



2016 AGM Meeting at West Kent G.C. Weds. 18th May.

A report from David Honnor.

Although wet and windy outside, this did not distract from the warm and welcoming atmosphere within the clubhouse and a delightful lunch followed by our AGM. Our President, Geoff Houghton finished his term in office and handed over the Presidency to our retiring Captain Mike Odd, who in turn installed Reg Taylor as our Captain for the forthcoming year. Reg then announced the Vice Captain for 2016 – William Albery (Faversham GC). With all reports being well received the AGM finished with a vote of thanks to the two Chairmen of the meeting – Mike Odd and Reg Taylor.



Society Presents Clock to Mark West Kent G.C. Centenary.

Mike Odd our Captain presented the President of our home club, Allen Woodcock with a Clock to mark our hosts 100 years. We congratulate them on this achievement & thank them for the major role they have played in our association with them over almost half that 100 years.

AGM Competition.

Congratulations must go to Martin Goodright and Steve Bootes from Sittingbourne for winning the West Kent Salver at our AGM Meeting at West Kent GC on Wednesday 18th May. In a field of 120 players, they had a magnificent score of 46 points (4bbb) on a golf course in excellent condition BUT wow....did it rain .. this made scoring difficult for some but not for Martin and Steve.



In second place, which looked like a winning score for some time, were past winners Lynn Mercer and Rob Corbett with 44 points and with a number of pairs on 43 points the competition for the West Kent Salver was as competitive as years gone by.



Results: 1st – Martin Goodright and Steve Bootes – (Both Sittingbourne) – 46pts

2nd – Lynn Mercer & Rob Corbett – (Both Lamberhurst) – 44pts on count back with 20 on the back 9



3rd – Nigel Digweed & Roger Treadway – (Both Ashford) – 44pts with 19 on the back 9

4th – Stewart Knott & Roger Witchlow – (Both Shooters Hill) – 43 pts on count back with 22 on the back 9.

Other on 43 pts were – Robert Dicketts & Gerry Tutt – (Lamberhurst) together with Stuart Gay & Neil Hart – (Wrotham Heath).



2016, 17th June Chestfield G.C.



Slick tricky greens and manicured fairways complimented by a group of members who gave us their time to ball spot and direct us on their very well presented course. We could not have received a warmer welcome!



The weather threatened all day but did not deliver the deluge received by our near neighbours at Canterbury and Maidstone and we were all grateful to avoid the rain! Good food and a friendly clubhouse rounded off a very enjoyable day!

As always a competitive and friendly day made for a keenly fought game and the renewal of old and new friendships at our meeting at this East Kent golf club. The afternoon pairs competition **Wilderness Salvors** winners are shown below with Peter Mclean & Roger Witchlow (**Shooters Hill**) just pipping Martin Goodright & John Rowe (**Sittingbourne**). Each carded 21 points but a back 6 (15 points) versus 13 points sealed a narrow victory. On the other side of the golf course (2 eclectic 9's were set out) locals Keith Davey & Paul Robertson's 22 points saw them take **The Sidcup Trophy** in holding off Peter Hyland (**Tun Wells**) & Ron March (**Chiselhurst**) with 21 points.

The coveted **Knole Park Trophy** was won by Nigel Digweed (**Ashford**) who seemed to have no trouble in running up a blistering 43 points, even local expert Stuart Strudley (**Chiselhurst**) could only muster 40 points in second place with battling Micky Wells (**Woodlands Manor**) a creditable 3rd on 39 points.

We are pleased to note the generosity of our members in the donations as always but today the local Toyota dealership added £100 to our charity coffers! We cordially thank them .



- (L) Keith Davey (**Chestfield**) & Paul Robertson (**Chestfield Captain**) lift the Sidcup Trophy, pm 9 hole competition.
- (C) Nigel Digweed (**Ashford**) Shows a clean pair of heels to win the a.m event and coveted Knole Park Trophy.
- (R) Peter Mclean & Roger Witchlow (**both Shooters Hill**) take the Wilderness Salvors, pm 9 hole competition.

21st July 2016, Captains Day at West Kent G.C.

Reg Taylor our Society Captain laid on some splendid weather and a grand occasion for his day at West Kent. Unable to play in many events this year he philately refused to be downcast, indeed he was on good form especially at the halfway house where he showed members some of his working life and how he had stamped his mark in the world of postage stamp design. For those that missed his exhibition he regaled us prior to prize giving with a resume of his work.

Once again, West Kent Golf Club showed us such wonderful hospitality, Allen Woodcock, the club President welcomed us all, as we were earlier presented with a course in excellent condition for us all to enjoy, some perhaps more than others as the following results may testify!



Captain's Prizes:

- 1st. David Wright (Dartford) 41 pts
- 2nd. Harry Young (Lamberhurst) 40 pts
- 3rd. Chris Skiller (Woodlands Manor) 39 pts
- 4th. Nigel Digweed (Ashford) 38 pts (back 9 - 20)
- 5th. Stuart Gay (Wrotham Heath) 38 pts (back 9 - 18)



Society Claret Jugs:

Front 9.

1st. Tony Negal (Sundridge Park) & Allen Woodcock (West Kent) 22pts

2nd. Harry Dunk (Wrotham Heath) & Peter Gregory (Lamberhurst) 21pts



Back 9.

1st. Roy Berry & Brad Smith (both Sittingbourne & Milton) 23 pts

2nd. Hans Pfeffer & David Eldridge (both Ashford) 22 pts





Friday 5th August,
Sundridge Park G.C.



The Society fielded a maximum 128 players for our meeting at **Sundridge Park**. It was a beautiful summers day with a slight breeze allowing golf to be played on a delightful East Course in super condition not to mention tricky greens with subtle borrows to make scoring difficult for most of us! Three of our members did manage to card a good score with 38 points and while we must congratulate David Eldridge (**Ashford**) on his two wins we also commiserate with Keith Deadman (**Bexleyheath**) who travelled from his new home near Macclesfield only to finish 2nd on c/b in the morning and by a solitary point partnering Mike Stephens (**Bexleyheath**) in the afternoon too! Tony Marsh (**Sene Valley**) was the third player on 38 points.

Our thanks go to the **Captain & Staff at Sundridge Park G.C.** for such a warm welcome, great food and bar service along with one of the finest courses in Kent presented in such good condition.

Results: - **Sundridge Park Bowl.**

- 1st. David Eldridge (**Ashford**) 38pts won on back 6 with 15
- 2nd. Keith Deadman (**Bexleyheath**) 38 pts
- 3rd. Tony Marsh (**Sene Valley**) 38pts
- 4th. Mick Muro (**Mid-Kent**) 37 pts 19 on back 9
- 5th. Barry Barclay (**Shooters Hill**) 37pts, 17 on back 9



David Eldridge & Hans Pfeffer were unable to receive prizes so are not depicted in the photos for this event (1st Photo depicts John Coupe, & 4th photos Roger Treadway collecting their spoils!)

Keith Deadman made a very nice response in the absence of the winner.



Mid-Kent Plates:

- 1st. Hans Pfeffer & David Eldridge (**Ashford**) 24 pts
- 2nd. Mike Stephens & Keith Deadman (**Bexleyheath**) 23pts

Autumn Bowls:

- 1st. Mick Muro (**Mid Kent**) & Harry Dunk (**Wrotham Heath**) 22pts
- 2nd. Ron Dunham & Bill West (**Hawkhurst**) 21pts with 14 on back 6 from Nigel Digweed & Roger Treadway (**Ashford**).



18th August 2016, Rochester & Cobham G.C.



Another lovely summers day in the Kent Countryside, this time at the beautifully presented Rochester & Cobham Park G.C. where 108 of our members enjoyed a lovely day out with excellent hospitality and food provided by our host club. Only a few of our throng were able to better the par of 36 points and a list of winners, as usual are shown below. A special mention should be made to one afternoon pair (past presidents Messrs. Blackman & Sargent) who after, let's generously say a pretty ordinary morning managed to produce a remarkable afternoon recovery to score an outrageous 26 points in the 9 hole greensomes! Was it the excellent food or something stronger taken at lunch we ask?



Winner (on 21 pts) C/B of the Langley Park Salver was George Penhaligan (Rochester & Cobham) with 39 Points



- 2nd Mike Fishlock (Tunbridge Wells) 39pts (17 on back 9)
- 3rd Harry Dunk (Wrotham Heath) 38pts (19 on back 9)
- 4th Steve Bootes (Sittingbourne & Milton) 38pts (17 on back 9)



Rochester & Cobham Park Trophy

- 1st David Blackman (Mid Kent) & Harry Sargent (Bearsted) 26pts
- 2nd Roy Jackson (Bexleyheath) & David Allread (Sundridge Park) 24pts

Eltham Warren Cups
1st Chris Jennings & Paul Williams (Eltham Warren) 22pts

2nd Mike Stephens (Bexleyheath) & Steve Olley (Woodlands Manor) 20pts



September 2nd. West Kent Golf Club for Professionals Guest Day.

Our Professionals Guest Day held this year at West Kent GC saw an excellent support with 33 teams from all over the County. Many compliments were received from both players and Professionals about the great condition of the golf course and our delightful lunch.

Langley Park & Sittingbourne A teed off reasonable early and both returned excellent scores of 16 under par that looked like a winning total for much of the day. However, Lamberhurst A and Ashford A both teed off towards the end of the field and upset the apple cart with scores of 18 under and 17 under respectively with Lamberhurst thus taking the spoils with a score of 124.

Our thanks must go to West Kent GC, staff and members for all the help and support they have given to our Society this year in support of our Captain Reg. Taylor, a member of West Kent and wish them well for the remainder of their centenary year.



Photo L to R: Mike O'Hare, Colin Poore, The Captain, Brian Impett, Mike Collins.
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1st Lamberhurst A 124 (18 under par) –Professional, Brian Impett Team, Colin Poore, Mike O'Hare & Mike Collins.

2nd Ashford A 125 (17 under par) Professional, Mark Lawrie Team, John Coupe, Nigel Warne & Nigel Digweed

3rd Sittingbourne A 126 (16 under par - 61 on back 9) Professional, Chris Weston Team, Bob Appleby, Steve Mansfield & Brad Smith

4th Langley Park 126 (16 under par 63 on back 9) Professional, Paul Sherman Team, Peter Killick, Alan Brooks & John Newton

Thursday 29th September at Dartford G.C. President's Prize.

The rain threatened and even dampened us for 10 minutes or so, the wind gusted and the narrow tree lined fairways combined with slick, small and tricky greens made scoring tough for some while others seemed to flourish with our secretary informing us that the standard scratch score was under par! Our President Mike Odd generously donated and presented prizes as well as providing refreshments at Charlie's Bar. Great food and plenty of it was heartily devoured even by those especially from Sittingbourne and Milton Regis who had consumed outrageously handsome breakfasts on arrival! Dartford staff present a course in good condition and were very hospitable and helpful.

Presidents Prize.

1st Trevor Norman (Eltham Warren) 40 pts

2nd Charles Burton (Woodlands Manor) 39 pts – (22 on back 9)

3rd Dave Moore (Dartford) 39 pts – (21 on back 9)

4th Brad Smith (Sittingbourne & Milton) – 39 pts (18 on back 9)

5th Gary Wilson (Sidcup) – 39 pts – (17 on back 9)



Front 9 Greensomes.

1st Clive Young & Allen Payne (Woodlands Manor) 22 pts

2nd Richard Henderson & Nick Kelly (Dartford) – 21 pts



Back 9 Greensomes.

1st John Rowe & Graham Walker (Sittingbourne & Milton) 24 pts

2nd Steve Grubb (Shooters Hill) & Paul Bennett (Shortlands) 23 pts (15 on back 6) from Terry White (Sidcup) & Jim Baynes (E. Warren) who had 23 pts with 14 on back 6.



2nd December 2016
Christmas Fayre at Chislehurst G.C.



Three days of sub zero temperatures prior to our end of season event did not bode well for our 84 eager members to participate in this traditionally well supported meeting. Luckily we were presented with about +5 degrees and no overnight frost therefore, save for some sheltered areas that caught us out from time to time with the odd surprising bounce!

The staff and green staff worked hard to present us with a memorable day and provide a course in surprisingly good condition (albeit that the surround to the 12th green, opened especially for us, was undergoing a rebuild). The club house staff worked tirelessly for our benefit and provided good cheer alongside a traditional Christmas Dinner. All attendees enjoyed the day and the warmth and camaraderie that permeated the throng at our last event for 2016.

Winners as follows: -

- 1st Chris Jennings (Eltham Warren) 42pts
- 2nd Stuart Gay (Wrotham Heath) 38pts (20 on back 9 and 16 on back 6)
- 3rd George Scoble (Cherry Lodge) 38pts (20 on back 9 & 15 on back 6)
- 4th Andrew Keenan (Chislehurst) 38pts (20 on back & 14 on back 6)
- 5th Nick Kelly (Dartford) 38pts (19 on back 9)



As is customary the first 12 receive vouchers and places were as follows; 6th Robin Fullager (Faversham) 38pts (16 on back 9). 7th Paul Williams (Eltham Warren) 37pts. 8th Barrie Etchells (Chestfield) 36pts. 9th Steve Mansfield (Sittingbourne & Milton) 36pts. 10th Micky Wells (Woodlands Manor) 35pts. 11th Peter Gregory (Lamberhurst) 35pts. 12th John Aughterlony (Sidcup) 35pts last year's winner.

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