



51st AGM at West Kent 15th May 2019



The Meeting was opened at 5.35 pm following an excellent lunch and our traditional morning 4 bbb competition, of which more below!

The rule amendments were approved, the Treasurers report was also accepted unanimously. The secretary gave a detailed account of our 2018 season pointing out that while we had 31 new

members in 2018 we have already had 21 sign up this year to date. We have 530 members and our Society remains healthy.

All members listed on the agenda were elected to office along with Peter Skipper of St Augustines G.C. who was introduced as our incoming Vice Captain. Peter Oldfield of Dartford has kindly volunteered and has been accepted as our 'examiner' after the sad loss of Doug Stoker from Sundridge Park.

Three new committee members were approved, Graham Hudson of Dartford, Peter McLean of Shooters Hill and Nigel Digweed of Ashford. Thanks were recorded in respect of out going committee members, Steve Grubb, David Eldridge & Brian Hodgkinson. A full report will be available in due course when the minutes are published.

A report on the golf now follows.



Winners of the West Kent salvers were John Coupe and Nigel Warne, both from Ashford with 44pts (23 on the back 9)

We were treated to a glorious Spring day, a very nice golf course



and as is usual, a super lunch where we once again filled the dining room to capacity.

In second place and losing on count-back were yet another Ashford pair in form with 44 points but only 21 on the back nine!

2nd. Nigel Digweed & Roger Treadway both of Ashford.



In 3rd spot by virtue of 14 points on the back 6 were West Kent members: -

Chas Stevens and David Skinner West Kent, 42pts (14 on the back 6)

prizes were awarded to 4 places and with one point less on the back nine were: -

Roy Jackson and John Hubbard from Bexleyheath also on 42pts (13 on the back 6).

Our thanks as always go to West Kent Golf Club for another grand occasion.





Royal Cinque Ports.

Monday June 17th at Deal. The scene of many Championships, including two Open

Championships in 1909 and 1920. The Club hosted the Amateur Championship in 2013 and was one of four Final Open Qualifying venues from 2014-2017.

128 stalwarts arrived at Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club to contest for yet more silverware on a bright and almost calm early morning where as usual our secretary had beaten us there! Does this man sleep we wonder? The warm and sometimes cloudy day soon became enhanced with a breeze that did indeed stiffen enough to make golf on this delightful and famous links a little tricky! Anywhere off the fairways usually signified a lost ball or at best a fearful lie! There was no rain thankfully as we learn that June 2019 has already become the wettest on record.

The Knole Park Trophy.

Morning Competition.

1st Gary Jones of Sidcup G.C. 37pts
The only player of 128 to break Par.



In second place first off and leader in the clubhouse until the last few groups arrived.

Peter Woodward Bailey from Sene Valley.



3rd Roy Allan of Tenterden with 33pts (Back 9 – 17pts)
(was unable to attend prize giving so no photo)

4th Roger Witchlow of Shooters Hill also with 33pts
(Back 6 -10pts)

Other on 33 points were Alan Dodd of Eltham Warren
John Grant of Wrotham Heath & Alan Brooks of Langley
Park.



Roger Witchlow in 4th place.



The Royal Blackheath Bowl.

Afternoon Front 9.

1st – Ravi Kalsi & Chris Parry both of Sittingbourne with
22pts

2nd – Richard Lamb & Tim Hogan from Bearsted with
20pts

The Mid Kent Plates

Afternoon Back 8 –

1st Tony Davies and Peter McLean from Shooters Hill
with 17pts

2nd Roger Barratt & Ian McLaughlin from Knole Park
with 16pts



*Mr Bernie de Souza, Club
Captain with The Captain.*

2019 Meeting, Langley Park G.C. 18th July.

An overcast morning and a challenging drive to the club
for some as a broken water main caused traffic chaos on
and around the A21.

Our lucky summer of sun ended as the early starters took to an immaculately presented golf course in light yet persistent rain. This coupled with the numerous long par 4's made scoring tough and while four members managed 35 points in the AM stableford, only the winner broke par and with room to spare! Luckily we had little wind and indeed the afternoon saw the rain stop and the warm sun emerge.



Langley Park Salver Winner, John McKenzie, from Lamberhurst 40pts



Mike Stephens with The Captain

Langley Park Salver.

1st John McKenzie Lamberhurst 40pts

2nd Mike Stephens Bexleyheath 35pts (20 On back 9)

3rd Peter Killick Langley Park 35pts (19 On back 9)

4th John Rowe Sittingbourne 35pts (18 On back 9)

Sidcup Trophy.

1st Mike Muro & Barry Plumb from Mid Kent 22pts

2nd Peter McLean & Roger Witchlow
from Shooters Hill 19pts



Sidcup Trophy Winners. Barry Plumb & Mike Muro



Winners The Eltham Warren Cups. Roy Berry & Martin Goodright.

Eltham Warren Cups.

1st Martin Goodright & Roy Berry from Sittingbourne 21pts.

2nd – Nigel Warne & John Coupe – Ashford – 19pts –
(14 on back 6)

From Steve Grubb and Tony Davies – Shooters Hill who
had 13 on back 9

The Club Captain, Mr. Bernie de Souza greeted us warmly and it was appreciated that he took time from his busy schedule to join us in the competition. The staff looked after us very well and the food was very good. The Captain thanked all those responsible for providing us with such an enjoyable day and in particular the green staff for the condition of the course.



2019 Captains Day.

Wrotham Heath GC. Tuesday 6th August 2019

Normal service was resumed at Wrotham Heath today when just over 100 of our members arrived at a beautifully presented Wrotham Heath G.C. to participate in our annual Captains Day Competition.

The sun shone throughout, interrupted on occasion by the odd fast moving cloud and the temperature was comfortable despite the rather stiff and swirling

wind that did not abate. We were welcomed royally by the Captain who had arranged that all competitors received a souvenir of the day. We also were warmly welcomed at the club and provided with an excellent carvery lunch, served with a smile and indeed all the staff looked after us very well.



The course and its relentless borrows on every slick green proved too tough for many but 4 of our number accumulated 39 points each and count-back was employed to separate them! The results are shown below.



*Winner of the Captains Prize,
Allan Payne*

1st Allan Payne of Woodlands Manor with 39 pts
(21 on back 9)

2nd Harry Young of Lamberhurst –also with 39pts
(19 on back 9)

3rd Barry Lake Wrotham with 39pts
(18 on back 9)

4th Danny Catchesides of Shooters Hill with 39pts
(16 on back 9)



Runner Up, Harry Young of



*Wildernesse Club Captain,
James Howard greets The
Captain*

2019 Meeting at Wildernesse G.C.

The 22nd August, a most delightful summers day greeted us at one of the best Kent Golf Courses found here in Sevenoaks. Hardly a breeze or cloud and low to mid 20's all day. The greens staff had presented a course in top condition and fast greens added to the challenge for a packed field of 120 or so competitors.

We were looked after extremely well by the bar and catering staff, indeed all the staff, and we received a very warm welcome from Club Captain Mr. James Howard who incidentally featured in the prizes – twice! Special comment should be made on the food, which as we suspected was pretty much as good as it gets! Our thanks to the club for a super day & Well played Alan Dodd for shooting a round one under par gross!



Winner of the Sundridge Pk Bowl - Alan Dodd of Eltham Warren

Sundridge Park Bowl

- 1st Alan Dodd (Eltham Warren) 41pts
- 2nd Mike Stephens (Bexleyheath) 36pts (21 On back 9)
- 3rd Fred Potter (Tenterden) 36pts (8 on back 3)



Bridesmaid again, Mike Stephens

4th Gary Wilson (Sidcup) 36 pts (6 on back 3)
5th James Howard (Wildernesse) 36 (16 on back 9)

Wildernesse Salvors:

1st Lee Brockwell & Tony Davies (Shooters Hill) 22pts

2nd James Howard (Wildernesse) & Colin Murray (Sundridge Pk) 21pts



Lee Brockwell & Tony Davies both of Shooters Hill



Graham Sutherland & Keith Hopson both of Ashford

Rochester & Cobham Trophy

1st Graham Sutherland & Keith Hopson (Ashford) 22pts

2nd Peter Knott (Tenterden) & Martin Burgess (W & Kingsdown) 21pts.

**Professionals
Guest Day.**

**Wrotham Heath 26th
September 2019.**

On a day of mixed weather with some heavy showers, sunshine and blustery winds saw 33 teams

representing 22 different clubs from all over Kent. Some clubs entering two or more teams took part in our Annual Pro/Guest Day.

With the early starters facing the worst of the weather, three early and excellent scores were returned. 11 under par by Bearsted, 14 under from Woodlands Manor A and 10 under by Dartford 'C' who were 2nd, 3rd and 4th out.

It was somewhat surprising, as these scores held up for most of the day while the weather improved. Other scores came close but not quite close enough, until Sittingbourne 'A' returned a score of 12 under and moved into second place. This looked like being the finishing order, but late in the day one of the home teams, Wrotham Heath 'C' returned a score of 125 – 15 under par that turned out to be the winning score with two of their players making birdie on the 18th hole to seek victory by one shot.

Our thanks must go to Wrotham Heath for presenting a golf course in such excellent condition and for the hospitality extended to us all on the very popular and most enjoyable day.



Wrotham Heath 'C' Team wins at home!



Brian Mills accepts the prize on behalf of his Woodlands Manor Team

1st – Wrotham Heath 'C' – 125 – 15 under par – Team:
Pro: James Skelton – players: John Grant – Roy Williams and Phil Skelton

2nd – Woodlands Manor 'A' – 126 – 14 under par –
Team: Pro: Jay Kelly – players: Brian Mills – Clive Young - & Micky Wells.

3rd – Sittingbourne 'A' – 128 – 12 under par – Team:

Pro: Chris Weston – players: Brad Smith – Steve Mansfield - & Bob Appleby

4th – Bearsted – 129 – 11 under par – Team: Pro: Richard Fox – players: Richard Lamb – Michael Whitehead and Adrian Foster.



The Sittingbourne & Milton Team take 3rd place



Mike Ludwig accepts the Presidents Prize.

drenched were many competitors that when the storm clouds passed and course conditions improved, several did not venture further into the fray!

Everyone however could not have been better treated on and off the course and our President and his wife and helpers laid on a bumper spread at his halfway house while in the clubhouse bar and catering staff worked hard to ensure our comfort. The course held up very well to the deluge and green staff also played their part in what, rain apart, proved an enjoyable day.

2019 Presidents Day

Tuesday 1st October at Shooters Hill.

A beautiful calm and sunny autumnal day greeted the starters as aspirational hearts began this day of completion. Indeed as the competitors finished five or six hours later much the same clement weather saw us depart the course. There was however an hour or more of driving rain in the middle that forced our hard working secretary to call us all in as greens became waterlogged. So

Our thanks therefore go to Mike Lintonbon for his generosity (he provided each competitor with a suit holder emblazoned with our logo) and to Shooters Hill Golf Club for all their hospitality.



Runner Up, Dave Donovan



Shooters Hill Captain, Lee Brockwell takes Third.

Results

1st 37pts Mike Lodwig of Chislehurst

2nd 36pts (20 On back 9) Dave Donovan – Shooters Hill.

3rd 36pts (19 On back 9) Lee Brockwell – Shooters Hill.



Rochester & Cobham Park GC

2019 Christmas Fayre.

Played at Rochester & Cobham on Thursday 5th December. A report from David Honnor.

On a crispy frosty day we held this year's Christmas Fayre playing for the

Chislehurst Salver at Rochester & Cobham GC on Thursday 5th December with 110 taking part.

With the main greens frozen we played the competition on temporary greens with bucket holes. We were delighted that everyone who entered agreed to play which turned out to be a fun event with over 50% of the field scoring 40 points or more. With prizes going down to 12th place 40 and 41 points did not feature in the prizes. Following the golf we were served an excellent Christmas Lunch with all the trimmings and the wine seemed to be flowing on most tables as the atmosphere

within the room had the Christmas warm feeling.

Congratulations go to **Gary Snell (St. Augustine's)** who won the day and the Chislehurst Salver with 45 points (24 on the back 9) from Simon Worton (Woodlands Manor) who also had 45 points but had 23 on the back 9.



Gary Snell 1st Place



Simon Worton a close 2nd

There were 5 players with 44 points, two on 43 and 4 on 42 points.

So the winning order after countbacks are as follows: -

- 1st Gary Snell St. Augustine's – 45 pts
 - 2nd Simon Worton Woodlands Manor – 45pts
 - 3rd Richard Turell Sidcup – 44pts
 - 4th Jeff Findlay-Stone Shortlands – 44pts
 - 5th Chris Hill Sidcup – 44pts
 - 6th Robin Fullager Faversham – 44pts
 - 7th John Aughterlony Sidcup – 44pts
 - 8th Mark Spencer Shortlands – 43pts
 - 9th John McKenzie Lamberhurst - 43pts
 - 10th Roger Hills Eltham Warren – 42pts
 - 11th Mike Stephens Bexleyheath – 42pts
 - 12th Roger Treadway Ashford – 42pts
- Also with 42pts was David Wright Dartford.



Richard Turell 3rd.

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