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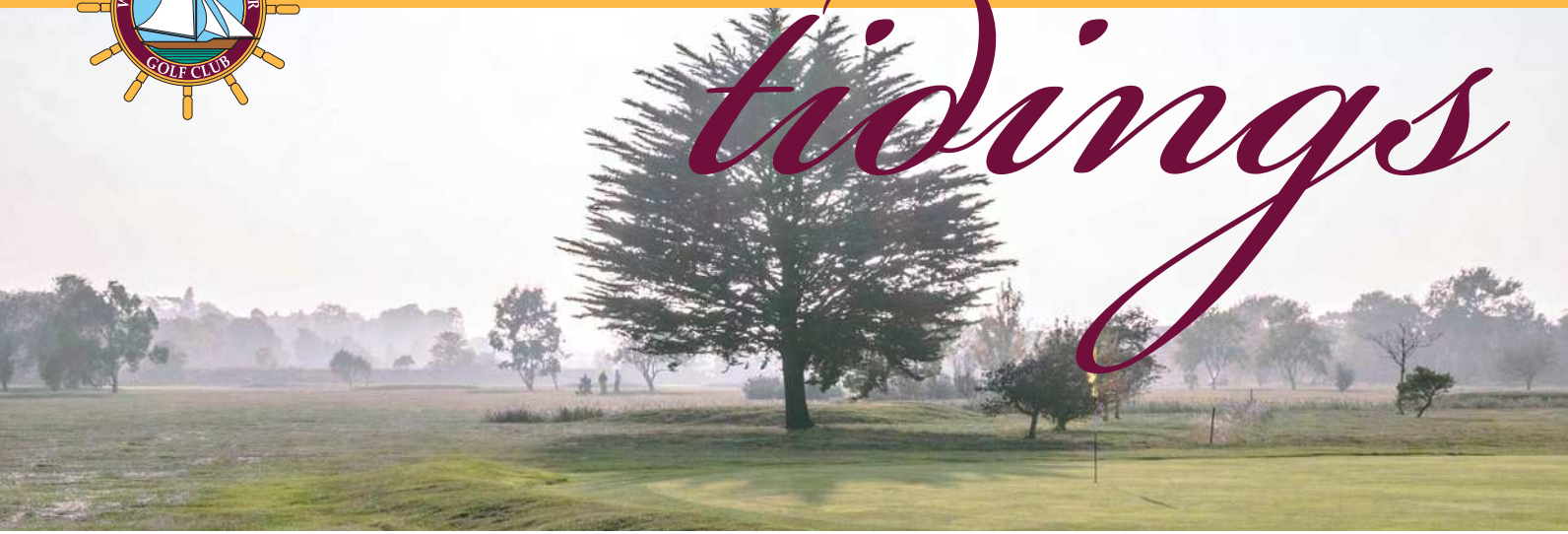


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A message from the President

Merry Christmas to you all

Since my last message we have had the Captain's drive in. What a great day Howard and the other Captains had with good weather for the time of year, at least it didn't rain. Record numbers I think? Thanks go to Howard for organising the singer, great move, well done Mr Captain. Also big thanks to all the people that brought down food for the American supper.

I know we have just gone onto the mats for most of the tees, but the greens are still playing brilliantly for this time of the year and compared with other courses in the area, theirs are a long way behind. So well done to the green staff for their efforts. Good rainfall is upon us so it is looking good for the fairways.

Well-done all the team for a brilliant Bingo night it was very much enjoyed by all those who attended. For those that didn't come you don't know what you are missing! I think the food in a basket was a good option for those people who participated.

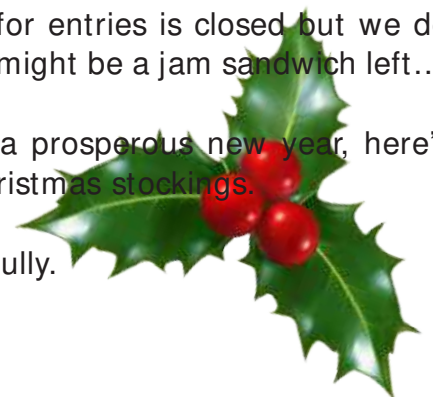
In my last tidings we were not sure who the Lady Vice-Captain was going to be, so a big welcome to Louise who will be joining Sue for 2017/18 then the following year as Lady Captain.

Don't forget the Children's Christmas party on the 16th, the list for entries is closed but we do have 38 Children, should be very interesting! You never know there might be a jam sandwich left....

I would like to close by wishing you all a super Christmas and a prosperous new year, here's looking forward to all the new golf balls, gloves, tees etc. in our Christmas stockings.

Just a little reminder from me, if you go out over xmas drive carefully.

**Merry Christmas
John**



Please send me all your photos and stories for inclusion



Your splendid new Captains. Callum, Sue, Howard and Colin

... and from the Captain

Wow what can I say, a great time was had by all for the captains' drive-in.

It was nice to see everyone enjoying themselves. A big thank you for all coming to support the day. It was a bit nerve racking on the tee for all of us. But we all did well and I was pleased to get past the ladies' tee and actually hit the right fairway for a change. A big thank you to my new vice Richard Davis for his help and to all of you who brought food for the event.

Bingo Another good night was had with Dot Payne this time scooping the jackpot prize and many thanks to Dot and Kathy for their donations to charity out of their winnings.

Also to Jenny and Ray who on his 60th party supplied all the prizes for a raffle with the proceeds going to charity. Over £200 pounds was raised.

While on the subject if you weren't at the AGM I announced that the funds raised by myself this year will be split 50/50. Half going to CATCHING LIVES a local homelessness charity in Canterbury. The other half is to go towards something for ourselves in the new clubhouse.

If you need anymore information on this come and see me and I will be happy to go through it with you.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Howard



Peter Shearing shows a flagrant dis-regard for the club dress code in turning out with odd shoes.

The winners of the 100 Club DOUBLE draw for December are:

- 1st £30 Trevor Coombes , Marie Hood
- 2nd £20 Malcolm Kent , David Dale
- 3rd £10 Sharon Mills, Martyn Dines

Congratulations to the winners.

Prizes may be collected in person from behind the bar.
 Subscriptions of £12 are due for next year.
 Existing 100 Club members and others who would like to enrol, please pay £12 to Steve, behind the bar.

Men's Section - Captain Howard Gordon, Vice-Captain Richard Davis

The final two rounds of this year's Turkey Trot ended with Derek Bates and Mark Tilbury (winners of rounds one and two) failing to mount any serious challenge to Mark Payne who finished the comfortable winner. Mark played consistently well during each of his three rounds and finished with a best two rounds total score of 77 points. At the finish Gerry Allan ended in second place with 75 points ahead on count-back of Dave Tassell who had to settle for third place.



4 brave men actually turned up for the swindle on the 9th. Glenn, Paul, Dave and the Ghost from Christmas Past.

In the captain's swindle played on the day of Howard Gordon's "Playing In" it was Andy Selwood who finished the easy winner. Following a fabulous 23 points on his front nine Andy dropped several shots on his way home but still managed an impressive 40 points total, five points clear of the rest of the field. Fred Stokes finished in second place with 35 points ahead of Bob Wraight on count-back.

The last of November's captain's swindle competitions provided Andy Sargeant the opportunity to show his class again with a quality round of golf that gave him a winning score of 37 points. Bob Ireland also did well to finish on the same score but he lost out on count-back after he scored only one point on the last two holes. Kevin Stevens finished in third place with 36 points.

Derek Bates

Junior Section - Captain Callum Buchanan, Vice-Captain Millie Tucker

Saturday 2nd of December was the day of the Juniors' Christmas bash. The weather was fine and all those not working, including ex captain Jack Dale, turned out to play a nine hole stableford which was ably won by James.

Burger and chips, drinks and crackers followed then, tired of ten pin bowling, we all met up at the lazer rush palace (behind Tesco's) picking up the workers on the way. We had booked two games and our eight players were then matched up with about a dozen 8 – 10 year olds all charging around like they were born to lazer. However, after what seemed an eternity, all players emerged from the dark and the computer results confirmed that Team SGC had won a great victory. The anonymous team then settled down to a birthday tea leaving us to fight among ourselves for the next game. Being short of shooters, horror of horrors, Brian and I were reluctantly persuaded to join the battle, Louise having already gamely fought the eight year olds and was by then a seasoned warrior, which left us to all fight among ourselves. I was grateful to be taken under the wing of young Luke Milner who promised to protect me, and so he did admirably. The eventual champion was Oscar but it was a very close thing and I am much relieved to say I actually wasn't last. It was great fun and anyone who wants to challenge us next year (or before even) will be in for a great battle.



Ladies Section - Captain Sue Pout, Vice-Captain Louise Pout

We began the month with our second Christmas Competition on a properly cold Winter's morning. This didn't deter the large number of ladies who headed out on to the course. Best score on the day, resulting in a handicap cut, was Louise Tucker with 2 birdies and 7 pars, helping her to 36 points. Mia Waddingham was second with 34 points and Marjorie Harris third with 32 points.

The next round of the Christmas Competition was not quite as cold as the previous week and again attracted a large number of entrants. Mia Waddingham had the best score by some margin, with 38 points. Penny Perkins was second with 34 and Sally Lawson third with 33.

The following week we played the final round of our Christmas Competition in relatively benign conditions with very little wind. Mary King fared the best scoring 35 points, Louise Tucker and Mia Waddingham in second and third respectively both with 32 points.

We played a stableford at the end of the month in fairly unpleasant conditions, which meant that quite a lot of the ladies who set foot on the course did not stay the course for the full 18 holes. Scores were fairly low as a result, Mia Waddingham doing best on the day with 33 points, Lady Captain Sue Pout second with 26 and Mel Bashford third with 22.

The ladies AGM, which was held just before the new Captain's Drive In, ran as smoothly as ever. Outgoing Captain Maureen welcomed Sue Pout into the position of new Ladies Captain and wished her a successful year. The Committee remain the same for the coming year but with new addition Sharon Mills voted on for the next two years. Well done to all Committee members for their ongoing and often un-noticed hard work.

Louise

Midweeker's Section - Captain Alan Fowler, Vice Captain Dave Hodgson

November saw the Midweekers play three competitions one being held over from October. The first was the Dave Rosendale Sorcerers Trophy, this was won by Julian Zane with 39 points, 2nd was Tony Lavender with 36 points and 3rd Louise Tucker with 35 points. There were birdies for Martyn Silvertown, John Fullager and Paul Guilfoyle. Winners in the charity sweep were Martyn Silvertown and Peter Shearing. Eric Rochester won the October 9 pins. In the Captain's Challenge the captain and vice beat Louise Tucker and Mel Bashford 2 and 1.

The Tudor Tea Rooms Trophy was won by Ray Emmerson with a net 61, second was Roy Lee with a net 65 and third was Stan Dobson net 66. There were no birdies recorded, Howard Gordon, Mark Tilbury and Terry Robinson were all winners in the charity sweep, Howard donating his winnings to the captains charity. There was a win for Dave Hodgson and Gary Hartley Trigg in the Captain's Challenge. The November nine pins saw a win for Colin Whitaker with Mel Bashford 2nd.

The golfer of the year 2016-2017 was announced the winner being Alan Fowler with 88 points, 2nd Ian Moyses with 73 points and 3rd Don Williams with 70 points. John Fullager won the Captain's drive in prize the distance was 205.5 metres.

The final competition for November was the Vic Green Shield won by the President John Clarke with 40 points, 2nd was Don Crawford 35 points and 3rd Kevin Stevens with 34 points. There were birdies for John Clarke, Henry Kerrnighan (apologies if spelt incorrectly) and Tony Hart, Charity Sweep winners were Frank Sheldon, David Hodgson the third being a rollover.

In the Captain's Challenge there was a win for Mel Bashford and John Clarke by 2 points. This coming year the captain has announced that his charity will be the Pancreatic Cancer Research Fund which I am sure we all agree is a very worthwhile cause.

The list is up for the Xmas lunch currently more than 40 people have signed up to attend so it is bound to be an enjoyable event.

It just remains for the Midweekers to wish all members and staff a very happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Ian Horton

Old Salts' Section - Captain Colin Holton, Vice Captain Malcolm Cane

The final round of Dave's Half Dozen and Best Average Scores was played on 2nd November as usual the result was close with Ray Emerson topping the pile with 43 points, 2nd on countback was John Allen with 41 points and 3rd Denis Smith with 41 points. The last Captain's Challenge of Captain David Atkins tenure was unfortunately a loss as Captain and Vice Colin Holton were beaten 2 and 1 by Gwyn Oakley and Micky Dunne .

A nine hole friendly was played on 9th November, the winner with 22 points was Brian Daw.

The Captain's Challenge results for the last year were ;

Played 24, won 11, lost 11 and drew 2.

Largest win was by 8 and 7 against Steve Sage and Gwyn Oakley.

Largest loss was by 4 and 3 to Dave Rhodes and Dave Gower.

Old Salts Matches result was; Played 16 , won 5, Lost 9 and 2 Drawn.

2016/ 2017 TROPHY WINNERS

Savage Trophy.....*Colin Holton.*

Ken Vickers Trophy.....*Trevor Coombes.*

Normans Trophy.....*David Rhodes.*

Hugh Ridley Trophy....*Ian Burton.*

Frank Fox.....*Malcolm Cane.*

Denis Fewtrell Trophy.....*Brian Ridley.*

Seniors Cup*Brian Ridley.*

Dave Gould Trophy.....*John Dowle.*

Peter Tucker Trophy....*Ted Backhouse.*

Old Salts Trophy.....*Brian Ridley.*

Past Captains*Martyn Dines.*

Captains Day*Trevor Croxton.*

Des Barker Spring Cup....*Paul Lithgow.*

Old Salts Scratch Medal....*Brian Ridley.*

Presented by Peter Steigmann (see below)

Old Salts Challenge Cup....*Brian Ridley .*

Presented by Rod Whitehead (see below)

Best 3 from 6 scores ...*Andy Taylor.*

Best Average scores.....*Andy Taylor.*



The Old Salts AGM was held on 9th November 2017.

The well attended meeting started with a presentation of the minutes and committee members reports . The retiring Captain David Atkins then presented the final competition trophies to Andy Taylor and Brian Ridley.

The Captain and Vice Captain then presented a cheque to a representative from Cancer UK for £1151.42 collected from members throughout the year. (see above)

After thanking members of the committee and club members for their contribution through the year the outgoing Captain David Atkins handed over the reins to incoming Captain Colin Holton who thanked David for his contribution and commitment during the past year.

Captain Colin Holton and Vice Captain Malcolm Cane

The first competition of new Captain Colin Holton and Vice Malcolm Cane's tenure was a qualifying Stableford, entitled Colin's Capers, the winner of the Players section was Graham Hughes with 40 points, 2nd on countback was Mick Wyles with 37 points, 3rd was David Rigden with 37 points.

The winner of the Gentlemen's section was Ron Cooper with 39 points, 2nd was Peter Smith with 36 points and 3rd was Clive Whitten with 34 points. The Captain's Challenge was a win 3 and 2 for Captain Colin Holton and Vice Malcolm Cane against John Wegner and David Atkins.

An impressive 44 players turned out for a Drawn Pairs Greensomes competition on the 23rd November, in 3rd place on countback were Colin Holton and John Allen with 36 points , 2nd John Wegner and Ray Emmerson with 36 points , in 1st place were Micky Dunne and Peter Smith with 39 points. The final action of November was round two of Colin's Capers played on 30th November , the conditions were difficult with a freezing wind that tested all players, the result was a win for Sid Silk with 37 points, was Dave Rigden with 34 points and 3rd on count back was Malcolm Cane with 34 points.

The Captain's Challenge was a win by 4 and 3 for Captain Colin Holton and Vice Malcolm Cane against Gwyn Oakley and Dave Rhodes.

Brian Ridley

Greens Committee Meeting Agenda

11am Tuesday 21 st November

Present; John Stokes, Malcolm Kent, Bob Davis, John Rosser, Steve Suttle, Seth Devine and The Captain by invitation.

Apologies John Wegner resignation. John's resignation letter was discussed by the committee.

Matters arising;

8th Tee area, matting to be improved. Awaiting prices for the special matting.

Machinery repairs update;

Winter servicing costs. £5k + The budget will be looked at Jan/Feb to see if any money available for replacement machinery if available.

Course fencing repairs/improvement. Fence adjacent the 8th Green/9th Tee. Proposed date for the new fencing is w/c 27th November.

Noted that all the fencing, barring the railway line, needs to be replaced over time and if budget available. The next area to be considered is behind the 5th Tee.

Greens The greens were vertidraind in maintenance week and top dressed the following week. They healed up very well due to good growth and remain in good health. Last week they were deep slit and sprayed with an iron solution to 'harden' them off and improve presentation. Height of cut has been raised twice in recent weeks and is now 5.5mm. We have been plagued with the microscolex worms this Autumn which necessitates moving or caning every morning to disperse the casts. The colder weather does seem to drive them further down the soil profile, fortunately.

General: As well as the tees and surrounds the fairways were vertidraind in maintenance week to good effect. We had some localised damage due to the dry conditions, but this was all repairable. All fairways have been divotted since and any gaping mole plough slits have been filled as well. Last week we deep slit all tees and any worn carries to the fairways. We have also levelled off a number of sunken drainage trenches with our divot mix. As regards to winter work, we have a good number of bunker refurbishments planned due no doubt to the ongoing drought which basically dates back to the end of June 2016. I would also like to renovate the area immediately to the left of the 5th green which is rather the worse for wear. There is a fairy ring immediately behind the 2nd green which needs digging out and plenty of sinkholes around greens which require attention.

Steve Suttle, Head Greenkeeper

Ongoing Work: Some fairy ring removal was reported. There are some large ones still on the course and will need to be removed by machinery. A.O.B. Janet Henley complaint letter was discussed. It was disappointing to read and inaccurate. It was decided that no reply was warranted.

Houses/ Clubhouse storage. There will be an area adjacent to the practice net needed for the deconstruction of some loads for the new houses. This may mean that the out of bounds posts nearby may have to be moved.

The fence panels at the "Loo" along the 5th have been replaced and the facility improved. These have now been replaced and thanks go to the President and John Wegner. Rabbits on course. Seth has repaired a number of holes. Spring time will see if we have a problem.

Pond along 5th fairway. It is possible a work party will improve the area.

Land sale update; Completed: Final completion January 2018. Preparation of the site November.

Top dressing storage area by green keepers shed.(car park) Agreed to finalise at next meeting. Schedule of changes for tees, putting green and car park. Cannot be finalised until security fencing position is established. During construction of the new club house the 10th white tee may be placed on the 1st tee box with the yellow tee alongside on a mat. Also under consideration is the widening of the 1st tee box to accommodate the 10th Tee. A new 10th Tee will possibly be constructed in the Westcliff banking after the club house is finished. A temporary putting green is under consideration.

Green keepers Forum. January 2018 to be arranged for a Saturday morning in the new year from 10-11am. Irrigation tank, pumps, and costing re fairways. Estimated at over £100k for new tanks, pumps and extraction licence for the borehole. Not practical for a links course.

Oak Tree donation planted to the left of the 7th fairway near to caravans.

Next meeting will be on the 9th January

WINTER TEES

Now that the white tees have been taken in for the winter, to allow qualifying competitions to be played over the next few months we have had the winter course (mats) measured and certified by Golf England.

The course is 4976 yards with a par of 66 and a SSS of 64.

All stroke indexes remain as the existing 18 hole course card

IF THE WEATHER STAYS DRY DURING THE COMING WINTER THEN WE HOPE TO RE-INTRODUCE THE WHITE TEES IN EARLY/MID MARCH 2018

LOCAL RULE

PREFERRED LIES

Effective Saturday 7th October

Until further notice

A BALL LYING ON A CLOSELY MOWN AREA THROUGH THE GREEN MAY BE LIFTED WITHOUT PENALTY AND CLEANED. BEFORE LIFTING THE BALL, THE PLAYER MUST MARK ITS POSITION. HAVING LIFTED THE BALL, THE PLAYER MUST PLACE IT ON A SPOT WITHIN 6 INCHES OF AND NOT NEARER THE HOLE THAN WHERE IT ORIGINALLY LAY, THAT IS NOT IN A HAZARD AND NOT ON A PUTTING GREEN. PLAYER MAY PLACE HIS BALL ONLY ONCE, AND IT IS IN PLAY WHEN IT HAS BEEN PLACED. IF THE BALL FAILS TO COME TO REST ON THE SPOT ON WHICH IT IS PLACED RULE 20-3D APPLIES. IF THE BALL WHEN PLACED COMES TO REST ON THE SPOT BUT SUBSEQUENTLY MOVES THERE IS NO PENALTY AND THE BALL MUST BE PLAYED AS IT LIES, UNLESS THE PROVISIONS OF ANY OTHER RULE APPLY. IF THE PLAYER FAILS TO MARK THE POSITION OF THE BALL BEFORE LIFTING IT OR MOVES THE BALL IN ANY OTHER MANNER, SUCH AS ROLLING IT WITH A CLUB, HE INCURS A PENALTY OF 1 SHOT. **NOTE:-** 'CLOSELY MOWN AREA' MEANS ANY AREA OF THE COURSE, INCLUDING PATHS THROUGH THE ROUGH CUT TO FAIRWAY HEIGHT OR LESS. PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE; MATCH PLAY- LOSS OF HOLE. STROKE PLAY- 2 STROKES. IF PLAYER INCURS THE GENERAL PENALTY FOR A BREACH OF THIS LOCAL RULE NO ADDITIONAL PENALTY UNDER THE LOCAL RULE IS APPLIED.

General Committee

TEE RESERVATIONS

Below are days and times where sections of the Club have tee reservations in a normal week.

Monday(B.S.T)	17.00 TO 18.30 JUNIORS (1 ST and 2 nd holes)
Tuesday	08.00 TO 12.00 LADIES
Tuesday (B.S.T)	16.00 TO 17.00 GENTS SOCIAL
Thursday	08.00 TO 12.00 OLD SALTS
Thursday (B.S.T)....	13.30 TO 14.00 LADIES SOCIAL
Sunday.....	08.00 to 12.00 GENTS

The Mid Weekers have two competitions per month (usually middle Wednesday and last Friday of month) where the tees are reserved from 08.00 to 11.30 .

Both 1st and 3rd tees are reserved for the above, with the exception of the social golf where it is the 1 st tee only.

Members should be aware of this and endeavor not to impact on the smooth running of the events and fixtures.

Members should be aware of tee closures for Club matches, friendly matches, and the occasional society, which are all advised by way of the fixture list posted in the clubhouse, the outside notice board, and by way of the course sign situated by the entry to the course.

GOLF ETIQUETTE

The General Committee have been made aware of breaches in normal golfing etiquette by some members which are not acceptable such as:

Bad language, Excessive noise on the patio whilst players are putting out,
Slow play, Non repair of pitchmarks, Gentlemen not tucking shirts in trousers,

Not properly raking bunkers/Placement of rakes,

Not turning up for competitions,

Not entering score after competitions or handing in cards after playing,

Not using bins for disposal of cigarette "butts"

Golf etiquette is an integral part of the game, defining golf's core values.

It describes the manner in which the game should be played

TO ENSURE ALL GAIN MAXIMUM ENJOYMENT.

In short it's about respect!

Respect the course...leave it how YOU would like to find it.

Respect other players..be polite and sportsmanlike.

Respect the game...play to the rules.

If a player consistently disregards the basics of golf etiquette over a period of time then the Committee can take disciplinary action against the offending player(s).

It could be the disqualification from a competition under Rule 33-7

Or even a suspension from playing for a period of time.

Please consider your actions whilst at the Club.

We all play here because we enjoy the social and friendly environment, please work together to maintain standards, within the framework of golfing etiquette.

Introductory Membership Whitstable & Seasalter Golf Club

In April 2015 the Club introduced a new category of membership titled Flexible Membership. The category has introduced a number of members to the Club since then.

For the membership renewal date of April 2017 the terms of this membership was reviewed, so that such membership would not be available from April 2018. Members would either have to become Full Members, or take the option of not re-joining the Club.

In order to attract potential new members, the Board have taken the decision to introduce a category of membership titled; Introductory Membership.

This membership is available to new members for 1 year, in order that they can play the course and determine whether they would wish to become Full Members.

The membership will be limited to 30 rounds of 18 holes (60 tickets of 9 holes issued) for use during the subscription year.

A handicap can be obtained, and the course can be played on the same conditions as Full Membership. The fee for this membership is £350.00, to be paid in one payment. There is also the obligation to buy £100.00 in Club shares (redeemable on leaving)

New Incident Book for Balls Hit Outside the Course

Will all members please note we have a new book in the lobby that is to be filled in if you unfortunately hit a ball outside the confines of the course. This must be filled in with as much detail as possible on the day of the incident.

All submissions, comments and photos welcome