



AGM. Wednesday 17th May 2017. West Kent Golf Club.

A full house of competitors gathered to attend our 49th AGM and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our Society.

The day began as usual with the secretary and his helpers registering members, 18 holes of 4 ball better ball competition and appropriately one pair of golfers attaining an enormous score very nearly matching our landmark AGM. We were lucky in that while rain has been prevalent in recent days we had just a smattering at the beginning and end of our occupation of this delightful golf course but not enough to spoil our day. After the usual excellent meal and the AGM itself, the heavens opened and delivered a relentless downpour which many viewed from the comfort of the clubhouse. A new Captain, William Albery (Faversham), had been Installed and business carried on as it has done for 50 years!

Here are the results from our AGM meeting:



1st 48pts Graham Sutherland (Ashford) & Tony Fauch (Chestfield)

2nd 46pts Steve Bootes & Martin Goodright (Sittingbourne) Last year's winners



3rd 44 pts Ray Williams & Alan Dodd (Eltham Warren)



4th 43 pts Robin Fullager & Ron Harwood (Faversham) on count back with 21 on back 9
From: Roger Treadway & Nigel Digweed (Ashford) 19 on back 9 and Barry Barclay & Graham Blackwell (Shooters Hill) 17 on back 9





Knole Park Trophy

1st Ian Slatter (Tenterden) 39pts

2nd David Eldridge (Ashford) 38pts

3rd Stuart Gay (Wrotham Heath) 35pts (21pts on back 9)

4th Steve Mansfield (Sittingbourne) 35pts (18pts on back 9)

5th Paul Robertson (Chestfield) 35pts (17pts on back 9)



Royal Blackheath Bowl



1st. David Eldridge & Hans Pfeffer (Ashford) 20pts

2nd .Roy Berry & Martin Goodright (Sittingbourne) 18pts

Sidcup Trophy



1st Dave Moore & Graham Hudson (Dartford) 20pts (14 on back 6)

2nd Nigel Dixon (Tenterden) & Neil Brown (Herne Bay) 20 pts (13 on back 6 then 7 on back 3)

From Roy Allan & Ian Slatter (Tenterden) who also had 20pts but (5 on the back 3)

Captains Day 19th July 2017 at Faversham.

The early hours of the 19th July presented many problems for our hosts **Faversham Golf Club**. Torrential rain and a magnificent light show left the clubs officials a lot of work in repairing the flooded car park they found on their arrival today. It is to their credit that they did not bat an eyelid setting about their task and received us with a smile and warm welcome. The bunkers were flooded also, so for those who despair when they interfere with our game, they were delighted to learn that all bunkers were GUR and effectively made amassing points that much easier! Well, for some at least!



Our Captain, welcomed all on arrival and presented a gift which was much appreciated. The course despite the earlier deluge played very well and we were lucky to experience no further rain during play. A varied breakfast was available and lunch was perhaps one of the best presented to our Society in recent times. We congratulate the Captain & all the staff for providing us with such luxuries. As usual, members of our Society helped at the desk all day and distinguished members of the host club acted as starters. A very nice refreshment was presented at the 'halfway house' by Helen Albery and Sandra Last & donated by the Captain. It should also be noted that once again our secretary had everything under control.



Photos.

1. The Clubhouse
2. The Prize Table
3. The Captain
4. The Captains Welcome at the Halfway House.



Captains Prize:

1st: Stewart Knott (**Shooters Hill**) 40pts
20 on back 9 (Photo Top Left)



2nd: David Eldridge (**Ashford**) 40pts
14 on back 9 (Photo Top Right)

3rd: Colin Murray (**Sundridge Pk**) 39pts
(Photo Btm. Left)



4th: Bert Bowen (**Faversham**) 38pts
20 on back 9. (Photo Btm. Right)

Other 38 pts were: John Johnson (**Sene Valley**) – John Hubbard (**Bexleyheath**) – Gary Snell (**St. Augustine's**)

Society Claret Jugs - Front 9:

Winners.

Lynn Mercer & Rob Corbett (**Lamberhurst**) 21pts

Photo. Top



2nd. Barry Barclay & Steve Grubb (**Shooters Hill**)

20pts – 9pts on back 3

Photo. 2nd from Top.



Other 20pts were.

Nic Morrison & N. DeKoning – Dave Moore & Graham Hudson – Michael Whitehead & David Eldridge – Alison Kingston & Bob Staples – Martin Goodright & Steve Bootes.

Society Claret Jugs – Back 8

Winners.

Stan Topliss & Phil Skelton (**Wrotham Heath**)

20pts, 8 on back 3

Photo . 3rd from Top



2nd: Gordon Hiscock (**Cranbrook**) & Ron Dunham

(**Hawkhurst**) 20pts, 6 on back 3

Photo. Bottom.



Other 20pts were: Graham Walker & Alan Blundy (**Sittingbourne**)

Tuesday 8th August 2017 at Wrotham Heath.

Yet another successful and enjoyable meeting organised by our hard working secretary. Somehow we found ourselves sampling the final day of a golf week organised by the 1906 club with a marquee to make seating comfortable and room to enjoy the excellent food provided. The course was in very good condition, greens tricky for the most of us but of course there were those that seemed to master them. So much so that 4 of our members managed 41 points in the morning competition while one pair ran up 26 points for 9 holes in the afternoon too! To cap all that, despite a forecast of rain we escaped with not a drop!

A.M. Competition: -

Sundridge Park Bowl:

Winner : Mike Muro (**Mid Kent**) 41 pts 20 on back 9

2nd: David Hatton (**Chislehurst**) 41 pts 12 on back 6

3rd: John Rowe (**Sittingbourne**) 41 pts 11 on back 6

4th: Paul Bennett (**Shortlands**) 41 pts 17 on back 9



8th August Wrotham Heath, p.m. Results.

Eltham Warren Cups:

Winners: Roger Cruttenden & Barry Lake (Wrotham) 24pts



2nd: Dave Moore & Graham Hudson (Dartford) 21 pts 15 on back 6

Also with 21pts were: Mike Stephens & Harry Wanless (Bexleyheath) But with 13 on back 6



Mid Kent Plates:

Winners: Phil Skelton (Wrotham) & Mike Muro (Mid Kent) 26 pts

2nd: Mike Fishlock (Tun Wells) & Brian Mills (Woodlands) with 6 on back 3



There were 5 pairs with 20 pts.

Others with 20 pts included: David Eldridge & Hanns Pfeffer (Ashford) – Harry Dunk & Stan Topliss (Wrotham) & Roger Wingrove and I. Thomson (Woodland)



17th August 2017 at Wildernesse G.C.

A full compliment of Society golfers arrived at this excellent club to enjoy its splendour. it has been another good summer in that while much rain has certainly fallen, we continue to be blessed with little of it at our meetings. Today there was none and the course was in very good condition. The catering was of its usual high standard and everyone had a good time on the course and in the clubhouse. Scoring was easier for some and perhaps frustrating for others, Alan Dodd played exceptionally well to shoot a gross 73 but even that was pipped by one point by one player and on countback by a second! Alan took in all in good grace of course.

Our secretary continues to arrange everything faultlessly and helpers on the day could only add to the slick operation that he presides over.

The golf results and photos follow: -



Langley Park Salver:

1st. John Coupe (Ashford)
42pts

2nd. Michael Lodwig (Chislehurst)
41pts (23 on back 9)



3rd. Alan Dodd (Eltham Warren)
41pts (20 on back 9) Shot a GROSS 73 one over par.

4th Richard Allan (Tenterden)
39pts



17th August 2017 Wildernesse pm results.



Wildernesse Salvors.

1st. Martin Goodright & John Rowe (Sittingbourne) 22 pts

2nd. Bill Edwards & David Hatton (Chislehurst) 20pts



Rochester & Cobham Trophy.

1st. Brad Smith & Terry Honour (Sittingbourne) 21pts

2nd Cliff Hall & Jim Baynes (Eltham Warren) 20 pts c/b to last hole 2pts.

There was four other 20 pts BUT after back 6, then back 3, then back 1 Cliff and Jim prevailed.



4th September, Presidents Day at West Kent.

The day was overcast early and just some hint of rain but the sun did attempt to break through allowing the temperature to rise. Our **President Reg Taylor** greeted us warmly and generously gave us all a memento of the day that reflected his lifelong career in philately. Just prior to prize giving he regaled us all with stories of his work and was there to present us with prizes chosen and provided by him. Added to this the halfway house account was his also and the members warmly applauded and cheered him at the afternoon presentation.



President's Prize, am competition.

1st. Micky Wells (**Woodlands Manor**) 41pts (23 on back 9) photo right

2nd. Nigel Digweed (**Ashford**) 41pts (22 on back 9) photo bottom right

3rd Trevor Norman (**Eltham Warren**) 39pts photo bottom left



PM Greensomes.

Front 9.

1st Gary Wilson & Gary Jones (**Sidecup**)
21pts (8 on back 3) Photo Left

2nd William Albery (**Faversham**) & Gary
Snell (**St. Augustines**) 21pts (7 on back 3)
Photo Right



Back 9.

1st Peter McLean & Roger Witchlow
(**Shooters Hill**) 20pts (7 on back 3)
Photo Left

2nd Micky Wells & Brian Stokes
(**Woodlands Manor**) 20pts (6 on back 3 - 2
on last hole BUT 4pts on stroke index 1)
Photo Right



while Steve Oley and Mike Fishlock also
had 20 pts. but 3pts on stroke index 1)

Monday 25th September Professionals Guest Day at Faversham.

A Report from David Honnor.

We had 32 teams participating from various parts of the County in ideal weather conditions on a well presented golf course.

Walmer & Kingsdown 'A' came in early with an excellent score of 14 under par which turned out to be a winner score. With 3 other teams also recording scores of 14 under Par it came down to the back 9. The long wait for the Walmer team turned out to be worthwhile as they held on to the lead having recorded a back 9 of 60. One less than Cherry Lodge, two less than Woodlands Manor 'C' and 3 less than Wrotham Heath 'B'

Our thanks goes to all the Professionals who supported this year's Guest Day and to all the staff at Faversham GC who made us so welcome and presented us with an excellent lunch.

1st. score 126, 14 under par with 60 on the back 9. Walmer & Kingsdown A – Pro: Mark Belsham – Players: Graham Dear & Martin Burgess plus Brian Barrows who had to leave early.

2nd. score 126, 14 under par with 61 on back 9. Cherry Lodge – Pro: James Warrington – Players: George Scoble – Bob Simpson & Brian Bamford.

3rd. score 126, 14 under Par (62 on back 9) Woodlands Manor 'C' – Professional Nick Terry – Players Paul Roberts – Steve Olley and Roger Wingrove.

4th. score 126, 14 under Par (64 on back 9) Wrotham Heath 'B' – Pro: Elliott Owens – Players: Rob Corbett – Stuart Gay and Harry Dunk.



2017 Christmas Fayre at Royal St Georges.



The Christmas Fayre Report, by David Honnor.

The climax of our season finished with a day to remember on Tuesday 5th December at Royal St. George's Golf Club. A full field of 90 members enjoyed a calm day on an excellent golf course followed by a pleasurable meal.



Dr. Omar Mailk with the Captain.

Our guest for the day was the Captain of Royal St. George's – Dr Omar Malik playing off a handicap of 6 who won the day with 36 points but as a guest was unable to win the Chislehurst Salver.

However, with an excellent score of 35 points Ian Slatter from Tenterden GC lifted the trophy. This was his second win this season with Ian winning the Knole Park Trophy at Royal Blackheath in June. It would appear that Ian excels on ROYAL GOLF COURSES.



In third place with 33 points (19 on the back 9) was Roger Hills from Eltham Warren.

There were 4 other scores with 33 points – Rob Corbett (Lamberhurst) – Craig Hendleman (Lamberhurst) – Peter Kilford (Langley Park) and Michael Whitehead (Bearsted).

With all 90 members collecting a prize the day finished with our Captain William Albery wishing everyone a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

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