

WHITSTABLE TIDINGS

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Captains Message

St George's Night my apologies to those who thought my talk about Englishness was overlong I admit I did get a bit carried away but I do feel very strongly about our country and make no apologies for that! I had to cancel the club match v Hythe, due to poor support, only managing to get a team of 6 players to represent the club! We are rearranging this fixture and expect a better response when the list goes up again. The course is getting very good now greens are hardening up the rough has been cut to a more acceptable length, though still a penalty if you venture there! Golf Week is fast approaching and the entry sheets will soon be appearing in the club, volunteers for the "Caravan" start table would be appreciated! Hoping for some better weather in May and June, good golfing!
Bob

Future events

Eurovision Song Contest Night Saturday 14th May

This is a new trial venture proposed by Andy Sargeant and comprises fancy dress, and American Supper of food produced by yourselves with the theme of the country you are representing. Keep an eye on the Social Notice board for further information!

Brewery Visit

There is a notice on the board for people to show their interest in a trip to Shepherd Neame's Brewery at Faversham, the visit includes a tour round the Brewery, beer tasting and a two course meal, all for under £30!

Speed Limit on Collingwood Road

Please note there is a 10mph speed limit on the part of Collingwood Road from the club to Nelson Road, please keep to this limit, do not antagonize our neighbours or worse - cause an accident! There are often small children and animals in the road how would you feel if you hit one?

FROM THE OFFICE

First aid course

We ran a very successful first aid course at the Club on Wednesday 30th March which was attended by twelve members from all the different sections of our Club. The course was primarily involved with use of the defibrillator but also touched on general first aid issues like how to help someone from choking and putting people into the recovery position. Should you have an interest in taking part in a similar course later in the year please can you let the office know .The duration of the course is around 3 ½ hours with a significant amount of practical activity !

Telephone message concerning course conditions/ Messages on Club noticeboard

Due to some misunderstandings in the past month can we please remind members that the message on the answer phone should be exactly as per the course information boards on the new club sign. If in doubt the message(s) on the club sign are those that apply to the day in question.

Flexible membership. 2016/7

Please be advised that your booklet with your 60 tickets for each 9 holes you play are available for collection from the office or the bar. Could you please ensure that when you play you DO fill out the relevant ticket(s) and hand in to the office or to the bar. We do carry out checks from time to time so please can you ensure you carry your booklet with you when playing golf here at the Club. We will e mail/contact you to check that you are keeping up to date with tickets used. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the office. We hope you enjoy your golf this season !

Clubhouse Hire

The clubhouse can be hired by members for events such as birthday parties. First call on dates should be with the Club Steward and/or the Office to check and whether the clubhouse is free for booking. There is a form that needs to be filled; copies are available from the office .The form needs to be returned at least two weeks before the event. Our caterers are to be used for ANY food requirements. There is charge of £125 for hire

Rainfall figures for golf course.

These are published on a regular basis on the notice board in the lobby for members to view.

Start sheets for competitions on the website

Rather than telephoning the bar or office we now have some start sheets on the golf club website.

If you navigate the page ABOUT US at the top you will see a new icon titled START SHEETS. Click on this to see when you are teeing off.

We have started this process for the Sunday morning competitions ,but if the relevant secretaries of sections would like to their start sheets put on the website please contact the office. You will need to give at least several days advance notice of the competition/event to make it worthwhile doing.

Changes to dates printed in the Club Diary

Friday 29th April; Ladies Match Versus Hythe (A) 11.00 CANCELLED

Saturday 30th April; Club versus Hythe (A) 13.30

Sunday 15th May; March Hare (am) new date to replace 27th March

Wednesday 25th May; Old Salts versus Hythe (H) changed from Monday 4th April

Monday 30th May (Bank Holiday) Kent Veterans Versus Tudor Park (H) 09.00

Monday 27th June; Ladies Jamboree is at FAVERSHAM not Seasalter

Sunday 3rd July ;Club versus Faversham (A) Time 12.00

Saturday 16th July; Maflin Trophy (juniors) changed from Saturday 23rd

Saturday 23rd July; Captain's Day changed from Saturday 16th

Saturday 6th August; Club versus Westgate this fixture now AWAY (pm)

Saturday 3rd September; Club Versus Hythe (H) 13.30

Thursday 15th September; Super 70's Versus North Foreland (A)

Saturday 24th September; Mixed match Versus Westgate & Birchington is PM not AM

Tuesday 11th October; Old Salts versus Cobtree Manor (A) am

Update 27th April

Walmer & Kingsdown have dropped out of playing Old Salts

GREEN FEES -1ST APRIL 2016 ONWARDS

NO GREEN FEES BEFORE 9.30AM WITHOUT PRE BOOKING

| <u>TEE OFF TIME</u> | <u>WITHOUT A MEMBER</u> | <u>WITH A MEMBER</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 09.30- 13.30 | £25 (18 HOLES) £18 (9 HOLES) | £15 (18 HOLES) £12 (9 HOLES) |
| 13.30- 16.00 | £20 (18 HOLES) £15 (9 HOLES) | £12 (18 HOLES) £10 (9 HOLES) |
| 16.00* ONWARDS | £12 | £12 |

Twilight rate – irrespective of number of holes played
Time will vary by month

Notes

County card holders play at members rates

Juniors with a member £5 irrespective of time or holes played

PROPERTY DAMAGE ON AND 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.

There has also been a lot of damage to the course and signage by vandals in the form of local kids, we have permission from the police to take photos of any children on our property committing acts of vandalism.

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There is a charge for hire of £100.

Greens Committee Meeting Agenda.

11.30am Monday 18th 2016

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

Apologies None

Matters arising;

Refuse dumping 8th fairway. Not a problem at the moment

Old machinery update. Ransom 180 to be sold.

Gorse on 1st The George Bawden Memorial gorse has been planted and doing well.

New sign area and putting green area. New signs regarding buggies to be purchased to avoid future confusion. Telephone message to be more detailed.

Matting at side of 8th green. To remain all year round. Other discussions to take place at next greens meeting

Chipping paths. Discussed and decided against because of damage to mowers and messy.

Taking in new mats to clean. 2 new mats to be removed when applicable, cleaned and stored.

Additional/different mats for next winter. Flush mating to be considered and priced for the next stage in 2016/2017

Trees on course....views on planting more ! Not practical but low level planting such as Broom and Gorse to be considered in appropriate areas.

Marker posts 5th hole. Extra marker posts to be purchased. 5th fairway pond and dykes 2/3rd fairway are all out of bounds.

Wash down update. Special gully has been purchased for installation at later date.

New Sign... working.

Answer phone message re trolleys/buggies. To be more explicit and further signs on notice board.

Green Keepers Report APRIL 2016

Greens

When the greens were firm enough earlier in the year they were deeply aerated on two occasions which has significantly improved the surface drainage. Greens are currently being mown daily at a height of cut of 5.5mm. This will be lowered as more vigorous growth kicks in. They were top dressed at the end of March which included a light feed. Verticutting will commence shortly which will true and quicken up the surfaces. The greens recently received their first application of wetting agent, seaweed and iron.

General

Despite copious amounts of rain at times which has made mower accessibility difficult we have managed to keep on top of growth. Already, we have good definition on the course so early in the season. A good number of localised repairs around greens have been effected, these have involved stripping the turf by hand, filling in sunken areas with our divot mix and replacing said turf. Divotting of fairways and semi rough will commence in the next few weeks.

Steve Suttle

Head Greenkeeper

Ongoing Work

Railway fence update. Secretary continuing to push for completion.

Course drainage update for end of year. Areas identified for next phase. 4th green to be started in summer dry weather.

A.O.B.

Regular overtime was discussed for Seth to allow extra work to be carried out in the very busy spring growing season. We will discuss budget implication when we are aware of the amount of work needed.

Work schedule for the run up to golf week...priorities were discussed.

2 "new mowers" working well

The new 5th Tee and 6th bunker are much improved.

COURSE WEAR MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

For the benefit of all members, but especially new members, the greens committee asked the green keeper to clarify the rationale of the course wear management programme. This programme is crucial to preventing wear in the winter period when wet conditions and little growth render the course very susceptible to damage from foot and trolley traffic. In this period we will protect vulnerable areas predominately with white lines and also with wire hoops and as a last resort stakes and ropes. Although these props are only vital in the winter, all golfers should be aware that it is good practise all year round to take trolleys and buggies on the outside of greenside bunkers, not next to the greens.

In the winter period a telephone message informing players of course conditions is put on as soon after 7am as is practical. During the depths of winter this will by necessity be a little later due to possible course inspections being delayed by light issues! Depending on ground conditions players will be informed of any restrictions as regards trolley usage and whether there are likely to be any temporary greens. In the case of frost the course will automatically be closed until conditions improve.

As a principle, prevention is always better than cure. **There is an old green keeping adage that there is wear on every course, but on the better ones you have to look harder to find it.**

We think you need to be quite sharp eyed to find it at Whitstable and Seasalter.

The Greens Committee.

Next meeting will be on the Monday 13th June at 10.30.

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

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!

Junior Section Captain James Green Vice Captain Oscar Bensted

The juniors are now well and truly back on form, and none more so than Oscar Girling. Not only did he win this year's Comer Cup with a net score of 61, he also won, over the entire Club, the St George's Day Bowl – handicap cut definitely coming up. Noah Best won the Allard Cup, played alongside the Comer and our Captain James won the April Stableford competition. Well done boys!

Our next competition will be on Saturday 14th May, which will be for the winners of the winter competitions and, on Saturday 28th May we have the Aspen Trophy (junior and relative s'ford) alongside the King Trophy (junior and non-relative s'ford). As ever the junior competitions start at 1pm

Ladies Section Captain Joan Sykes Vice Captain Maureen Davison

The Ladies monthly medal was played on a pleasant Spring morning alongside a putting competition. Penny Perkins was winner of Division 1 with a net 71 (and overall winner on countback) from Louise Tucker on 73 and Maz Garlinge on 74. Division 2 winner was Sally Lawson again with 71, from Beryl Wingrove on 79 and Maureen Davison on 83. Sheila Wyles is proving to be the putting queen, winning the putting competition for the second time running with an impressive 29 putts-only slightly more for her 18 holes than Ernie Els took on one hole at Augusta!

16 pairs played in the Spring Greensomes, a drawn partners event. The deluge the day before meant the course was sodden and there were quite a few temporary greens. This didn't deter Jane Bodiam and Maureen Davison who came in with an impressive 35 points to win the first prize. Their playing partners Louise Tucker and Jean Clode were second with 33 and Mel Bashford and Sally Lawson were third with 31.

The annual Macmillan Cancer Spoon competition is played as a stableford with the prize to be awarded at the Ladies Supper later in the year. Shirley Rosser won Division 1 and the overall prize with a score of 33, from Louise Tucker on 32 and Jackie Witten on 30. Division 2 winner was Val Brown with 32 from Jean Hudson on 26 and Vilma Parrett on 23.

It felt like Winter had returned for the stableford competition at the end of the month-sunny (thank goodness) but bitterly cold. We struggled on however and most ladies stayed out for the duration, just getting back to the Clubhouse before the hail started! Maz Garlinge won division 1 with 31 points

from Penny Perkins on 30 and Sue Pout on 28. Division 2 went to Joyce Jaynes on 27 from Marjorie Harris on 24 and Helen Foad on 20.

Ladies team matches are now coming thick and fast with games against North Foreland and St Augustine's taking place this month. The rain which was threatened at North Foreland never materialised so we were pleased to get round without a soaking. Mel Bashford and Joan Sykes won their match and Jackie Witten and Sheila Wyles played brilliantly to get a half but that was as good as we could do which meant a loss by two and a half to one and a half. We travelled to St Augustines with only 3 pairs and unfortunately all 3 were beaten by the same margin.

In the middle of the month 24 of the ladies made the short trip to Maidstone for an overnight stay at Tudor Park. The bad news was that the hotel had made a mistake with the start times so that the planned late start on the first day changed into a rushed early start, and the following day's early start turned into a leisurely late one. The good news was that to compensate for their error the hotel supplied us with free wine with our dinner. This meant that the next morning's later than anticipated start was a blessing in disguise for those who took full advantage of the free drink. The first day we played in drawn teams of 4, Stableford, all 4 scores counting on par 3's, 3 scores on par 4's and 2 scores on par 5's. The winning 4 were Mary King, Pat Bensted, Jean Hudson and Sheila Wyles with 77 points. Second were Joan Sykes, Maureen Davison, Jacky Barker and Jane Bodiam. Due to the late start the following day we played a 9 hole waltz. Winners were Joyce Janes, Jane Bodiam, Vilma Parrett and Judy Butcher. Runners-up (again) were Joan Sykes and Maureen Davison, this time with Jean Hudson and Sheila Wyles. The hotel was lovely, the food was good, the company was great and the golf course beautiful-what else is there?

Men's Section Captain Bob Ireland Vice Captain Gary Morgan Golf Report – April 2016

Robert Mumby won the drawn Stableford event played early in April with an impressive forty points. Runner up Kevin Stevens should have done better but missed out after he finished with two double bogies over the closing holes. The winner of the past captains Skinner Trophy this year was Tommy Burns. He finished this year's event with a modest thirty-five points to end two points clear of Don Crawford who had to settle for second place. In the Stableford competition played by non past captains on the same day, J Dowdeswell ended the clear winner with an excellent forty points ahead of Michael Found and Lloyd Foster who both finished with a creditable thirty-nine points. In the April monthly medal (the first of this year's Committee Cup events) Neil Bennett found himself the early clubhouse leader when he posted a net 66. Neil looked set to be the outright winner until late finisher Chris Wright ended with a net sixty-seven to sneak the win. David Gower also did well finishing with his best score for some while. His net sixty-six score put him in third

place, but he lost out on countback to Neil after he ran out of steam over the closing holes.

The Daily Mail Foursomes format proved too challenging for most with final scores much lower than expected. However whilst most were struggling David Morgan and Trevor Croxton showed the way. Their winning thirty-nine points total was three clear of runners up Glenn Snook and Howard Gordon who were last year's winners.

Winter Eclectic

The winner was Mark Payne with 50.7, second Ronnie Rumball with 51.2 and third Brian Wild with 52. Well done to them the summer eclectic starts straight away with the monthly Medal on Sunday 8th May Good Luck to all.

Old Salts Section Captain John Wegner Vice Captain Dave Atkins

After a week of heavy rain and course closures, April 1st brought a very warm and sunny day, this enabled the first arranged match with Boughton Golf Club to take place, the day was one of mixed fortunes but Old Salts were victorious winning 3½ to 2½ .

April 7th saw the playing of the first trophy medal of 2016, the Ken Vickers Trophy.

The result was a win for John Allen with a net 64, second was Brian Ridley with a net 66 and third was Micky Dunne with a net 67.

The Captain's Challenge resulted in a win for the challengers, Micky Dunne and Colin Holton beating Captain John Wegner and vice David Atkins by 2 holes.

Also announced was the result of John's Walker best Three scores of Six winter series. The winner was Brian Ridley, second was Roy Percival and third Trevor Croxton.

On Wednesday 6th April Old Salts played an away match against Chestfield the result was a win for Chestfield by 6½ to 1½.

The next in the series of 2016 matches was a home match against Sheerness played on 11th April .The result was a very pleasing win for Old Salts by 4 and 2.

A very popular Texas Scramble was played on Thursday 14th, the first three places were close but the Trevett, Dunne, Pratt and Percival combo triumphed with a net 57.8.

Another first took place on Monday 18th April with the inaugural home match between Old Salts and Cobtree Manor Golf Club, a very enjoyable day was had by all players but mostly by Old salts as they managed a 6-0 win, well done team! No doubt the return will be a tougher affair.

The final round of the Winter Eclectic was played on April 21st, yet again a

close result with Martyn Dines winning with 36 points and Robbie Fudge beating John Wegner on count back with 35 points. Despite the best efforts of all, the winner of the Winter Eclectic Savage Trophy was Roy Percival, well done Roy!!

The Captains Challenge saw the Captain John Wegner and Vice David Atkins back on track with a win 3 and 2 over Dave Rigden and Denis Smith.

The Five Club competition held on the 28th April resulted in a win for Gwyn Oakley with 38 points, second was Fred Stokes with 35 points on count back from John Wegner with 35 points.

The Captains Challenge was a win for the challengers, Dave Kinnersley and Gwyn Oakley by one hole over Captain John Wegner and Vice David Atkins.

Stop Press

Holes in One

Just like a bus you wait for ages then two come along at once! Mick Wyles playing for the Old Salts at Cobtree Manor achieved the first leg of this feat when scoring a hole in one, following that a week later by scoring another at Seasalter in another Salts match against Broome Park! Well done Mick hope the bank balance was not too affected.

Midweeker's Section Captain Ian Horton Vice Captain Don Williams

The Peter West Easter Cup on Wed. 13th April was played in beautiful spring weather, warm sunshine. The cup was won by Gwyn Oakley with a wonderful net score of 63. Second, with another good score of 64 James Marsh, the long time clubhouse leader, Two points further back on 66, in third place, Mark Tilbury on count back. Surprisingly with a field of 35 there were no birdies on the short holes. Charity sweep winners were Gwyn Oakley and Paul Guilfoyle.

The Captains Challenge was again won by the Challengers, this time Ted Backhouse and Gerard Jakimavicius by a comfortable 30 points, a new scoring system.

The monthly Stapleford competition The Kenny Bull April Cup was played on the 22nd. A field of 35 battled for the Cup and saw 5 golfers finish on 34 points with George "Bert" Thomson coming out on top. Don Williams came second with Tony Lavender third. Only one birdie recorded, well done, Louise Tucker. Charity sweep winners were Ian Moys, John Fullager and Doug Morton.

The Captains Challenge was a close fought match with the challenge of Tony Taunton and Bert Thompson coming out on top 2 and 1. back to the old scoring system. Well done skipper a victory gets ever closer.

M/Wers don't forget the Invitation Day, 18th May, gets ever closer, so dust off an old friend and book your spot.

Meat Raffle results

Winners last Sunday were:- Jane Beaton 2, Robbie George, Colin Witaker, Mike Calthrop, Dave Hodgson, Mick Milner, Ray Thomas, Martyn Silverton and

Tommy Burns.
Next raffle starts in 2 weeks.
Fundraising 100 Club

1st £30
2nd £20
3rd £10

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

Subscriptions for 2016 are now due please pay £12 for each number you have to Steve and good luck!

What's on for the next two months?

May

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| Sunday 1 st | 0830 hrs Daily Mail Foursomes |
| Monday 2 nd | 1230 hrs Mixed greensomes |
| Tuesday 3 rd | am Ladies 4 ball betterball 1300hrs Super Seventies v Broome Park (home) |
| Wednesday 4 th | am Midweekers Ernie West Champions Trophy |
| Friday 6 th | 0900 Kent Vets v Canterbury (home) |
| Saturday 7 th | pm Mixed Match v Westgate (away) |
| Sunday 8 th | am Harry Johnson Cup am Monthly Medal 1300 hrs Ladies Medal Winners |
| Tuesday 10 th | 0830/1330 hrs Ladies Spring Meeting |
| Wednesday 11 th | am Midweekers D Fewtrell May Madness Shield Medal |
| Thursday 12 th | am Old Salts Norman's Trophy Medal |
| Saturday 14 th | 1300 hrs Juniors Medal Winners Cup |
| Sunday 15 th | am Captain's swindle |
| Monday 16 th | am Old Salts v Westgate (home) |
| Tuesday 17 th | am Ladies Medal |
| Wednesday 18 th | am Midweekers invitation Day |
| Friday 20 th | 0830 hrs Kent Vets v Chestfield (away) 1030 hrs Ladies v Chestfield (away) pm Super Seventies v Canterbury (away) |
| Sunday 22 nd | am Canterbury Cup 1 st Round |
| Tuesday 24 th | am Ladies Competition Texas Scrambl |
| Thursday 26 th | 1330 hrs Ladies White Elephant |
| Saturday 28 th | am Qualifying Medal 1300 hrs Juniors Aspen and King Trophies |
| Sunday 29 th | am Canterbury Cup 2 nd Round |
| Monday 30 th | 0900 hrs Kent Vets v Tudor Park (home) 1230 hrs Mixed Greensomes |
| Tuesday 31 st | am Ladies Pullen Trophy |

June

Wednesday 1st am Midweekers Peter Hadlow June Cup Stableford
Friday 3rd 1200hrs Ladies v Sheerness
Saturday 4th to June 10th Golf Week
all day Centenary Trophy followed by Evening Barbeque
Friday 10th pm Golf Week Prizegiving followed by entertainment
Sunday 12th am
Monday 13th am Old Salts v Chestfield (home)
Tuesday 14th am Ladies Medal
Thursday 16th am Old Salts V Faversham
Friday 17th 1200hrs Ladies v North Foreland (away)
pm Super Seventies v Chestfield (away)
Saturday 18th pm Directors Cup
Sunday 19th am Monthly Medal
Monday 20th am Old Salts v St Augustines Kay Shield (away)
Tuesday 21st am Ladies Competition Drawn Waltz
0840hrs Kent Vets v Broome Park (away)
1300hrs Super Seventies v Canterbury (away)
Thursday 23rd am Old Salts Hugh Ridley Trophy Medal
1330hrs Ladies Captain v Secretary
Friday 24th am Midweekers D King June Trophy Medal
Saturday 25th 1300hrs Juniors Seath Cup
Sunday 26th am George Fitt Bowl Seasalter
am Billmeir Plate Chestfield
Monday 27th 1200hrs Ladies Jamboree at Faversham
Tuesday 28th am Ladies Woodhead/Wren Trophy
Thursday 30th pm Super Seventies v Broome Park (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.

Jokes

A young boy enters a barber's shop and the barber whispers to his customer. 'This is the dumbest kid in the world. Watch while I prove it you.' The barber puts a £5 note in one hand and two 50p coins in the other, then calls the boy over and asks, 'Which do you want, son?' The boy takes the 50p's and leaves. 'What did I tell you?' said the barber. 'That kid never learns!' Later, when the customer leaves, he sees the same young boy coming out of the ice cream shop. 'Hey, son! May I ask you a question? Why did you take the 50p's instead of the £5 note?' The boy licked his cone and replied, 'Because the day I take the £5, the game is over!'

Two campers are walking through the woods when a huge brown bear suddenly appears in the clearing about 50 feet in front of them. The bear sees the campers and begins to head toward them. The first guy drops his

backpack, digs out a pair of sneakers, and frantically begins to put them on. The second guy says, 'What are you doing? Sneakers won't help you outrun that bear.' 'I don't need to outrun the bear,' the first guy says. 'I just need to outrun you.'

As the crowded elevator descended, Mrs Simpson became too furious with her husband, who was delighted to be pressed against a gorgeous blonde. As the elevator stopped at the main floor, the blonde suddenly whirled, slapped Mr Simpson, and said, "That will teach you to pinch!" Bewildered, Mr. Simpson was halfway to the parking lot with his wife when he choked, "I...I...didn't pinch that girl." "Of course you didn't" said his wife, consolingly. "I did."

A guy stands over his tee shot for what seems an eternity: looking up, looking down, measuring the distance, figuring the wind direction and speed. Finally his exasperated partner says, "What's taking so long? Hit the damn ball!" The guy answers, "My wife is up there watching me from the clubhouse. I want to make this a perfect shot." "Forget it, man," says his partner. "You'll never hit her from here."

A loving couple was celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary, privately, at home with a couple of bottles of champagne. A bit tipsy and feeling very intimate the husband turns to his wife and asks, "Tell me truthfully, have you ever been unfaithful to me?" "Well," she replied, "since you ask, to tell you the truth I have been unfaithful on three occasions." "What? How could you?" "Let me tell you about it," she said. "The first time was back when we were first married. You needed open heart surgery and we didn't have the money, so I went to bed with the surgeon and got him to operate for free." "Gee! That was noble of you. And, besides, I guess I should be grateful. But, tell me, what about the second time?" "Do you remember that you wanted the position on the Board, and they were going to pass you over for someone else? Well, I went to bed with the President and the Vice President and they gave you the job." "Hell, I think I could have done it on my own. But, then again, I guess I should be grateful. And so, what about the third time?" "Do you remember two years ago when you wanted to become President of the Football Club, and you were missing 87 votes...?"

Competition

April facts answers

- 1/ Which annoying "door knockers" organization first started in April 1830?
Our friends The Mormons
- 2/ "It was a bright cold day in April and the clocks were striking thirteen" is the first sentence of which book?
1984
- 3/ Which other month always has the same starting day as April?

July

- 4/ Which planet is celebrated on April 22nd?
Earth
- 5/ England and Scotland adopted something in April 1606 called what, but later changed it to something called what in 1625?
Union Flag
- 6/ Who's marriage lasted 1 day in April last century?
Hitler and Eva Braun

First person with all 6 right was Brian Ridley and gets the £20 from Steve, well done Brian!

May Quiz

Usual rules apply

- 1/ Why is May different from every other month?
- 2/ What's the connection between U.S. Presidents and May?
- 3/ Which "Art Deco" site opened it's doors in May?
- 4/ Which "revolutionary thinker" shares his birthday with a European "would be" conqueror?
- 5/ Which "Pheonix" failed to rise from the flames and sank to oblivion?
- 6/ What have Fox and Turkey in common with Castle?

Sudoku

Answer to last month's Sudoku

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Flotsam and Jetsam

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 clubs. Driver, 9, 5, 3 . Rescue club. Price £60 or £10 each.

Wilson irons: 5, 6,7,8. 9, pitching wedge and sand iron. £60 or £10 each.

Carry bag with stand £15

Contact Pat tel: 01227 905312.

Ping Irons 3 – PW 8 clubs in all, Left Handed £100 see Bill Mumford

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