Ian and John 4 and 3 after a very close fought match.

Don't forget to put your name down if you wish to purchase a polo shirt.

Midweeker's Section Captain Bob Ireland Vice Captain Ian Horton

Secretary Peter Fox

Wednesday 3rd June Peter Hadlow June Cup Medal

Captain's challenge – Bob and Ian took on Tony Lavender and Alan Fowler the result was a very satisfying draw after some very good play from Ian and Tony.

The Trophy was won by Mike Cousins with an excellent net 61 (losing him 2 shots off his handicap Hooray!), second John Fullagar on 63 and 3rd Derrick Creed with 64.

Birdie prizes were awarded to Mike Moore, John Fullagar, Albert Adams, Mike Cousins and Colin Satchell.

The charity draw was won by Brian Harvey with Alan Humphrey second and Mike Cousins third.

Friday June 26th The Dave King Trophy Stableford

Our President John Clarke kindly stepped in for the injured Don Crawford to pair up with John Wegner and play us in the Captain's challenge, the result was a good half.

The competition proper was won by Tommy Burns with a brilliant 42 points resulting in a well earned handicap revision downwards to 15! Second was John Wegner on 39 points and third Bob Ireland with 38.

There were no birdie prizes probably due to the windy conditions, the charity

sweep was not won as no-one drew the winners number, second was Ron Orford and third Ray Thomas.

It was good to see the reappearance of Brian Sealy and we hope to see more of him in Midweek's events.

Superseventies

A very busy month with three matches in just 11 days asked a lot of the Supers. They met opponents Chestfield away and fared very well, but had mixed fortunes both at home and away against Canterbury.

Fine golfing weather greeted our Seniors at Chestfield and they celebrated by winning two games, halving two and losing just the one. Brian Ridley, captain for the day, and Martyn Dines both had disastrous drives from the first tee but soon made amends with some big and accurate hitting that surprised the Chestfield pairing. Our duo triumphed by two and one, showing the way to Ian Wingrove and Bernard Peter who also won their match, this time by the vital one hole. The halves came for the McCormick/Horton and Shearing/Williams pairings. It was good to see new man Don Williams enjoying his first stint with the Seniors and bringing home some valuable away points. Overall, Seasalter trousered 12 points to Chestfields five

Just four days later and with little time to draw breath saw us hosting Canterbury under the captaincy of David Dale. We fared less well this time with only Brian Ridley and David Kinnersley bagging some points, winning by one hole. Overall, we lost the match four games to one. Again the Williams/Shearing pairing jelled well, going down by only the one hole to a strong visiting pairing playing off 18 and 16..

Travelling to Canterbury a week later, we fared a little better in some glorious sunshine. Local knowledge on the challenging Canterbury greens told in the end of course and although we frightened them more than once we came away with just four points, leaving our hosts with 11.

Home captain Stephen Metherell must be applauded for giving us a second chance of some valuable League C points after a diary mix-up when we failed to show there earlier in the month and left them with a pile of sandwiches and hungry for a game.

This time David Dale and late stand-in Mick Wyles and that invaluable pairing of new boys Peter Shearing and Don Williams were the point earners. Bob Ireland and Alec Parrett, first off and taking the easier route in a buggy, had a ding-dong game that ended with them losing by one hole. The Kinnersley/Peter pairing also took their game to the wire, losing by the odd hole. So we cannot be too downhearted from our efforts there, just annoyed that we couldn't close out those two close matches.

Next match promises to be equally challenging; at Broome Park on Thursday July 23. Sadly, it clashes with the Old Salts game that day. Those preferring an away trip with a few extra yards on offer off the tee and greens they don't

know should put their names down on the list now in the cloakroom. We need ten plus a valuable reserve.

Fundraising 100 Club

1st £30	Jan Bunes
2nd £20	Eric Rochester
3rd £10	Peter Shearing

Congratulation to the winners. Please collect your prizes in person from behind the bar.

What's on for the next two months?

July

Thursday 2 nd	am Old Salts Frank Fox Trophy Medal
Friday 3 rd	1200hrs Ladies v St Augustines (home)
Saturday 4 th	All Day Men's Invitation
Sunday 5 th	am Captain's Swindle
Monday 6 th	am Ladies v Old Salts Centenary Cup
Tuesday 7 th	am Ladies Medal
Wednesday 8 th	am Midweekers Eynon Price Members Medal
Friday 10 th	0900hrs Kent Vets v Broome Park (home)
Saturday 11 th	am Qualifying Medal pm Panther Trophy v Chestfield (home)
Sunday 12 th	am Monthly Medal (Scratch Cup)
Tuesday 14 th	am Lady Captain's Day
Thursday 16 th	am Old Salts Captain's Day & Peter Tuckers 75's Trophy
Friday 17 th	0900hrs Kent Vets v Chestfield (home)
Saturday 18 th	all day Captain's Day
Sunday 19 th	am Sheerness (away) am Captain's Swindle pm Grandparents Trophy
Monday 20 th	am Old Salts v North Foreland (home)
Tuesday 21 st	0830hrs Kent Vets v Tudor Park (away) am Ladies competition Drawn pairs Stableford
Thursday 23 rd	am Old Salts Dennis Fewtrell Trophy Medal
Friday 24 th	am Midweekers July Sweeps Stableford am Senior Secretaries meeting at Chestfield 1200hrs Ladies v Chestfield (home)
Saturday 24 th	1300hrs Juniors Maflin Trophy
Sunday 25 th	am Frennd Cup Stableford pm Grandparents Trophy
Monday 27 th	pm Super Seventies v Etchinghill (away)

Tuesday 28th

am Ladies Lowe Trophy Medal
am Old Salts v Westgate (away)

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

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

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			3				9	

Competition

Last months quiz was not won the answers are below

Mark Twain and Halley's Comet

Answer Mark Twain was born when Halley's Comet was visible and died at 76 years old when Halley's Comet was once again visible.

Alexander The Great and Julius Caesar

Answer - Both were believed to have had Homosexual relations with one of their officers and both suffered from epilepsy (either answer would have done)

Maine in the USA and Kent in the UK

Answer - Both are the only single syllable States/Counties in their countries
Eyeglasses and scissors

Answer - Both are plural forms of singular items

This month's quiz is:- Antonyms

Each clue should lead to a pair of antonyms (words of opposite meanings)

Not here – Gift

Beer – Pudding

Leap – Not charged

Harvester – Not together

Drop – Admit

US President - Garbage

First person with all 6 answers given to Steve behind the bar gets the £20 voucher!

Flotsam and Jetsam

Quite Interesting General Ignorance

A Caesium atom in an atomic clock beats 9,192,631,770 times a second

At latitude 60 degrees South you can sail all the way around the world without hitting land

99% of the mass of the solar system is located in the sun

(makes you think how inconsequential we are)

Stewardesses is the longest word you can type on a qwerty board with the left hand

Antarctica is the only continent that does not have any land mass below sea level. (probably because it is 100% ice and therefore floating)

The Hawaiian alphabet only contains 12 letters

The Nullabar Plain in Australia covers 100,000 square miles and doesn't have a single tree

Because of the rotation of the Earth an object can be thrown further if it is thrown West

A Syzygy occurs when three astrological bodies line up
Dreamt is the only word in English that ends amt
160 cars can be driven side by side on The Monumental Axis in Brazil the
world's widest road

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

Joke

Not too long ago, there was a woman who wanted to know how her husband would react if she left without telling him where she had gone. She decided to write him a letter saying she is tired of him and didn't want to live with him anymore. After writing the letter, she put it on the table in the bedroom and then climbed under the bed to hide until her husband got home.

When he eventually came back home, he saw the letter on the table and read it. After a few moments of silence, he picked up the pen and added something to the letter. Then he started to get changed, whistling happy tunes and singing and dancing while he did so. He grabbed his phone and dialed a number. His wife listened from under the bed as he started chatting to someone.

"Hey babe, I'm just changing clothes then will join you," he said. "As for the other fool, it finally dawned on her that I was fooling around on her and left. I was really wrong to have married her; I wish you and me had met earlier. See you soon, honey!"

Then he hung up and walked out of the room. In tears and very upset, she climbed out from under the bed and stumbled over to read what her unfaithful husband had written on the end of her letter.

Through teary eyes, she read: "I could see your feet you idiot, I am going out to buy bread."

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 , by post or place the details on the notice board marked for my attention.

For sale

Yonex 1,3,5,7 woods (metal) irons 6,7,8,9,P/w ,S/w ,Ram 58 degree wedge, Odyssey Putter.

Callaway Bag. Hill Billy trolley, battery and charger. Plus a number of used balls and towels. Any reasonable offer considered.

The person to Contact is Peter Wood on 01227 277134.

