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President's Message

Although there's still one more step on the roadmap, before all covid restrictions are lifted, it's great to see things starting to return to near normal within the club. Inter-club matches are being played again and we look forward to welcoming our friends from Chestfield Golf Club later this month when the Men will play their annual fixture for the Billmeir Plate and George Fitt Bowl, at home and away, for the first time since 2019.

Preparations for Golf Week are well advanced too, and the feast of golf competitions on offer from 26 th June, is expected to be as popular as ever. All booking sheets for the week's competitions are available on the HowDidIDo app rather than displayed in the clubhouse on notice boards, so it should be really easy to book your slots to play. If you aren't able to use the ClubV1/ howdidido booking system for any reason please contact bookingqueries@whitstable-golfclub.co.uk. This year's Golf-Week will finish as usual with a BBQ; this is to be combined with prize giving and for this year only, a belated Captains' Playing in ceremony. It remains to be seen if all covid restrictions are lifted before Golf Week, and we are keeping our fingers crossed that we don't have to scale things down because of continuing restrictions.

Most of you will be aware of new arrangements for bar services, which are being introduced from 14 th June. We will all be sorry to see Steve Wood leave, he's been a great ambassador for the club and his presence around the clubhouse has been invaluable. His successor will have a hard act to follow, but I'm optimistic the change will prove beneficial for all concerned. I'm delighted Steve is planning to remain an active club member and I would like to express my thanks to Steve, on behalf of the club, for his service over the past twenty years.

On the club membership front I'm pleased to say the majority of those who were members last year have renewed their membership again this year. It's always the case that a small proportion of members fail to renew for various reasons and that number this year is not very different to previous years despite the pandemic. On the positive side we have already attracted a good number of new members and I am delighted to welcome them all to the Club - I hope they will continue as members for many years to come.

To get full benefit from club membership, new and established members alike should not just play golf, but take every opportunity to attend the clubhouse for a relaxing drink or meal and attend our social functions arranged by the social committee, when possible. In anticipation that all covid restrictions will be lifted soon, the social committee is actively planning a variety of social functions for the remainder of this year, including the Club's Annual Dinner Dance in October- we would love to see you there.

Derek Bates

Captain's Message - Rob Mumby

Greetings to all from your Captain.

What a beautiful May and June we've had so far. Rain in all the right places and lots of sunshine has made the course lush and verdant. The greens are even and true, humps and borrows are smooth. In fact we're in that Goldilocks zone of weather and temperature, so do make the most of it.

What's been happening? Well, the full competition itinerary is being played, albeit not all of them on the exact day in the WSGC calendar. Therefore check what's coming up so you don't miss out. Like Eric Morecambe said to Andre Previn, 'Im playing all the right notes, but not necessarily.... in the right order.... I'll give you that, sunshine'



Some momentous changes are taking place to the running of the bar. Steve will be departing for sunlit uplands and a new team will be taking over. I would like to be one of the first to wish Steve and everyone in the team the best of health and happiness for future times. He's been a stalwart of the club for many years and our heartfelt gratitude is extended to him for many years to come.

Whitstable are hosting Aquarius in the first round of the Jack Hicks trophy on Saturday the 12th June,. It's a team of ten players each side and takes the format of four pairs of foursomes in the morning and eight singles matches in the afternoon. By the time you read this, the team will either be plotting the next conquest or crying in our chamomile. Fingers crossed it's the former. (Either way I'll have no fingernails left)

Golf Week is fast approaching starting with the Centenary Trophy Competition on the 26th June. The lists are up on the main boards and it's open to all golfers regardless of standard or ability.

Volunteers are required to run the 'Caravan' duties. Do see Jack Dale if you are able to help in any way.

The culmination of the week is on Friday 2nd July where we have the Texas scramble followed by the Captains Drive-in. (Yes you did read that right) then by the Prize giving and barbeque evening. Hope to see as many of you down as are able to come. Until then....

Happy golfing
Rob Mumby

Ladies Section Golf Report, Fran Hollingsbee

April finally saw the return to competitive golf and the ladies started with a 18 Hole Stableford. Winner of this was Vivienne Costello with a very impressive 43 points, Karen Fowler second with 38 points.

This was followed by a 18 Hole Qualifying Stableford. Winner Mel Bashford finished with 38 points just one point ahead of Karen Fowler on 37.

In our last Stableford competition of the month first place went to Holly Butler with 37 points, from Louise Tucker in second place with 34 points on countback from Carol Doghan and Fran Hollingsbee.



We followed this with a 5 club competition which Louise Tucker, Mel Bashford, Sue Hope, Sheila Wyles, Janet Henley, Sue Pout, Jean Hudson, Betty Washby, Beryl Wingrove, Jane Bodiam and Fran Hollingsbee attempted to play in extremely high winds, gusting up to 40 mph. This resulted in trolleys being blown over or in some cases running after them. Eventually it was decided to abandon the competition after 9 holes. On return to the club house one group decided to have a coffee but, that also had to be abandoned when the wind blew them over. Well done everyone for a brave (some might say foolhardy) attempt.

In the first Medal of the year, Division 1 was won by Louise Tucker with a net 69, second Pat Bensted on 76 and third Sue Hope with 78 on countback from Penny Perkins. Division 2 was won by Sheila Wyles with a net 74 on countback from Lynne Hollands, third Viv Costello on 75.

Our first Thursday afternoon 9 hole qualifying competition was the White Elephant. Again this was played in very windy conditions yet with close scoring. Congratulations go to the eventual winner Sue Pout with 17 points. Luckily everybody was safely in the club house before the hail storm hit leaving the greens looking like something you would expect to see in January and not the middle of May.



Men's Sunday Report

The Harry Johnson Cup was played on 23rd May. Captain Rob Mumby was a popular winner with a very steady net 65 (gross 74) ahead of Don Crawford on net 66 and Jimmy Bennett on 68.

The past Captain's Skinner Trophy proved easy pickings for Bob Davis who finished with 37 points to collect the trophy. Only Derek Bates in second place and ex-president John Clarke in third place playing anything other than poor golf. Well done Bob this proves the adage of a good young one always beating a good old one.

At the same time a stableford competition was held for the mere mortals. The winning score came from Mick Found who is in a rich vein of form. Mick finished with 39 points, 1 ahead of Martyn Silverton and 2 ahead of the ever present Jimmy Bennett.

The 6th June saw a slightly reduced entry for the Captain's Spring Classic, a competition inspired by Howard Gordon. Perhaps the higher entry fee put some off, but it shouldn't have done. The first prize and trophy went to new member Stuart Sinclair with 38 points ahead of 'bridesmaid' Jimmy Bennet on 37 and Andy Sargeant with 36.

Andy Selwood

To all golfers.

This is a polite reminder to all golfers that play should be continuous and when they book an 18 hole tee slot that assumes they will get round and be teeing off 10th at a certain time. If they don't tee off then, that has a knock on effect on all the other tee bookings.

In the current circumstances golfers should not be stopping for drinks or refreshments if that delays later start times.

Thank you
Committee

Old Salts Report - Captain Peter Smith

The Final competition of April was OS ECLECTIC SUMMER QUALIFYING STABLEFORD NO 1 played on the 29 th ,In first place was Paul Lithgow with 41 points, 2nd was Rod Whitehead with 36 points and in 3rd place was Mick Wyles with 34 points.

The Captain Peter Smith and Vice Colin Whitaker continued their winning run by beating the challengers Dave Rigden and Paul Sampson 2 and 1.



The first medal competition of May, the OS KEN VICKERS TROPHY was played in perfect conditions on the 6 th , the winner was Captain Peter Smith with a net 65, 2nd was John Stokes with a net 66 and 3rd was Paul Lithgow with a net 67.

The Captain Peter Smith presented the DES BARKER TROPHY (played on 15th April) to David Goldhill. Captain Peter Smith and Vice Colin Whitaker continued their winning streak by beating the Challengers Brian Daw and Frank O'Boyle 7 and 5.



The OS Norman's Trophy Stableford was played on 13th May , the winner with 36 points was Ryn Hudson, 2nd was John Allen with 35 points and 3rd Captain Peter Smith with 34 points.

Captain Peter Smith and Vice Colin Whitaker seem unbeatable at present as they notched up another win by 5 and 3 against challengers Peter Steigmann and Barry Broadbent .

The 20th May was Round 2 of the O/S Summer Eclectic Stableford played in very blustery conditions which reflected the generally low scoring,in 1st place was John Allen with 36 points, 2nd was Frank O'Boyle with 34 points and 3rd was John Stokes with 33 points. The Captain Peter Smith was partnered by John Allen , the result was a halved match against challengers Trevor Croxton and John Stokes.

Old Salts had a successful home match on 10th of May against visitors Westgate Golf Club winning 5 games to 2. The Super Seniors team played away at Canterbury on Friday the 14th and halved the match , a good result as Canterbury are always a challenge. This was followed on the 25th with a home win 3 and 2 against Broome Park Golf Club.

The last competition of May , the DUNCAN MONROE TROPHY was played on the 27th, In 1st place was Ray Campbell with net score of 64, in 2nd place was Gwyn Oakley with a net 68 and 3rd on count back was David Rigden with a net 68.

The Captain Peter Smith and Vice Colin Whitaker continued their winning ways beating the challengers Barry Broadbent and John Dowle by 3 and 2.

Brian Ridley

Midweekers Report - Captain Terry Robinson

Standing quietly in the reception queue at A & E the other evening I heard the following from a young man seated not far from me! “Fair fa’ yer honest sonsi face, great chieftan o’ the puddin’ race. A woman then piped up in reply! Wee, sleekit, cow’rin, timrous beastie, O what a panic’s in thy breastie. Having now reached the receptionist I inquired if this was the psychiatric ward no she said it’s the Burns unit!! Moving swiftly on.



Things are slowly getting back to normal club wise as we can now meet comfortably inside, and matches are now getting under way. The result of our last match, the Dennis Fewtrell Shield, was a win for Tony Furnival with a creditable 43 points, second on 41 was David Goldhill, and third on 40 points was Geoffrey Holland.

The Mid Weekers were able to donate the sum of £815 to Dementia UK out of funds which considering the trials and tribulations of the last fifteen months or so is not a bad effort. Also having had a word with Terry our captain and Ian Moyse the Treasurer we are also donating £50 to the junior section as have the Old Salts and others, as like them we feel the juniors need to be encouraged, they are after all the future of the club.

The Ernie and Di West Trophies will be coming up in the not to distant future this will incorporate a meal afterwards so keep a look out for the date and time etc.

It was nice to be approached by Andy Sargeant who gave an informative explanation as to what was going to be done out on the course and where so no more complaints from me about the “Scrough” thanks for that Andy much appreciated.

Tony Furnival is now in charge of the start sheets for Mid Weekers competitions and in line with other sections these will be open from 6pm a week in advance.

That’s all for now happy golfing!

Ian Horton.

Greens and Course Update

Greens committee report

Since the 1st of May we have 87mm of rain so far which is a record month, average rainfall for this time of year is 30mm.

A couple of weeks ago the 1st tee had to have dressing put on it, the reason for the lateness was due to a problem with the irrigation system by the by tee box. We have been waiting for parts to arrive. Good news they are now here and the company are due in Friday to fix the problem.

Comments received regarding the rough or scrough have been received and noted. Starting from this week or next you will see work going on with the rough, however this will take some time to complete.

We are in full growing season but we are limited to what we can do at the moment but by August time we can start shaping the rough to how we would like it. You will eventually have two cuts of rough, The semi will be 50mm and full 100mm or in old terms 2 and 4 inches.

The full rough will be about a meter in from the boundary lines including the dyke running up the 2nd and 3rd fairway. The reason for this is to protect the ground around the edges of the dyke to prevent more collapsing and also to try and stop your balls going into the water.

On a final note we have had some great comments about how the course is looking. I am passing on your comments to the greenkeepers which they do appreciate.

Please send comments and suggestions to suggestions@whitstable-golfclub.co.uk

Regards

Andy Sargeant

Hi Everyone

GOLF WEEK SIGN UP SHEETS

We are fast approaching our re-scheduled golf week which commences on Saturday 26 June. The first day is our usual medal competition which doubles up as our centenary trophy competition so lots to play for! The start times for this day, right through to the last qualifying day for golf week (Thursday 1 July) are now available online for you all to sign up.

The final day, Friday 2 July, will be the day for our team Texas scramble. Spaces are limited due to no evening tee times. Get in there quick!

Remember your golfing friends. Give them a call and help them book in online if you know they struggle with the online system.

Note that there will be a £3 per day entry fee to go towards the prizes and a daily cash prize draw.

CARAVAN DUTY

We are calling for lots of volunteers to sign up for a 'shift' of 'caravan duty' which is the historic name for the 'starter' during golf week. There are 28 slots for the week and we need all of you to consider whether you can help out in this way. Its not an onerous task but it is an important one. At the very least, perhaps you could pass this on to someone you know who could help out.

The list is up on the social events notice board which is the first board you come to through the second set of entrance double doors. If you fancy doing more than one slot, go right ahead! Jack Dale will be in touch with you all before the week commences to go through what to do.

FOOD DURING GOLF WEEK

Ben is putting together a menu for breakfast, lunchtimes and evenings for every day in golf week, this will be advertised on WhatsApp and email. See the kitchen/bar staff to order/book a table for food otherwise order on the day.

Let's do our utmost to support the kitchen during this week.

GOLF WEEK PRIZE-GIVING AND CAPTAIN'S DRIVE IN

These two events are being combined and will be held on Friday 2 July. Arrive from 6pm as the drive in will take place at 6:30pm. This will be followed by a BBQ (slightly alternative due to Covid) and prize giving at around 7:30/8pm.

CHANGES TO THE PLAN...

We still don't know exactly whether the government will relax restrictions further on 21 June. We envisage that it will only be the Friday prize-giving that could change in its logistics and potential maximum capacity levels. We will be following the guidance and we will communicate to you final details just as soon as we are able.

Having missed out on golf week last year we are really hoping people get involved in the golf and enjoy the week.

Yours sincerely,

The Social Committee

Queries: Contact Jack - jackdale123@hotmail.com



ALTERED IMAGES

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JUNE PRIZE WINNERS

1ST £30 PETER JAYNES

2ND £20 MICK DOYLE

3RD £10 ALEC PARRETT

Congratulations to this month's Prize Winners.

Please contact me with one of these options:

1. Email your bank account name, number and sort code. I can pay your prize in to your account, usually on the same day.
2. If you prefer your prize to be credited to your W&SGC card to spend at the club, please tell me and advise your bar card number. I will credit your card when I am next at the club, usually within a few days.
3. If you prefer a cheque please let me know. I can leave a cheque for you to collect from the club, usually within a few days.
4. Some recent winners have donated their prize money to the golf club as part of the 100 Club's donation. Let me know if you choose this option.

As online transactions are more efficient and safe, plus I don't like queuing at the bank, I am keeping the 100 Club cashless, wherever possible.

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

There will be a £50 Golf Week Bonus Prize in the July draw at the end of Golf Week.

INTERESTEDLY IN JOINING?

There's a Special Offer subscription of £10 per number for the remainder of this year. If you join before the end of June, your numbers will be in the July draw including the £50 Golf Week Bonus prize. Joining details were in last week's 100 Club News. If you need help or further information PLEASE PHONE OR EMAIL ME.