

## 2021 All Matches

### Kent v London at Wyke Green G.C.

#### A match report from Mick Streatfield.

At last the weather changed just in time for our county match against London Captains. It was a glorious day the sun was shining which meant we were able to play in shorts and no wet gear. The course was in good condition, The greens were on the slow side & the rough was very difficult to escape from. All in all a very enjoyable day while unfortunately we failed to retain the trophy going down 4½ to 5½. It will give us greater incentive to fight much harder next year.



*Match Manager Mick Streatfield*



*John Nugent v/Captain London, Derek Stonestreet, Captain Wyke Green & The Captain*

We were hosted and well looked after by our London colleagues and we look forward to the returning the hospitality next year. I must mention Chris Hazelden (Ashford) for stepping in at the last minute, Thank you Chris. Everyone was smiling and saying

how great it was to be back playing and they were looking forward to the new season Many Thanks to our players who participated in this match, I hope you enjoyed the day

### Kent v Surrey at Cherry Lodge 10th June.

#### A match report from Mike Muro.

It was great to be able to play our match versus Surrey Captains during these strange and troubled



*Match Manager Mike Muro*

times. We were made to feel most welcome and safe by all the staff at Cherry Lodge Golf Club and a special thank-you must be made to the General Manager, Brian Bamford and his Assistant, Marisa Newman, who catered to our every need.

The day started off overcast but it wasn't long before we were down to our bright, white Kent team shirts. In a very keenly fought contest the tone was set for the day by our Captain, Peter Skipper and our President, Roger Cruttenden crushing 2 drives straight down the middle. Witnessing this inspired the team to up their game on a golf course that played very long and tight with numerous golf balls lost on both sides! Any errant drives were penalized by the inevitable lost ball, but the Kent team must have driven better as proved in the match result. All matches were keenly fought, some close, some not so.



*The Captain welcomes Surrey Captain John Graves.*



*Cherry Lodge G.C.*

A good evening was had by all and after a good meal, good wine, the Surrey Captain, John Graves, was generous in his praise announcing the match result, a Kent victory 7-3.



*Match Manager Paul Roberts.*

## **2021 Diamond Jubilee Match.**

### **A Report from Match Manager Paul Roberts.**

Committee teams from Sussex, London and Kent gathered on a fine day at **Dartford Golf Club**. The recent rain meant that the course was lush and green. It was also well prepared, with all tees and greens cut on the day.

**Nigel Wates of Sussex** shot the best round of the day with 37 pts, closely followed by **Jim Baynes of Kent** with 36pts. Eight members of the Kent team scored 30pts or better giving them a very satisfactory total.



*John Nugent (v/c London) The Captain, Keith Talbot (capt Sussex)*

The match was played in a very friendly atmosphere and Kent prevailed on 309pts for the 10 scores that counted, with Sussex second on 302 and London bringing up the rear on 286.

Following an excellent meal, the trophy was presented to Kent's Captain Peter Skipper by John Nugent, the Vice Captain of the defending London team'



## **2021 Match v Hampshire.**

A report from Match Manager, Graham Hudson.

### **1ST JULY, 2021 AT CAMS HALL GC**

The Society's twenty man team, led by Captain Peter Skipper, travelled to Fareham near Portsmouth, Hampshire for this annual match. The course at Cams Hall is a relatively modern 'inland links' design in very good condition and with some scenic river / harbour views. However, there are some challenging carries over water for the more mature golfer on some holes – this made for a good test and a closely fought match, resulting in a 5 – 5 draw (and no penalty shootout!).

The hospitality provided by Cams Hall G.C. and the Hampshire Captains made for a very pleasant outing, with clearly a longstanding friendly rivalry between the teams. It is notable that there was a full range of handicaps on both sides, which should encourage Society members of all abilities to enter for these matches.

We look forward to the home match in 2022.



*Hants Captain Brian Homerston welcomes The Captain.*

## Kent v Cambridgeshire at St Ives G.C.

### A match report from Nigel Digweed.

Due to Covid restrictions the team numbers had to be reduced to 16 a side for this match.



*Match Manager Nigel Digweed*

On a bright and breezy day, a warm welcome was extended to the Kent team from both the Cambridge Captain, Malcolm Knobel-Forbes and the St Ives Club Captain, Mike Smith, who gave us all a brief introduction to what lay ahead.

Cambridge Area Golf Captains certainly chose an excellent venue to host this year's match. The course was presented to us in tiptop condition, with some memorable golf holes. Not only was the course very testing, with slick greens and interesting water hazards located throughout the course but, if you ventured too far away from the fairways, as many of us did, you were greeted with deep rough and a chance to wave goodbye to another ball.



*Cambs Captain Malcolm Knobel-Forbes receives the trophy from The Captain*

As you would expect the match was played in a great spirit, with most of the matches being very close. Whilst collecting the results I was treated to tales of wayward tee shots, missed chances and generosity in conceding putts. Possibly we should have paid more attention to the brief introduction by the

Club Captain, rather than enjoying our lunch.

The match result was very close, with Cambridge running out the winners 4½ to 3½.

Our Captain, Peter Skipper, passed on our teams thanks to the catering and bar staff for taking care of all our needs and to the green staff for the course's

presentation.

## 2021 Match v Ladies.

Match v Lady Captains of Kent Golf Clubs.  
16th August at Ashford Golf Club.

20 members of our Society gathered at Ashford golf club along with 20 Lady Captains in this annual event much

missed from our 'non-event' 2020 season of course. We were welcomed warmly by club captain, Chris Hazelden and all the staff at the club.



*Jenny Knight, Ladies Captain presents Trophy to The Captain & Peter Morris officiating*



The weather was a little on the cool side overcast and a little breezy as we once again competed a team event playing the devilish but friendly American Greensomes format, while the rain threatened, it just held off. Judging from the comments after the

golf, It was a day enjoyed by all.

Special mention must be made of the staff and catering for providing an enjoyable lunch and dinner and the green staff for their work this year where lockdown and NHS pings have made work a challenge.

Further mention should be made to **Harry Wanless**

for his organisation, **Peter Morris** standing in for him and **Hans Pfeffer** who stood in for Brian Gallagher at short notice to play having already done so in the morning.



The main event was won by the Men's team who score 381 points with the Ladies team on 334 points.



There were other prizes as follows.

1st. Liz Stephens & Chris Hazelden

2nd Susan Phillips & Graham Sutherland.

3rd Beryl Sutherland & Terry Ralph.

## 2021 Silver Jubilee Trophy.

**A report from Team Manager, Brad Smith.**

This years Queens Silver Jubilee Competition was hosted by us and played on 13th August at our home club, West Kent. Runners Up again by just 1 point!



*Team and Match Manager  
Brad Smith*



*West Kent G C*

Having played in Kent's Jubilee Team for many years, I was approached to take on the Managers role. Our retiring Jubilee team Captain/Manager David Honnor has previously managed this team for many years and has won it and finished runner up in 6 out of the last 7 years. A fantastic achievement and a hard act to follow.

I didn't want to change a winning combination, so I picked the same team that played two years ago at Stoneham.

The weather was sunny but windy and West Kent GC was beautifully presented, as always, but played long and we were

teeing up off the back tees, all the teams found the course challenging and while the scores were lower than usual the leader board remained close. Sadly I have to report that we were runners up again scoring 190 points (that's the best 6 from 8 stableford scores) with the winners, Essex just pipping us by one, recording 191 points.

Our star performer once again was Alan Dodd (Eltham Warren) who scored a fabulous score of 36 points playing off a handicap of 3. Steve Mansfield (Sittingbourne) was our second best performer scoring 34 points. A well done to all of the Kent team for a gallant effort and roll on next year when we travel to Romford in Essex.



*The Captain presents the trophy to Essex Captain, Terry Glover.*



*The Jubilee Trophy team with our President.*

The Team was: - Brad Smith (Sittingbourne), Alan Dodd (Eltham Warren), Steve Mansfield (Sittingbourne), Richard Lamb (Bearsted), Paul Roberts (Woodlands Manor), Steve Bootes (Sittingbourne), Roger Witchlow (Shooters Hill) and Gary Snell (St Augustines).

## **2021 Match v Sussex.**

**An Report by Match Manager, Jim Baynes.**

**A Narrow Kent Victory 5 1/2 points to 4 1/2.**

Our regular fixture, re-arranged due to covid rules earlier in the year, was held at Worthing Golf Club. The course was in super condition and we wondered at the ingenuity of the green staff in manicuring such undulations and occasional precipices. The firmness of the fairways gave great benefit to the



*Match Manager Jim Baynes*

well-aimed shot and the slick greens required patience and skill.



*The Captain with Sussex Captain, Keith Talbot.*

Woking and not Worthing. Not wishing to be outdone Sussex Captain, Keith Talbot in the absence of an official trophy, grabbed a water jug as presented it to our Captain in recognition of the victory on the day.

We were welcomed warmly by **Worthing Captain, Ivor Lane**, our opponents and the club staff. Our meal was good golfers fayre and judging by the noisy conversations friendships were renewed or made after such a long break. All went well for our team and we just managed to pip our opponents by 5 1/2 points to 4 1/2 points. Our Captain responded well to the toast although was a little disorientated thinking he was in

## **Match v Buckinghamshire**

**8th September at Chislehurst**

### **A Report from Peter McLean**

Despite wins from Jim Baynes/Cliff Hall, Mike Standen/Andy Gee and a fine half from Roger Cruttenden/Peter Morris we ended up coming second by 3½ games to Bucks 4½. It was however a tight match with three games taken to the last green.



*Peter McLean, Match Manager*

All in all everybody had an enjoyable day and we were very well looked after by all the Chislehurst staff. Indeed the new CEO of the golf club, Peter MacLaren





*Bucks Captain, David Lister receives the trophy from The Captain*

announced how he appreciated us holding the event at the club, which I felt a very nice gesture



*Match Manager David Collen*

## **2021 Match v Essex**

**31st August at Mid Kent G.C.**

### **A report from Match Manager David Collen**

The eagerly awaited re-arranged match against Essex finally took place on the 31st. August, just a mere 5 months after its scheduled date. The weather was kind, although a little dull but shorts were the order of the day for the braver of the team members. Mid-Kent Golf Club proved to be an excellent venue. The course was in very good condition and provided a testing challenge to the players from both sides. The greens were firm with a good degree of bounce and the fairways were not always easy to hit, as several players testified to after their rounds.

Sadly, the match was lost 4 ½ to 5 ½ but with several matches being decided on the last green the result might quite easily have gone the other way. There was a notable hole-in-one by one of the Essex team



*Mid Kent G.C.*

who thought he had lost his ball only to find it hiding in the hole. He kindly provided each dining table with wine and was warmly thanked. The catering for both our pre-and post-match was also thoroughly enjoyed by one and all.



*The Captain presents trophy to Essex Captain, Terry Glover*

Following our fine dinner, it was left to our captain Peter Skipper to announce the result and hand over the trophy to his opposite number Terry Glover, who was somewhat embarrassed as he had arrived at the match without his change of trousers and shirt! He managed to borrow some trousers but was suitably fined and admonished for his lack of planning and preparation.

On a personal note I would like to thank the Kent team for a fantastic effort and their patience in waiting so long to represent the Society. I would also like to thank Mid-Kent Golf Club for their hospitality, and also their pro Mark Foreman and his son for rescuing me and my clubs in my hired buggy which decided that 18 holes with me inside was just too much!

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