

April Newsletter

Captains message

This is my second Newsletter and I hope you found my first attempt useful and informative. If anyone has any suggestions on content for future months, please let me know. For those that don't yet know what I look like please see below.



Death of Audrey Barling

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of Mrs Audrey Barling the wife of David. Audrey passed away on 29th March after a long illness and will be missed greatly by her family. The funeral arrangements are being made and will be published on the club's website and notice boards by the Secretary once they have been finalised.

Captains Charity

For those that were not at the presentation night my designated charity this year is the Alzheimer's Society. We made an excellent start to raising money for this cause and at present the total raised is just short of £900. Thanks to all those that bought raffle tickets and donated so far its much appreciated. Don't forget to put your £1 in the jar on the bar if you go into the Captains bunker, they all add.

The Course

The course as we all know has taken a bit of a battering from the weather over the last 6 weeks. Despite this it has held up remarkably well. The spring maintenance on the greens took place in the middle of March between the 2 periods of snow and the greens are now showing the benefit of this work.

The rest of the course is also in remarkably good condition given the weather we have had. Thanks to the greenkeepers for all their hard work.

Materials for the new base for the course toilet have been delivered and once this has been laid by the green staff the toilets themselves will be refurbished by Steve Noble.

New Rules of Golf

There has been much anticipation around the new rules of golf for 2019. I mentioned in last month's newsletter that the committee had taken the decision to implement some of these news rules early and we did just that in the April Medal last weekend. The 4 new rules that were implemented are, dropping the ball from knee high instead of shoulder height when you are taking relief or a penalty drop, only having 3 minutes to search for a ball instead of 5 minutes, leaving the flag in when on the green and finally you are now allowed to repair spike marks and other damage on the putting green and there is no longer a penalty for merely touching the line of a putt. Please see the website and club notice board for further details.

Competitions Results in March

Winter Matchplay results

Singles

Congratulations to Steve Clark who won the singles competition. He beat Harry Hemington who was runner up in the final on the first extra hole.

Pairs

The pairs winter Matchplay was won by John Deans and Chris Salt who beat Dave Marsh and Peter Cragen in the final 2 and 1

Congratulations to the winners and runner ups

March Men's Monthly Medal

This was Originally scheduled for the weekend of the 3rd and 4th but snow meant that it had to be re-scheduled and played on the 31st and 1st April. Temporary greens meant that both days became non-qualifiers. The results were as follows:

Saturday

Division 1

1st Trevor Sharp Net 70
2nd Cameron Lang Net 70
3rd John Deans Net 71

Division 2

1st John Hemington Net 62
2nd George Ashton Net 73
3rd Paul McLachlan Net 74

Sunday

Division 1

1st Trevor Sharp Net 69
2nd Bob Jeffery Net 72
3rd Sean Coultrip Net 72

Division 2

1st Bill Cobb Net 76
2nd Phillip Kilshaw Net 77
3rd Dave Allen Net 77

Well done to everyone who participated

St Patricks day Texas Scramble

This was due to be played on the Sunday 18th March but was cancelled due to snow. This has been re-scheduled for Saturday 14th April.

Captains Drive in.

This was held on Sunday 25th March. For those that didn't attend it's with great sadness that I have to report that my drive in front of the members was snap hooked into the trees on the left and only went 146 yards. Congratulations to Steve Noble who won a bottle of brandy for drawing the winning ticket with the correct yardage for my drive. Sorry to all those that thought they had a chance with 200 plus yard tickets. The ladies Captain Ellie and Vets Captains Peter both hit good drives but sadly I can't remember the exact distances.

Result

1st Stephen Saunders 37 pts
2nd Dave Neat 37 pts
3rd Paul Wallace 37 pts.

The Captains putter was won by Dave Neat on countback with 27 putts

Junior's April Medal

1st Bleu Landau 69
2nd Beau Landau 72
3rd Ethan Killian 72

Ladies Section

March Medal

1st Jo Kite 78
2nd Clare Eastwood 81
3rd Janet Stuart 83

April Medal

1st Jo Kite 76
2nd Wendy Mann 86
3rd Janet Stuart 86

Veteran's Section

March Monthly Medal

Div1

1st Dave Neat Net 69
2nd Bob Jeffery Net 70
3rd Brian Wallace Net 71

Div 2

1st Gordon Hopper Net 68
2nd Victor Smith Net 69
3rd Ralph Liddell Net 69

Quarterly Stableford

Div 1

1st Rodney Hearnden 38 pts
2nd Glyn Dodds 37 pts
3rd Peter Winkworth 33 pts

Div2

1st Barrie Whiting 38 pts
2nd Ralph Liddell 38 pts
3rd George Drake 37 pts.

Veterans Invicta League

The 1st League Match was on Tuesday 27th March at home against Pedham Place. A great result for Upchurch who won 3 - 0

Whitbread League

The 1st League Match was on Saturday 24th home against Lullingstone. A great result for Upchurch who opened their title defence with a 4.5 to .5 victory.

Up and Coming Competitions in April

April 15th Ladies Spring Meeting

April 17th Veterans Monthly Medal. Ladies Spring Meeting

April 19th Men's Midweek Medal

April 21st Adult/Junior cup

April 22nd St Georges Day. Texas Scramble Shotgun Start.

April 24th Veterans Team Stableford

April 28th Men's Medal Winners

April 29th Men's Medal Winners, Ladies Monthly Medal

May 1st Veterans Monthly Medal. Ladies Monthly Medal

May 5th Men's Monthly Medal, Juniors Monthly Medal

May 6th Men's Monthly Medal, Ladies Murphy Dillion Trophy

8th May Veterans Stableford, Ladies Murphy Dillion Trophy

12th May Men's Club Salver, Junior Captains Skills day

13th May Men's Club Salver, Ladies Better ball pairs

15th May Veterans Texas Scramble, Ladies Better ball pairs

17th May Men's Midweek Stableford

20th May Captains Fun day

22nd May Veterans Quarterly Stableford.

26th May Men's Quarterly Stableford

27th May Men's Quarterly Stableford, Ladies Byford Trophy

29th May Veterans Blind pairs, Ladies Byford Trophy

Good luck to everyone this golfing year, I look forward to seeing you all on the course and in the bar.

Jeff Beautridge
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