

WHITSTABLE TIDINGS
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Thoughts from the President

By the time this goes to print we will find ourselves in the month of June and at our club that heralds the approach of....GOLF WEEK! My thoughts for this month's edition of The Tidings are quite simple, I urge you all to sign up for matches and events if you have yet to do so. Come along and enjoy the competition and friendship that we all value so much.

There are evening meals to enjoy too so give yourselves a break from the cooking...and the washing up and take the opportunity of supporting our new caterers, Karen and Harry. They will be pleased to see you.

Our ladies section are providing the food on the Wednesday evening and you may find certain officers of the club sporting their 'waiting' outfits for your delectation.....

Here's to a good week and may the weather spirits be gentle on us.

John

News

Gala Night

Once again Neil Duncan entertained us to a fantastic night of music and comedy, his hapless Tommy is wonderfully funny and the occasional departure into Norman Wisdom is wonderful.

Karen and Harry's first major event was excellent, the serving staff very efficient and the food, well received.

Some danced in the moonlight around the 9th green to tunes only they could hear, it could have been the ambience or perhaps the booze, who knows?

Future events

Golf Week

Saturday 6th June to Friday 12th June

Something for everyone this week in June!

Events every day leading to the climax on Friday evening when the individual prize winners will be announced and The Golfer of The Week declared.

Every evening except Sunday, food will be available provided the demand is sufficient, so put your names down on the lists provided to avoid disappointment.

There are still many places available for new entries to each day's competitions so don't delay get in!

Riverboat Cruise

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

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

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 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

The Juniors Monday evenings are going well and so far the weather has been kind. Only trouble is it seems we only get alternate Mondays at the moment, what with all the Bank Holidays and then the upcoming Golf Week. Hopefully it will settle down soon and we can get some continuity. A big "thank you" to Martin Silverton for his help.

Early in the month we had a medal competition which was a very close result with the first three all within a shot of each other, the winner being Jack Tucker on a net 67. Last Saturday saw the annual events of both the Aspen Cup (junior and relative, foursomes Stableford) and the King Trophy (junior and nonrelative, greensomes Stableford). We were blessed with good weather but had to scramble around a bit for the adult partners, all the adults asked saying they would love to play but - please ask me another time etc. However, Derek Bates, kindly agreed at the first time of asking (not sure how much John bribed him). Brian Best was due to play with one of his grandsons but then said grandson had a football match, so we put Brian with

a nonrelative then, at the eleventh hour grandson's father admitted he had got the day wrong and the football match was on the Sunday so now Brian is back in the Aspen and we are short in the King. Poor Mia turned up and had no partner - fifteen minutes to the off and John is running around everywhere for an able bodied adult, seems they are a bit thin on the ground, then, glory be after a quick phone call to get permission from his wife (quite right!) Mark Tilbury turned up trumps, even after already playing eighteen holes in the morning and with the prospect of playing 36 the next day. We had such fun, Millie Tucker and I played alongside him and Mia, they beat us by one shot which I might add, was completely my fault, Millie played a blinder. The overall results were Jack and Louise Tucker for the Aspen, for the fourth year running (and when Jack is too old she will be playing with Millie) and Oscar Girling and Derek Bates in the King - Oscar lost out on the earlier monthly medal by one shot and Derek went on to win the Sunday 36 hole trophy, so they are a pair to be reckoned with. Mars bars were enjoyed all round.

Next junior competition is on Saturday 20th June, The Seath Cup

Mel

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

The Bank Holiday greensomes at the start of the month had a strong turnout as always. Husband and wife pairing of Janet and Tony Henley came home in first place with a creditable 40 points. Linda Bawden and Glen Snook were second with 38 and Penny Perkins and Rodney Wood third with 37. Mary King and Jack Dale got the prize for the front nine, Maureen Davison and Bob Ireland for the back nine.

The ladies 4 Ball Better Ball was played in unbelievably high winds which accounted for some of the field not having the energy to carry on for a second nine. This coupled with three quarter handicap allowance combined to make for a low-scoring competition. Beryl Wingrove and Sue Goodall won with 27 points, closely followed by the pink ladies, Mary King and Val Brown. The Medal Winners was the first cup competition of the year and was a very close run thing. Three players finished on a net 73, the winner on countback was vice-Captain Joan Sykes, Holly Butler and Pat Bensted were second and third respectively.

More than 30 ladies competed in the Spring Meeting in relatively warm and windy conditions. Mary King who is returning to form won the morning medal with a net 69, one ahead of Linda Bawden and Sheila Wyles. Val Brown got the best front nine and Sally Lawson the back nine prize. The afternoon Texas Scramble was won by the quartet of Inge Parry, Linda Bawden, Joan Sykes and Janet Arnold. Thanks go to our President who saw us off from the first tee with good wishes and a welcome sweet!

The medal mid-month was again plagued by high winds, although the ladies were fortunate to get back into the Clubhouse before the heavens opened and they avoided the hail storm of later in the day. Penny Perkins won

Division 1 with a net 72 from Joan Sykes (74) and Maz Garling (77). Sheila Wyles won Division 2 with net 74 from Cath Whitehead (76) and Fran Price (81).

Sheila Wyles continued her run of good form to win the 9-hole White Elephant Trophy with 15 points-she is now responsible for getting her own name written onto the wooden elephant-hope your handwriting's neat Sheila! And thank you Harry for the lovely cakes!

The Texas Scramble at the end of the month was played in beautiful conditions. The winning trio of Margaret Barker, Sue Maflin and Judy Butcher carded a very creditable 65, one ahead of Helen Foad, Jackie Witten and Linda Bawden.

Together with the men 10 pairs travelled to Westgate mid-month for the first leg of our two-part match. Penny Perkins and Rodney Wood didn't get a game unfortunately as their pair were undone by car trouble. We were not disgraced by a five and a half to three and a half loss. Maureen Davison and Gwyn Oakley recorded the best win for Seasalter, winning by 5 and 4. Much bonhomie and a lovely meal mean that the return match in September is now eagerly anticipated! Seasalter went one better when the mixed team travelled to Sheerness. The match was tied at 2-2 until Linda Bawden and Glen Snook returned victorious to give us a well-deserved 3-2 win.

Our ladies travelled to local neighbours Chestfield for the first leg of our two-parter and were comprehensively beaten-hoping that home advantage brings us better luck next time!

Holly Butler and Penny Perkins got a home draw to the Essex club of Orsett in their next round of the Daily Mail Foursomes. The Essex ladies proved very stiff opposition and our pair did well to take them as far as the 17th before eventually succumbing.

The month ended as it had begun with another Bank Holiday greensomes. The winners this time with an excellent 45 points were Sally Lawson and Ian Wingrove, Mary King and Jack Dale were second with 42 and Sheila and Mick Wyles third with 41. Joan and Bob Sykes won the front 9 with 20 and Jackie and Clive Witten the back 9 with 19.

And just to let you know that the SAS are back for the Summer season (Sunday Afternoon Swingers). Sheila Wyles won the first outing on countback from David Kinnersley with 18 points. Next dates for your diary 5th and 19th July, 1pm start, see Margaret or Desmond Barker for more details.

Louise Tucker

Men's Section Captain Ted Henderson Vice Captain Bob Ireland

This year's Harry Johnson Cup provided the opportunity for new boy Neil Bennett to demonstrate his golfing potential with a win in his first major competition at the club. His impressive net sixty finish, which included an eagle on the second, put him two shots clear of the improving Mark Tilbury (2nd place) and four shots clear of Andy Short (3rd place).

Mark Tilbury did well again in this month's Captains Swindle and finished easy winner with forty-one points. Two points behind Mark for successive competitions was Andy Short who had to settle for second place. Club representatives in next year's national Daily Mail Foursomes competition will be Glen Snook and Howard Gordon after they finished easy winners in the recent qualifier event. Their net fifty-nine score was more than three shots better than the net 62.5 scored by runners up Neil Bennett and Dave Williams.

A surprisingly low number of entrants battled in difficult conditions to win this year's prestigious Canterbury Cup event. A thirty-six hole medal competition is always likely to prove testing but early rain and wind took its toll and scores inevitably suffered. Conditions were so difficult that most competitors had net seventy or worse scores going into the afternoon. Brian Wild was the only player under par; his net 65 put him two shots clear of Neil Bennett and three shots clear of Bob Ireland at the half way stage. In the afternoon Guy Vine ended with a net sixty-five to post the best PM score but he was well short of the winning total after a disappointing net seventy-five in the morning. Derek Bates finished just one shot behind Mark with a net sixty-six in the afternoon but with a net sixty-nine in the morning he ended surprise winner overall with a total net 135 for the day. Neil Bennett also finished with the same overall total but lost out on count-back with an afternoon net sixty-eight score. Brian Wild finished in third place overall with a net 137 total after a disastrous net seventy-three PM score.

Old Salts Section Captain Ian Wingrove Vice John Wegner Old Salts report

The Norman Trophy on the 14th was won by Gary Hart-Trigg with a net 64 followed by Fred Stokes on 66 and Tony Bensted on 67. The Captains Challenge on the day saw John and Tony Bensted lose by 1 to Tony Taunton and George Thompson. The Old Salts v Westgate match played at home on the 18th saw a 5 & 3 win for the Salts. Despite the rain later in the morning the result for Ian's Chase on the 21st was John Wegner 1st on count back with 38 points, Tommy Burns 2nd on 38 and Henry Kernighan 3rd with 37 points. John also triumphed in the Captains Challenge along with Ian winning 4 & 3 against Tony Taunton and George Thompson. The Texas Scramble held on the 28th saw a good turnout with only a couple of points separating the first three teams. The winning team of Trevor Croxton, Brian Ridley, Bernard Peter and Ryn Hudson came in 1st with a score of 57.1 followed by Tommy Burns, Ted Backhouse, Mike Moore and Alec Parrett with 58.8. Third place went to Colin Spencer, Gwyn Oakley and Ron Fuller who came in with 59.05.

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

Wednesday 13th May Dennis Fewtrell May Madness Shield Medal Captain's Challenge we played against the rather formidable team of Tony Taunton and Tommy Burns and needless to say lost 3 and 2. If I don't get my chipping sorted out soon I may chuck my clubs away! The only thing stopping

me at the moment is that I might miss the bin!

The competition was won by our President John Clarke with a net 62, second Alan Fowler beating Mark Tilbury into 3rd place on countback with 64.

Birdie prizes were won by Stan Dobson and Alan Humphrey.

The Charity sweep was won by Brian Harvey, 2nd Tony Taunton and 3rd James Marsh.

Friday 22nd Martin's Trophies Trophy Stableford

Unfortunately I was away for this competition on my annual jaunt to Bournemouth with my Squirrel mates but in my absence Vice Captain Ian Horton was assisted by Trevor Croxton in the Captain's Challenge against a reluctant Ray Thomas and an enthusiastic Eric Rochester, resulting in a win 4 and 3 for the VC and TC (Ray told me it was 4&3 to save his blushes)

The competition was won by Paul Guilfoyle with 40 points, 2nd Ian Horton 39 and 3rd Peter Shearing 37. The only Birdie prize was won by Trevor Croxton. Charity sweep winners were 1st Dave Howland, 2nd Anthony Wright and third Ron Orford.

Midweekers Invitation Day Wednesday 29th May

What a cracking day this was the weather was fantastic, benign and sunny for a change. Our thanks go to President John who started off all the matches with a presentation golf ball and instructions to avoid the bunker on the right at all costs-advice sadly ignored by many of the starters!

There were many spot prizes and the following players won these.

Nearest the pin 4th hole Colin Holton, Nearest the pin in 2, 5th hole Roger Bryant, longest drive 8th hole, Bob Ireland, Nearest the pin 15th hole Mick Whitehead, nearest the pin in 2, 17th hole Alex Davis.

The main competition for the best pair winning the Holden Trophy Glasses was the excellent pairing of Rod Whitehead and Alex Davis, runners up were Peter Shearing and George Young. Third were Tony Lavender and Joe Cousins.

After a fine lunch of Ham, egg and chips we once again assaulted the course with a Texas Scramble, this was won by Mike Cousins, Ian Baker, Tony Lavender and Joe Cousins.

The evening meal was excellent and there was much to enjoy as the evening progressed, there were 36 entrants to this event this year slightly down on last year's entry I think but we all had a great time for the low cost of £25 per person, don't miss out next year!

Superseventies

Game on after a long wait and plenty to report! The Seniors got off to a pretty good start to their season in early April when they hosted neighbours Chestfield in great golfing weather. (Just to remind readers of Tidings and keen Supers, they host us for our first away match on Friday June 19 and we still have some names missing for a full team. Please see the notice board and add your name if you are free)

The hard fought matches at home on April 7 resulted in honours even after

five games. Although the result looks impressive enough, the point system, with four points for an away win and only three for a home success meant that Chestfield carried off 10 points to our seven.

Never daunted, the Supers played at home again on May 5 when they joined battle with four-time champs Broome Park, who came to us looking for another huge points tally. We can't say that they left disappointed, but we did give them a fright or two. Their big hitters found the gale-like conditions very difficult and we ended with two wins to their three. Again the away points told, and we could only bank six to the visitors' 12.

At the moment we are bottom of our League C with 13 points, well behind Etchinghill, who are on 22 after their three games to date. Just in front are Foreland, again having played one more. We are lagging in games played because of a senior moment by the organiser, who failed to provide a team to visit Canterbury and went on holiday instead. Diary dates, dumbness and dizzy spells provide the explanation for the faux pas but good to reveal that Alec has just rearranged the away game for Tuesday June 30 just a week after we host them. Please watch for the list. After all the extra effort it would be Disaster MK2 if we couldn't field a full team to visit Canterbury.

The Broome Park game mentioned earlier saw the Kinnersley/Parrett partnership, who after being three up in the Force 8 gale at the turn had a battle royal as they sprinted for home to beat the rain and their opponents, and just made it, winning one-up. The other duo to bring home the bacon were the Peter/Shearing pairing, who again had to battle a strong BP twosome playing off 16 and 18. Our stalwarts triumphed two-up. A great day in the terrible conditions, but at least everyone stayed dry, that is until they got to the clubhouse for a well earned pint or two.

Talking of a pint or two after 18 holes of great golf, Broome Park has extended a welcome to us as a club to repeat our entry of their Super Seniors Open to be held this year on August 18. They are asking for teams of three from various clubs to repeat their inaugural team open held last year. Forms are up in our cloakroom and they await our response. £30 buys a great day out and some good grub and no doubt, prizes. Give it a go if you are up to it.

Fundraising 100 Club

1st £30	Brian Ridley
2nd £20	Steve Wood
3rd £10	Jacqui Witten

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

What's on for the next two months?

June

Tuesday 2 nd	am Ladies Tim Pullen Trophy
Wednesday 3 rd	am Midweekers Peter Hadlow June Cup Medal

Friday 5 th	1200hrs Ladies v Sheerness (home)
Saturday 6 th to Friday 12 th	Golf Week
Friday 12 th	All day Centenary Trophy
Sunday 14 th	pm Golf Week Prize giving
Monday 15 th	am Captain's swindle
Tuesday 16 th	am Old Salts v Chestfield (home)
Thursday 18 th	am Ladies Medal
Friday 16 th	am Old Salts v Faversham (away)
Saturday 20 th	1200hrs Ladies v North Foreland (away)
Sunday 21 st	pm Super seventies v Chestfield (away)
Monday 22 nd	1200hrs Juniors Seath Cup
Tuesday 23 rd	all day Canterbury Cup -36 holes
Monday 22 nd	1200hrs Old Salts v St Augustines Kay Shield (home)
Tuesday 23 rd	am Ladies competition Drawn Waltz
Thursday 25 th	0830hrs Kent Vets v Broome Park (away)
Friday 26 th	am Old Salts Hugh Ridley Trophy Medal
Saturday 27 th	am Midweekers D King June Trophy Stableford
Sunday 28 th	pm Directors Cup
Monday 29 th	am George Fitt Bowl Seasalter
Tuesday 19 th	am Billmier Plate Chestfield
Monday 29 th	am Ladies jamboree Chestfield
Tuesday 19 th	am Ladies Woodhead Wren Trophy
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
Sunday 12 th	pm Panther Trophy v Chestfield (home)
Tuesday 14 th	am Monthly Medal (Scratch Cup)
Thursday 16 th	am Lady Captain's Day
Friday 17 th	am Old Salts Captain's Day & Peter Tuckers 75's Trophy
Saturday 18 th	0900hrs Kent Vets v Chestfield (home)
Sunday 19 th	all day Captain's Day
Monday 20 th	am Sheerness (away)
Tuesday 21 st	am Captain's Swindle
Thursday 23 rd	pm Grandparents Trophy
Friday 24 th	am Old Salts v North Foreland (home)
Monday 20 th	0830hrs Kent Vets v Tudor Park (away)
Tuesday 21 st	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 28 th	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

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

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Competition

Last months quiz was not won the answers are below

What has six legs but cannot walk? A billiard /snooker table

What has a tongue but cannot talk? A shoe

What has eyes but cannot see? A potato

What has ears but never listens? Wheat/corn etc.

What has hands but cannot hold? A clock

What has a heart that never beats? A Tree

This month's quiz is:-

What have the following in common? :-

Mark Twain and Halley's Comet

Alexander The Great and Julius Caesar

Maine in the USA and Kent in the UK

Eyeglasses and scissors

First person with all 4 answers given to Steve behind the bar gets the £20 voucher!

Flotsam and Jetsam

Quite Interesting General Ignorance

The QE2 moves only 6" for every gallon of fuel it uses

The dot on the letter i is called a tittle

Tongue prints are as individual as fingerprints

According to a study by The Economic Research Service 27% of all food production in the Western Nations ends up in the bin! Yet 1.2 billion people are underfed – strangely exactly the same no. that is overweight!

The glue in Israeli postage stamps is certified Kosher

Almost is the longest word in the English language with all it's letters in alphabetical order

The National Anthem of Greece has 158 verses

It probably comes as no surprise that more people speak English in China than the USA

Canada is an Native American word for "big village"

Half of all bank robberies take place on a Friday

Ancient Egyptians shaved off their eyebrows to mourn the death of their cats

Los Angeles' full name is "El Pueblo de Nuestra a Senora La Reina De Los Angeles De Porciuncula" No wonder they shortened it!

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

Joke

A burglar broke into a house and whilst rifling through the drawers was shocked to hear a voice say "Jesus is watching you". He looked around but couldn't see anyone so he continued his rifling. "Jesus is watching you" he heard again and pinpointed the voice as coming from a parrot in a cage on the sideboard. "Is that you talking?" he asked

"Yes" replied the parrot "my name's John the Baptist"

"Who on earth would name their parrot John the Baptist?" said the burglar.

"The same sort of person who would name their Rottweiler Jesus" said the parrot.

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.