

## 2018 Members Matches.



*Cambs Captain, Terry Akers with The Captain*

### 2018 Match v Cambridgeshire.

#### A report from Brian Hodgkinson

Tues 10th July Match v  
Cambs at Chestfield G.C.  
Great venue, Great food  
and excellent comradeship  
between both teams. The  
majority of the Kent team  
had played the course  
before. The members of the  
Cambridge team, who had  
never played or been to the  
course before, were treated

to a brief history of Chestfield G.C. delivered by our Captain Mike Lintonbon. It is known that Chestfield clubhouse was built in the 15th Century and is reported to be the oldest used clubhouse in the world. It is also believed that the manager's office adjacent was the original clubhouse.

Having said all this we were treated to good golfing weather and the course played very long in the dry conditions. Some of the pin positions made you think the Greenkeeper had thought we all possessed plus handicaps! All matches were played in the spirit and tradition of the game which resulted in 4 wins, 4 loses and 2 halves.

Having won the match last year. We retained the trophy. Well done my team! Mind you, our President William said "We must get some better players next year!"

This will be my last time as Team Manager and I would like to thank all my team members for both this year and last year who supported me and helped to make it an excellent days golf. Well done. It was an honour to be your Team Manager.

Result 5 -5 match halved. Kent retain the trophy.

### Match v Hampshire

#### A Report from Ron Dunham.

Led by our Captain, Mike Lintonbon, at Ashford Golf Club, the forty golfing members from Kent and Hampshire Captain's Societies enjoyed a very

warm dry day....despite rumblings of thunder that could be heard in the distance!

Judging by the noise level during the evening meal, the camaraderie between both teams for this annual friendly fixture was very evident, with some old rivalries renewed, and a number of new rivalries emerging for years to come! The match, the result of which didn't seem to matter....or did it?....was won by Kent 6 1/2 to 3 1/2!



*The Captain with Ashford Captain Robert Smith & Hants Captain Howard Brace*

We were joined for the day by the Ashford GC Captain, Robert Smith, who along with his golf club staff, made us all very welcome both on and off the course and who all did us proud. They made sure we had a most enjoyable day!

Bring on the return match in Hampshire next year!

Ron Dunham  
Match Manager



*Surrey Captain, Graham Woolcott with the Captain*

## **2018 Match v Surrey.**

### **A Report from Steve Grubb.**

The match was played at Chipstead Golf Club in Surrey on Thurs. 28th June 2018. The club has made the most of a fairly small piece of land with some interesting holes and some steep slopes, which contributed to some unexpected bounces. The

course was in good condition & while the greens were not too fast they were not always easy to read!

The match was played in a great atmosphere with all participants enjoying a good day in the hot sunshine. The food and service were good although it was not easy to catch glimpses of the England match against Tunisia!

Our Captain, Mike Lintonbon and President, William Albery lost a close match to Surrey Captain Graham Woolcott and his partner Steve Holland but Vice Captain, Roger Cruttenden and Treasurer, Mike Stephens were victorious.

Barry Barclay and Jim Baynes secured a half against the Surrey match organiser Kris Dolinski

and his partner while Dave Honnor and Martin Cunningham came back from 4 down to achieve another important half.

Mid Kent were especially successful on the day, latecomers Barry Plumb and Steve Barrow achieved the highest win 6 and 4 and Mike Muro won with Steve Webb from Cherry Lodge. My thanks go to several other latecomers, Tony Davis, Cliff Hall and Dave Roseden after a clutch of dropouts.

The match ended in a pleasing 5 all draw.

## 2018 Diamond Jubilee Match

### A report from David Honnor.

We played the Diamond Jubilee match on Tuesday 26th June against London and Sussex Committee Teams at Bearsted and Kent won.



*The Diamond Jubilee Team*



*County Captains, Peter Ward (Sussex) & John Murray (London) with The Captain.*

There are teams of 12 with the best 10 scores counting and Kent won with 297pts from Sussex on 290pts and London with 267 retaining the trophy we won last year at Cooden Beach GC.

The match was played with great camaraderie between the teams on a glorious day on a well presented golf course with some tricky greens to read as the scores showed. The best score on the day was by

Kent Committee Member Ron Dunham who had 36 points the only player to play to his handicap which helped Kent to achieve the winning score.

Our thanks go to Bearsted Golf Club for their hospitality and for allowing us to host this annual match.

The Trophy was presented to our Captain Mike Lintonbon by the most

Senior Captain on the day, who played for London, Ron Cox who is 94 years young.



*Ron Cox, Senior London Captain*



### **2018 Match v London. A report from Mike Lodwig.**

The Society played its second county home match of the season against London Captains at Gillingham Golf Club on the 30th May.

We were most fortunate with the weather as the previous day violent and lengthy thunderstorms had closed the course. Happily the sun shone for us and the course showing remarkable powers of recovery was eminently playable and enjoyed by all. The Captain, Vice Captain, President and Secretary leading from the front posted victory in the first two matches and this ultimately proved to be the difference in the two teams with Kent winning 6 matches to 4. All matches were played in great spirit and included some good golf. At the subsequent dinner both captains thanked Gillingham Golf Club, represented on the day by Club Captain Bob Longo, for its hospitality and looked forward to further encounters as this year Kent retained the winner's shield.



*The Captain, London Captain John Murray, Gillingham Captain Bob Longo.*

### **2018 Match v Buckinghamshire. A**



## report from Brian Stokes.

Thursday 24th May saw our spirited team take on Buckinghamshire at the Harewood Downs Golf Club. Founded in 1907, we encountered a delightful members club and hilly golf course set in the Chilterns

near Amersham, Bucks.

Unfortunately it was not our day and we lost 7-1, with fast and difficult to read USGA specification greens it certainly suited the home players.

We all enjoyed a very nice evening meal of Chicken Chasseur followed by Chocolate Brownie with ice cream.

This being my first match as manager I managed to draft in David Allread at short notice and thank David for that. I then received some ribbing for allowing the President to take on the very important & coveted back-stop roll!

A very nice day was had by all!

## Match V Lady Captains of Kent Golf Clubs. Friday 10th August 2018.

The weather won as we all assembled at West Kent G.C. for this annual get together. Our summer, up until a day or two ago has been glorious, but all good things must come to an end and to be fair, we certainly needed rain for our parched gardens and golf courses!

Two teams, each of 24 players met for a light lunch at West Kent Golf Club. Past President Harry Wanless, our match manager had everything organised for a splendid day and a break in the weather enabled us all to tee off on time. Sadly the rain returned and ultimately some Thunder and Lightning which ended our golfing aspirations as the klaxon sounded for us to return to the club house.



*Harry Wanless announces the results.*

Almost all had managed to play 5 holes and with some creative accounting our match manager somehow computed the individual winners for the prizes of wine. Five pairs finished

equal second with 10 points and so each player received a bottle of wine as countback was not applied.

In first place however with 12 points on 5 holes were The Ladies Captain Judy Smith from Wildernesse and her partner, our vice captain, Roger Cruttenden of Wrotham Heath. In the spirit of the day, they also each received one bottle of wine.

Our Captain, Mike Lintonbon together with the Ladies Captain Judy Smith formally announced that the team even was an honourable draw.

It should be noted that the caterer brought forward dinner by some 21/2 hours and also managed to arrange for the waitresses to return to the club to serve us a meal at 5.15 pm. We must thank them and all the staff for their efforts in looking after us so well.

For the record the rain having pretty much lasted all day, cleared for us to view a beautiful evening towards the end of our dinner.



*The Winners, Roger Cruttenden & Judy Smith with The Captain*



## **2018 Queens Silver Jubilee Trophy.**

### **A Report from David Honor.**

Our Team, Ron Dunham (Hawkhurst) Ray Williams (ElthamWarren) Richard Lamb (Bearsted) John Grant (Wrotham) Brad Smith (Sittingbourne) Steve Mansfield (Sittingbourne) Alan Dodd (ElthamWarren) Paul Roberts (Woodlands Manor)

This year's Queens Jubilee Trophy, which is a seven county competition, was hosted by Sussex Golf Captains and played at The Nevill Golf Course on Thursday 16th August in somewhat wet and rainy conditions. As the rain fell the greens started to flood, which made putting almost impossible to the extent that this prestige competition was very nearly stopped. A decision was made to suspend play for 20 minutes by which time the rain had finally ceased and the greens started to drain and play could continue.

Unfortunately the damage had been done to many of the players, which was reflected in the scores. The best being 33 points by a player from London Captains, that helped his Team to retain the Trophy with a total of 178 points with the best 6 from 8 scores counting.



*The Captain & Vice Captain join the team.*

For the second year running Kent came second with a score of 170 points followed by Essex - Bedfordshire- Sussex - Oxfordshire and Hampshire.

Our thanks goes to Sussex Golf Captains for organising this year's event, which was run so smoothly and of course to our team for their efforts in representing our Society.



*Sussex Captain, Peter Ward joins The Captain*

### **2018 Match v Sussex, a Report from David Eldridge.**

A year on from our visit to Pyecombe Golf Club the two teams assembled at Sene Valley Golf Club just outside Folkestone. For our Sussex visitors they had to suffer the numerous road works pretty much along the entire length of their journey. All was well however in that we sat down to lunch with two full teams present.

It was for my part reassuring to discover that

Sussex also suffer from last minute drop outs and on that note I would like to personally thank all those Kent Captains who stepped in at the last minute to ensure we had a full complement of

players.

The weather was kind to us in that we escaped the rain but on arriving home in the evening my wife was amazed we did not get wet as it had rained quite heavily just south of Ashford so a lucky escape for all of us.

As to the match itself we teed off from both the 1st and 10th tee boxes so the results came in thick and fast. Interestingly we lost 4 - 1 on the matches starting on the 1st tee whereas those matches starting on the 10th tee resulted in Kent winning 3 matches and halving 2 such that overall the match finished as an honourable draw.

We now look forward to 2019 where I understand from Mark Terry the Sussex secretary that we will be going to Royal Eastbourne Golf Club so Kent Captains may wish to apply now!



*Sene Valley Captain, John Russell joins the Society Captains*



*Essex Captain Phil Smith presents the Thames Trophy to The President*

Trophy' which Kent has never won since it was introduced. In fact the last time Kent beat Essex was way back in 2005.

However, 2018 saw a change in fortunes. With this match original scheduled for April, The very wet spring and re-scheduled fixture proved to be a good omen for Kent.

With our Captain Mike Lintonbon on holiday the match was Captained by our President, William Albery and with the sun shining this 9 hole golf course with excellent greens and 18 tees with a yardage of over 6200 proved to be a real challenge, but one the Kent side was up for, that lead to a victory of 5 ½ to 4 ½. Our thanks go to the Essex Captains and Malden Golf Club for their hospitality and for making us so welcome on this enjoyable day.

### **2018 Match v Essex, a report from David Honor.**

Our re-arranged match with Essex, due to wet weather in April, was played on Monday 3rd September at Malden Golf Club.

This fixture started in 1969 and is one of our longest running County Matches. In 2016 it was agreed between to two counties to introduce a trophy for this event. With the two counties being divided by the river Thames the trophy was named 'The Thames



*Malden G.C. Captain joins Phil Smith & William Albery*



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