



Thursday 14th September 2017 Match v Buckinghamshire.

A report from Match Manager Michael Whitehead.

The Society played its last county game at **Eltham Warren GC** against Buckinghamshire Captains. Home team players arrived safely from all over Kent and after introductions enjoyed a light lunch of sausage and mash, which set the tone for a friendly but competitive match.

Eltham Warren GC's course was in very good condition with some testing pin positions and the weather held, which allowed some very good golf to be played on the day.

After the game typical Kent hospitality was evident in the bar and this was followed by an excellent meal prepared by the chef.

Both Society Captains entertained us with their speeches and the The Captain stated he would like to thank personally the match managers for their excellent organisational skills.



The match result was 6 - 2 to Kent. Photo: The Captain receives the trophy from Bucks Captain, Rob Southerden.



Match v Cambridge 24th August at Gog Magog.

A report from **Brain Hodgkinson**. It was an absolute delight to be the match manager for the above match. I had played at Gog Magog some 25 years ago and looked forward to a revisit. We were well received by our opponents and made to feel very welcome. The light lunch before the game and evening meal were excellent. We played on the **Wandlebury Course**, which until recently was an Open qualifier. Everyone enjoyed the day. We had three match virgins, Brian Gallagher, Alan Dickson and Roy Berry. All three thoroughly enjoyed their first experience and cannot wait for their next one. A great day was had by all and looking forward to the return match. The match result was 6 1/2 - 3 1/2 to Kent. Well done team.

2017 Diamond Jubilee 3 corner match, Cooden 30th June.

A report from David Honnor.

This match is played annually between Kent, Sussex and London. The teams consist of Committee Members and Past Committee Members. A team of 12 with 10 scores counting.

For the second time in a week a Kent Player has had a Hole-In-One playing for the Society. On Tuesday 27th June, David Allread (Sundridge Pk) had an ace at Canterbury playing against Surrey (see report) and on Friday 30th June, Steve Grubb (Shooters Hill) did the same playing at Cooden Beach in the Diamond Jubilee.

With Steve's hole in one, amassing a number of points on the 7th Par 3 helped Kent to win the Trophy with a total score of 353pts, 5 more than Sussex and 19 more than London.

Our thanks to Sussex Captains for hosting this year's event in what was a very enjoyable well organised day.

Photo's: 1. John Marr (London Captains) The Captain Brian Street (Sussex Captains)

Photo 2: The Team



Match v Essex at Sittingbourne & Milton G.C. 11th April 2017.

Result 2 - 8 to Essex. Match Report from manager Stephen Mansfield can be [viewed here.](#)

Photos: Captains Reg Taylor & Bob Morris (L) Sittingbourne & Milton Captain Neil Brown joins the county captains (R)



Kent v Hampshire 6th July 2017 at Basingstoke G.C.

A Report by Match Manager, Chris Jennings.

What a gorgeous day as we all assembled at **Basingstoke GC** with the temperature touching 80 degrees! After the formalities and a good lunch, the 1st to tee off was our captain William, accompanied by me, playing Hampshire's captain, Brian Mortimer & Basingstoke current captain, Ian Smith. The course was presented very well with fast & tricky greens, I think most of our team took a few holes to master the conditions while some of us got going & some didn't fair so well.

Plenty of liquid was needed to be taken on board after nine holes as the temperature rose well into the 80's and it was evident as I looked back that the following groups were falling slowly behind. We all managed to complete the 18 holes however & The 19th hole was well in use before dinner.

This was a fine day with great hospitality from the Hampshire Captains, great food & a lovely course provided by Basingstoke GC.

Match result 6 - 4 to Hampshire.

Photos: 1. Hants Captain Brian Mortimer welcomes The Captain.

2. Basingstoke captain Ian Smith joins the two County Captains.



Queens Jubilee 14th August 2017. A report from Team Manager, David Honnor.



This year's event was hosted by **Bedfordshire Captains Golfing Society** at John O'Gaunt Golf Club.

There are seven Counties represented and the result is decided by taking each counties best 6 scores from 8.

This year's Kent teams was:

Brad Smith (**Sittingbourne**) – David Eldridge (**Ashford**) – Gary Snell (**St. Augustine's**) - John Grant (**Wrotham Heath**) – Paul Roberts (**Woodlands Manor**) – Richard Lamb (**Bearsted**) - Adrian Foster (**Bearsted**) and Ray Williams (**Eltham Warren**) with our Captain William Albery also in the photo.

Playing this prestige event on one of Bedfordshire premiere golf courses saw our team so nearly lift the Trophy having amassed 184 pts (6 out of 8 scores) on an excellent but testing golf course.

We waited with bated breath as Society of London Captains still had one score to be recorded and were the only County who could catch us.

However, their last player scored an excellent 36 points which was the best score of the day and elevated London to a total of 190pts leaving us in second place.

Our thanks go to our team, Bedfordshire Captains Golfing Society and John O'Gaunt Golf Club for a very well organised day and our congratulations go to Society of London Golf Captains for winning the 2017 Queen's Jubilee Trophy.

Friday 11th August 2017. Match v Lady Captains of Kent Golf Clubs.

Once again we hosted this annual match at West Kent Golf Club and competed as mixed pairs, one team selected to represent the men and one for the ladies. We played American greensomes & points were aggregated to establish the winning team. Another fine day and most of us had a very enjoyable day, enjoying the course the company and hospitality. Our thanks to the ladies and to our match organiser Harry Wanless who this year took on the task, so ably done previously since its inception by Ian Dunlop . The mens team scored 446 points versus the Ladies 362.

As is customary some individual prizes were presented as follows.



1st. Robin Fullager & Christine Farley (mens team)
42 pts. Photo left.

2nd. Steve Poole & Trisha Cheesworth (mens team)
39 pts. photo right



3rd. Mike Stephens & Julie Flanders (mens team)
36 pts. photo left



4th. Terry Ralph & Susan Phillips (mens team)
35 pts (countback) Photo R.

others on 35 pts. Brian Gallagher & Jackie Poole & William Albery & Judie Smith.



Match v London at Wyke Green Golf Club, Weds 30th May.

Match manager David Alldread was unable to attend having departed for Australia. A short report follows from his deputy, Mike Stephens.

As for the day, everything was tip top. The course was fine, catering very good and the weather was perfect. The Captain led from the front, he lost so all those behind could relax and play to their full potential! Clearly a well thought out approach.

London Captains played in a competitive but friendly way and it was nice to record a victory by 61/2 to 31/2.

Photo. Captain William Albery receives the winners shield from London Captain , John Marr.



Match v Surrey at Canterbury 27th June.

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A Report from Match Manager Steve Grubb.

The course at Canterbury was in excellent condition despite rather burned up fairways. The match appeared to be heading Kent's way early on with two wins, three halves and just the one loss in the first six matches. Dave Allread contributed a hole in one in his winning match with Gary Snell and Mike Muro was also successful with Steve Grubb. However, a fight back was led by Jimmy Tarbuck and his partner, Surrey manager Alan Tickner, who won 2 up. Thereafter the Kent resistance rather fell away as the last three teams lost, giving the Surrey side a victory by six and a half to three and a half.



Photo 1. The Captain & Surrey Vice Captain Graham Woolcott

Photo 2. The Captain, Canterbury Captain, Neil Parsonson & Surrey C/Captain Graham Woolcott.

Match v Sussex On Thursday 31 August.

Our team battled both the M25 and the weather in order to play Sussex whilst also enjoying spectacular views of the South Downs Way and surrounding countryside. We were entertained by the Pyecombe Captain where it seems the club is very much eco friendly in a manner of different ways. Unfortunately our hosts Sussex were not quite so friendly such that we suffered a loss in the match with the score being 6 - 4. The plus side was that we all came away feeling fitter and tired due to the up and down nature of the course. Hopefully we can reverse the fortunes next year! **David Eldridge Match Manager.**

Photos: The Captain with Brian Street, Capatin of Sussex.

Pyecombe Captain Gary Hann joins the County Captains.



