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**The monthly journal of Whitstable and Seasalter Golf Club**  
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## **News**

### **Presidents Message**

As we are in that time of the year when things are exchanged I thought the change over to new captains went very smoothly and I would like to wish them and their various Charities all the success in 2016.

I thought the drive in went very well and was well supported, so well done all those that helped with the organisation, and thank you to Michael Behr who every year prints out all the distance slips for the longest drives.

During early November Ted asked for volunteers' to help the 'On Course' Foundation at the Kent Golf show at Bluewater, so Robin George and I did just that. We arrived at 8.30 for a briefing and we were assigned a stand to run which was, one handed putting (3 balls for £2) I can honestly say we had a great day although I almost lost my voice persuading people to take part. The foundation had various stands running throughout the show and I can report that £9,889.81 was raised over the whole show. (I get the feeling we will be asked back next year).

We can now look forward to all the Parties being organised by the social committee. Please support the clubs Christmas raffle where there are some very unique prizes this year....

If I'm not too early I would like to take this opportunity in wishing you all a Happy Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year.

Kind Regards

John Clarke

### **Captains Drive In**

I would like to express my deepest thanks to all those who provided such a wide variety of wonderful food for this event. The day itself was as usual well attended, with representation from the Men's Captain and Vice Captain, the Ladies Captain from Chestfield, and the President of Sheerness GC.

A big thank you to all who helped make the day so special, The Lady Captain Joan Sykes, Old Salts Captain John Wegner, Junior Captain James Green and last but by no means least my Vice Captain Gary Morgan.

Congratulations to Maureen Davison who has agreed to become Ladies Vice Captain.

The drive in raffles raised around £700 for the social fund, well done to all who entered.

I want to introduce some new competitions on Sunday mornings, a Winter and Summer Eclectic as well as some betterball competitions of which more later.

Thank you all for your support, I am looking forward to the next year and hope to have as good a year as Ted did.

My charity for the year will be The Pilgrim's Hospice in Canterbury, please be as generous as you have been in the past, this is a really worthwhile local charity and is dependent of voluntary contributions for it's continuation.

Bob Ireland

### **Future events**

Adults Xmas Party Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December FREE NIGHT Music from "Mickey Blue Eyes" and dancing until late. Please enter your name on the list provided Food will be available but must be ordered and paid to Karen and her staff.

Kids Xmas Party Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Entry fee £5 per child

Bring your kids, grandkids or Great grandkids to this fun day. Party games, food and general excitement Reggie Mental will be doing his act for the kids (it's worth going just to see that!). See Santa and his elf distribute wonderful gifts to the children, the list is going up on the Social Board make sure of your place. You have until the 11<sup>th</sup> December to enter your little one!

New Years Eve 31<sup>st</sup> December

The tickets for this event went on sale on Saturday December 5<sup>th</sup>, Ladies Coffee Morning at 1100hrs, there are some places still available if you would like to be there see Steve Wood with the cash or cheque (made out to Whitstable and Seasalter Golf Club) for the full amount of tickets you are booking ie. £37.50 per person.

### **FROM THE OFFICE**

John Stokes has now taken over the day to day administration of the Office in conjunction with Fran Price. He has also now taken over as Club Secretary but Brian Best will remain as Company Secretary of Seasalter Golf Club Ltd until he retires in November.

Could you please advise the office if you have changed address or contact details in the last year ,It all helps come the time to send membership renewal letters out in the New Year.

Many thanks  
John Stokes

### **BOREHOLE**

The installation of the borehole has been shelved for the time being, as, when work started recently, the water level was found to be so high, there was a danger of flooding the course, if the well head had blown during drilling. The project has been rescheduled for next summer when the pressure in the water table should have fallen somewhat. The contractor has assured us that this will not effect the cost of the installation.

#### Website Update

Our new look website is now live .There are video clips of the course as well as some other new items to view. Have a look at and "like" it!

### **PLANNING PERMISSION**

The Planning application has been rescheduled for the Meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> December as the council, in their wisdom didn't inform the local residents of the application. This gives us a bit more time to lobby the planners with more comments for the proposal. If you haven't done it yet please go onto the site and put you comment in support of the application, we need as much input as we can get if you want this to succeed!

### **PROPERTY DAMAGE OFF THE COURSE**

We regularly get claims from our neighbours relating to damage caused by golf balls to their property. This is a significant cost to the Club as we have a £350 Excess applicable to this type of Insurance claim, and not many claims exceed this.

Recently there has been a dramatic increase in the number of claims for no obvious reasons – which have come from all sides of the course but mainly from the caravan park where there are often children playing  
Please ensure that you shout fore loudly, apologise to those affected and report every incident in the relevant book in the foyer.

#### Clubhouse Hire

The clubhouse can be hired by members for events such as a birthday party . First call should be with the Club Steward and /or the Office to check availability. There is a hire form that needs to be filled out (copies are available from the office ) in advance of the event. Our caterers are to be used for any food requirements.

There is a charge for hire of £100.

### **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 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 November 24th 2015**

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

**Apologies;** None.

#### **Matters arising from notes and for discussion**

- 1. Course tee markers update/ new notice board on 1<sup>st</sup>**  
The new notice board is in the process of being finalised.
- 2. Winter works to do.**  
The 2 back grass tee's of the 5<sup>th</sup> to be stripped and re turfed with new turf.  
Practice net to be closed pending investigation as to the method of pole fixing to stabilise.
- 3. 6<sup>th</sup> bunker.**  
The turf removed from the 5<sup>th</sup> tees will be used to stabilize and improve the bunker on the 6<sup>th</sup> .  
Repair front edge captain's bunker on the 4<sup>th</sup>
- 4. Turf cutter quote from Earnest Doe**  
To be purchased.
- 5. Verde Sports. ;mats/carpet for walkways**  
Approximately 50square meters of astro turf ordered to improve 2<sup>nd</sup> Tee carry.  
2 new Tee mats and frames to be ordered for probably 1<sup>st</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> tees.
- 6. 7th ditch....by 7th green accident/trim**  
The trimming of ditches has been discussed many times by the committee and the board. The committee feel that grass left on the edge of the ditches is a good marker. Notice to be arranged and placed in the forward red post of the ditch to the left of 7<sup>th</sup> green.
- 7. Bridges over ditches....JC put non slip material on them**  
John Clarke has kindly offered to cover the bridges with a non slip material.
- 8. Causeway slopes ...A Gremo approached/ Moss tarmac being approached (they did road)**  
Looking to improve the end of the tarmac transition to hard surface over causeway.
- 9. Winter rough.**  
The rough has always been cut to 4" (100mm) throughout the year. In winter the growth is far less and the grass does not recover as quickly after trampling by players in the winter leading to thoughts that it has been cut shorter. This policy has been in force for 8 years.
- 10. Captains request**

Most of the Captain's thoughts were already covered in the notes above. Concern over the wet area in front of the first Tee has been dealt with by the installation of the drain in September. The closure, to trolleys only, to the left of the 8<sup>th</sup> green will continue. There is no point in re-opening the area to wear and tear after its recovery. The area has improved and now allows shots to be played from there more successfully.

The out of bounds to the left of the 5<sup>th</sup> (pond area) was not temporary and will remain out of bounds.

**11. Wash down legislation 2016 ...what do we do**

We need to investigate this more thoroughly.

GREEN REPORT November 2015

We have just had the mildest autumn, quite unprecedented in my experience. Until we had our first frost on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, we had still been mowing the greens on a daily basis whereas normally we would be mowing every other day at most.

Greens

The greens are now being mown to a height of cut of 5.5mm. They are in a healthy condition but mainly due to a very wet August and September some greens are prone to flooding after significant rainfall.

For a number of years now we have been aware of casting on the greens not from regular earthworms (although we do have them) but from a tiny worm called microscolex. Unfortunately there is no known control over this species and this autumn has seen a dramatic increase in the castings so much so that the material deposited on the surface of certain affected greens (2, 5, 6 and 8) has been so significant we have had to clean the rollers on the mowers several times on these greens. Time will tell whether this year was just a one off or not!

General

Maintenance week was a success. All greens, surrounds, tees and fairways were deeply aerated with the vertidrain machine. Greens were topdressed the following week and healed up very quickly. Also, drainage was installed, mainly on the 9<sup>th</sup> fairway but also on the 1<sup>st</sup> carry.

All fairways have been divotted plus a number of sunken drainage trenches have been topped up with a sandy rootzone. Germination has been good due to the aforesaid weather.

All the greens surrounding areas, tees and other appropriate areas have been treated with worm suppressant which doesn't actually kill the worms but drives them deeper into the soil profile and prevents them from surface casting.

Steve Suttle

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

Hire Buggies to finish Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

A local neighbour has been dumping his/her grass cutting adjacent to the car park. A conversation has been had!!

Some discussion took place to improve space in the green keepers shed.

Some old machinery, unused for years, will be sold/scrapped if possible. Both hire buggies will then have a winter home.

The Captain requested attendance at the greens committee but it was felt a change of personnel every year was not desirable. The R & A recommend an ideal greens committee comprises of 3, head green keeper, greens chairman and the course manager/secretary. Their second recommendation is 5, the number we operate with.

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

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 10.30am.

### **Junior Section Captain James Green Vice Captain**

The Captains' Playing In was the notable event this month and we are proud to say that the new junior captain, James Green, had way and above the longest drive of all four captains, well done James. The Christmas party and December competition have been put on hold as it turns out too many of the Section are otherwise engaged on that particular day so James is sorting out a day when more juniors will be around. Meanwhile James and his team wish everyone a very Happy Christmas.

### **Ladies Section Captain Joan Sykes Vice Captain Maureen Davison Secretary Jean Hudson**

We were all pleased to wake up on the first Tuesday of the month to a clear day, as the start of the month had been plagued by fog and mist. We played the second of our Christmas Competitions and Vilma Parrett played a lovely steady game and came in with 35 points. Penny Perkins and Louise Tucker were next highest on 32. A maximum of 4 cards can be played for this and the best 3 stableford scores will count.

The week after the strong winds returned to make it quite a testing morning. As a result scores were slightly lower than the previous two weeks. Penny Perkins scored highest with 30 points, then Maz Garlinge and Louise Tucker both with 28.

The Ladies AGM that afternoon was well-attended by a high proportion of the ladies section. Beryl Wingrove handed over the baton of Captaincy to Joan

Sykes and wished her all the very best for the coming year. Many thanks to Beryl for all her hard work in what was a very successful year. Jean Hudson also stepped down as Secretary after 4 years in the job, plus a year shadowing the previous Secretary. Well done to Jean for a job very well done, and the best of luck to her successor Linda Bawden.

The drive-in was a great success, as always, with many members and friends and guests from neighbouring Clubs in attendance. Joan Sykes did the Ladies Section proud with her driving ability, as did all the Captains' of the other sections, despite hitting into a strong head wind. There was an abundance of food afterwards enjoyed by all the supporters as we welcomed in a new golfing year.

The fourth Christmas Competition was again windy, but we were lucky to all just about get round before the heavens opened. Betty Washby got the best score of the day with 33 points, from our new Captain Joan on 32. Val Brown and Penny Perkins both got a very respectable 31.

The last Tuesday of the month was scheduled to be a stableford competition, but was abandoned as the weather was vile. 3 ladies ventured out to do 9 holes and returned somewhat bedraggled!

At the end of the month Joan was delighted to announce that her Vice-Captain is confirmed as Maureen Davison. This is great news for both Joan and the Ladies Section. Congratulations to Maureen and all the very best for the next couple of years.

### **Men's Section Captain Bob Ireland Vice Captain Gary Morgan Golf Report – October 2015**

Following the first round of this year's Turkey Trot when Howard Jones has put himself into a strong position with a memorable forty-three points, the remaining two rounds were all about catch up. Howard made things more difficult when he did well again in the second round with thirty-eight points but both John Wegner with thirty-nine points and Jon Whorlow with thirty-eight points remained in with a chance at that stage. Unfortunately neither John nor Jonathan could improve on their totals in the final round leaving Howard the easy outright winner with an eighty points total for his best two from three scores. Brian Wild with a third round score of thirty-eight sneaked the runners up slot on count-back ahead of Jon Whorlow after they both finished with seventy-six points for their best score.

### **Old Salts Section Captain John Wegner Vice Captain Dave Atkins**

#### **Old Salts report November**

The first competition of the month was John's Walker No 1 winter eclectic, it was originally intended it should be a qualifying Stableford but due to heavy

rain the previous night and the introduction of five temporary greens it was amended to a non –qualifying competition.

The winner of div 1 was Rod Whitehead with an impressive 40 points, second was a 'pain free' Colin Holton with 37 points and third the ever reliable Brian Daw on 36 Points.

Division 2 was a much closer affair with three players on 35 points, top of the pile was Bernie Whitaker, followed closely by John Allen and third was Ryn Hudson all decided on countback.

The Captain's Challenge was a duel between Captain John Wegner , Vice David Atkins and challengers Henry Kernighan and Gary Hartley-Trigg the result being a hard fought win for the Captain and Vice Captain by 4+3.

November 12<sup>th</sup> saw the playing of a well supported Greensomes Drawn pairs competition. It was played in ideal, if a little windy weather condition, the winners were Fred Stokes partnered by Terry Suggett with an impressive 41 points, second was Robbie Fudge and Ryn Hudson with 39 points and third on count back was Colin Holton and Colin Whitaker with 39 points.

Number two of John's Walker winter eclectic was played on a blustery November 19<sup>th</sup>.

The winner was Gary Hartley-Trigg with 38 points, second on count back was John Wegner with 35 points from Robbie Fudge on 35 points.

The Captain's Challenge was a hard fought affair resulting in a win for Captain John Wegner and Vice David Atkins by 2 and 1 against Malcolm Cane and David Rigden.

November 26<sup>th</sup> brought a welcome respite from the unsettled weather enabling another episode of the Winter Eclectic to take place. This turned out to be a close run race resulting in a third place for the ever improving Gwyn Oakley on 35 points, second by a short head was John Wegner on 36 points but the winner by a length was the fast finishing George Earlam with 39 points.



The Captains Challenge resulted in a win for Captain John Wegner , Vice  
avid Atkins by 4 and 3 against Ted Backhouse and Brian daw.

### **Midweeker's Section Captain Ian Horton Vice Captain Don Williams**

The Vic Green Shield, Stableford Competition played on 27th November 2015 had a very large field of entrants. The weather was good and the course was in excellent condition but scoring did not reflect this.

The winner was John Cook with 36 points from, on count back, Tony Lavender with third Martyn Silverton on 34. Birdie prizes went to Eynon Price at the 5th and Don Crawford the 15th. Charity sweep winners were Ian Moyes and John Fullagar (always a winner somewhere) As Don had been sent to Coventry, Tony Taunton filled in for the Vice Captain, in the Captains Challenge. This formed a strong enough pairing to see off the formidable team of Don Crawford and Martyn Silverton 3-1 (I hope that's correct)

With Captain in attendance, after a sun drenched holiday, the drive in took place .The successful ball on the fairway was measured at 159 yards and the sweep winner was Colin Whitaker, who picked up folding money(lucky chap)

Congratulations to the winners and to all of us unsuccessful entrants, always remember, there is always the next time. The next time being on the 9th December followed by the Christmas lunch. Looking forward to that.

### **Fundraising 100 Club**

1st £30      John Wegner  
2nd £20      Rod Whitehead  
3rd £10      Brian Pratt

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

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

#### **December**

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	am Ladies Competition
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Coffee Morning 1300hrs Juniors Competition pm Juniors Xmas Party
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup>	am Captains swindle

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	pm Past Captains Dinner
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Pink Ball and Xmas lunch
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	am Midweekers A Bensted December Cup Stableford
	am Pat Bensted Trophy
	pm Midweekers Xmas lunch
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	am Captains swindle
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Competition Stableford
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	am Old Salts Christmas lunch
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Midweekers Tony love December Trophy Stableford
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	am Captains swindle
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	am Ladies Wot Coffee
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	0830hrs Captains Brandy Stakes
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	am Captains swindle
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Turn up Stableford

### **January**

Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	am Wood Trophy Winter Stableford
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Competition
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	pm Juniors Medal
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	am Captains swindle
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Charity Stableford
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	am Midweekers L Fessey Cup Medal
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	am Wood Trophy Winter Stableford
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Competition Drawn Pairs
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	am Midweekers Ray Emmerson Shield Stableford
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	am Captains swindle
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	am Ladies Competition Stableford
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	am Wood Trophy

### **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

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

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## Competition

This wasn't won in October here are the answers and a new quiz to keep you guessing, all 6 right gets the £20 voucher

November Quiz

Number sequences

Which numbers are missing from the sequences?

Answers

- 1/ 6, 7, 10, 12, 14, 17, 18, ?, 22  
answer 22 (even no's adds 4 odd no's add 5)

- 2/ 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, ?, 23  
Answer 22 (alternate no's add 2, 3, 4, etc.)
- 3/ 9, 9, 10, 11, 11, 13, 12, 15, ?, 17  
Answer 13 (1<sup>st</sup> sequence adds 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> sequence adds 2)
- 4/ 100, 99, 98, 97, 96, 94, 94, ?, 92, 85  
Answer 90 ( alternate sequences -2 and -2,3,4, etc.)
- 5/ 7, 8, 42, 6, 1,722, 3,080, ?, 9,483,320  
Answer 2,963,62 (alternate sequences squared then minus original number)
- 6/ 1, 1, 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 5, 7, 4, 7, 10, ?, ?, ?, 6, 11, 17  
Answer 5,9,13 (alternate sequences of 3, plus 1, 2, 3)

Once again no correct answers, are these too difficult?

Here is an easier puzzle for Christmas; first person with 6 correct gets the £20 voucher from Steve.

Christmas Facts

- 1/ Who first set the date for Christmas Day and when?
- 2/ Who outlawed Christmas celebrations in the 17<sup>th</sup> century?
- 3/ What is the best selling Christmas single of all time?
- 4/ Who invented the Christmas card and when?
- 5/ According to the song, how many presents in total did "my true love send to me"?
- 6/ Who created Christmas Crackers and when?

### **Flotsam and Jetsam A Christmas Story**

Young Trevor always wanted to play the part of Joseph in the school nativity play, but the part was given to his arch enemy David, what was worse was that Trevor was given the part of the Innkeeper a small role with only one line.

However Trevor was a resourceful lad and on the night of the play, when Mary and Joseph knocked on the door of the Inn, asking for a room for the night The Innkeeper said "yes come on in"!

### **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.

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.

A set of ladies right handed clubs consisting of: Driver, 3 and 5 Woods. Irons 3,4,5,6,7,8,9, a pitching wedge, sand wedge and putter, a sky blue and white coloured carry bag and matching umbrella. All in new condition as they have hardly been used.

Price £50.00 Phone: 07836 676469 or 01227 793598

Mitsushiba Verdict 2 oversize iron set; 3-9 irons plus pitch and sand wedges  
£20

All clubs are right handed and in good condition. Plus free golf bag.

Beginner golf set (right handed)

£15

Howson Derby 3 wood / Meridian Z3 5 wood / Vantage putter  
3,4,5,6,7,8,9 irons plus pitch and sand wedges. Free golf bag

Taylormade Tour S-90 shaft. Nice club in good condition

Ladies black Hi Tec golf shoes size 5. Only worn twice

£8

Men's black Green Friend golf shoes size 9 with soft spikes

£5

Men's Foot Joy golf shoes size 8 with soft spikes.

£10

Some wear but plenty of life in them and very comfortable.

Tel: Ges Jakimavicius on 07963 819604 or 01227 278618