



AGM 21st May 2014.

Once again we had a 'full house' for our AGM event and 124 players took on the immaculately presented West Kent golf course to compete for the silver salvers presented by West Kent past captains in 1967 at our founding. This year Rob Corbett & Lynn Mercer (Lamberhurst) came in with 45 points to pip the Dartford pair of Graham Hudson & Dave Moore (Dartford) also with 45 points but just 20 on the back nine against the former 23. Nigel Digweed & Roger Treadway (Ashford) finished 3rd with 44 points, also on count back.

(above) Newly Installed Captain Geoff Houghton presents the winners with the West Kent Salvers (photo)



Freddie Phillip Salver, 5th June 2014.

A small group of Past Presidents along with the Secretary, Captain & Vice Captain assembled at the friendly Whitstable & Seasalter Golf Club for this annual competition. The wind and lush rough provided a tough test for all competitors although our Captain seemed to have no trouble amassing 38 points to comfortably win the trophy despite a valiant effort from David Honnor, last years winner. A nice meal followed a very enjoyable and rain free day!

Broome Park Meeting 18th June

A Damp and drizzly morning did not dampen spirits for this meeting at Lord Kitcheners home. Scoring proved difficult although a select few obtained 36 points & better.

The Sundridge Park Bowl was won by Jim Baynes (Eltham Warren) with 39 points from Hans Pfeffer (Ashford) also with 39 points. Jims unassailable 22 on the back 9 sealed the win however, Cliff Hall (Eltham Warren) came in a creditable 3rd with 38 points.

PM nine holes: The front 9 Greensomes was won by Peter Skipper and Gary Snell (both of St. Augustines) with a majestic 24 points while Dave Donovan and Barry Barclay (both of Shooters Hill) beat all on the more difficult back nine with 21 points.

Our thanks go to Broome Park staff for a splendid day with good food & service which added to the much welcomed afternoon sunshine and usual camaraderie & banter.



**(Centre) Winner:
Sundridge Park Bowl,**

Jim Baynes - 39 points

(L) Front Nine Winners:

Peter Skipper & Gary Snell.



(R) Back Nine Winners:

**Dave Donovan
& Barry Barclay.**



17th July. Society Captain, Geoff Houghton Lays on the Sunshine at Sene Valley!

The hottest day of the year saw 88 of our members turn up to celebrate Captains Day. Such was the heat, a light sea breeze could not help a few who elected not to compete in the afternoon 9 hole competitions on this hilly course with spectacular sea views. The Society was warmly received and presented with a course in excellent condition. At the prize presentation club captain Julian Carr welcomed us all while the ever jovial Geoff Houghton presented each member with a gift as well as earlier supplying much appreciated refreshments at the halfway house, ably administered by Janet, Beryl & Brenda (pictured right with the Captain). As always our thanks go to the hosting club who looked after us very well, our Society secretary for his faultless administration and not least our generous Captain Geoff for a splendid day!



Roger Cruttenden (Wrotham Heath) plays his way to victory in the heat of Captains Day!

Some good scores made for stiff competition at Sene Valley G.C when victory was secured on count back. Roger Cruttenden with 40 points (22 back 9) just held off Bob Tranckle (St. Augustines) who's back 9 (18 points) was not quite enough. A battle for third was also won on a back 9 count back with David Eldridge (Ashford) on 39 points holding off Tony Gambling (Hythe Imperial) with a back nine 19 points versus Tony's 18.



Dan Naylor & Harry Young (Lamberhurst) retain the Sidcup trophy! (R)

A back nine 21 points saw the Lamberhurst duo hold off all comers in the afternoon greensomes. The ever competitive Steve Grubb and Barry Barclay (both of Shooters Hill) second, fell just short with 20 points.

(L) The inform Jim Baynes with Cliff Hall his Eltham Warren partner storm the front nine!

A magnificent 24 points ensured victory by 2 clear points for this Eltham Warren pairing. Terry Ralph (Cranbrook) & Nick Kelly (Dartford) with 22 points finished second.



5th August, Chislehurst Meeting for the Knole Park Trophy.

We received a warm reception today and Chairman of Chislehurst Michael Lodwig (photo right) referred to our usual winter meetings at this unique venue and how nice it was for him to welcome us here at the height of summer for a change. he felt that the course was in good condition and he was indeed correct, especially since he went on to prove it by winning the fabulous Knole Park Trophy with 41 points. Big hitting Mike Stephens (Bexleyheath) produced an awesome 40 points to finish second while Jeff Fido (Broome Park) carded a very creditable 39 points to take 3rd spot.

All in all, another good day in the warmth of summer with very nice food and service from all the staff who looked after us in the magnificent Clubhouse (see photo), Camden Place, which was built around 1717 and was, for a while during the 1870s, the home of Napoleon III, Empress Eugenie and their son the Prince Imperial.



(L) Mid Kent Plates (played on the front 9) saw hastily paired Hanns Pfeffer (Ashford) & William Albery (Faversham) triumphant with 22 points over John Crates and Robert Dickettes (both of Lamberhurst) by virtue of 16 points on the back six versus the Lamberhurst duos' 14.

(R) Rochester & Cobham Park Trophy (played on the back 9). The ever competitive Mike Fishlock teamed with big hitting Brian Pierce (both of Tunbridge Wells) scored 22 pts (15 on back 6) but their back 6 proved just too much for Roy Williams & John Grant (both of Wrotham Heath) whose 22 points delivered only 13 on the same back 6.



Just a thank you to the helpers on the day!

At all our meetings the secretary bears the brunt of the load but it is noted that volunteers to help man the desk and check cards are always welcome. We show to the right a regular helper in recent years, Pat Quadling alongside our Captain. Space does not allow us to regularly mention & thank helpers at all Society events but volunteers are always appreciated and have been many over the life of this friendly Society!





Ashford Meeting 21st August. Local Boy Does Good!

A super day at Ashford where once again this summer the rain held off despite threatening late. Local player Hans Pfeffer (Ashford) with a back 6 of 15 points scraped in on 38 points to win the Langley Park Salver. also on 38 points were David Moore, 2nd (Dartford) Graham Head, 3rd (Bexleyheath) & Roger Ridsen, 4th (Ashford) while Mike Stephens (Bexleyheath) made 5th with 37 points. We were welcomed by club captain Graham Hunnimen and presented with a tough test of golf set up by this friendly club together with good food and service much commented on by our members. Our Captain thanked all who made our day so enjoyable.



(L) Winner of the Langley Park Salver, Hans Pfeffer (Ashford)

(R) Our prizes for the competitions when awards were made to 5 places for the morning 18 holes as shown in the above report.



Prizes for the pm nine holes were presented as reported below.



The PM greensomes nine holes.

(L) R. Blackheath Autumn Bowls were won by Lamberhurst veterans John Crates & Harry Young from newer boys Gary Snell & Peter Skipper (St. Augustines) both teams on 21 points but as usual, count-back applies.

(R) The Eltham Warren Cups were snapped up by Chislehurst pair Stuart Ryle & David Spragg with 21 points from Mike Standen (Wrotham Heath) & Peter Highland (Tunbridge Wells) who occupied second spot on 20 points by virtue of a back six 16 points!



Professionals Guest Day, 4th Sept. Wrotham Heath A Team Success as Sene Valley Sun Shines.

Another lovely day on the golf course where visitors struggled to get to grips with the greens, lush rough and coastal breezes. Many teams scored over the par of 142 but a few managed to overcome the stiff test presented at this Folkestone course with super sea views. 128 players from 20 Kent clubs were present.

The winners, Wrotham Heath A, led by current club captain Stuart Gay & club professional James Skelton along with Tony Hodgson & Roy Williams won by 3 shots on 128 from Lamberhurst C (Peter Gregory, Ian Daker, Rob Corbett & pro Michael Bush). Walmer & Kingsdown G.C. supporting this event magnificently with 4 teams, found their team of Billy Plews, Brian Barrows, Barry West & pro Andy Smedley in third place with 133 (-9).



(Above) The Captain thanks club Chairman Peter Robinson for all the help received.

As we have come to expect at this friendly club, many members gave up much of their time to help on the day and even the lady captain & club chairman assisted in the clubhouse where bar & catering staff were kept very busy indeed! We received another warm welcome too from Chairman Peter Richardson. Our thanks to to all the volunteers on the day!



(L) Victors, Wrotham Heath A receive congratulations from The Captain, Geoff Houghton.

(Centre) Lamberhurst C 2nd on 131

(R) Walmer & Kingsdown A 3rd on 133. 2 team members waited all day to represent their club - well done!



16th Sept. The Hamshaw Trophy at Hythe Imperial G.C.

An annual event in the Society diary returned to it's birth place, Hythe Imperial G.C. a 9 hole links near Folkestone. Past Presidents & Committee competed on this occasion by way of a Captains Team v a Presidents team. The presidents prevailed (despite missing the ebullient Harry Sargent) on yet another glorious day unmarred by rain as summer continued.



Presidents Day, 26th Sept. Lamberhurst Take the Bouquets.

Many cannot remember a Kent Captains summer as this! We have been blessed with almost no rain at our gatherings & golf in warmth & sunshine all year, as it extends well into autumn. Once again we have been welcomed so generously by one of our member clubs. We take our hats off to Lamberhurst G. C. for giving us a pristine course bedecked with wild flowers and a club house hospitality and meal of a very high standard!

Lamberhurst Club President, Peter Gregory welcomes the Society, while his members walk off with half the prizes.



Lamberhurst members featured prominently in the prizes provided by the President as 13 of them competed on the day and only 8 of them walked away empty handed, although if we include Gordon Hiscock (Cranbrook G.C.) then over half of them picked up something!

**A.M. Results: 1st Ian Daker (L.G.C.) 39 pts. (7 on back 3 count-back).
2nd Peter Gregory (L.G.C.) 39 pts.(5 on back 3).
3rd. Hans Pfeffer (Asford G.C.) 38 pts. (19 back nine c/b) .
4th Gordon Hiscock (Cranbrook G.C.) 38 pts. (18 back nine c/b).**



**P.M. Greensomes Results:
Front 9. 1st. Geoff Houghton (Hythe Imperial G.C.) & Ian McLaughlin (Knole Park G.C.) 21 pts. (15 on back 6)
2nd. John Crates & Peter Mentessi (L.G.C.) 21 pts. (13 on back 6)**



**Back 9. 1st. Julian Mitchell & Mike O'Hare (L.G.C.) 24 pts.
2nd. Jim Buchanan & Lee Lewis (both of Shooters Hill G. C.) 20 pts. (14 on back 6)**



The Society President, Terry Ralph paid tribute to everyone that helped on this day. He particularly thanked the club for allowing it's facilities to be used both last year during his Captaincy and this year as his current office comes towards it's end.

4th December, Christmas Fayre at Sittingbourne & Milton G.C.

Rain Drenched November Ends Our Societies Summer luck!

With the recent weeks of wet weather leading up to our Christmas Fayre it was understandable that Sittingbourne imposed a Power Trolley ban. This unfortunately meant a few original supporters having to withdraw. However, a hardy 94 members supported this popular event in somewhat difficult cold and wet conditions.

Local knowledge appeared to be a great advantage with Steve Mansfield (Sittingbourne & Milton) returning an excellent score of 38 points and Richard Tinklin (Sittingbourne & Milton) shooting a one under par gross score of 70 off 3 handicap, giving him a score of 37 points. However, the unassuming Martin Cunningham (Bexleyheath) playing off 9 also returned a score of 38 points, with 20 on the back nine to pip Steve Mansfield to the post and to win the Chislehurst Salver for 2014.

An excellent Christmas lunch and a glass or two of Christmas cheer with fellow members and friends ended another successful year in the history of our Society.



Christmas Fayre Photos:

(L) The Splendid Prize table.

(Top R) Winner Martin Cunningham

(Btm R) Runner up Steve Mansfield



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