

2014 County Matches

Match v Cambs 19th August. Tenterden G.C.

Although often cloudy, we were subjected once again to summer conditions for this annual match. Club Captain Fred Potter welcomed us warmly & Tenterden Golf Club treated us very well and even laid on ball spotters who help appreciably on the day. As our Captain pointed out at dinner after the match, we normally perform well against Cambridge Captains. On this occasion however we were severely beaten, clocking up just 2 1/2 points against Cambs. 7 1/2. Opposing Captain Tony Jenkins spoke warmly, also at the dinner, about how very well we had been treated by the host club and that they could not have been more helpful. Both Captains thanked everyone for another memorable day.

Photo: Geoff Houghton presents the Claret Jug Trophy to Tony Jenkins (R)



Essex Captains v Kent Captains Thursday 17th April 2014 at Boyce Hill, Essex.

The Society team led by Geoff Houghton our vice captain and organized by team manager Barry Plumb had an enjoyable day at Boyce Hill but was unable to secure a win, finally succumbing to a narrow loss 4 1/2 to 5 1/2 equaling the result at home last year. As usual the match was played in a friendly spirit and an excellent dinner followed completing a very enjoyable day.

Match v Hampshire 15th May 2014.

In what was a very enjoyable day at Rochester & Cobham Golf Club, we were hosts to the Hampshire Captains in our annual friendly match. Our thanks go to Rochester & Cobham who presented an excellent golf course, great hospitality and superb catering.

Steve Howard the current Rochester & Cobham Captain joined us for this match and played with our Captain Terry Ralph. In spite of finishing the 4 of the last five holes in three's they could only manage an honorable half with overall victory going to Hampshire 4 1/2 - 5 1/2.

Our thanks go to John Johnson who was our Team Manager who ensured all ran smoothly on the day.

7th August. Jubilee Trophy Success at The Essex Golf and Country Club!

Team manager David Honnor along with the Captain, President and Vice Captain could only look on as the selected 8 man team competed for the 2014 Jubilee Trophy. Last man John Grant needed 32 to points to secure victory and with 16 scored on the front nine the team waited nervously as he made par on the 18th. His back nine 18 secured the win with a little to spare as we amalgamated 204 points against the 201 by second place Oxfordshire!



Essex Captains Host the Jubilee Trophy.



Captains from 7 counties, Bedfordshire, Essex, Kent, Hampshire, London, Oxfordshire & Sussex, gathered for this annual event ably administered by Essex at a picturesque golf course with plenty of water to get the pulse racing! At the finish it was Kent just ahead of Oxfordshire while last years champions Sussex finished seventh just to illustrate how fickle this game can be.

The team manager thanked all the players for their efforts while Captain Geoff Houghton thanked Essex Captains, the staff at the venue and all the helpers and competitors on the day for their contributions to a grand occasion. The victorious team can be seen here with the Team Manager & Society Captain.

Red Arrows salute Kent Captains at the annual match v Kent Lady Captains 15th August.

At the annual match played at West Kent G.C. Adjacent to Biggin Hill Aerodrome we were treated to arial displays as the Red Arrows practiced their manoeuvres for some imminent event. Sadly although cameras were reached for, the several flypasts, some with smoke trailing, were just too quick for us! It transpired that not only were the jets too quick, so were the ladies as they defeated the men by just a narrow 3 point margin, 410 to 407, on the aggregate scoring applied by match organiser Ian Dunlop. An excellent dinner followed in the clubhouse and we were royally welcomed by club captain Jim Bain. Our Captain responded suitably as did the Ladies Captain Bobbi Ransammy. Both thanked the club for yet another splendid occasion.



Viv Honsey (Parkwood) & Bert Bowen (Faversham) win individual prize with 41 points.

Kathy Madderly & Pat Quadling (Mid Kent) amassed 40 points in 2nd place while Susan Phillips & Mike Stephens (Bexleyheath) made 3rd spot on c/b with 39 points.

Pictured (L to R) Organiser Ian Dunlop with club Captain Jim Bain & players, Society Captain & Vice Captain with their lady partners. Individual winners with Captains Bobbi Ransammy & Geoff Houghton.

Match v London 29th May 2014.

Bearsted G.C. Hosted our annual match v London which was played on a very well presented course in good spirit and fine weather. Sadly due to last minute withdrawals our normal 10 x 4 balls was reduced to 8 with new secretary David Honnor having to sit out the match. With the honours going early to London we wrested a draw thanks to the efforts of our late & middle order starters. Both sides won 3 games with the other two being halved. As usual we were looked after very well by the Bearsted staff and the meal that followed the match was very much appreciated by all. Our new Captain can be pictured here sharing the spoils with Mark Fendt, the London Captain.



Match v Surrey at Tandridge, 10th July.

A morning fixture that enabled the combatants an opportunity to sample the famous 'Tandridge Lunch' as well as the beautiful Harry Colt designed golf course. The rain did not dampen the enthusiasm of both teams in a close match with Kent just ahead on the day 5 1/2 - 4 1/2.



Stan Idell, the Surrey Captain and his team welcomed the Kent side to this splendid Oxted venue. Luckily the rain was not as severe as was expected but hung around most of the day. Kent Captain Geoff Houghton led from the front to secure the win, while later others tucked in to the legendary Tandridge Pudding with gusto! Our thanks go to Tom Elliott, club captain (who not surprisingly lunched with us) and all the Tandridge staff for a memorable day.

Match v Sussex 28th August. Kent take the Honours!

An unexpected result at Wrotham Heath G.C. illustrated quite graphically by Sussex Captain Ian Wood at Dinner when he resurrected statistics on our 44 years of competitive rivalry. Yes, we had only won 10 matches up until today but perhaps our 6 - 4 victory is the start of better things to come? As always we had a terrific time with our closest and oldest opponents once again we were blessed by fine weather. Sussex players commented on a fine golf course and several mention the high quality of the greens. The staff looked after us extremely well, we had a very warm welcome from club captain Stuart Gray and dinner was well received too. We look forward to renewing our friendship at Bognor next year!



Photo: The Kent and Sussex Society Captains in good spirits after the meal.