



2019 Match v Essex at Canterbury 11th April.

A Report from Brad Smith.

Our first friendly match of the year was played on Thursday 11th April at Canterbury Golf Club against Essex for the "Thames Trophy".

The weather was sunny, dry but chilly and the competition was fierce.

Canterbury Captain Stephen Bowles warmly welcomed us all and following a light lunch, the battle commenced.

This was Captain Mike Lintonbon's final match in charge and proved to be a memorable day.



Match Manager Brad Smith



Historically Essex are our bogey team and Kent had previously only won 13, lost 28 and halved 9 matches. The Kent boys turned the form book upside down and won 9-1 as well as not losing a game, 8 wins and 2 halves. The biggest

winning margin ever!

Well played our Team.

What a great day was had by all, a big thank you to Canterbury Golf Club, the course was a real treat to play. Our thanks as always to our friends from Essex Golf Captains.

Match v London Friday 31st May 2019.

A report from Match Manager Mike Lodwig.

London hosted this event at Grims Dyke Golf Club, at Pinner, Middx. and Grim it was not. Indeed the day turned out rather splendid and particularly for our Kent

team, who improved very slightly on last years result by recording our second win of the season by 61/2 – 31/2.



Mike Lodwig, Match Manager London.



Grims Dyke G C.

The day was kind to us, warm and dry with the occasional gust of wind to add to the difficulty of this well presented course with short but punishing rough, super slick undulating greens and spectacular views.

Our team rose to the challenge and once again rose to return the toast to our generous hosts at the after match meal which also proved rather delightful! Golf club meals don't get much better than this with a fine carvery followed by a selection of very appealing desserts! The staff looked after us extremely well and I am sure that the Kent players had forgotten the long journey to arrive at the venue after such a warm and friendly match against our London hosts. Our thanks also go to London Captain, Peter Kansick, Grims Dyke G.C. President, Ken Finn and match manager, Roy Downton for a well organised day!



London Captain Peter Kansick presents the trophy To The Captain



Mike Muro, Match Manager

Match v Surrey

Thursday 27th July at Sittingbourne & Milton Regis G.C.

A Report from local player Mike Muro, Match Manager

A strong Kent side faced the Captains from Surrey, who statistically have got the better of us over the 50 years we have competed. We commenced on a warm but breezy day and as the afternoon wore on the clouds became more numerous, the breeze stiffened noticeably and some were seen to don warmer clothing in the cooler air.



Acting Surrey Captain, The Captain, Rob White Sittingbourne Captain

The course was in very good condition and both before and after the game we were all well received within the clubhouse. Sittingbourne Club Captain, **Rob White** welcomed us warmly and if lunch was excellent, dinner proved a most welcomed and enjoyable repast after the sporting endeavours of the day.

Kind words and toasts were exchanged and Surrey Past Captain, **Graham Woolcott**, deputising for their Captain Richard Kennet, was generous in his praise announcing a Kent victory by 61/2 – 31/2.



Ron Dunham, Match Manager

Match v Hampshire

Kent Captains vs Hampshire & IoW Captains – 11th July 2019 at Lee-on-Solent

A Report from Match Manager, Ron Dunham.

Twenty members of the Kent Captains Society led by our Captain, Roger Cruttenden, travelled to Hampshire

for the annual county match fixture. Despite the trauma of the majority of the team having to find a last minute alternative route(s) away from the closed M25, an enjoyable day was eventually had by all at the Lee on the Solent Golf Club. With closely fought games on a very warm afternoon, the Kent team was only just edged out of a creditable half, losing 4:6 in the end, reversing last years result.



The Captain congratulates Hampshire Captain, Shane Dickson



Lee on Solent G.C.

There was a great camaraderie between the two teams for this friendly but competitive annual fixture, with many old rivalries renewed and new ones created for future years! A high degree of jollity was enjoyed by both teams at dinner, showing us all how important these county fixtures are. Thank you to the Hants & IoW team members for their generous hospitality....aside from the result!....and to the staff on and off the course for their welcome and support during the day.

We are all looking forward to the return match in 2020!

SKGC V SLCKGC

Friday 9th August at West Kent G.C.

Harry Wanless took time off from his medical treatment to welcome us to our annual match v The Ladies. It was greatly appreciated. Whats more, in a day predicted to be greatly influenced by gale force winds and rain he further arranged for fine, although breezy weather throughout the day with the heavens opening only when the last of our groups had departed the golf course! All was forgiven for last years deluge!



Harry Wanless, Match Manager



Rebecca Goldsmith presents the Salver to The Captain.

Once again West Kent G.C. provided us with a course in super condition, a very nice lunch and dinner and a very warm welcome from Their Captain and Staff. The Match was won by the mens Team and Ladies Captain, Rebecca Goldsmith, daughter of our past president, Ray Goldsmith, presented the winners salver to The Captain.

Men – 395 pts – Ladies – 382pts.

Best scores. 1st Liz Stephens & Alan Dickson - 42pts

2nd Valerie Harrison & Jim Baynes 41pts



Liz Stephens & Alan Dickson with The Captains

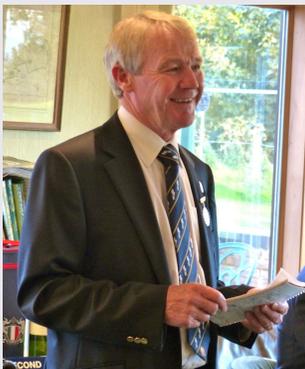
2019 Silver Jubilee Trophy.

'So close yet again'

This year's Queens Silver Jubilee Competition was hosted by Hampshire Golf Captains on the 15th August 2019 at Stoneham Golf Course, a club listed in the top 100 golf clubs of England.



Stoneham G.C.



A report from David Honor, Match Manager.

On a delightful golf course on a dry day our team of 8 took on 6 other Counties all trying to win this year's Jubilee Trophy. With 6 scores counting and early scores going our way our hopes were raised.

Alan Dodd (Eltham Warren) was first in and recorded a score of 41 points playing off 4 closely followed by Richard Lamb (Bearsted) who recorded a score of 37 points. With other scores around the mid 30's we started to pull away from the other Counties except for

Oxfordshire who were also posting scores in the high to mid 30's. With all our scores in we posted a total of 209 points. A total that would have won the trophy in

any of the past 9 years.

However, Oxford were waiting for one more score to be recorded and anything around the low to mid 30's and the trophy would be ours BUT their last player came in with an excellent score of 37 points and our hopes drifted away as their total added up to 211 pts.

Alan Dodd did however win the best score of the day to give us some joy.

We have now come 2nd in this prestige competition 6 times in the last 7 years being pipped by a few points every time.

2020 it must be our turn.....hopefully, as we will be the hosts for the competition which will be held at West Kent GC.

Congratulations must go to Oxfordshire for recording an excellent score. A photo of the team with the Captain. Names read left to right.



The 2019 Silver Jubilee Team with The Captain

Steve Bootes (Sittingbourne) - Roger Witchlow (Shooters Hill) - Paul Roberts (Woodland Manor)

Steve Mansfield (Sittingbourne) - Roger Cruttenden (Captain) - Richard Lamb (Bearsted) - John Grant (Wrotham Heath) - Alan Dodd (Eltham Warren) - Brad Smith (Sittingbourne)



The Captain with Captain of Sussex, Phil Williamson.

Kent Captains v Sussex Captains

A Match Report from Match Manager Jim Baynes.

29th August 2019

The match took place on a beautiful sunny but windy day at Royal Eastbourne Golf Club. The pre-match lunch and hospitality given to us by the Sussex Captains was second to none and after the pairings were notified,

battle commenced.

Unfortunately, their hospitality did not extend on to the golf course. The hosts used the advantage of home knowledge and although all the matches seemed tight after

nine holes, after eighteen holes, it was a different picture. The home team romped away with a 7-3 win. Give Sussex their due, they didn't gloat too much. As is usual in these matches, all the games were played in good humour.

After a lovely meal, both Captains and the R E G C Captain give speeches and everyone then made the trek back to Kent and beyond. I would like to thank everyone who played and hope you all enjoyed the day.

2019 Hamshaw Trophy.

The Annual Match for the Hamshaw Trophy between a Past Presidents Team and a Committee Team took place on Monday 9th September at Wrotham Heath Golf Club.

Although we were few in numbers due to holidays and other commitments we had a very enjoyable day

between the showers and did not get TOO WET!!

The result went in favour of the Presidents Team for the second year running with a winning score of 180 points against a score of 161 points for the Committee Team. The best score on the day was 40 points by Peter McLean (Shooters Hill) who was drawn to play for the Presidents team which went a long way to securing victory for the team.

Our Captain Roger Cruttenden presented the Trophy to our President Mike Lintonbon after a very enjoyable meal and dare I say a few glasses of wine!!

Our thanks go to Wrotham Heath for allowing us to host this match and for their hospitality.



Mike Lintonbon receives the Hamshaw Trophy from the Captain



Match V Cambridgeshire at Ely G.C.

A report from Match Manager, Mike Stephens

(editors note) Our thanks to our Treasurer for taking on this fixture due to the absence of Brian Hodgkinson who we hope to see back with us as soon as possible.

12th September at Ely.

Thanks to Ron Dunham and a traffic alert, The Kent Team arrived early at Ely G.C. to face the Cambridge Captains. The course designed by Henry Cotton is perhaps quirky with a flat front nine and an undulating back nine that may possibly be linked to its original nine holes, opened in 1962, being extended to 18 some 11 years later. The wind made our golf a little tricky but that apart, the weather was good.



Ely Golf Course



The Captain receives the Trophy from Cambs Captain, J. Fuller.

Our team did not start too well with a couple of losses and two halved games but the Kent team showed their metal particularly in the later pairings finishing 6-4 up, which at one time looked an extremely unlikely outcome! The condition of the course was good and the hospitality was "very hospitable". We were well catered for and good camaraderie was in evidence. All the team had a good time with our Cambridge hosts and we all look forward to reciprocating next year in Kent!



Match Manager, Brian Stokes

Match v Buckinghamshire at Faversham.

A report from Match Manager, Brian Stokes.

Our match at Faversham golf club played on 19th September against a very strong team from Buckingham went without a hitch.

Unfortunately we were without our President Mike Lintonbon, due to medical problems who was replaced by Chris Hill from Sidcup. We wish Mike well.

The result of the match was Kent 6 1/2 Bucks 1 1/2, this was sweet revenge for having been beaten 7 - 1 last year at Herewood Downs, although the Bucks Captain Peter Short did claim a small moral victory over the

two matches during his after dinner speech.

The weather on the day could not have been better with wall to wall sunshine and the golf course was in perfect condition with excellent greens.

Faversham GC provided us with a ploughmans for lunch and the evening meal of rump of lamb

followed by blackberry and apple crumble was a credit to the catering staff.

Due to a two-tee start, we were able to bring the days events to an early conclusion, which was appreciated by our guests who had a two hour journey home.

From a personal note I would like to thank all members of both Societies for making the day something special.



The Captain receives the trophy from Bucks Captain, Peter Short

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