



48th AGM, West Kent G.C. 20th May 2015.

A cloudy day with a chilly wind greeted us at our AGM venue today. As usual this splendid venue forced us to ballot and restrict competitors to our maximum 128 from a much higher entry figure. Inevitably a few last minute cancellations enabled the secretary to accommodate some that missed out in the ballot and our major event of the year proved to be very enjoyable and as always, gave us the opportunity to renew old friendships.

The golf, as usual was competitive and despite tough breezy conditions that included a 10 minute spell of heavy rain, several pairs were still able to notch up better ball scores in the mid 40's.

The AGM itself followed a good meal and our new Captain, Mike Odd (**Barnehurst**) & President, Geoff Houghton (**Hythe Imperial**) were appointed while long time Society stalwart, Reg Taylor (**West Kent**) was installed as Vice Captain. The secretary, treasurer & examiner were re-appointed with 3 committee members retiring while 3 new committee members were adopted, as is our custom. Our new officers and committee can viewed in full on this website.

As always our thanks go to West Kent G.C. for their support, service & courtesy along with their excellent catering.



Results for the Better ball Competition for the West Kent Salvors.

1st 46pts: Tony Negal (Sundridge Park) & David Rosedon (Bexleyheath).

2nd 45pts: David Skinner (West Kent) & Ron March (Chislehurst).

3rd 44pts: Robert Dicketts & Gerry Tutt (both Lamberhurst).

4th 44pts: Mike Fishlock (Tun Wells) & Keith Milner (Woodlands Manor).

5th 44pts: John Coupe & Nigel Warne (both Ashford).



18th June 2015. Sundridge Park Bowl, Nigel Digweed amasses 41 points on Sunny Super Slick Sevenoaks greens at Wilderness!



It would be difficult to enjoy a days golf more since summer arrived for us to appreciate our Garden of England in its full glory where Wilderness G.C. excelled in their set up to provide us with a golf course in pristine condition for our morning 18 hole competition. We suspect that the British Open pre-qualifier event here on Monday will leave no competitor disappointed at the course presented to them. We daresay a few might however envy Nigels mastery of these tricky Wilderness greens! The staff looked after us very well and as usual, the food & wine proved the icing on the proverbial cake! A host of our members stayed for the Captains prize presentation ably managed by our hard working secretary David Honnor.



All photographs above show Mike Odd, our captain, presenting prizes to our worthy winners. The am 18 hole stableford produced some good scores among the 124 members competing for the Sundridge Park Bowl. Gordon Caldwell (Chislehurst - photo top R) finished a close second with 40 points while Terry Honour (Sittingbourne - photo Centre R) after a two year KGC absence scored a commendable 37 points to finish third. Ron March (Chislehurst - photo bottom R) just crept into the prizes with 37 points on c/b (12 on back 6) in forth.



Afternoon Greensomes.

Once again our members took to the fairways to try and grab some more silverware and as always the events were keenly contested.

The Wilderness Salvagers were won by sharp shooting Steve Grubb & Barry Barclay (both of Shooters Hill) with 23 points while John Grant & Ian Sayer (both of Wrotham Heath) finished second with 21 points. See Photo (Top L).



The Sidcup Trophy saw ever competitive Mike Fishlock (Tunbridge Wells) paired with big hitting Gerry Tutt (Lamberhurst) pick up the silver with 23 points. They just pipped Nigel Digweed & Roger Treadway (both of Ashford) who scored 22 points in second place. See Photo (Bottom L)

Captains Day, Dartford 16th July 2015. President walks off with the Captain's Prize:

Our President Geoff Houghton playing off a handicap of 25 had a day to remember winning the Captain's Prize, with points to spare at Dartford in a field of 90 plus players on a sunny day and a course that suited his game to a tee. He was delighted to win in a very well supported meeting and expressed his thanks to our Captain for his generosity presenting us all with a gift to remember his day and for the refreshments he provided at the Half Way House.

He went on to say on behalf of us all, how well Dartford GC and the staff had looked after us and complimented the caterers for the buffet lunch and tea they provided and the green staff for presenting the course in such good condition.



Captains Prize.

- Winner. Geoff Houghton (Hythe Imperial) - 44 pts
- Second. Peter Oldfield (Dartford) - 40 pts
- Third. Alan Cooper (Bexleyheath) - 39 pts (19 on back 9)
- Fourth. Les Cox (Dartford) - 39 pts (18 on back 9)

Alan Cooper had a Hole in One on the 11th. He made a generous donation to the Children Charity Fund which was gratefully received.

AFTERNOON Greensomes. For the Society Rose Bowls. Front & Back 9

Front 9.

- 1st: Harry Young & David Hinton (Lamberhurst) - 24pts
- 2nd. Roger Cruttenden & Phil Skelton - (Wrotham Heath) - 22 pts



Back 9.

- 1st. Bob Tranckle & Derek Carline (St. Augustine's) - 24 pts
- 2nd: John Wilkinson (Sidcup) & Mike Stephens (Bexleyheath) - 23 pts
- won on last 3 holes from Barry Plumb (Mid Kent) and Jim Baynes (Eltham Warren)



7th August 2015 - Kent Captains stalwart Brian Stokes shows a clean pair of heels to win the **Knole Park Trophy** at 125 year old Lamberhurst G.C.

The Society once again visited Lamberhurst G.C. to help mark its 125th anniversary and (L) Brian Stokes (Woodlands Manor) held off a field of 70 players to win the morning competition with 41 points.



(R) Jim Osbourne (Dartford) claimed second spot with 39 points (21 back 9) just beating Graham Walker (Sittingbourne & Milton) on c/b.

As always, the afternoon 9 hole competitions were keenly fought with the **Mid Kent Plates** captured by last years winner William Albery (Faversham) who teamed up with Captain Mike Odd (Barnehurst) to rake up 21 points, 2 clear of perennial favourites Ron Dunham & Bill West (both of Hawkhurst). Steve Grubb & P McLean (both Shooters Hill) finished 3rd also with 19 pts but lost on the back 6 c/b.



The **Rochester & Cobham Park Trophy** was won by Graham Walker & Steve Mansfield (both of Sittingbourne & Milton) with a magnificent 23 points. 2nd place was taken by David Allread & Doug Stoker (both of Sundridge Park) with 19 points.

We feel sure that William Albery will accept bids for his services next year!
Photo Top Centre.



Graham Walker had a day to remember just missing out on 2nd place in the morning competition, winning in the afternoon and then he picked up something in the ball sweep too! We feel sure that he shared these with new committee man Steve! Photo Left.

We congratulate Lamberhurst G. C. on their 125 years and thank them too for presenting us with a good course, fast greens and super hospitality, not to mention the warm summer conditions enjoyed by all.

17th August 2015. Lively breeze makes for a traditional benign summers day at Littlestone G.C.

Our members are well aware of the history of this club and we note the following extract from its excellent website: - *On one occasion the Club was in the unique position of having the Prime Minister of the day (Asquith) and the Leader of the Opposition (Balfour) as Captain and President respectively. Perhaps the one occasion when the Prime Minister has ever had to defer to the Leader of the Opposition!*

Our Captain welcomed the 113 members who attended this coastal jewel and referred to his playing partners 4th shot to the par 5 fifth hole which had settled some distance from the flag only to watch, in disbelief some time later upon approaching the green, a gust of wind propel the ball into the hole for a welcomed par!

A good turn out was enjoyed by all and our thanks go to Littlestone G.C for providing us with a lovely course, making us so welcome and great food. Can it really be 17 years since we last played here in Ernie Maidments year?



The **Langley Park Trophy**. 1st (above centre) Andy Duncan (Sene Valley) 40pts.
2nd (above left) Ian Thomson (Woodlands Manor) 39pts We can only assume that in this photo, having additionally won the pm Autumn Bowls, that Ian is reflecting on his fine golf today
3rd (above right) David Eldridge (Ashford) 38pts.



Eltham Warren Cups. Played over 10 holes,
1st Terry Ralph (Cranbrook) & Harry
Sargent (Bearsted) 26pts (photo L)

2nd Ian Sayer & Roy Williams (Wrotham
Heath) 25pts (photo R)



Royal Blackheath Autumn Bowls. Played
over 8 holes. 1st. Roger Wingrove & Ian
Thomson (Both of Woodlands Manor) 21
pts (back 3 c/b) (photo L)

2nd . Keith Deadman & John Hubbard
(Both of Bexleyheath) 21pts (photo R)



Thursday 3rd September 2015. Professionals Guest Day, Dartford.

Wrotham Heath Golf Club successfully defend title!



Report from David Honnor.

For only the second time in SKGC history has this title been
defended successfully. First achieved in 2001 and 2002 by

Canterbury GC. & now this year with Wrotham Heath GC also achieving that honour at Dartford GC on an excellent & well presented golf
course. Our thanks go to Dartford's management and staff for their support in all our events held there this year and our Professionals
Guest Day was no exception.

RESULTS:

1st – Wrotham Heath GC 'B' score 121 (17 under) Team: Phil Skelton – Ian Sayer – Trevor Norman & professional George Burton.

2nd – Dartford GC 'A' score 124 (14 under) Team: Bernard White (Captain of Dartford) – Jim Osborne – Tony Leach & Professional
John Gregory.

3rd: - Ashford GC Score 125 (13 under on count back from Wrotham Heath 'A' & Canterbury 'A') Ashford's Team: John Coupe – Nigel
Warne – Nigel Digweed & professional Terry Shaw.

**Tuesday 15th September 2015. The Hamshaw Trophy.
Captain leads Committee Team to Victory!**

Report from David Honnor. A delighted Captain (Mike Odd) was
gracious in victory over the Past Presidents Team lead by our President
Geoff Houghton in this year's annual Hamshaw Trophy match between
the Past Presidents and Committee which took place at Dartford GC
The match is played over 18 holes and is single Stableford scoring with
the best 8 scores to count.

For the fourth year in a row. A younger Committee Team took the trophy
winning by a comfortable margin against a more senior in years Past
Presidents Team with over 120 years difference in combined ages.

However, the best score on the day with 38 points was a Past President –
Stewart Knott (Shooters Hill).



Our thanks once again go to Dartford GC for hosting this years match
and for making us so welcome.

24th September 2015. Presidents Day, Sene Valley. Showers and a tough golf challenge could not stop one member stoking up an unbeatable score!



Report from David Honnor. In form Brian Stokes (Woodlands Manor) had a day to remember winning the Presidents Prize with an outstanding score of 46pts leaving the rest of the field in his wake. With only 7 players, out of a field of 80, breaking par in tough conditions Brian's score was even more exceptional and 6 ahead of his nearest rival.

Brian thanked the President, Geoff Houghton for his generosity & for the gift he supplied to all who played and also for the refreshments provided at the halfway house. He finished his response by promising to take his card back to his home club for a handicap review. (I should think so!)

The afternoon Society Greensomes was a more closely fought affair on both 9's with Brian Barrows & Ian Dunkerley (both of Walmer & Kingsdown) winning the back 9 with 18 pts (c/b on back 6 and then on back 3) from Jim McGill (Woodlands Manor) & George Scoble (Cherry Lodge).

John Rowe & Alan Blundy (both of Sittingbourne & Milton) won the front 9 with 22pts from home team of Murray Alexander and John Hester who scored 21pts.



Presidents Day Photos.

am Presidents Prize.

Top Left Brian Stokes

(Woodland Manor) Winner 46 pts.

Top Right Peter Woodward-Bailey

(Sene Valley) 2nd. 40 pts.

Btm Right Andy Duncan (Sene Valley)

3rd. 39 pts.



pm. Greensomes.

Btm Left. Front Nine Winners John

Rowe & Alan Blundy (Sittingbourne & Milton) 22 pts.

2nd. Murray Alexander & John Hester
(Sene Valley) 21pts



Back Nine Winners (no photo) Brian

Barrows & Ian Dunkerley (Walmer & Kingsdown) 18pts (won on back 3)

2nd. Jim McGill (Woodlands Manor) & George Scoble (Cherry Lodge) 18 pts. also on c/b - back 6.



3rd December Rochester & Cobham for our Christmas Fayre.

Report from David Honnor: - 24 years a member and without a win ended at Rochester & Cobham GC on Thursday 3rd December for John Aughterlony a Past Captain from Sidcup GC who won the Chislehurst Salver with 39 points in a field of 111 players. John is also The Club Manager of Rochester & Cobham and used all his knowledge of the course to amass his winning score. A point behind John was Stan Topliss (Wrotham Heath) who scored 38 points followed by Nigel Digweed (Ashford) with 37 points along with David Eldridge (Ashford) who also had 37 points but came 4th on countback.

The top 12 players all received a voucher from Marks & Spencer along with first choice from the prize table.

Our thanks goes to Rochester & Cobham GC for presenting an excellent golf course and Christmas lunch enjoyed by all.



Top L. 1st. John Aughterlony
Top R. 2nd. Stan Topliss
Btm L. 3rd. Nigel Digweed
Btm R. 4th David Eldridge



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