2016 County Matches



Photo: V/C. William Albury, Ian Bains Harleyford Captain, Brian Rogers Bucks Captain

6th September 2016 Kent v Bucks at Harleyford G.C.

A Report from our Secretary. Our annual match against Buckinghamshire was this year held at Harleyford G.C. a venue we last visited in 2002 this being a relative new club at that time. The maturity of the course over the past few years was there for all to see. The course was in very good condition and we were richly entertained by the Buckinghamshire Captains.

Unfortunately we were one player short due to unforeseen circumstances and the result, although very close went to Bucks 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ v 3 $\frac{1}{2}$

Our thanks go to Harry Dunk who stood in as Match Manager and our Vice Captain William Albery who led from the front.

12th July 2016 v Cambridgeshire at Walmer & Kingsdown.

Report from Match Manager, Lynn Mercer.

Yesterday, at a blustery Walmer & Kingsdown Golf Club 20 fine golfers representing Kent Captains secured a 6-4 win against the visitors from Cambridgeshire Captains. Those who had not been to Walmer & Kingsdown before were wowed by the scenery; beautiful beaches on one side, France on the other; big rain storms mainly passing to the north.

Captain Reg was presented with the trophy by Cambridge Captain David Creek. Friendship was evident throughout with Kent looking rather happier than we were this time last year!

Good fun, good food, good golf.

Photo: Cambs Captain David Creek with W & K Captain David Martin & The Captain.



Kent Captains v Essex Captains - 4th may 2016. A Report from Match Manager Stephen Mansfield.

Each team, 20 players strong, played for the "Thames Trophy" at Brentwood Golf Club on the 4th May 2016. This County fixture has been running since 1969 but this was the first time that the teams had competed for the magnificent glass trophy emblazoned with the livery crest of each Society.

We were very well received at Brentwood GC and the Essex Captains were fine hosts, organising not only warm spring weather but a fine pre-match lunch and a delicious dinner which, for some, may have been the highlight of the day as the Kent Captains were nudged into 2nd place by 5.5 points against 4.5 points.

Geoff Houghton, our President, was acting Captain for the day and in the face of defeat delivered a kind and respectful response before presenting the trophy to Essex. Kent Captains look forward to hosting the 2017 match and renewing friendships with the Essex Captains.



30th June 2016 v Hampshire at Mid Kent G.C.



Photo (L) Reg Taylor welcomes Tony Hoskins, Hants Captain to Mid Kent G.C.

Photo (R) Vice Captain William Albery, Tony Hoskins Hants Captain, The Captain, Brian Mortimer Hants Vice Captain.



A report from Match Manager, Chris Jennings.

Both teams gathered at Mid Kent GC around noon. The wonderful British weather was continuing in its unique way. Oh when was our last true Summers day? Matches commenced at 1 pm with Pat Quadling (Mid Kent) doing a sterling job as starter as we all moved out onto the course in military fashion. The weather now was variously a combination of rain, sun & wind & it was soon clear that Mid Kent $had\ produced\ a\ very\ good\ track\ with\ their\ usual\ lightening\ greens,\ complemented\ on\ by\ my\ playing\ opponents\ \&\ their\ peers.$

As I finished in the last group I learnt that Kent had achieved a 6 - 4 victory. I would like to thank Tony Hoskins the Hampshire Captain and Match Manager for his teams great company & sportsmanship along with our team who represented the society in their usual witty, humorous & competitive manner.

This was my first match as manager & I was very honoured to be part of the day. A big thank you goes to all the staff, Mid Kent secretary Steve Armstrong & attending Club Captain Eamon McInnerney for the wonderful hospitality.

I now Look forward to next years return match at Basingstoke GC.

Tuesday 16th August

The Queen's Jubilee Trophy this year was hosted by Society of London Golf Captains at Ealing Golf Club.

The result is decided by taking the best 6 scores from 8. There are 7 counties represented.

Kent, London, Sussex, Oxford, Bedfordshire, Essex, Hampshire.

This year's Kent team was, Brad Smith (Sittingbourne) Peter Gregory (Lamberhurst) Paul Roberts (Woodlands Manor) Alan Dodd (Eltham Warren) Richard Lamb (Bearsted) Gary Snell (St. Augu tine's) John Grant (Wrotham Heath) and John Budd (Mid-Kent)



On an excellent day for golf, playing on a golf course in great condition with probably the best greens we have seen for many a year, an ultra slick 12.5 on the stimp meter. Our team came so close to winning the Trophy with an great score of 198pts. Despite having three scores of 36pts it wasn't quite good enough to beat Oxford who had a total of 204pts and Bedfordshire who came second having a total of 199pts. The best score on the day was 37pts from one of the Oxford players

Our thanks goes to Society of London Golf Captains and Ealing Golf Club for a very well organised day and our congratulations goes to Oxford for winning the 2016 'Queen's Jubilee Trophy'

12th August, Match v Society of Lady Captains of Kent Golf Clubs. West Kent G.C.



Our annual match once again was played in good spirits at a sunny West Kent Golf Club. Now part of our agenda since 2000 that even the Red Arrows were aware of it and managed a fly past!

The competition was a friendly mix of men and ladies competing either for the Mens team or the Ladies team. A formula brought in many years ago during Ken Taylors year. Once again the event was faultlessly organised by Ian Dunlop (Dartford) and we were all glad to see him in attendance after such a difficult year.

This year the Ladies were unable to defend the team trophy successfully with the Men coming out winners with an aggregate 361 versus the Ladies 330. The real winners were of course all who attended thanks to the course and hospitality provided by our host golf club. It could only have been better had Kathy Mercer (Lamberhurst) not twisted her ankle prior to hitting her first shot and having to sit out the match!

As usual, Ian arranged some individual prizes and the recipients were as follows: -

ıst Kathy Mabberly (Littlestone) & Alf Gibbons (Faversham) 42 pts. c/b

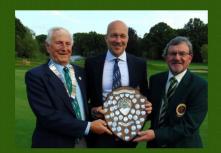
2nd Christine McFarlane (Tudor Pk)& Pat Quadling (Mid Kent) 42 pts.

3rd Maggie Weeks (Dartford) & Harry Wanless (Bexleyheath) 41 pts.



It is interesting to note that all 3 winners were from the men's team!

Photo shows The Captain, Ian Dunlop, Kathy Mabberly, Alf Gibbons, Pat Whitty (Ladies Captain).



Kent Captains v London Captains - 26th May 2016. A Report from Match Manager David Alldread

Lovely weather and London Captain Richard Healy (sadly unable to play following a small operation) came for coffee and to see everybody off at Langley Park G.C.

Some London visitors had trouble with traffic but everybody made it in time for lunch where the current Langley Park Captain, Peter Kilford, gave a welcoming speech.

The match was played in good spirits with Kent winning $6 \frac{1}{2} - 3 \frac{1}{2}$. on home territory.

The players were joined in the evening by London Captain Richard Healy and the longest serving Past Captain of Langley Park (Leslie Needham) who is a distinguished member of both Kent and London Societies.

Photo: London Captain prenting the shield to our victorious skipper Reg Taylor. In the centre is current Langley Park Captain Peter Kilford.

Kent Captains v Surrey - 6th June, Surbiton G.C. A Report from Match Manager, David Skinner.

What a super day, the sun shone all day and the Surbiton golf course was in immaculate condition, I must also mention the top quality food we had. We were made to feel very welcome by our hosts and I am sure we have all made some new friends.

The Surbiton Club Captain acted as starter. It was a shame about the result, Surrey won 8 1/2 to 1 1/2.

This was Reg Taylors first match as our Captain and my last as team manager. I would like to thank all the members of our Society for all the support they have given me in my three years. A very special mention to the members who stood in at very late notice.



15th September v Sussex at Ashford G.C.

Kent hosted Sussex in our annual county match at Ashford golf club on the 15th of September. The weather was fine and sunny and both teams fielded strong sides. What was most pleasing for myself as match manager was that we were able to put out a full team of 20 players. On to the match itself, it was fiercely contested but with great humour from both sides and it was a very close game with Kent just managing to win by 6 matches to 4.

A particular mention should go to our captain Reg Taylor and Mike Stephens for a great victory (not sure how, as Mike spent most of his time on our fairway). Also our President Mike Odd and Past President Geoff Houghton who fought back from four down to earn a well deserved half point. A mention should also go to 2 of the Sussex players with a combined age of 160 years who took a point from two of our big guns Peter Skipper and Nigel Digweed. The day was made even more special by the excellent catering that was provided by Ashford golf club and Nigel Digweed standing in for the Ashford captain in delivering the welcome speech. Thank you to all the team and I look forward to seeing you all at the xmas bash at Chislehurst in December. Gary Snell, Match Manager.

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