



tidings

Howdy from the President

Hello everyone.

Quite a lot has happened at the club since my last Tidings. Course maintenance has been completed successfully with heavy rain just at the right time on the following weekend, 23.5 mm wow... so good news for Steve and Seth.

I had my annual Presidents match this past Sunday 29th away at Chestfield and they also are in the middle of Maintenance. On that note I would like to thank the 13 ladies and gentlemen for giving up their time to be part of my team. I am sure they would join me in saying that we had a great day and were warmly welcomed by our close neighbours. I look forward to our return match next year.

Finals day has also happened and thankfully it was excellent weather for all the players. I would like to congratulate all the winners Mick Found (Captains prize), David Hodgson (Seasalter Cup), Ray Emmerson (Veterans Putter), Callum Buchanan (Juniors), Sue Pout [Lady Captain] (Seasalter Trophy), Jack Tucker and Millie Tucker (Stanley Cup), Joan Sykes and Helen Foad (Jubilee Rose Bowl).

Where there are winners there also has to be runners up so well done for reaching the final namely Jack Tucker, Jimmy Bennett, Tony Love, Millie Tucker, Mel Bashford and Val Brown. As you can see some players achieved more than one final, which is very impressive. to the runners up better luck next year. The keen-eyed ones amongst you will notice there is one result missing..... the prestigious Committee Cup for the men's section for which we had two members tied. The play-off for the title was between Callum and Ian Horton played in the October Medal which Callum eventually won by 3 shots thus scooping the trophy. I am looking forward to the night golf scheduled for the 26th October. Last year's event was brilliant so fingers crossed for good weather which is essential. Howard and Richard have put an awful lot of work into this particular event so well done to them.

The annual Dinner and Dance is fast approaching and there are still places left! It would be nice to see as many of this year's trophy winners in attendance as possible so please come if you are free, it's a great night to end the golfing season. Steve the Steward at the Bar is taking the bookings

So to end my message, enjoy your golf and attend as many social events as you can throughout the winter period.

Bye for now John



*All those who thought our President was a bandit
You were right!!*

... and from the Captain



Let me start by saying congratulations to Robert Davis on the announcement of him becoming Richard's Vice-Captain. I will take this opportunity to wish you all the best and am sure you will both make a good team

We had a good evening on the cockney night with Steve Brown entertaining with Tony and his staff keeping it traditional with his pie and mash.

Finals day went well with some new names going on the trophies so well done to all the runners up for getting there and to the winners.

In the he mixed match against Westgate I was paired with Louise and we had a good day and our team won 4/3 overall so a good result.

There are some spaces left for the dinner and dance so get your names down and join us for a great evening.

And finally don't forget the Halloween party on the 26 October. There is some space left so if you want to give the night golf a go as there will now be a 8 o'clock group going out, you can eat first then enjoy your golf.

Prizes will be up for grabs for the best fancy dress and best pumpkin. This will be my last event as Captain so come along and enjoy yourselves. If you are not playing golf but want food get your names down on the list to avoid disappointment. Otherwise just come down for the evening friends and family all welcome

Happy golfing - Captain

Men's Section -

Captain Howard Gordon, Vice-Captain Richard Davis

The two Sunday morning Captain's Swindle competitions ended with wins for Rob Davis and John Wegner. In the first swindle early in the month, Rob Davis managed to finish in front on count-back from the ever consistent Callum Buchanan. Both players finished with forty points but a blistering back nine from Bob put him out of reach and Callum had to settle for the runners up slot. Tommy Burns just missed out prior to his return to Malta but still managed third place with thirty-nine points. In the other Captain's swindle competition played this month John Wegner ended outright winner on thirty-nine points just one clear of the rest of the field. Four players finished on thirty eight points but John Stokes sneaked second place with a twenty point back nine finish to put him in front of Dave Rigden who finished in third place.

Eventual winner of the September Medal competition was Ronnie Rumball; his net sixty-four was just good enough to put him ahead of Neil Bennett on count-back. Ronnie played

steadily throughout dropping just three shots on both the front and back nines. Neil Bennett might have won

outright but for a double bogie on sixteen but took some consolation from the fact that he picked up the scratch prize with his gross seventy. Neil's son James Bennett also played well to take third place with a net sixty-five total.

This month's September medal competition provided the last opportunity this year to pick up committee cup points. Neil Bennett almost succeeded in finishing with the same points total as the current leaders but his second place finish left him two points short of what he needed. At the finish Ian Horton and Callum Buchanan both ended tied on twenty-four points. A play-off was arranged between Callum and Ian in the October medal to decide the outright winner of the Committee Cup which Callum won by 3 shots

Derek Bates

STROKE and DISTANCE - NEW LOCAL RULE

The Club's Committee has agreed to the introduction of this new local rule on 1st January 2019. As a result players will have an additional **OPTION** to drop a ball, at the cost of a two shot penalty, close to where they believe their ball to be lost or out of bounds. This new option has been introduced to avoid the time wasted when players, who can't find their ball or whose ball has gone out of bounds, have to walk back to the place from where their last shot was played to play their next shot. Players **may of course continue to use existing options** i.e. hit another ball from where they played their original ball or play a provisional ball, though if they choose to do so, the new option cannot then be used on that occasion.

So what will you do when you arrive at the spot where you think your ball should be but you can't find it or you discover it has gone out of bounds? Well the answer is simple, you will identify two reference points - one the "ball reference point" where you believe your ball would have come to rest and the "fairway reference point" closest point to the fairway of the hole being played. These two reference points will provide you with an imaginary line that extends two club lengths either side. The extension of this line will permit you to drop your ball on the fairway or closely mown grass if you wish. However the ball must be dropped behind this imaginary line, not nearer to the hole, within a line from the hole through the ball reference point (or within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and a line from the hole through the fairway reference point (or within two club-lengths to the outside of that line).

That sounds a bit complicated but it isn't. See drawing below -

GOLF'S NEW RULES: STROKE AND DISTANCE

A new Local Rule will provide an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds. This new Local Rule will be available beginning January 1, 2019.

BALL OUT OF BOUNDS



LOST BALL



If the Local Rule is in effect, you can still take stroke-and-distance relief, but you will now have the following additional option that comes with a penalty of two strokes:

A DETERMINE SPOT where your ball went out of bounds (left diagram) or is likely to be lost (right diagram).

B FIND NEAREST FAIRWAY EDGE no closer to the hole.

C DROP YOUR BALL IN SHADED AREA as defined on one side by a line from the hole through point A and on the other side by a line from the hole through point B, and not nearer the hole. The relief area is extended on both sides by two club-lengths.

This Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur level competitions.

Preferred Lies have been authorised for the period 1st October 2018 until 30th April 2019.

Please see below the Winter Rules which are approved by CONGU for use in qualifying competition:

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, he must place it on a spot within six inches of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green. (Appendix 1 Part A 3b of the Rules of Golf)

Through the green, a ball that is **embedded** may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. (Appendix 1 Part A 3a of the Rules of Golf)

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

September was a good time for the Juniors, very busy. We don't have many actually competing at the moment but those that do are really cracking on.

Just before Finals weekend we had the Ford Five Club which Millie positively romped away with. Then finals weekend was a three day event for some. Friday evening saw Jack and Millie play Mel and Callum in the Stanley Cup – Jack and Millie won on the 20th. Saturday saw Callum and Millie battle things out again in the Richard Gremo K O cup, this time glory went to Callum and on Sunday Millie and Mel played Joan Sykes and Helen Foad in the Jubilee Rose Bowl losing on the 18th, so close games all round.

Callum got himself tied on points for the Committee Cup with Ian Horton, I believe this was unprecedented, so the decision was made that they play their next Sunday medal as a decider. Half way round both (playing in separate groups) had decided they had lost but after a nervous second nine Callum came out the victor. Well done to both.

Next junior medal should have been Saturday 13th but as it turned out none of the competing juniors could make it so that one will be on hold, but hopefully before the Playing In and arrival of our new Junior Captain, Millie Tucker. Please do try to make the Playing In and support all the participants.

Mel

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

September teed off with round 5 of Holton's Hooch Stableford and good scores were returned in both sections of Old salts. For the Players the winner was John Allen with 40 points, 2nd was Gwyn Oakley with 39 points and 3rd was Micky Dunne with 35 points. The Players section best score was Ray Campbell with 38 points, 2nd was Paul Lithgow with 36 points. In 3rd place was Peter Smith with 35 points.

The Captain's Challenge saw Captain Colin Holton and Vice Malcolm 'the lifeboat man' Cane managed to as the Captain put it 'stop the rot' by halving their match with challengers Gwyn Oakley and Kit Ryan.

On Tuesday 11th Old Salts played in the annual 7 Club Shield at Westgate and finished in 5th place. This was followed on the 12th with a match against Stonelees Golf Club the result was a drawn match. Thursday saw the playing of the Autumn Shield Stableford competition, The winner was Paul Lithgow with 44 points, 2nd was Gwyn Oakley with 39 points and 3rd was Sid Silk with 39 points.

The Captain's Challenge was another testing game for Captain Colin Holton and Vice Malcolm 'the lifeboat man' Cane resulting in a win for the challengers John Allen and Andy Taylor 3 and 1.

Congratulations to Ray Emmerson (The Old Salt not the President of Zimbabwe !) for his win by 2 and 1 against Tony Love in the final of the Veteran's Putter.

Friday 14th saw the first of a series of matches for Old Salts, the first was against Hythe away , the result was a 4 ½ to 1 ½ win for Hythe , Monday Old Salts played Boughton Golf club away and finished with a creditable drawn match this in turn was followed by another away match against Sheerness , under very trying windy conditions the hosts won by 4 and 2.

Thursday 20th was a friendly four ball and a Captain's Challenge, the result was , David Kinnersley and Brian Ridley showed Captain Colin Holton and Malcolm 'the lifeboat man' Cane 'a clean pair of heels' winning 2 and 1.

Old Salts match away at Manston golf club proved an interesting day but also difficult as Old Salts lost 4 ½ to 1 ½ . The final round of Holton's Hooch was played on the 27th , the result was a win for Tommy Burns with 40 points, 2nd was Ray Campbell with 37 points and 3rd on count back was David Morgan with 37. The Captain's Challenge was a comprehensive win for the challengers , Tommy Burns and David Morgan 5 and 3 against Captain Colin Holton and Vice Malcolm 'the lifeboat man' Cane. Congratulations to Colin Holton for a 'mind blowing' performance against strong opposition in winning the Dennis Annis Cup for Captains and Past Captains.

Brian Ridley

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

The annual Daily Mail Foursomes was well supported and scores were good despite it not being the easiest of formats. Winners were Lady Captain Sue Pout and Ann Milner with 37 points, second were Joan Sykes and Fran Price with 36 and third Mel Bashford and Louise Tucker with 34.

We were blown round the course during the Autumn Greensomes although it didn't rain and it was a nice temperature. Scores were close at the top, winners on count back were Stella Lakin and Louise Tucker with 37 points, Jacky Barker and Mia Waddingham were second on the same score. Two points further behind were Betty Washby and Sally Lawson on 35 points. Best score on the front nine was 18 points by Jane Nearn and Joan Sykes, best back nine was Sue Goodall and Sally Davis with 20 points.

The last Tuesday of the month we played a charity stableford for the Herne Bay Memorial Trophy. The weather was beautiful but it wasn't easy to score well, as reflected by the scores returned. Sally Lawson was the winner, on count back from Penny Perkins, both with 31 points.

We hosted Westgate in the return leg of the annual double-header we have with them on a dreary wet Saturday afternoon. They comprehensively beat us at Westgate earlier in the year so we were delighted to get revenge at home, winning 4 matches to 3. Despite the weather it was a good day. Food, company and wine enjoyed by all.

Louise

Midweekers' Section - Captain Alan Fowler, Vice Captain Dave Hodgson

September proved to be a busy month for the midweekers, starting with the Cecil Wren Cup, this was won by Tony Lavender with a net 61, second was Tony Taunton with a net 66 and third Martyn Silverton net 67. There were birdies for John Wegner on the 6th/15th, Tony Lavender on the 4th/13th hole and Bert Thompson on the 9th/18th. Charity sweep winners were Tony Taunton, Andy Short and Stan Dobson. In the Captain's Challenge it was a win for the Captain and vice against Martyn Silverton and myself the result 2 and 1 due mainly to the fact that I played little part in the game, and I am still looking for an excuse.

The second qualifier of the month was the Hamish Burnett Tandoori Cup, this was won by Tony Love with 43 points, a great score, second was Nick Denly 40 points and third John Allen 39 points. There were birdies for Don Crawford and Tony Taunton on the 4th/13th hole for Ivan Smith and Stan Dobson on the 6th/15th hole and for Don Crawford on the 8th/17th hole. Charity sweep winners were Ernie West & Die West and in the Captain's challenge, the captain playing with Tony Love managed a half against Ivan Smith and Nick Denly.

During course maintenance week sixteen of the mid weekers had a day out at Gillingham Golf Club which was enjoyed by all although narrow tree lined fairways did not suit everybody, the winner on the day was Don Crawford with 34 points second Don Williams with 33 points and third on countback was Derek Allen, Tony Lavender picked up the booby prize with an uncharacteristic 21 points, the nearest the pin prize went to Ron Orford at a distance of 9ft 2ins which is about twice his height.

The last event of the month was the Autumn match where a Whitstable team plays a Seasalter team quite how we arrive at deciding who plays for who is a bit baffling as a quarter of the participants come from Herne Bay, however, it turned out to be a win for the captain and his Seasalter team 294 points to 287. Nearest the pin on the 13th was myself and on the 15th Tony Lavender, the ladies nearest the pin on the 13th was Di West, best front nine was Don Williams and the best back nine was Ron Griffin. The winners etc all going home clutching bottles of wine which by now have probably been consumed.

The mid weekers charity night is being held on the 12th of October if you wish to attend see Don Williams who is organising the tables, it is always a good night and well worth supporting.

Don't forget the Midweekers is open to all club members without subscription so come along and get your name down give it a go!

Ian Horton

The Club in Pictures



Ray Emmerson
Veteran's Trophy Winner



Mick Found
Captain's Prize Winner



Dave Hodgson
Seasalter Cup Winner



Callum Buchanan
Junior Knockout Trophy Winner



Sue Pout
Seasalter Trophy Winner



Millie & Jack Tucker
Stanley Cup Winners



Invicta Trophy Presentation
The Old Salts were winners 5-4



Joan Sykes & Helen Foad
Jubilee Rosebowl Winners



Founder Members of the Ray Emmerson
Survivors Club and Ray
New members welcome!



Old Salts
Enjoying the view from Tony Bensted's
newly re-sited bench



John Wegner's birthday celebrations
reach full swing at The Thai Orchid -
next stop Strictly!



Don Crawford starts his new career
as TV repair man at Coulsdon Manor.
You might need some
more practice Don!

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).

The winners of the 100 Club draw for August are:

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1st £30 Peter Steigmann
2nd £20 Ryn Hudson
3rd £10 Marjorie Harris

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

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Ryn Hudson 100 Club contact: T. 07713 160207 email sgc_100_club@icloud.com

Well done and thank you for your support.

AGM date is:

Saturday 10TH November at 11am when new

Captains will also be appointed

Members envelopes are available to

collect from the lobby in clubhouse.

Whitstable & Seasalter Golf Club

Dress Code

General: At all times, members and guests must be smartly dressed.

On the Course:

Gentlemen should wear collared shirts, collar-less golf shirts or roll neck shirts tucked into waistbands. Shorts should be properly tailored (no combat, sports or beach styles).

Proper Golf Shoes (not trainers) should be worn.

No shell suits, track suits or leggings.

Trousers should not be tucked into socks. Jeans are not permitted. No football shirts.

In the Clubhouse:

No Golf shoes are permitted (including those with soft soles or cleats), except when ordering food, when players must keep to the matted areas.

No waterproofs should be worn.

Caps or hats are not permitted.

Smart jeans (including blue) are permitted. They must not be cut, torn or bleached.

Mobile Phones

On the Course:

Except in an emergency, mobile phones should not be used.

In the Clubhouse:

Their silent use only is permitted.

Issued by the Club Committee March 2018

CAPTAIN'S FAREWELL PARTY FRIDAY 26TH OCTOBER

NIGHT GOLF & HALLOWEEN EVENING
PRIZE FOR BEST FANCY DRESS
PRIZE FOR BEST PUMPKIN

TEAM TEXAS SCRAMBLE

NIGHT GOLF

£20 PER PERSON INCLUDES FOOD
6PM FOR 6.30PM SHOTGUN START

FOOD WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR
NON-PLAYERS £6PP

ALL MEMBERS, KIDS &
FRIENDS WELCOME

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.

**N.B. Ladies Summer Tee Time on Thursdays is 1.30pm - 2.00pm as per Noticeboard
This applies to both 1st and 3rd Tees**

All submissions, comments and photos welcome