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President's Message

Following complete lockdown, dark winter days and course closures, I'm sure you will all agree it's fantastic to be playing golf again. Our greenkeepers have done a wonderful job, after the snow and vandalism early in the year, to get the course back into top class condition. This view was reinforced recently by members of a visiting team from Canterbury Golf Club, who all heaped praise on the condition of our course conditions and our new clubhouse. We owe a big thank you to our greenkeepers and their new manager Andy Sargeant, for the work they do on our behalf.

Many readers will be unaware of all the hard work going on behind the scenes to ensure things run smoothly; but the contributions these volunteers make on your behalf is invaluable. To mention everyone who helps out is simply not possible, but on this occasion I would like to highlight our admin team in the office. Members of this team currently include Brian Best, Mel Bashford, Sue Pout and Fran Price. If you have visited the office recently, you will realise just how busy they are. Dealing with a variety of different tasks each day, including members' queries, green fee bookings etc., is extremely challenging at times and we are indebted to them for their efforts to provide an efficient and professional service.

One time consuming task for the admin team at present is dealing with outstanding membership renewal fees. Closure of the clubhouse required us to resort to email to send out renewal notices this year and we know a number of these didn't arrive. Some members have not got round to arranging their payments yet and I would be grateful if those concerned would either pay their subscription in full, or set up standing orders for their monthly payments, as soon as possible please.

It's great news to hear that Dave Rigden has recommenced Monday evening junior coaching and Saturday afternoon junior competitions again. Our juniors are all prospective adult members and the importance of an active junior section must never be underestimated. Keep up the good work David and congratulations following confirmation from England Golf that our junior section has now achieved "Safe Golf" accreditation.

Derek Bates

Captain's Message - Rob Mumby

A big hello to golfers and non-golfers alike from your new Captain. It feels like my golfing year (and your year) is only just starting after we emerge blinking into the chilly spring sunshine from the latest Lockdown.

At the time of writing, there haven't been any inter-club matches or any social events for that matter, so it's fair to say I've not been as visible as I should have liked. Nevertheless, there's a programme of social events bubbling up in the planning pot for later in the summer. Kicking off in earnest in late June with the re-scheduled Golf Week from Saturday 26th June that runs through the week culminating in an exciting Friday 2nd July Prizegiving + Captains Drive-In + Barbeque extravaganza.



There are also the usual favourites such as Quiz Night, Race Night, Cross Country Golf, Captain's Day and Men's Invitation Day. Dates will be circulated in good time.

Not forgetting the 149th Open returns to Sandwich in July this year. Whitstable are once again marshaling at the course during competition week. Rumour has it that we are looking after the par 5, 7th hole again.

Our lovely course is looking and playing extremely well thanks to the tireless efforts and skill of the green-keepers. Hats off to them. The course was lush and green for our return in March. My first game back was played in shorts! But we're now coming out of the driest and coldest April for many years, so for the sake of firm but forgiving fairways lets hope for a dash of rain, preferably during non-golfing hours.

The clubhouse and surrounds are also polishing up a treat. The patios and planting are perfect. And the welcoming blue boat moored at the front gives a knowing nod to the nautical heritage of this fabulous town. Thanks aplenty to all the volunteers that help to make this club a special place.

Happy golfing to all.
Rob Mumby

Ladies Section Golf Report, Fran Hollingsbee

Where has all the time gone? Since becoming Lady Captain back in November very little golf has taken place but the ladies did manage a few rounds in December playing a Christmas stableford fun competition (best 2 cards from 4) with a mystery prize for the winner. Extra points were awarded for dressing up and decorating your trolley. The eventual winner was Caroline Weal. Well done Caroline your ELF is still in quarantine.



During the lockdown period most of the ladies have been able to keep in touch using the WhatsApp group very kindly organised by Jean Hudson. Not a day has gone by without a laugh at the postings and comments left. Keep it up ladies.



A very special mention goes to both Mary Calthrop and Irene Snowdon who celebrated their 90th birthdays earlier this year. Many congratulations to you both.

As many of you know Louise Tucker and Sue Pout have been busy creating a seaside themed garden at the front of the club house and received several offers of help and various donations from members of both the Ladies and Men's sections. A BIG Thank You to everyone.

My personal thanks also go to Pat Bensted and Mary Calthrop who have been busy making cakes etc, on a collection only basis with the proceeds going towards my chosen local charity 'The Rising Sun' (Domestic Violence & Abuse Service).

Happy golfing everyone and most importantly Stay Safe.

Men's Sunday Report

After a long awaited return to golf the first major of the year as played on the 18th April. As usual everyone was keen to get their hands on the famous old March Hare trophy. Ironically it was one of our least hirsute golfers, Mick Found who triumphed. A terrific score of 41 points clinched top spot by one point from Nick Denley with Captain Rob Mumbey in third place.

This was followed by a Texas scramble the next week which was won by the Team of Neil Bennett, David Williams, Junior Bennett Jimmy and Andy Gremo. Their final score of net 51.2 was good enough to triumph by one shot from Mick Found, Danny Kimber (28 handicap??), Duncan Palmer and Dean Amos.

The April Medal held on Sunday 2nd May was cleaned up by Chris Wright with a fantastic net 60, 5 shots clear of Ronnie and Neil Brown who were second and third on countback. This was the first round of this year's Committee Cup so Chris takes an early lead, although there's a long way to go.

Hopefully when things get further back to normal in the next few weeks, Neil will be able to start collecting entry fees and we will be able to have some proper prizes as well as the glory of winning the trophy. Although as I keep telling Neil it's the glory that counts as well as getting your name on one of the boards.

Andy Selwood

Old Salts Report - Captain Peter Smith

Following the relaxing of Covid 19 restrictions on 29th April Old Salts were able to resume casual golf , not surprisingly it was popular and enabled many old contacts to be restored.

The inaugural competition of 2021 the Des Barker Spring Cup competition was played on April 15th. In first place was David Goldhill with 38 points, 2nd on count back was John Allen with 38 points and 3rd on count back was Captain Peter Smith with 38 points.

The first Captain's Challenge saw the Captain Peter Smith and Vice Captain Colin Whitaker 'demolish' the challengers Colin Holton and Gwyn Oakley winning on the last hole !

Pete's Best 3 from 6 Medal was played on a fresh breezy 22nd April, considering the strong Easterly wind some impressive scores were returned. In 1st place with an impressive net 64 was Vice Captain Colin Whitaker, 2nd one of our up and coming players Dave Kinnersley with a net 66 and in 3rd place, the ever popular Trevor Croxton with a net 67.

The Captain Peter Smith and Vice Colin Whitaker made it two in a row beating the challengers David Morgan and Bob McCormick by 5 and 4.

WELCOME BACK ALL OLD SALTS

Brian Ridley

Midweekers Report - Captain Terry Robinson

Wer'e Back!! At last after what seems an age, golf has begun again. Firstly, on behalf of all the mid-weekers we need to thank Eynon Price for his many efforts on our behalf, organising competitions, publishing the results, organising numerous social events during the year and generally handling the every day running of our section. Eynon has reluctantly stepped down from his roll due to health issues which have manifested themselves during lockdown. We wish him well and a speedy recovery and record our thanks for his tireless efforts on our behalf, no doubt we will see him around the club from time to time.



Terry Robinson, AKA the Plumstead Plumber, has taken on the roll of captain, Tony Furnival has agreed to set up the competitions and look after the results and Ian Moyses has agreed to look after the finances with a little help from Don Crawford. So hopefully life will go on smoothly and without any hiccups.

Since our return we have held one competition, the Peter West Easter Cup. This was won by Ian Moyses with 37 points second was Don Crawford with 36 and John Wegner third with 35.

The next competition is the Kenny Bills April Cup on the 23rd of April. From a personal point of view my love affair with lush rough and my affinity with tree trunks guarantees a less than impressive score, hopefully things will improve. It was great to see some "old" faces out on the course since our return, Don Williams on his new buggy kitted out in the Williams team racing colours, Ron Orford who hasn't grown an inch since I last saw him and Simon "fore" Rutherford who still manages to cover the whole of the course but not necessarily from the right direction.

During lockdown it is evident that work has carried on, on the course and around the club house and we thank all those who have volunteered their time and effort on our behalf. I know there are some knockers out there who for some reason or other like to find fault, it cost too much, it's too big, it's the wrong shape etc, etc but it's built and I think it's a great asset both to the club and the town, and to those who say the atmosphere will not be the same, bricks and mortar doors and tiles don't create atmosphere, members do and I am sure when things eventually get back to normal and the social events begin to happen again the atmosphere will return. Happy golfing everyone have a great year.

Ian Horton.

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Well done to Sue Pout and Louise Tucker for their splendid effort in creating a seaside themed garden and painting the boat during lockdown. Special thanks also to the ladies section on supplying various plants and to the men who very kindly helped out with other materials to complete the theme outside the front of the clubhouse. **Fran**





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MAY PRIZE WINNERS

1ST £30 VILMA PARRETT

2ND £20 STELLA LAKIN

3RD £10 BRIAN WILD

Congratulations to this month's Prize Winners.

Please contact me with your bank details.

I can pay your prize in to your account by bank transfer, normally the same day.

As online transactions are more efficient and safe, it's better that the 100 Club is contactless and cashless as far as possible. Where possible, I am not making cash transactions.

The 100 Club's donations to the golf club are used towards worthwhile projects for the benefit of all members of the W&SGC.

I am still hoping more members will join or re-join the 100 Club to support the 100 Club's fundraising. New members and late payers are welcome. Just email, text or 'phone me.

Psst!If Golf Week happens at the end of June / start of July I shall include a

£50 Golf Week Bonus Prize

in the July draw at the end of Golf Week.

INTERESTED IN JOINING? PLEASE PHONE OR EMAIL ME.