



# *tidings*

## A Message from the President

**Hello everyone.**

First I would like to wish you all a Happy and Prosperous New Year with good health. 2018 went out with excellent celebrations for Christmas and New Year organised by the Social committee. Well done all those who attend those meetings to put on our entertainment during the winter months and an extra special thanks to all the Ladies who helped with the Children's' Christmas party.

Last month I asked you all to make a special effort to repair pitch marks on the greens, well along with the Captains also mentioning the subject in their speeches, I am pleased to say there has been a big improvement so let's keep it up along with Divot marks please.

I must say the course is looking and playing the best I have seen it in the winter months for a long time, so a big shout out for Ted in his new role and the well planned work by Steve & Seth. It's great to see the fairways recovering too.



*Michael entertains the kids at the Christmas party, ably assisted by an Elf.*

Congratulations to Don Crawford, Callum Buchanan & Don Williams who all had a Hole in one on the same morning! The good news for this lucky trio is that everyone in the bar afterwards were all drinking coffee! I think that is what is known as a great Escape for the Hole In One'ers.....

Upon us is probably the most significant year in the Clubs History for some time as we all witness the New Clubhouse grow from its foundations. This journey is a bit like Brexit! Whether you are for it or against it, we should all embrace the decision made by the majority and produce something that our future generations can use for their enjoyment and will also be a statement to other Clubs in the area that we are a contender in these forever changing times.

To conclude my message for this month, I would like to say to you all Just enjoy the coming year's Golf as there will be plenty to distract us nationally and don't forget for you members that have spare energy and good ideas to come forward and serve our Club which can be rewarding.

**Bye for now John**

**Please send me all your photos and stories for inclusion**

## ... and from the Captain



I hope you all had a fab festive period, we had some great parties which were all well supported. The children's Christmas Party was fun filled with not only a visit from Santa, but also our very own Michael Behr, who captivated the children with his brilliant book "What Jak saw" Well done Michael. The following day we had the adults Xmas party and prize draw which was well attended, with some very lucky members collecting their fantastic prizes.

I have to say a big thank you to Mrs D and our budding chef Adam for helping out with the sausage rolls and refreshments for the Boxing Day "Captains Brandy Stakes", which was won by Ronnie Rumball with a very good score of 42 points.

The rest of December's Sunday golf was made up of 5 Captain's swindles, with wins from John Stokes (The Lion Tamer), Vice Captain Bob Davis, Neil Brown and the man in form Gerry Allen. The Captain's challenges for December were as follows won 3 lost 3 Well done Bruv !

We had a brilliant NYE celebration with entertainment by our very own Stephen Gerlis's band "The Martellos" they really did get the place jumping with their fantastic tunes. Thanks to both Steve Woods and Tony Love and their staff for keeping us fed and watered throughout the evening.

I'm really looking forward to what should prove to be an historic year in our clubs history with the new club house now firmly under way. I'm sure the excitement will build throughout the year as the construction progresses and we start to see the fruits of our Secretary and Directors efforts from previous years.

I know everyone behind the scenes here at W&SGC are working hard to keep the momentum going from 2018 and I wish you all a fun filled 2019 and look forward to the warmer weather.

## Richard

### Men's Section -

### Captain Richard Davis, Vice-Captain Bob Davis

The first of the Captain's Swindle events this month saw Adam Birmingham almost pull off a surprise with a commendable thirty-nine points. However he had to settle for second place when John Stokes went one better and finished clear winner on forty points. In the next swindle of the month Ron Cooper almost achieved a similar surprise win but he too had to settle for second place when Gerry Allan finished one point clear of the rest of the field on thirty-eight points. Gerry went on to achieve back to back wins when in the next Sunday morning event he finished with a massive forty-two points and finished two shots clear of Callum Buchanan who sneaked second place on count-back from John Grout.

In the Swindle on the Sunday before Christmas, Dave Tassell and Jon Perkins must have thought they had done enough to share first and second places after they each posted forty points. Unfortunately Rob Davis had different ideas and

after a blistering round, which included four birdies, he ended the very clear winner with forty-five points, leaving Dave and Jon to argue over the scraps.

In the Captains Brandy Stakes on Boxing Day, Ronnie Rumball put on a class show to finish the comfortable winner on forty-one points. Andy Selwood might have done better but had to settle for second place after he unexpectedly finished with a double bogie on the last and ended with only thirty-nine points.

Neil Brown did particularly well in the final Captain's Swindle of the month to end clear winner on forty-one points. After a disappointing start, Neil finished with twenty-six points on his back nine to end a point clear of the rest of the field. Lloyd Foster and Giles Govier both finished on forty points to take second and third places respectively.

## Derek

## Midweeker's Section - Captain Dave Hodgson

The first competition of the month was the Tony Bensted and Pat Bensted Trophies, the Tony Bensted trophy being won by Ray Cambell with 41 points, second on count back was Michael Cousins with 35 points and third was Ivan Smith also with 35 points.

In the nine hole competition first was Glenn Snook, second was Howard Gordon and third was Eynon Price. There were birdies on the 6th/15th holes for Howard Gordon, Malcolm Cane, James Marsh and Ivan Smith. Charity sweep winners were Terry Robinson, Ray Cambell and Paul Guilfoyle. After the results of the competition there was a presentation for "Golfer of the Year" which went to John Wegner, second was Paul Guilfoyle and third was Tony Lavender. James Marsh was presented with an award for 100 midweeker competition attendances.



The 'Hole in One' Club

The competition was followed by the Christmas lunch which was attended by just over 30 people a good time was had by all, plenty of excellent food followed by the singing of carols.

In the Captain's challenge partnered by Tony Lavender they ran out winners by three and one.

The second competition of the month was the Tony Love December Trophy, this was won by Gerry Allen with 41 points second Don Williams with 39 points and third Ian Horton with 38 points. There were birdies on the 6/15th. for Gerry Allen on the 4/13th. for Andy Short, Ron Orford (2) Gerry Allen and Julian Zane, and on the 9/18th holes for Callum Buchanan and Louise Tucker. In the Captain's challenge, the captain Dave Hodgson partnered by Tony Lavender lost by two holes to Callum Buchanan and Bob Davies.

Just to finish with as some of you who follow facebook will know, on New Years Eve in the midweekers roll up there were ten people playing and of those ten, three, Don Williams, Don Crawford and Callum Buchanan all had holes in one. This must surely be some kind of if not national at least a club record.

**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 New Clubhouse So Far



## Old Salts' Section - Captain Malcolm Cane, Vice Captain Dave Rigden

Old Salts December campaign teed off on a dull, damp day with a nine hole competition, however the proceedings brightened considerably at around midday as fifty members gathered for the annual Old Salts Christmas lunch.

As usual it was a raucous affair ably conducted by Captain Malcolm Cane with interesting contributions from Graham Hughes and a questionable attempt by a certain C.Holton esq to pre-empt ex president Michael Behr's Loyal Toast !!

A good meal was enjoyed by all and prizes were awarded by the Captain to the first three in the nine hole competition. In 3rd place was Denis Smith with 21points, 2nd was an 'overseas player' Les cox with 22 points but the winner was Paul Sampson with 23 points. A special award was presented to Fred Stokes for his contribution to Health and Safety on the course (as he didn't play) !!

In closing the Captain thanked all members for their contributions to the raffle which raised £282.00 for his charity and also thanked all those who contributed prizes. As the greens were all back in play on the 13 th the Captain flexed his humour muscles and decided to play a Malc's Best 3 from 4 qualifier,after a delayed start due to the 'arctic' conditions



Winner Paul Sampson



Mr Happy and the Captain

a strong field produced some

good results. In 3rd place on countback

was Robbie Fudge with 35 points, 2nd was Paul Samson with 36 points but the winner was Captain Malcolm Cane with an excellent 40 points.

Special congratulation go to David Kinnersley for a hole in one on the 15th, his first for fifty years!!

David Rhodes partnered by Colin Whittaker challenged Captain Malcolm Cane and Vice Captain David Rigden, the result saw Captain and Vice winning 2 and 1.

A mention too for Brian Ridley who achieved his first hole in one on the 15th playing with the Mid-Weekers on Monday 17th.

A Drawn Texas Scramble was played on the 20th, unfortunately the weather reduced the field but despite that some good results were returned. In 1st place were John Stokes, Micky Dunne, Colin Whittaker and Sid Silk with 55.3points, 2nd were Captain Malcolm Cane, Rod Whitehead, Peter Smith and Ray Emmerson 56.4 and 3rd were David Rigden, Paul Samson, Trevor Croxton and Ray Campbell with 58.6 points.

The last Old Salts Qualifier of 2018 was a round of the Winter Eclectic. In 1st place was John Allen with 42 points, 2nd was Ray Campbell with 39 points and 3rd on count back was Sid Silk with 39 points. The Captain's Challenge saw Vice Captain David Rigden ably partnered by John Wegner take on Graham Hughes and Ray Campbell, the result, much to Mr Wegner's chagrin, was a win for the challengers on the last hole,

**The Old Salts Captain and Committee wish all members.  
A Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year For 2019**

**Written especially for the Old Salts**

Golf is a game, invented by God to punish guys who retire early.

**A quote from Colin Holton**

"My game is so bad I had to have my ball retriever re-gripped!"

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## Ladies Section - Captain Louise Tucker

We managed to get our final Christmas stableford competition played at the beginning of December, Jackie Crowther scoring best with 32 points, Louise Tucker was one behind on 31 and Sue Pout and Mel Bashford both one further back on 30 points.

Our annual Christmas Pink Ball competition was well-supported by lots of ladies in Christmas hats and jumpers and with trollies adorned for the day with tinsel. The winning trio were Janet Henley, Mel Bashford and Holly Butler with a team score of 63 points. In second place were Louise Tucker, Clare Harrison and Pat Bensted, one point behind on 62. Third spot went to Val Brown, Jacky Barker and Vilma Parrett, one further point back on 61.

Following the Pink Ball, 37 ladies stayed on for our annual Christmas lunch. Food was lovely (thank you Tony and team), mulled wine very welcome (well done Steve) and the accompanying bingo and sing-song the perfect way to start Christmas. We also gave out prizes to all 33 ladies who'd competed in the Christmas Competition (best 3 of 5 scores counting). Top spot went to Louise Tucker with 104 points, second place to Jackie Crowther with 93 points and third to Lynne Hollands with 90 points.

Many thanks from the ladies to all at the Club who supported our annual Christmas coffee morning, especially those who made the effort to get down to the Club on an incredibly foul Saturday morning. Your support is always much-appreciated, and also to all those who generously donated prizes for our Charity raffle, all proceeds going to the Young Minds charity.

Looking forward to more golf and good times in 2019. A Happy New Year to all from the ladies!

### Louise

## Junior Section - Captain Millie Tucker

Playing in day came with appropriate weather but a somewhat nervous edge. There was an air of let's get this thing over with but, as ever, the Tucker family came up trumps with Millie, ably assisted by Callum dutifully putting the balls down for her, driving magnificently, her longest drive being a socking 160 yards. Unfortunately I can't remember who won the yardage, it certainly wasn't me but I know that with John's help Brinley came back with a whole handful of 'only hit once golf balls'.

Our section may be small (any newcomers more than welcome) but, as with Callum, with Millie at the helm we are in for a very good year.

Saturday 1st December was not only the ladies' coffee morning but also the juniors' party day. The weather was just about as foul as it could be but two wonderfully brave souls went out to play nine holes, Millie and Luke, they came back soaked to the skin and frozen stiff. "Never mind, you're young you'll survive" chorused all the adults as they hugged the bar for what they considered a well earned drink after the efforts of the morning. Tony came to the rescue, however, with burgers and chips and all was well. Next stage of the day was on to Manston Golf for a go on the Crazy Golf course. Eight of us went down, four adults and four juniors. For anyone who doesn't know the set up let me paint a picture. There are 18 holes staged a bit like a pirate ship that has been wrecked on an island. There are 'rivers of blood' monsters, caves you name it, there is even a pontoon bridge to pull yourself across the water, that caused havoc especially when Noah fell in. The atrocious weather only added to the atmosphere and, tho the kids took it in their stride, never have four adults laughed so much before or since. At one point Louise was in such hysterics we thought she might have a laundry problem, especially as Brian would insist on taking a practice putt each time. The two very bored young lads at the entrance who took our money casually mentioned 'it's a bit wet out there'. You couldn't putt four feet without having to hit the ball through a large puddle.

Probably it would be a bit boring on a calm sunny day but in a force ten gale and water everywhere we had fun like never before.

### Mel

**Note: Due to a number of technical reasons the Junior Section report was missed last month. So in the interests on completeness here it is now.**

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# Greens Committee Meeting

## 11am Tuesday 8th January 2019.

Present; Ted Henderson, Steve Suttle, Seth Devine, John Stokes  
Apologies; John Rosser

### **Matters arising;**

Peter Leeves is due back to repair the broken valve on the sprinkler system pump. Steve will then speak to him about anchoring down the pump and also some other items on the course that need repairing.

### **Machinery repairs update;**

Cushman has been taken away to workshops as it was leaking fluids on the greens. Its return is due in the next few days. General maintenance of the remainder of the machinery will commence in the next few weeks.

### **Course fencing repairs/improvement.**

Length of fence behind 5th Tee for price and repair. Still chasing for a visit to quote. To be chased again or alternative installer found.

### **Green Keepers Report.**

#### **Greens**

Height of cut on the greens mower has been raised to the winter setting of 6mm. Due to the very mild winter so far we are still cutting 2 or 3 times a week. We have not had a proper frost yet. Greens and surrounding areas have been deep slit twice so far with more treatments due, weather permitting. November was the wettest month for two years with December starting off in much the same manner which coupled with mild temperatures meant I treated the greens with fungicide. Greens are now healthy with consistently good coverage. However, microsclex worm activity has been quite vigorous, meaning we have to switch or mow greens daily.

#### **General**

Fairways and adjoining areas as well as tees have been aerated three times so far with further treatments planned whilst conditions remain conducive.

Bunker renovations are well underway with five completed so far with more to come.

Sunken drain lines have been levelled, in some cases as on the 3rd fairway they have been re-turfed. Sinkholes around greens are being levelled up when ground conditions permit as they certainly are at present following several weeks without rain!

#### **Steve Suttle**

Head Greenkeeper

### **Ongoing Work**

**See Green Keeper's report.**

#### **New Clubhouse issues.**

1. Soil storage to the left of the 1st/10th fairway.

Most soil moved. Need to discuss with contractor when able to repair damage caused by earth movements to storage area.

2. Meeting due with Stephen Woods (contractor) about constructing the new permanent 1st/10th tee.

3. Greenkeeper requires access to new temporary putting green to mow and therefore potentially make playable later in the year.

A.O.B. None

**Members must not under any circumstances enter the new club house building site.**

**Next meeting will be on Tuesday 12th March at 11am**

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

## The winners this month are:

1st £30 Henry Kernighan

2nd £20 Inga Parry

3rd £10 Brian Prattl

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](mailto:sgc_100_club@icloud.com)

Well done and thank you for your support.

## BAD LANGUAGE & INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

Over recent months the Board of Directors have received a number of complaints from members concerning the use of bad language or more especially swearing!

We pride ourselves here at Whitstable & Seasalter Golf Club on our friendliness and the number of excellent social events we hold. It encourages members of all ages and backgrounds to mix and benefit from our facilities .

On occasions a small minority of members take this sociability too far, by using inappropriate language, and acting in an inappropriate manner, both on the course and in the Clubhouse, which causes offence and distress to others. Please be aware that not everyone likes to hear such language and there is no place for it on the course or in the Clubhouse.

The Board wish to state that this language **WILL NOT BE TOLERATED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**. Sanctions will be taken against members who continue to use bad language.

Board of Directors January 2019

**ALL MEMBERS MUST  
MAKE SURE THAT IF  
THEY HIT A BALL THAT  
LEAVES THE COURSE  
THEY FILL IN THE  
APPROPRIATE BOOK  
IN THE FOYER OF THE  
CLUBHOUSE  
THIS IS COMPULSORY  
FOR ALL MEMBERS &  
GUESTS**

## Social Update

Hi All. I hope everyone had a good Christmas and New Year. I think everyone enjoyed the Christmas parties both adults and kids and also the New Year's Eve celebrations. Now the new year has started we have Burn's Night coming up (see posters) and another Casino Night in February. I hope to see everyone at one of these events. Hopefully they will appeal to most.

Bob Davis

## 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*

## Whitstable & Seasalter Golf Club

### Changes to Local Rules On Score Cards

Effective 1st January 2019

1. Out of Bounds; Rule 27 changes to Rule 18.2  
Addition of  
h) Beyond white posts on left side of 5/14th holes
2. Stones in Bunkers; no longer applicable
3. Removeable Obstructions;  
Rule 24.2 changes to Rule 16.1
7. Fixed Sprinkler Heads.  
Second line amended to read  
"under Rule 16.1 from under Rule 24.2
10. Distance Measuring Devices;  
no longer applicable.

We as a golf committee have decided **NOT TO ADOPT** the local rule concerning dropping in the vicinity of a ball suspected to be lost or out of bounds.

**General Committee December 2018**

When the scorecards are re printed sometime during 2019 these changes will be amended on the cards as required.

# TEE RESERVATIONS

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

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

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.

**All submissions, comments and photos welcome**