

WHITSTABLE TIDINGS

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Message from the President.

Hi everyone, wow what a Dinner dance!

Did we want it to end? Both Sue and I didn't.... For those who were there I hope you enjoyed it as much. The band, Hullabaloo were so professional, encouraging us all onto the dance floor with their great music. I am sure we will have them again at some point. My congratulations go to everyone involved in putting together such a good evening. Great effort, well-done.

Please support our forthcoming social events such as the Adults' Christmas party, Children's Christmas party, and the New Year. The social committee work very hard to put on all these events and I am sure next year will see new events to encourage us all to join in so keep your eye on the notice board.

With the AGM and Drive in fast approaching I would like to extend all the new incoming Captains my best wishes for an enjoyable day and I am sure all members feel the same. With regard to the AGM, this year in particular, is a very important one as there are major decisions to be made regarding the sale of land. Remember this is to provide funds for our new clubhouse so members input is extremely important so please be sure come along.

Literature regarding the new clubhouse is on display in the clubhouse. There are other important items also requiring members to vote, so please see the main notice board for details.

I would like to take this opportunity in thanking Bob for all his best efforts during his Captaincy in the past 12 months and likewise to wish Gary a good year, pledging my support to him and all our other incoming captains, Dave (Old Salts), Oscar (Juniors), and Maureen (Ladies). I know that I enjoyed my year as Captain in 2005 and found it very rewarding and all too short.

The weather is still continuing to be amazing for this time of the year. Today, as I am writing this message, the temperature is 18 degrees, so enjoy your golf as long as we can.

Finally a message for all past men's Captains. You may already know that we have been designing a new Past Captains Tie. Well, they are promised for the 11th November just in time for the past Captains dinner in December so please see me for purchasing your new dashing tie.

Bye for now. John

Captains Message

Hi Everyone, well this is my last message as Captain, I relinquish that responsibility to Gary Morgan on the 12th November at the AGM. I have had a wonderful year many highlights and wouldn't have missed the opportunity.

The Captain's Charity this year was as you all know The Pilgrims Hospice and I am delighted to tell you that this charity has benefitted to the tune of £5,000 due to your generosity. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the generation of these funds especially Richard Gremo for Captains Charity Day and The Midweekers who raised £900 on their charity night and through their Captain Ian Horton agreed to support the same charity.

As all of you are aware the AGM is very important this year, especially as the sale of the land and the new clubhouse will feature strongly in the proceedings, it is vitally important that you all attend or cast your proxy vote in favour of your preference, you will have no-one to blame if the project goes ahead without the majority view being agreed!

Thanks to all who have helped me in my year, they are too numerous to mention but they know who they are!

Good Luck to Gary and his Vice Howard Gordon, in 2017, they will have my total support, and I trust yours as well.

From the office October 2016 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

Greens Committee Meeting Agenda. 10.30am Tuesday 18th October 2016

Present; Malcolm Kent, John Stokes, John Rosser, Steve Suttle and Seth Devine.

Apologies; Bob Davies

Matters arising;

1. Machinery repairs update/ quote for replacement of hoses.

Discussion was had to the merits of changing all the hydraulic hoses on the offending mower. The green keeper commented that it is a fairly rare occurrence and the cost would be approximately £1000 + vat for all 11 hoses. It was decided that a careful inspection would take place each time a machine is repaired in any way thus avoiding another cost.

2. Winter mats....winter rules begin on 1st November...need to be out/ready.

Do we need any new ones?

As recommended by the English Golf Union no qualifying rounds of golf are to be played between 1st November and the 31st March. Mats will be made ready

for the 1st November and an inspection carried out as to whether we need or can afford any more mats at this time.

3. OOB Posts painting...John Clarke/John Wegner/Robin George still to action, but will be shortly.

Clubhouse side of the course has been completed and the rest is imminent. Yellow and red posts are also to be painted with replacement posts hopefully being obtained from Dave Bowman. Our thanks to all involved.

4. Maintenance week, any comments/update ...fairway vertidrain dates

Unfortunately the maintenance week was too dry for the vertidrain and would have resulted in course damage. New dates appear in the green keepers report

5. Wash down update.

Ongoing at a slow pace!

6. 4th green...drainage work/dates closed.

After a machine breakdown this has been rearranged for the 1st November when the green will be closed to complete the drainage.

7. Rabbit fence....replaced any comments.

All completed and we keep our fingers crossed.

8. Course fencing repairs 8th /5th....quote for better fence.

A quotation of £8000 was received to improve the fences. Alternative quotes are being sort.

9. Sign re. Danger from golf balls on entrance to course area.

To be installed near club house.

10. When do the hire buggies go away?

Buggies will be available until the weather precludes there're use. They will then be winterised in the tractor shed.

11. Where are we going to use when we have sold the land on the 8th for dumping etc.

Once the exact boundary is know of the sold land we will identify where we are able to use.

Green Keepers Report

17th

October 2016

Greens

The greens plus surrounds, approaches and tees were vertidraind in September's maintenance week. Greens were top dressed two weeks later to smooth out the surfaces but recovery has been hindered slightly due to the prolonged dry spell affecting growth. This dry spell has only produced 78mm in the past three and a half months which is remarkably little. I do have concerns that if we have a dry winter we could face possible water restrictions next summer in the worst case scenario.

The greens remain in a healthy condition, this is confirmed by the fact that I have not had to spray fungicide against disease for a year now. Long may this continue!

We did suffer two hydraulic oil bursts on our recently acquired greens mower. On the first occasion the 4th was the unlucky hole, this damage has now been repaired. Shortly after, the 3rd green was victim although in this case, I believe the damage will repair naturally.

I recently sprayed the greens and tees with carbendazim which is a worm suppressant.

General

During maintenance week new drains were installed on the 5th and 8th fairways and also in front of the 4th green. We are shortly due to install a drain on the 4th green which will connect up with said drain to give a positive outlet for any excess water.

All newly installed drains have been topped up and seeded with some good results especially considering the paucity of rainfall. Owing to the extremely dry conditions we have suffered last year's drains sunk quite dramatically, these have also been refurbished in similar fashion.

When the contractor came to vertidrain the course in maintenance week the fairways were too hard and dry, so the work was postponed. He plans to work on Monday 24th and Monday 31st October plus one other day.

We will be divotting fairways shortly, probably at the beginning of November.

I did treat two tees with Rescue herbicide this summer, the 4th winter and 14th. This chemical selectively kills perennial rye grass which is an agricultural grass better suited to rugby and football pitches.

The railway finally installed the rabbit fencing in September and I can happily report that so far it has been a complete success. All rabbit damage has been filled in with divot mix and should soon repair.

Steve Suttle

Head Greenkeeper

Ongoing Work

1. Seth overtime update/balance of hours/priorities. Almost completed extra work.
2. Winter 2016/7 schedule. Bunker refurbishment. Small fairy ring removal.

3. Replacement of old astro turf paths required. Investigate recovering path at 1st tee.

A.O.B.

1. Borehole update. Ongoing!!
2. New ride on buggies shed update/clearance of land by Old Salts. Ongoing delivery of container. Old Salts organising.
4. Any more course signs needed ...3rd tee/8th tee re danger of flying balls. Monitor to see how the new sign at the 1st works.
5. Land sale update. Awaiting contracts and build cost estimate.
6. Course policy document. To be reviewed and updated during the winter.
7. Seth brought to our attention his recurring back problem that is made worse by some of his duties. The cost of a right angled strimmer is to be investigated. This will allow bunker trimming to be carried out from a standing position.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th December at 10.30.

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

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.

Junior Section Captain James Green Vice Captain Oscar Girling

The Monday evening sessions have now come to an end for the season. We had some good evenings culminating in a sneaky cross-country texas on the last official night. We made sure the course was empty and then tried to follow the plan, only eight holes but by the time we finished it was time to send out the searchlights. Myself, Louise and Millie took on James, Jack and Callum, no prizes for guessing which team won. Taking on one of those boys would be hard but all three together playing as a pack? Impossible!

Callum has been doing very well this summer playing alongside the men on Sunday mornings and, when school allowed, with the Midweekers. He not only won some Sunday morning medals but also went on to win the actual Medal Winners' competition and has played away matches for the Club.

Dec 3rd is the Juniors Christmas Party, nine holes of golf followed by a bite to eat and then all off to the Bowling Alley.

Next competition Sat. 5th November.

Mel

Ladies Section Captain Joan Sykes Vice Captain Maureen Davison

The medal at the beginning of the month was played on a benign Autumnal morning. Division 2 was won by Helen Foad who had the best round of the morning to finish with a net 67. Joyce Jaynes was second with 71 and Val Brown third with 73. Louise Tucker won Division 1 with a net 69, having a very up and down round. Louise hit 3 trees and landed in 1 ditch on her first hole, so notching up an 8. After dropping 4 shots on 1 hole she managed to then only drop 2 shots on the entire back nine so was then delighted to end up only one shot over her handicap! It's a funny old game! Maz Garlinge was second with net 72 and Sheila Wyles third with net 75. And in the putting competition which we ran alongside the medal Helen was again the winner, on count back from Val Brown, both with 32 putts.

The Waltz competition was played in drawn teams of three, one score counting on the first hole, two on the second, three on the third and then repeat. The winning trio with a very impressive 73 points was Cath Whitehead, Beryl Wingrove and Irene Snowdon. Second, with 70 points, were Joan Sykes, Jean Hudson and Sally Lawson.

The monthly medal was played on a chilly, Wintery morning where the late starters had the more testing conditions as the wind got up through the morning. This didn't deter Sheila Wyles, who was one of the last off, who was overall winner and winner of Division 1 with a net 72, one shot better than Louise Tucker (net 73) and then Penny Perkins (net 75). Division 2 was won by Jean Hudson (net 75) from Judy Butcher (net 78) and Maureen Davison (net 84). The putting competition was a close run affair with Louise Tucker beating Maz Garlinge on count back, both with 31 putts.

We managed to get the Captain vs Vice-Captain match played (in a 9 hole singles matchplay format) despite a short, sharp shower midway through the afternoon. Captain Joan's team won the day by the narrow margin of 1 match, over Vice-Captain Maureen's side. All players were rewarded for their efforts by Harry and a selection of his finest cakes!

We played the first of our Christmas Competition's at the end of the month. The best 3 of 4 Stableford scores count towards the prizes which are awarded at the Christmas lunch. Judy Butcher made a great start with a fantastic score of 38 points, closely followed by Cath Whitehead on 37 and then Penny Perkins on 36. Both Judy and Cath were rewarded with handicap cuts for their fine golf-well played ladies!

We travelled to local friends and rivals Boughton for a team match in very threatening weather conditions. Fortunately the threatened rain failed to materialise so we were able to play in fairly pleasant conditions.

Unfortunately, even though we put up a decent fight, the Boughton ladies proved to be much too strong and beat all our pairs, despite our best efforts.

The ladies supper is always an enjoyable night, a good round up of the year's golf combined with good food, good company and a taxing quiz! Prizes were given out to all winners through the year and all the ladies trophies presented. The Lowe Trophy (which for the first time was played for by all ages, not just the over 60's as in previous years) was won by Sally Lawson. The Wren and the Woodhead Trophies are played for simultaneously, the Wren by ladies in handicap Division 1 and the Woodhead ladies in Division 2. For the first time these were both played as Bogey Competitions. Mary King was the runner up in the Wren and Helen Foad the winner in the Woodhead. The Tim Pullin Trophy was won by Maureen Davison who also scooped the Most Improved Player award for the biggest cut in handicap. The Herne Bay Memorial Trophy was brought to Seasalter by the Herne Bay ladies when their former course closed. This was the first year this was played for and Shirley Rosser was the first winner of this. Shirley also took away the Cancer Spoon. The Birdie Tree was won (not for the first time) by Holly Butler. The biggest winner on the night was Louise Tucker who won the Winter Eclectic, Kath Collins Plate (for the best 4 medal competitions in the year), the Wren Trophy, the Aggregate Cup (for best combined scores from the Spring and Autumn meetings) and the Medal Winners Trophy. Louise was delighted, although taking that amount of silverware home on her bike at the end of the evening proved to be a step too far! Well done to Harry and team in the kitchen, Steve behind the bar and Joan and the rest of the Committee who helped the evening to go so smoothly.

Men's Section Captain Bob Ireland Vice Captain Gary Morgan

Dave Bowman has shown he has real potential with a superb win in this October's monthly medal. Despite triple and double bogies over the closing holes David finished with a net fifty-eight score to finish an easy winner three shots clear of runners up Andy Sargeant and Howard Gordon.

With his new handicap David Bowman didn't fare so well in the medal winner's cup played a week later. Although all competitors struggled in the conditions, Callum Buchanan finished eventual winner with a net sixty-nine, one shot clear of Derek Bates who had to settle for second place. In the Stableford event played on the same morning Ian Horton and Gary Morgan both finished with thirty-seven points, though a double bogie on the last left Gary with an inferior back nine and Ian was gifted the win on countback. Ronnie Rumball finished well but was well off the pace and ended in third place with thirty-four points.

The first round of this year's Turkey Trot ended with Richard Davis storming into an early lead with forty-three points. After a shaky start, Richard steadied and finished level par for the nine. Neil Brown and Howard Gordon also did well but will have to play catch up in the remaining rounds of the competition if they are to cancel out the five point lead that Richard has over them at present.

The swindle played at the end of October provided excellent conditions and scores were as good as any competition played over the summer months and fifteen players finished with scores of thirty-eight points or better. Steve Sage might have thought he would be the easy winner when he finished with forty-two points but the result was a close run thing and Steve eventually lost out on count-back to Mark Tilbury. Don Crawford took third place with forty-one points on countback from Fred Stokes. This event was also the last competition counting towards this summer's Sunday Eclectic. After several months during which Bob Ireland has been leading the competition this last qualifying competition of the year provided Ron Cooper the opportunity to sneak a win at the finish.

Old Salts Section Captain John Wegner Vice Captain Dave Atkins

October saw a distinct drop in temperature but the golf was not affected by the strong chilly winds as some high scores were posted. The first individual Stableford was won by Steve Sage with 41 points, in second place on 40 points was Fred Stokes and third on count back was Trevor Coombes.

The Captain's Challenge was a loss for Captain John Wegner and Vice David Atkins 4 and 3 to Rod Whitehead and new member Frank O'Boyle.

The penultimate match of the season was played against Hythe Golf Club on 7th October, the result was a win for Hythe five games to one.

The final match of the season was away at Cobtree Manor Golf Club, the result was halved three all, however the highlight of the day was a first hole-in-one for Colin Holton, well done Colin !!

Thursday 13th saw the playing of a popular Texas Scramble, the result was a win for the multi-talented four of John Allen, Barry Broadbent, Trevor Coombes and Brian Ridley, second was Sid Silk, Henry Kernighan, Dennis Smith and Bernie Whitaker.

The best three scores of six competition Weg's Whisky resulted in third place for Bernie Whitaker, second was Rod Whitehead and the winner by .33 of a point was Brian Ridley, giving him the double whisky for the year.

A popular 'Pink Ball' team Stableford competition was played on October 20th, the winners were Malcolm Cane, Dave Rigden, Dennis Smith and Fred Stokes.

The Captain's Challenge was a hard fought win for Captain John Wegner partnered by Ted Backhouse by 1 hole against Trevor Croxton and Ian Horton.

The Old salts Trophy was presented to Brian Ridley for the best three medal scores during the year, well done Brian !!

The last competition of October was a very enjoyable Greensomes played in warm autumn sunshine, the result was close with Micky Dunne and Denis Smith scoring 43 points just pipping John Dowle and the evergreen Fred Stokes with 42 points.

Midweeker's Section Captain Ian Horton Vice Captain Don Williams

Results of Mid-Weekers competitions for October.

Wednesday 12th The Ray Thomas Cup Medal

Winner Don Crawford 64

2nd Alan Fowler 65.

3rd Glenn Snook 67
Birdies, 6/15th George Thompson, Ian Moys, Ian Burton
4/13th Roy Lee, Glenn Snook
Charity Sweep Winners Derrick Creed Alan Fowler,
26 Members took part.

Friday 28th The Dave Rosendale Sorcerers Trophy Stapleford .
Winner Callum Buchanan 42
2nd Ian Moys 41,
3rd Tony Lavender 40.
Birdies ^/15th James Marsh, Robin George, Callum Buchanan
4/^3th Tony Lavender.
Charity Sweep Winners, Frank Sheldon, Ron Orford.
42 Members took Part.

A big thank you is due to the Midweekers for their generous contribution to the Captain's Charity, Pilgrim's Hospice, which was presented with £300 by Ian Horton the outgoing Captain, good luck to Don Williams in his year and to his vice Alan Fowler.

Fundraising 100 Club

1st £30 Brian Wild
2nd £20 Jean Hudson
3rd £10 Madge Harris

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

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.

Joke

An 80-year-old Scotsman went to the doctor for a check-up.

The doctor was amazed at what good shape the old fellow was in and asked:

'How do you stay in such great physical condition?'

... 'I am Scottish and I am a golfer,' said the old fellow: 'and that is why I am in such good shape. I am up well before daylight and out golfing up and down the fairways. I have a wee glass of whisky, and that's it.'

'Well,' said the doctor, 'I am sure that helps, but there has to be more to it. How old was your Dad when he died?'

'Who said my Dad died?'

The doctor was amazed. 'You mean you are 80 years old and your Dad is still alive. How old is he?'

He is 100 years old,' said the old Scottish golfer. 'In fact he golfed

wi' me this mornin', and then we went to the topless beach for a walk and had anither wee dram and that is why he is still alive. He is a Scot and he is a golfer, too.'

'Well,' the doctor said, 'that is great, but I am sure there is more to it than that. How about your Dad's Dad? How old was he when he died?'

'Who said my Grandad is dead?'

Stunned, the doctor asked, 'You mean you are 80 years old and your grandfather is still living! Incredible, how old is he?'

'He is 118 years old,' said the old Scottish golfer.

The doctor was getting frustrated at this point: 'So, I guess he went golfing with you this morning too?'

'No. Grandad couldnae go this mornin' because he is getting married today'

At this point the doctor was close to losing it. 'Getting married!! Why would a 118 year-old bloke want to get married?'

'Who said he wanted to?'

Competition

November Quiz

All 6 answers get the £20 voucher from Steve, please contact him first not me!

- 1/ What "celestial" ceiling was first seen in 1512?
- 2/ Who flew a huge bird once then mothballed it?
- 3/ Two artists separated by 4 centuries B C and C B?
- 4/ Who presumed to have met a Doctor on a day in November
- 5/ Which "old enemies" met for the first time in 1872?
- 6/ Who was John Johnson and what was he doing in London 400 years ago?

October Quiz

Answers

All 6 answers gets the £20 from Steve

- 1/ What famous model was born on 1st October 1908?
Ans. The Ford Model T
- 2/ What "first" occurred in 1895
Ans. US Men's Open Golf Tournament
- 3/ What happened in Poland, Italy, Portugal and Spain on 5th October

1582?

Ans. The Gregorian calendar was utilized for the first time and this day does not exist in their histories

4/ Who caused mass panic with a broadcast in 1938 and why?

Ans. Orson Wells broadcast "War of The Worlds" as a news flash and people thought it was real!

5/ Who nailed his 95 theses to a church in Germany in 1517?

Ans Martin Luther

6/ What do October and February have in common?

Ans. They always end on the same day of the week.

Sudoku

Answer to last month's Sudoku

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

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

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

Sue Goodall has a set of Ping Rapture clubs graphite shafts, LW, SW, PW, 9,8 and 7 irons £120.00 Contact on either 07813633730 or 01227749188

Ron Orford wants to sell:-

Mizuno MX19

3 to sand iron, steel shaft, new grips

Mizuno

Hybrid 20 degree, graphite shaft

3 wood 15 degree, graphite shaft

All this for £115.00

Contact Ron on 01227 266767

Taylor Made Burners

4-sand wedge, 2 years old steel uniflex shafts, good grips, £50.00 ono
Martin 07932 784707