



tidings

A Message from the President

Hello everyone,

Since I became President back in 2014, I don't think I have faced such a difficult task as writing about our past President Michael Behr. Allow me to share some of my own personal memories of Michael.

As we all know Michael was a very private individual but he was also a very personable man once he got to know you. He was funny and genuinely very very sharp with his humour and observations on life. I enjoyed talking to him immensely and I was definitely enriched afterwards.

When I succeeded Michael as president he was extremely helpful to me with advice and guidance but he also said "all you can do is be yourself, after all that's all anyone can do." Wise words indeed.

In business I think you could describe him as an entrepreneur, I didn't know him during his working life but obviously he was a very successful man and he used these skills and experience to assist our Golf Club in so many ways. Michael dearly loved our Club and I remember how proud he was when he became Club Captain, so proud following his Father in the role and then went on to be President, such a great servant to the club.

For such a private man, Michael was an great entertainer. Who can forget his ability to command the English language in several memorable speeches at Dinner and Dances in particular? Those long words, delivered in such a clever way resulting in a standing ovation from those in attendance. Michael's dedication to perfect, learn and deliver those speeches left me in awe.

For those who can remember when he first turned up with Little Captain, it was extraordinary and brought much laughter, a moment never to be forgotten. This demonstrated the mischievous side of Michael to us all.

Another memorable talent was Michael's inimitable style of dancing, a sight that will stay with me forever. Those disco nights will never be the same again!

This leads me on to the work that Michael did being a member of the social committee and its Treasurer. He would always fulfil any task with good humour whether it was collecting money at events like the golf week BBQ or for Dinner & Dance tickets you name it, he was an expert.

Michael's fund raising for charity was something he dedicated his life to and he mastered this to a high level which benefitted various past Captain's charities. I feel sure that Michael probably did a lot more than we know, a great servant to people's lives I'm sure. Only this past Christmas we saw another aspect of Michael and his talent when he became the author of a children's story book. Who saw that coming? I certainly didn't. I know I will never forget the children at the Club's Christmas party enthralled with Michael's storytelling, my granddaughter being one of them, brilliant.

The 14th June was a very sad day for us all when we lost such a true gentleman. It makes you realise how fragile we all are and how things can change so quickly.

I am grateful and proud to have known Michael. I know I will miss him, just like you will too.

John.



Please send me all your photos and stories for inclusion

... and from the Captain

Hello Everyone.



I am afraid that due to pressures of work and the organisation of Captain's day on Saturday I have been unable to finish my text this month.

However as Captain of Whitstable & Seasalter Golf Club I would like to send my sincere condolences to the family and friends of Michael Behr on his passing, he will be greatly missed by all.

Richard

Men's Section -

Captain Richard Davis, Vice-Captain Bob Davis

It's A Wonderful Life, especially if you're asked to report on the men's June fixtures.

They started on Saturday 1st in glorious sunshine with the Centenary Cup triumphantly held aloft over The Shining foreheads of the defeated by David Morgan with a nett score of 61. Second was Gary Morgan with a nett of 62. Third on count-back was none other than Rob Mumby with a stunning nett 62. He now regrets a somewhat Rocky three putt on the last.

Some Like It Hot and on sunny Sunday 2nd, the Mens Joint Stableford event was decided with an almost Runaway super score of 41 points crafted together by the Towering Inferno - Brian Beckley. Second on the podium was our own Nike Blade Runner - Lloyd Foster with 38 points and the third spot decided on another count-back of Notre Dame by Derek Bates.

The overall winner of Golf Week was Past-Captain Gary Morgan with convincing positions of 2nd, a 3rd and a 5th place during the week, showing that the Paths of Glory are attained through dogged consistency.

Sunday 9th brought the annual Battle Royale team events - The George Fitt Bowl and the Billmeir Plate competed for at Seasalter and Chestfield respectively. Seasalter had to put on a Braveheart since Chestfield took both honours with ease. Well-done Chestfield.

Sunday June 16th kicked off with a Captains Greensome day. The Sweet Smell of Success blossomed again for David Morgan and partner John Stokes with 40 points. In their Rear Window were David Williams and Neil Hacksall with 39 Steps. And the Third Man (men) were the Johns - Clarke and Perkins with 38 points.

On the 22nd June Seasalter hosted the second leg of the Jack Hicks trophy. Buoyed by their victory against Bromley the month before, The Wild Bunch from Seasalter assembled for the match against the holders Shortlands, but hopes of progressing were Gone With The Wind because the score was a 6 match draw and lost on the opposing teams away advantage rule.

As they say, It's No Country for Old Men, and on the 30th in the Sunday Swindle Giles Govier was Top Gun with a Titanic score of 40 points. It was La Dolce Vita for David Williams who came in second with 37 points, and in another Groundhog Day mention, Dances with Wolves - David Morgan took away another Fistful of Dollars with 37 points, also on count-back.

Rob Mumby

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

The latest round of Malc's Best 3 from 6 scores was played on a sunny, windy 30th May. In 1st place was Chris Berry with 38 points, 2nd was David Rigden with 36 points and in 3rd place was Brian Ridley with 35 points.

The Captain's Challenge was a win for Captain Malcolm Cane and Vice David Rigden by 2 and 1 against Les Cox and Fred Stokes.

On the 10th of June Old Salts were due to play Chestfield Golf Club but the game was cancelled due extremely inclement weather !.....It was p.....g down !

Following this on the 13th, Old Salts played a match away at Faversham Golf Club, despite many very close matches Old Salts went down by 6½ to 1½.

On Saturday the 14th we received the very sad news of the passing of Michael Behr. Michael was a very popular and well respected man who served as both Captain and President. He was a very generous, hard working member of our club , particularly with his efforts raising money for the clubs chosen charities. In addition his many hidden talents included a very surprising vent act which he demonstrated at several Old Salts Dinners. He will be very much missed by all.

On the 17th Old Salts played away against St Augustines Golf Club and, the result , a win for St Augustines 5½ to 1½ . This was followed by a home match on the Wednesday 17th against Stonelees which was unfortunately another loss by 4 ½ to 1 ½.

The Hugh Ridley Trophy was played on the 20th, in 3rd place was David Rigden with a net 66, 2nd was Andy Taylor with a net 65 but the winner was Paul Sampson with a net 64.

The Captain's challenge brought to an end the recent good run of wins as the Captain Malcolm Cane and Vice David Rigden lost on the last hole to Colin Satchell and John Stokes.

The final competition of June, the Peter Tucker Trophy, for members in or over their 75th year was played on the 27th. The winner with 37 points was Henry Kernighan, 2nd was Graham Hughes with 35 points , and 3rd was Roy Percival with 33 points.

The friendly four ball result was, Ray Campbell 38 points, Mick Wyles 36 points and Andy Taylor 34 points. The Captain's Challenge was a halved game, the Captain Malcolm Cane and Vice David Rigden challenged by Barry Broadbent and Ron Cooper.

Brian Ridley



Paul Sampson - The Hugh Ridley Trophy



Henry Kernighan - The Peter Tucker Trophy

Ladies Section - Captain Louise Tucker

Our annual Golf Week started in a blaze of sunshine. Which lasted until Wednesday, when the rains came! The opening day was the Centenary Medal and Jean Hudson made the most of the conditions to score a creditable net 68. Sue Pout was second with net 71 and Mel Bashford third with net 73. Jean followed this up on the Sunday by winning the Joint Pairs stableford with Sheila Wyles, Jean also had the highest individual score on the day, 34 points. Second pairing were Mel Bashford with Gail Nathan, a new and very welcome addition to the ladies section. Louise Tucker won the Flag competition, finishing on the 18 th green with her last shot, Mel Bashford was second again.

The 9 hole competition was a 9 hole stableford, play as many times as you like, best score counting for the competition on the day. Scores were magnificent! Ann Milner won with a brilliant 21 points, Jane Bodiam second with an almost as brilliant 20 points and Joan Sykes third with a still fairly brilliant 19 points-beating 2 others on the same score, on count back. Scores were not quite so exciting in the Bogey/Par competition. Louise Tucker won, playing to her handicap so scoring level par. Sheila Wyles was second on -5 and Vilma Parrett third on -10. Jean Hudson continued her fine form on Thursday in the 5 Club stableford to score a fantastic 40 points. Jane Bodiam was second on 32 and Louise Tucker third on 29. This gave Jean 3 wins during the week which resulted in her becoming the very deserved winner of Golf Week for the ladies section, thoroughly deserved for her excellent play throughout the week. And lovely to see a new name on the trophy-congratulations Jean!

And a massive thank you for the Ladies in the Kitchen! Huge thanks to all the ladies who provided the food and helped during the manic evening! And also to all the members and guests who came down to eat-your support is priceless. All the proceeds will go to the Ladies charity, Young Minds. We raised an incredible £500-thank you!

We played a Pinehurst Greensome for a bit of fun the week after Golf Week. You play in pairs, both drive, both play a second shot from your partner's drive, then pick which ball you're going to finish the hole with. Louise Tucker and Jane Bodiam played well to score 37 points and come second, Joan Sykes and Janet Arnold played fantastically to win with an amazing 44 points-a dream team!

We had a team stableford the following week, in teams of 3, with the best 2 scores counting on the par 4's, best 1 score on the par 5's and all 3 scores on the par 3's. This was something new for us so it was nice to play something different. And scores at the top of the pile were all very close. Winning with 81 points were Sue Pout, Louise Tucker and Maureen Davison. Second on count back with 80 points were Jean Clode, Gail Nathan and Madge Harris. And third on the same score were Holly Butler, Sue Maflin and Janet Henley.

The Wren and Woodhead Competitions are traditionally played alongside one another. The Wren is for players with handicaps up to 29 and is played as a Bogey Competition. Mel Bashford had an excellent round, playing to her handicap and finishing on Level Par to win. Holly Butler and Louise Tucker were second and third respectively with scores of -1.



Captain vs Secretary match-unlucky to Sue who was captain of the losing team, so wins 'The Gonk'!!

The Woodhead is a stableford for players with handicaps of 30 and over. Jane Nearn, fresh from her antipodean adventures, won this with 30 points. Marilyn Squire was second with 27 and Janet Brittain third with 24.

18 ladies played in the Captain vs Secretary 9 hole match, teams were drawn on the day. We were blown around the course but luckily avoided all the downpours. Scores were not high, but the result was a 10 point win for the Captain's team-well done ladies, this meant I avoided winning the runners-up prize, affectionately (!) known as The Gonk!!

We travelled to Faversham for the annual Jamboree in mid June, played between Faversham, ourselves and Chestfield, the venue alternating each year. Our not very good run continued (came third-again) and Faversham's good run continued (came first, for about the 9th time in the last 10 years). Perhaps our fortunes will change next year when we host it, perhaps! And we then entertained North Foreland at home on a very pleasant Friday afternoon. 2 of our pairs won in convincing fashion but unfortunately we lost the other 2 matches-in one game we were giving 20 shots to one lady which proved too much-so the final result was an honourable draw.

High excitement the following week however when we travelled to St Augustines and our magnificent team won 3-1! Hooray for the ladies, we can do it!! Perhaps this is the start of something and the worm is turning!

Louise

Junior Section - Captain Millie Tucker



Brinley Foster and his Dad Lloyd win the coveted Aspden Trophy for the second year running.

**Watch out for Millie Tucker's
Junior Captain's Day, Saturday 17th August,
all day everyone welcome to play**

Mel

Midweeker's Section - Captain Dave Hodgson

The first competition of the month was the Peter Hadlow June Cup, this was won by Tony Hart with a net 65, second was John Wegner on countback and third was Malcolm Wright with a net 66. Winners in the charity sweep were John Fullager, Ron Orford and Peter Shearing. John Wegner had a birdie on the 6th/15th hole. In the captains challenge the captain Dave Hodgson and vice Ian Moyse lost 3 and 2 to Tony Taunton and Bert Thompson. Peter Shearing was presented with a bottle for 150 competition appearances.

The second competition of the month was the Dave King June Trophy this was won by Ian Horton with 39 points second on count back was Don Crawford with 37 points and third Bert Thompson 37 points. The winners in the charity sweep were John Cook, James Marsh and Tony Taunton. There were birdies for Bert Thompson, Don Crawford, Tony Hart, Ray Drewitt and Ray Cambell all on the 6th/15th hole.

The captains challenge was a win for Ian Horton and Tommy Burns against the captain and Ian Moyse 2 and 1.

Just to remind you all that there is a list up on the board for midweekers to play against the Old Salts on July the 31st so get your names down.

Comments have been made about the growth of the rough not all of which have been derogatory, the general consensus is that it adds to the definition on the course and makes it more interesting the downside is that those who are vertically challenged may get lost in the longer grass, you know who you are!

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 winners of the 100 Club draw for July are:

1st £30 Roy Campbell
2nd £20 Sarah Davis
3rd £10 Michael Behr*

* I am holding Michael's £10 Prize and will be contacting his family as necessary. Mike was a good supporter of the 100 Club since its inception and he subscribed to several numbers each year. Mike was the very first 100 Club prize winner in February 2010 and has since won prizes frequently.

Congratulations to the winners.

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The New Clubhouse So Far





A FEW PHOTOS FROM GOLF WEEK

TROLLEY SHED

We have received a number of complaints from members concerning the state of the trolley shed. This being so, during the months of April and May 2019 we will mark up each trolley space with a number (either by way of a number on the wall or on the ground where the trolley is located).

A list of which member has which space will be kept in the office.

Please ensure that you put your trolley in the space as numbered and ensure it is neatly stored/folded up etc. **Each trolley should still have a membership sticker on it, and if possible a name of the owner.**

Any trolleys not thus marked by 1st June 2019 will be taken out the shed and will be disposed of !

There is no more space for additional trolleys, a waiting list will be prepared and when a space is available you will be offered the space.

Thank you
April 2019

122nd Whitstable Carnival

Saturday 3rd August 2019
Procession leaves Tankerton at 5.30pm



Volunteers needed for Golf Club walking entry for this year's Victorian-themed Carnival.

We will be walking the route through Tankerton and Whitstable with golf trolleys, handing out club flyers.

Meet at Tankerton mid-afternoon, time to be confirmed. After the Carnival we will return to the Club for a free BBQ.

PLEASE PUT NAME ON SHEET IN CLUBHOUSE SO THAT WE KNOW NUMBERS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

New Red Penalty Area

The ditches, pond and thick rough which extends to and coincide with the boundary fence at the left hand side of the 5th fairway is now a **Red Penalty Area**.

This new red penalty area is marked by red posts. When a player's ball lands in this penalty area, including when it is known or virtually certain to be in that area even though not found, the player may play the ball as it lies or for a one shot penalty take relief outside the penalty area using one of the options under Rule 17.1d

As the edge of this new red penalty area coincides with the boundary of the course, opposite side relief is available when considering where the same or another ball should be dropped.

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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.

All submissions, comments and photos welcome