



tidings



A message from the President

Hello everyone,

Firstly I would like to thank all those members that have given up their own time to carry out duties at the Caravan, the Kitchen and all the other things that do not do themselves in Golf Week. Wow was that windy! Still we can't help the weather. At least it's been warm and mainly dry with the exception of Tuesday which was just awful. I hope you all enjoyed the week and played good golf. Let's make it even better in 2018. It is with regret that again this month I have to inform you of friends who have just recently passed away.

I will start with Andrew Pout who was absolutely one of the characters of the Club. We will all miss that distinctive laugh of his which you could hear throughout the walls of the club. Andrew was also a well-respected local Solicitor who carried out work for members and gave good advice. Our love and condolences go to Sarah and all the family at this difficult time. Please see the club notice board for details of the funeral arrangements. (Please car share as much as you can).

As I write this message Desmond Barker left us only yesterday, (Thursday 8th) Des was a past Club Captain in 1994 and a single figure player for a number of years. He represented the club in the Jack Hicks and was also closely involved in the Kent Captains, using his vast experience gained from being a well-respected President of our Club between the dates of 1993 – 1998. Our love and condolences go to Margaret and their families, again at this most difficult time. Please see notice board for details of the funeral arrangements.

I would like to conclude by saying a big thank you to Gary our Captain, Lady Captain Maureen and Vice-Captain Howard for all their efforts this week. Their dedication and most of all the enormous amount of time they have contributed have ensured that our golf week has been such a success. Now for the rest of this busy summer of golf.....enjoy.

Regards John

NEW CLUBHOUSE UPDATE

"We have engaged a local company, Taylor Roberts, to facilitate all the conditions of our outline planning granted by Canterbury City Council. This is a time consuming and expensive procedure we have to undertake before submission to the council to obtain the detailed permission needed for the new club house. We are hoping they will be in that position soon.

***The detailed permission needed for the 3 houses is about to be submitted to the council by the developers.
We are moving very slowly but getting there."***

The next issue will contain all Golf Week news.
Please send me all your photos and stories for inclusion.

...and from the Captain

Hi Everyone,

Here we are in this glorious weather, hoping that you are all enjoying your golf?

May, sprinkled with bank holidays and mixed matches, along with continual preparation for golf week. Bank holiday Mondays; 1st May, & 29th Mixed matches, very good turn out and would like to thank Jack Dale for his investment of time and promotion. Everyone is welcome to join the game 28th Aug for the RNLI (names to go up, nearer the time).

Mixed match away at Westgate, again a good turn out, but unfortunately, we came away with a loss. Saturday 13th we had our charity evening, with our in house band Taboo playing faultlessly. Amazing array of repertoire, executed brilliantly. A great night for all, with most guests joining in throughout. The band generously played for no fee, so we were able to raise £450, which was split between both Ladies & Men's chosen charities. A big thank you for the band.

Midweekers Invitation Day, Wed 17th. Thank you for inviting Howard & I along for the day. We would like to encourage more members to partake in this next year, as supporting this event is essential. Sunday mornings, Captain's Challenge, won 2 lost 2.

Forthcoming events;

Sat 24th	Jack Hicks at Eltham Warren
Sunday 25th	Home/Away match with Chestfield
Sat 1st	July men's Invitation Day
Sat 8th	July Panther (mixed) Trophy away Chestfield
Sat 15th July	Captain's Day

All smokers, can you refrain from discarding your butts on the course, Ronnie carries a bottle with water in it.....it works!

Thank you Gary

Men's Section - Captain Gary Morgan, Vice Captain Howard Gordon

John Stokes and Ian Horton will represent the Club in the next stages of the Daily Mail Foursomes competition following their win in the qualifier played early this month. They finished with a solid 39 points and might have won by a larger margin after an impressive 21 points on their outward nine.

John Wegner and Andy Selwood finished strongly with 21 points on their back nine but started poorly and with a total of just 38 points had to settle for the runners up prize.

In the May Medal, it was Dean Amos who posted best score on the day to finish outright winner. Despite a triple bogie on eleven he followed that with a birdie on twelve and then played steadily to finish with an excellent net 63 total. A group of three players ended with net 64 totals, though it was classy Lloyd Foster who sneaked the runners up slot ahead of Mark Payne.

Club Captain Gary Morgan found himself in a strong position in the Canterbury Cup 36 hole medal competition, after he finished the morning round with a net 61. Rob Mumby, Steve Chambers and Dave Williams were very much in touch at this stage within just two shots of the leader. Michael Found posted best score of the afternoon but his net 62 wasn't good enough to overtake the main contenders and he had to settle for fourth place overall. At the finish it was Rob Mumby, who had played consistently well throughout the day, who clinched the main prize with a net 62 in the morning and a net 63 in afternoon. David Williams had a good day too and finished in second place with net 128 total. Gary Morgan was unable to match his morning success and finished in a disappointing third place overall with a net 129 total for the day. The Canterbury Cup was the third Committee Cup event played this year and at this stage in the competition David Williams is in the lead with 16 points. Following Rob Mumby's win in the Canterbury Cup, he is sharing second place on 12 points with Ian Horton and Brian Wild. A full list of Committee Cup placings for 2017 can be found within the "Men's Order of Merits" section on the How Did I Do website. In the Captain's Swindle played on the last Sunday, Rob Mumby continued to demonstrate his good form with a fabulous 44 points. Tony Hart must have thought his excellent 41 points would be good enough but at the finish he had to settle for second place. Dave Rigden did particularly well to finish in third place with 40 points.

Derek Bates
June 2017

REMINDER TO MEMBERS & VISITORS WHEN YOU HIT A GOLF BALL OUTSIDE THE COURSE

On Tuesday 17th January 2017 a person playing the 6th hole hit a golf ball over the boundary fence and beach huts to the left side of the green. The golf ball hit a local lady resident and narrowly missed the ladies grand daughter, whilst they were walking along the footpath on the sea wall.

This is a very serious incident and could have caused a major injury to the child in question.

The matter was advised to the Club by the local resident. As well as being a very narrow miss to causing serious injury, the lady was very unhappy with the attitude of the persons in group that were involved in hitting the shot .

We have checked the incident book held in the clubhouse and **note that no entry was made in the book regarding the incident.** Whilst it is easy to say that the ball in this instance was hit by a visitor, we remind **all members should enter incidents in the book held in the lobby of the clubhouse without fail.**

The implications to the club are great and could cause great cost to us, bad publicity and even prosecution.

We take great pride in our golf course and the friendly attitude that is very much part of being a member here. Members (and guests of members) must take responsibility for actions on the course, and be polite if in conversation with a member of the public who could have just had a golf ball fall near them whilst walking just outside our boundary.

Also they need to ensure that the incident book is filled in without fail.

There are no excuses!

**J.Stokes
Secretary**

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 answerphone message will back this information up.



Surprise guests Spandau Ballet (or bellies) turned up early for Golf Week

Ladies Section - Captain Maureen Davison, Vice Captain Sue Pout

12 pairs played in the May Day Bank Holiday mixed greensomes on 1 st May and it was particularly lovely to have our President John Clarke and Captain Morgan with us. The weather was ok as we headed off and no rain was forecast. Obviously the sky had not seen the forecast because the front 9 was punctured by very heavy rain squalls which left our golf trollies looking more like clothes airers! We played through (no fair-weather golfers here) and the weather perked up, and as usual we enjoyed a good day, good company and good food. Front nine winners were Sue Pout and Dave Atkins with 22 points, back nine went to Ann Milner and John Stokes with 20. In third place overall were Margaret Barker and John Clarke with 37 points, second Mary King and Jack Dale with 41 points and winners by one point with a very good score of 42 points were Mel Bashford and John Wegner. And well done with the food Harry, and very well done for the organising Jack Dale!

We played a 4 Ball Better Ball for a change at the beginning of the month and again had a good turnout. It was a lovely warm morning without much wind to confuse us and as a result some good scores were returned. Winners with an impressive 42 points were Fran Price and Joyce Jaynes. Second on count back with 40 were Sue Pout and Jenny Vening, beating Maz Garlinge and Helen Foad on the same score.

The Medal Winners Cup was played on a Sunday afternoon, open to all those winning a monthly medal during the previous year. 2 ladies tied for first place on net 69, and using count back were also tied on the same score for

the back 9. Mia Waddingham won on count back over the last 6 holes, Louise Tucker a narrow second. Mia has just moved up from the junior division to the ladies, so this a very good start to her ladies career!

The morning of the Spring Meeting dawned fair, and as the day went on it warmed up nicely. Both the morning medal and the afternoon Texas Scramble were well attended. We enjoyed nice lunches and a lovely cake in the afternoon, courtesy of Harry. Lady Captain, Maureen Davison, presented prizes, consisting of vouchers and lovely flowers, which were very well-received. Front 9 prize in the morning went to Marie Hood with a net 37, back nine to Maz Garlinge with a net 32. Third overall was Louise Tucker, net 69, Captain Maureen one shot better in second with net 68. And winner on the day with a magnificent net 64 (and handicap cut of 2 shots) was Mel Bashford. There were also some good team scores in the afternoon. In second spot were Pat Bensted, Sheila Wyles and Sally Lawson with a 9 hole score of 31.8. The winning score of 31.2 was recorded by the trio of Helen Foad, Maz Garlinge and Louise Tucker. Special thanks to our President John Clarke for getting up early to come and see us off with a good luck wish and a welcome sweet!

We played another Texas Scramble the week after. Again Helen Foad and Maz Garlinge were triumphant, this time with Marie Hood completing the trio. Their team score of 65.9 meant Cath Whitehead, Sue Pout and Sharon Mills had to settle for second place with their score of 67.7.

We enjoyed very pleasant conditions for the monthly medal at the end of the month. Sue Goodall made the most of the conditions to win Division 1, 3 pars helping her to a net 69, four shots clear of both Penny Perkins and Jenny Vening. The scores in Division 2 were very close, Jean Hudson beating Val Brown on count back, both with net 72, Joyce Jaynes was one further back on net 73. A 9 hole stableford was played alongside this which Holly Butler won by some margin with 17 points.

We took a mixed team to our local friends and rivals at Westgate on a freezing and blustery Saturday afternoon. The golf was good and we narrowly lost a close match by three and a half to their four and a half points. This didn't stop us enjoying a fine meal and their company and we left happy and with very full stomachs!

We played the second round of the Tappin Trophy at home against Etchinghill, with a team of 3 ladies from 3 different handicap divisions-Pat Bensted, Mary King and Maureen Davison. All 3 of our ladies played well, and all three matches went to the wire, we were unlucky to come second, narrowly losing 2-1.

In the third round of the Daily Mail Foursomes Mel Bashford and Louise Tucker were drawn at home to Canterbury. They lost the first 2 holes to go 2 down and never quite managed to get back level, eventually losing on the 18 th hole. It was a slightly contentious round as both pairs had a slightly different interpretation of the rules, but the end result showed that the team who wants it most usually win!

The SAS (Sunday Afternoon Swingers) has also resumed service. Sue Pout organised the first afternoon. 11 players were involved and winner of the 9 hole competition with a solid 18 points was Alec Parrett. All welcome.

Louise



Old Salts' Section - Captain David Atkins, Vice Captain Colin Holton

The first summer round of Dave's Half Dozen and Best Average Score Competition started with a bang on May 4th. The winner with 41 points was the ever improving Andy Taylor, second was Trevor Coombes on 37 points and third was Mick Wyles 36 points on countback.

In the absence of Captain David Atkins the Vice Captain Colin Holton partnered by Gwyn Oakley (welcome back Gwyn) took on Steve Sage and Ted Backhouse winning by 6 and 5.

May 11th saw the playing of the Norman Trophy Medal, many good scores were posted, in third place on count back was Robbie Fudge with a net 64, second was Andy Taylor with a net 62 and the winner was Dave Rhodes with an excellent net 60.

On Monday 15th May Old Salts welcomed Birchington and Westgate Golf Club, the result was a well earned 6-2 win for Old Salts. Also worth mentioning was the match between the Super Seniors and tough opponents Broome Park Golf Club, seniors won all five games, a great result.

A Greensomes competition was played on Thursday 18th June, although there was a disappointing attendance but those that played had an enjoyable day. The winners were Tommy Burns and Colin Holton with 39 points, second were Robbie Fudge and Trevor Coombes with 36 points and third were Les Cox and Colin Satchell with 34 points.

Wednesday 24th May Old Salts welcomed the visitors from Hythe Golf Club, on a very hot sunny day the result was a drawn match.

The Captain's Challenge played on 25th May saw Captain David Atkins partnered by Vice Colin Holton win by **8 and 7 (yes 8 and 7 !!)** against Gwyn Oakley and Steve Sage.

Brian

Midweeker's Section - Captain Don Williams, Vice Captain Alan Fowler

Due to inclement weather the **Denis Fewtrell May Madness Shield** on the 3rd was reduced to a 9 hole stableford event. The winner, and recently returned from wintering in Malta, was Tommy Burns on 20 points. Second on 19 Martyn Silverton, on count back (last 6 holes) from in 3rd Ian Horton. Birdies, 6/15th Eric Rochester, Bob Davis, 4/13th Alan Fowler, 9/18th Graham Birch. Charity Sweep winners were Ian Moys, Glen Snook and Mark Tilbury. John Fullager received a bottle of wine for 100 attendances. Alan Fowler, standing in for the captain, apologised for the confusion at the start of play. Having been asked to make a decision on the competition, something he was unprepared for.

The **Ernie West Champion of Champions**, on Wed 10th in glorious weather. The winner was Alan Fowler, with medal score of 59, six shots clear of the field. Alan is the first back to back winner of the lovely cut glass trophy. Well done Alan. Second, on count back, with 65 was Glen Snook, from in third Don Crawford.

In the also runs, stableford, our musical director, Ray Thomas won the competition with an outstanding score of 42. Second (again missing out on 1st place) Don Williams with 39 on count back from Ian Moys. Charity Prize, small field Eynon Price. Birdies 4th Don Crawford 6th Bert Thompson 4th and 9th Ernie West, A special mention for a birdie on the 15th Glen Snook. A special mention to Di and Ernie for making the day a memorable occasion with prizes and refreshments.

The Midweeker's invitation day was held on the 18th, another lovely day. Players and guests were welcomed with baguettes and coffee. After 18 holes golf a light lunch and a two course meal late afternoon after a 9 hole Texas Scramble. The winners of the morning joint stableford were Mel Bashford and Guest Duane Harrison on 76 points. second the husband and wife team of Rob and Louise Tucker 71 and 3rd Gary Morgan and David Hodgson 70. Nearest the pin 4th Ben Snook. Longest drive 5th Duane Harrison Nearest the pin 15th Peter Shearing. Longest drive 17th Alan Fowler, Texas scramble winners Gary Morgan, Howard Gordon, David Hodgson and Ron Ball ably supported by two bottles of wine.

Thanks, again this year to Holdens of Whitstable aka Mike Cousins, for the beautifully inscribed tankers provided to our winners. Thanks also go to Steve Suttle for the course presentation, our caterers, Karen and Harry and Steve Wood ably assisted by Jane for the bar.

The last May competition **The Martins Trophy** was played on the 26th, another lovely day. Members were able to show off their tanned legs or British whites as the case may be. The winner was Bert Thompson, clear on 40 points Second on 37 Peter Shearing with in third Ian Moys 35. Only one birdie Ian Burton 6/15th. Charity sweep winners Doug Morton, Ron Orford and Frank Sheldon. Captain's Challenge was a loss to Ron Orford and Ian Burton (a last minute pairing) on the last hole. Your reporter was told that both capt and vice missed makeable putts for a half on the last green.

Peter

Please note that if the computer is not up and running when you try to sign, make sure you play off the correct handicap. The up to date handicaps are posted on the club notice board.

Old Salts' Section - Captain Oscar Girling, Vice Captain Callum Buchanan

It was a very good month for Junior golf, the weather was good and, despite my having to be away for two Mondays and one competition day (Medal Winners), there was a lot of golf played. Many thanks to Louise and Brian for stepping in in my absence.



Oscar picks up the King Trophy

After a few years of absenteeism our Medal Winners' cup turned up and was won by last years' captain, James, who also won it last year even tho we couldn't find it to present. Well done James.

Saturday May 27th saw the annual playing of the Aspden Trophy and the King Trophy. This is always a fun event as both competitions involve juniors and seniors playing together. The Aspden being junior and relative and a foursomes stableford and the King being junior and nonrelative playing a greensomes stableford. It was a very good day weatherwise and the competition was equally hot with Louise and Jack winning the Aspden trophy for the sixth, and because of his age, possibly the last, time. This is without doubt a record. John and Oscar won the King Trophy for the second time with 43 points, much to the chagrin of Tony (Love) playing with Adam who really thought they had nailed it with 42 points. Tony reckoned he didn't care if he came second to last as long as he beat Wegner. Next year maybe!

This was all followed by sandwiches and chips and drinks from the bar and a good day was had by all – well, except perhaps Tony. See photo.

Next competition Saturday June 24th, Seath Cup

New Local Rule

Drainage Channels and Cracks on Fairways, Preferred lies are being introduced as follows:

A ball lying on a closely mown area may be marked, lifted, cleaned and placed within 6 inches not nearer the hole than where it originally lay and not in a hazard or on a putting green. A player may place his ball only once and is in play when it has been placed (rule 20.4) If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it, moves the ball marker prior to putting the ball back in play, or moves the ball in any other manner such as rolling it with a club they incur a 1 shot penalty.

N.B. 'Closely mown area' means any area of the course including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

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.

100 CLUB

1st	£30	Fran Price
2nd	£20	John Rosser
3rd	£10	Mick Manning

Congratulations to the winners. Prizes should be collected in person from behind the bar.

£50 GOLF WEEK BONUS PRIZE

Betty Washby

Bonus prize draw, in addition to the monthly £30, £20 and £10 prizes.

Any one wishing to join our 100 Club should contact Ryn Hudson or talk to Steve behind the bar. Membership is only £1 per month.

Good luck and thank you for your support. Ryn Hudson

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DIARY 2017 UPDATES & CHANGES

Monday 12th June (am) Old Salts v Chestfield now AWAY

Sunday 18th June; Harry Johnson Cup (am) ;moved from 14th May .

Monday 26th June; Ladies Jamboree start 10am not 12 noon as stated in diary

Wednesday 19th July (am) ; 7 Club Old Salts Secretaries match/meeting /lunch 6 -8 persons.

Saturday 12th August (pm); Directors Cup moved from 17th June. Will follow the juniors competition at 1pm .

Friday 25th August (pm); Members Society c 40 players .Charity event for recently deceased member of the Club

Sunday 3rd September; Final's Day for Club knockouts (moved from Sunday 10th)

Due to Captain's Charity Day being Saturday 2nd September need to look at alternatives should any finals have to be played other than on the 3rd

Sunday 10th September; Monthly Medal (am) Moves from the 3rd September. Last qualifying competition for the Committee Cup

Saturday 30th September (pm); President's Match (Home) changed from Saturday 9th September

Thursday 9th November; Old Salts AGM moved from 5th October

Update 30th May 2017

Parking Permit

New style permit to be placed on your cash dashboard is available from the office or behind the bar. As you know car parking spaces are taken by non-members at times ,so we DO carry out spot checks. Please ensure you use when visiting the club. The permit has space for a membership sticker which can be replaced each year when you re-join.

FUNNIES

Well Caddy, How do you like my game asked Mel?
Very good, Madam! But personally I prefer Golf

Maureen was 26 over par by the eighth hole; she had landed a fleet of golf balls in the water hazard, and dug herself into a trench fighting her way out of the rough. When her caddy coughed during a 12-inch putt, Maureen exploded.

"You've got to be the worst caddy in the world!" she screamed.

"I doubt it," replied the caddy. "That would be too much of a coincidence."

"You're late on the tee, Louise."

"Yes, well being a Sunday, I had to toss a coin to see if I should go to church or go and play golf."

"Okay, but why are you so late?"

"I had to toss it 15 times!"



Mark started his medal round in golf week with at least a 13, when asked how his round was going he replied "I'm loving it". Takes all sorts!

FOR SALE

If you have any unwanted clubs or equipment to sell through this Publication and would like donate 10% to the Captains Charity! Send the details to my e-mail selwoodandy@gmail.com or place the details on the club notice board marked for my attention ANDY SELWOOD

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 07813 633730 or 01227 749188

Ron Orford wants to sell:-Mizuno MX193 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

Benross Driver Good Condition Stiff Graphite Shaft Adjustable Head With Cover £20 Andy Selwood

Taylor Made Burners

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

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