

WHITSTABLE TIDINGS

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Message from the President.

Hi everyone,

Firstly I would like to thank all those members who attended the recent AGM especially those who had the courage & conviction to voice their feelings about the very important issues requiring a vote, to ensure the Club takes the right road for the majority of members.

Secondly, I would like to thank all the board members for their dedication in serving the Club. In particular, I would like to thank John, our new Secretary. In his first year he has dedicated numerous hours in the office, often answering all your questions as they arise, even when he is in the middle of something very important. So guys if it can wait, then just hang on until he looks not too preoccupied. Thirdly, Fran, who is looking to retire as Treasurer in the near future, for her outstanding work over the past years looking after the clubs finances. I am sure you will all join me in saying a heartfelt 'thank you'.

I would also like to thank Bob for his outstanding loyalty to the club in his year as captain. It is hard work but also very rewarding. I am sure if you ask any past captain they will all say the same, so give it a try! Particular mention of the fantastic amount raised during your reign for a worthy cause, which I know is dear to you.

Joan and James again well-done. I know Joan it hasn't been easy in your year with health issues coming at a bad time, but well done. I think you did an outstanding job. I was particularly pleased when you won my Ladies' Presidents day for the second year running. James thank you for your dedication in your year as junior Captain, not easy when you have your studies at School. Thanks also go to your Mum & Dad for the time they also gave in your support.

So here we are in December, such a busy time for us all both on and off the course. Your support for the Christmas Draw and all the forthcoming Social events is of course encouraged and I urge you all to come along and join in particularly on Saturday 17th for the party. Who knows, you could even be leaving with a prize following the result of the raffle....

Well I have to finish my thoughts for the month by taking this opportunity to wish you all 'Happy Christmas' on behalf of Sue and myself!

Captains Message

I would like to thank everyone, for their support and best wishes for the Drive in, a brilliant day I'm sure you'll agree? So, a big thank you once again, to

the members providing the buffet, most generous and enjoyable. And, we were exceptionally lucky with the weather!

I would firstly like to give my full support to Maureen, Dave and Oscar for the coming year, not forgetting Howard, my Vice Captain.

As, I mentioned, and you will certainly be hearing a lot, more about. My chosen charity is The Evelina Children's Trust. The charity is endeavoring to make improvements to facilities for families needing specialised care. In essence, our Grandson Cohen, at 2 weeks old needed an operation to enable him to digest. Local hospitals were unable to assist; therefore he was transferred to St Thomas's for his treatment.

Can I remind you a few dates for December: The Adult's Christmas Party Sat 10th, from 7 Disco

Children's Christmas Party Sat 17th 2.30

New Years Eve - FULLY BOOKED

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a great Christmas & New Year.

Gary

Ladies Captain's Message

After a nerve racking morning I survived the drive in.

It was well represented and well organised. The captain of the juniors was magnificent wish I could drive like that. It was done with such ease so lovely to watch these youngsters.

Thanks go to the people who voluntary brought food for guests etc. Thanks go to them.

Now the task begins I will do my best in my role of ladies captain

I have changed the ladies section colour to red. Look forward to seeing the red ladies out on the course.

We are hoping to recruit some new lady members this year. Best news we now have a lady vice Sue Pout.

Maureen Davison

From the office December 2016

Club Diary 2017

We expect the 2017 club diary to be available for collection from the office in Early December. We have also put a copy of the fixtures for 2017 on the club website for members to access and read. It can be found in the section fixtures & events.

New Course Notice Board

Please ensure you read the notices on the notice board as you walk from the car park towards the first tee. It is updated daily on matters concerning what type of golf trolley can be used on the day in question. The club answer phone message will back this information up.

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

1. Borehole update. In Progress!

2. New ride on buggies shed update/clearance of land by Old Salts. Ongoing delivery of container. Old Salts organising.

1. 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.
2. Land sale update. Awaiting contracts and build cost estimate.
3. Course policy document. To be reviewed and updated during the winter.
4. 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 Oscar Girling Vice Captain Callum Buchanan

Is this a record?!!!! 284 yards. That was the length of the drive of our new Junior Captain, Oscar Girling. It was a fantastic day and if there is anyone who has beaten that drive or knows of anyone who has, we'd love to hear from you. We look forward to a great year with Oscar as Captain and Callum as Vice-Captain and some great golfing in 2017.

Our next get together will be Sat Dec 3rd for nine holes of fun golf, followed by tea supplied by Harry and then on to the Bowling Alley for more competition!

Mel

Ladies Section Captain Maureen Davison Vice Captain Sue Pout

Our first attempt to play at the beginning of the month was thwarted by a late morning fog, so we reconvened the week after to play our second round of the Christmas Competition. The fog was gone and despite the bitter cold a lot of ladies headed off, and nearly all completed the 18 holes. Best player on the day was Maz Garlinge (34 points) from Penny Perkins (31) and Louise Tucker (30).

The third round was played the following week in calm and mild conditions. Penny Perkins had a very steady round and scored a commendable 36 points. Joan Sykes was one behind on 35 and Mel Bashford one further back on 34. The most exciting news from the morning featured Stella Lakin, who scored a magnificent Hole In One on the 6th-brilliant news-well done Stella!

Inclement weather the week after meant very few ladies thought playing golf was a good idea. We had a few temporary greens as a result of the extreme weather and headed off during a shower but those who did make the effort were rewarded later in the morning when the sun came out. Best score on the day was Louise Tucker with 34, followed by Vilma Parrett on 29 then Mel Bashford on count back from Jean Hudson both with 23.

The last Tuesday of the month dawned beautifully sunny but with a very heavy frost. We played a 9 hole competition later in the morning when the frost cleared which Marie Hood won on count back from Vilma Parrett both with a respectable 17 points.

The ladies held their AGM a few days before the main Club AGM in mid November and this was well-attended as always. Thanks to outgoing Captain Joan Sykes and the very best to our new Lady Captain Maureen Davison. Jackie Barker and Val Brown left the Committee after a valuable 2 years service and Pat Bensted, Molly Broadbent and Vilma Parrett were welcomed on to the new Committee. And the best news for the ladies section is that we welcome a new Vice-Captain-thank you and congratulations so Sue Pout.

Congratulations to Maureen Davison, our new Lady Captain, who did us all proud at the Drive-In. As always there were lots of people there supporting our new Captains and it was great to see many faces, old and new. Thanks to everyone involved in the organisation of the event, and special thanks to all who brought food.

Men's Section Captain Gary Morgan Vice Captain Howard Gordon

Captain Gary Morgan and Vice Captain Howard Gordon, not a good start after having to cancel the Turkey Trot on the 20th November, due to the weather. The winner of 1st round Neil Brown, 2nd round Jon Perkins, 3rd round Robin George, overall winners Glenn Snook 1st, Richard Davies 2nd and John

Wagner 3rd. Well done to all who entered.

Captain's Swindle on Sunday Mornings:

If it happens to be a cash prize and you win, you will be deducted 2 shots off your handicap. Second and third place, you will be deducted 1 shot.

Captain's Challenge, 13th November, Howard and I beat Bob Ireland and Andy Sargeant 2 and 1.

Sunday 27th, we lost to John Stokes and Mickey Milner 5 and 4.

Golf Report for Sundays – October 2016

Although the final two Turkey Trot rounds provided opportunities for competitors with a poor first round to impress, hardly anyone managed to prevent those players who did well early on from ending as the eventual winners. However John Wegner finished well to amass seventy-six points over the last two rounds and he ended in third place overall. At the finish Glenn Snook scored an impressive forty point in the final round to sneak a win on countback from Richard Davis after both players ended with a seventy-eight points total for their best two rounds. Best unplaced scores for individual rounds were Neil Brown thirty-eight points round one, Jon Perkins thirty-eight points round two and Robin George forty-one points round three.

Too premature a closure of the Sunday summer eclectic resulted in a change of the final positions reported last month. The eventual winner was Bob Ireland with net 47.2 whilst Martyn Silverton ended in the runners up slot with net 48. Ron Cooper unfortunately just missed out with a very respectable net 48.2.

Old Salts Section Captain Dave Atkins Vice Captain Colin Holton

A friendly four ball was played on 3rd November, the winner was Andy Taylor with 41 points narrowly pipping Trevor Croxton with 41 points on countback third was David Atkins with 38 points.

The final day of Captain John Wegner's 2015/2016 tenure and the Old Salts AGM was held on 10th November, John supported by Vice captain David Atkins went out on a high, beating the challengers Mick Wyles and Steve Sage by 3 and 1.

The 9 hole competition was won by Gwyn Oakley with 20 points.

Following the normal business of the AGM the leaving Captain John Wegner handed over the reins to new Captain David Atkins who will be ably assisted by new Vice Captain Colin Holton for the forthcoming season.

All Old Salts present thanked John Wegner for his commitment and enthusiasm during what was a very successful year.

The competitions during the year saw success for a wide range of members .

The Savage Trophy...Roy Percival , The Ken Vickers Trophy...John Allen, John's Walker and Weg's Whiskey...Brian Ridley, The Norman's Trophy...Henry Kernighan, The Hugh Ridley Trophy...John Allen, The Frank

Fox Trophy...Gary-Hartley Trigg, The Denis Fewtrell Trophy...Bernie Whitaker, Seniors Cup...Colin Whitaker, The Dave Gould Trophy...Brian Ridley, The Denis Annis Cup...Ted Backhouse, The Peter Tucker Trophy...Bernie Whitaker, Captain's Day...Brian Daw, The Old salts Trophy...Brian Ridley , The Best Year Scratch Score Medals were won by David Morgan and Brian Ridley with equal gross scores of 73

The opening match of incoming Old Salts Captain David Atkins was round one of Dave's Half Dozen,(best 3 scores from 6) first was Trevor Coombes with 38 points, second Andy Taylor 38points, and third Malcolm Cane 36points. The opening Captains Challenge saw Captain David Atkins partnered by Vice Captain Colin Holton lose 3 and 1 to John Wegner and Ian Wingrove. November 24th saw the playing of a very enjoyable Drawn Team Stableford competition, considering the very windy conditions good scores were returned. In third place were the John Dowle,Gwyn Oakley,Mick Wyles and Mike Harrison Quartet with 107points ,closely followed by the Peter Steigmann, Steve Sage. Les Cox and Des Smith team with 108 points but the winners with 114 points were Trevor Croxton, Trevor Coombes, Andy Taylor and Martyn Dines .

The day was attended by a representative from The Air Ambulance who was there to receive a cheque for £2,182, raised by the Old Salts .The cheque was presented by last years Captain John Wegner.

Midweeker's Section Captain Don Williams Vice Captain Alan Fowler

The Tudor Tea Rooms Trophy~ Stapleford on Wed 2nd Nov was played in good conditions with a field of 35 golfers(a term used loosely).

The competition was won by Frank O'Boyle, a new member ,well done Frank A winning score of 41 points was decided on count back from Ian Moys. In third place was Robin George 39.

Birdies 6/15th Eric Rochester, Paul Gilfoyle, Ian Moys, Robin George, 9/18th Colin Holton and two winners on the whisky hole the 8/17th Mark Tilbury and Gary Hartley-Trigg The Charity Sweep winners were Frank Sheldon, Mark Tilbury and Ian Moys. The Captains Challenge was a win for the Captain with our new Vice Captain Alan Fowler over Ted Backhouse and Mike Cousins 2 and 1

The new captains drive in took place, following the competition. Don Williams performed his duty with good humour and drove 188 yards. The winner of the sweep was Mal Bashford.

The winner of The Golfer of the Year Trophy Was presented to Alan Fowler, with a winning score of 102 points. Well done Alan a very consistent years golf. Runner up was Mark Tilbury on 82 with James Marsh third 81

The Vic Green Shield~ Stapleford on Fri 25th Nov was played in sunshine with a stiff breeze.

The winner, with a good return of 38 points, was Derrick Creed. Second on count back with 37 was Don Crawford from, in third, Jack Dale. Good to see a young member, welcome Jack.

Birdies 6/15 Louise Tucker 4/15 Jack Dale and 9/18 Don Crawford.

Charity Sweep winners Rob *** Martyn Silverton and Don Crawford.**

A win for the Captains team in the Challenge by one hole after a close fort match

The Captain's team look formidable, watch this space!

Fundraising 100 Club

1st £30

2nd £20

3rd £10

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

A blonde and a lawyer are seated next to each other on a flight from LA to NY. The lawyer asks if she would like to play a fun game? The blonde, tired, just wants to take a nap. Politely she declines and rolls over to the window to catch a few winks. The lawyer persists and explains that the game is easy and a lot of fun.

He explains, "I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me \$5.00, and vice versa."

Again, she declines and tries to get some sleep. The lawyer, now agitated, says, "Okay, if you don't know the answer you pay me \$5.00, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500.00." This catches the blonde's attention and, figuring there will be no end to this torment unless she plays, agrees to the game.

The lawyer asks the first question. "What's the distance from the earth to the moon?" The blonde doesn't say a word, reaches into her purse, pulls out a \$5.00 bill and hands it to the lawyer.

"Okay," says the lawyer, "your turn." She asks the lawyer, "What goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four legs?" The lawyer, puzzled, takes out his laptop computer and searches all his references. No answer. Frustrated, he sends e-mails to all his friends and co-workers, to no avail. After an hour, he wakes the blonde and hands her \$500.00.

The blonde says, "Thank you," puts her head on the pillow and goes back to sleep.

The lawyer, who is more than a little miffed, wakes the blonde and asks, "Well, what's the answer?" Without a word, the blonde reaches into her purse, hands the lawyer \$5.00, and goes back to sleep.

Sam called his wife and said to her in a weak voice, "Hey baby, I was driving to a coffee shop to meet Mary when all of a sudden, a stray dog came in the way. I tried to steer left to avoid running it down, but the car skidded due to high speed, rolled over and almost ran off the cliff. The car was hanging nose

down over the cliff, as I looked down fearing impending death. I just managed to climb out of the car and save my life, just before the car fell over the cliff crashing thousands of feet below and was blown into smithereens."

Sam continued, "I was taken to a hospital. I have a broken leg, broken jaw, dislocated shoulder and several injuries on my head."

There was silence on the phone, then the wife asked, "Who is Mary?"

The college football player knew his way around the locker room better than he did the library. So when my husband's co-worker saw the gridiron star roaming the stacks looking confused, she asked how she could help.

"I have to read a play by Shakespeare," he said.

"Which one?" she asked.

He scanned the shelves and answered, "William."

December Quiz

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

- 1/ What is the next number in this sequence? 1,5,6,8, ?
- 2/ What is the next number in this sequence? 3,7,10,19, ?
- 3/ What is the next number in this sequence? 3,7,10,19, ?
- 4/ What is the missing letter in this sequence? A,E,H,L,J,T
- 5/ What is the missing letter in this sequence? C,L,U,
- 6/ What are the missing letters in this sequence? N,S,W,R

Answers to November Quiz

- 1/ What "celestial" ceiling was first seen in 1512?
Ans. The ceiling of the Sistine Chapel
- 2/ Who flew a huge bird once then mothballed it?
Ans. Howard Hughes "The Spruce Goose"
- 3/ Two artists separated by 4 centuries B C and C B?

Ans. Benvenuto Cellini and Charles Bronson (Great Escape artist)

4/ Who presumed to have met a Doctor on a day in November
Ans. Henry Morton Stanley – Dr Livingstone

5/ Which "old enemies" met for the first time in 1872?
Ans. England v Scotland First International Football Match

6/ Who was John Johnson and what was he doing in London 400 years ago?
Ans. He was an alias for Guy Fawkes and he was trying to blow up Parliament.

Sudoku

Answer to last month's Sudoku

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