



THE SHRIMPER

The newsletter for members of Mid Kent golf club.

Forthcoming Events

Mixed Invitation – New Diary Date

The Mixed Invitation was re-introduced a few years ago by Harry and Rose Caulfield who passed the organisation baton on to Joan and Simon Lancaster and they have now passed it on for 2010 to Nina Davies and Mary Skynner.

The date is Sunday 15th August – please make a note as this date is not in your diary. For more information please see www.mkgc.co.uk/members/men or www.mkgc.co.uk/members/ladies or contact Nina or Mary

The day is a great opportunity to entertain friends and show off our superb course.

Outdoor Tribute Concert – Back By Popular Demand!

The great success of last year's Outdoor Tribute Concert has led to another being organised in 2010.

The date is Saturday 3rd July and the acts are Take-That, Abba and The Bee Gees. Gates open at 1700hrs and the music starts at 1900hrs.

Tickets are £18.00 per person, over 12 years old only, and are available for sale in the clubhouse bar between 1200 and 1400hrs on –

- Saturday 10th April
- Thursday 15th April
- Wednesday 21st April
- Saturday 8th May.

Once again, you are welcome to bring your own tables & chairs, food and drink but no BBQs (Health & Safety reasons).

New for this year a fish and chip bar will be available.

For more information on ticket sales and facilities, please see the notices in the Club foyer, on www.mkgc.co.uk/diary/social-event/ or contact Barry Plumb or Martin Smith

The Chairman's Prize Competition.

The Chairman's Prize competition is now on Saturday 14th August.



Forthcoming Events Contd.

Friday 14th May – Free Music Night – back by popular demand – Alton Edwards – please note new date.

Saturday 5th June – Pro-Am Free Disco – dance the night away with DJ Shaun Barker playing all your favourites

Saturday 3rd July – Outdoor Tribute Concert – back by popular demand – this year featuring Abba, Take-That and The Bee Gees. Tickets £18.00 per person – see www.mkgc.co.uk or social notice board for details of ticket sales

Saturday 10th July – Captain's Day Evening – free live band "Blame The Parents" playing a mix of Motown 60s, 70s and 80s – guaranteed to get you all up and dancing.

Sunday 11th July – Captain's Week Prize Presentation 1pm with free Live 5 piece Jazz Band playing "A beautiful blend of soulful jazz and jazzy soul". The Jazz band will play until late afternoon and a BBQ will be available

Saturday 31st July – Captain's Charity Day – Free Disco – dance the night away with DJ Shaun Barker

Please also note new dates for Captain's Candlelight Suppers – 11th and 18th December 2010

For more information on all events please see :-

www.mkgc.co.uk/diary/social-event/



From the Office.

That there are still a number of diaries to be collected and security fobs which can be collected from the bar.



Events

2010 Wednesday Night 10 Hole Competition Is Underway

The Wednesday Night 10 Hole Competition is back!

It started this Summer on Wednesday 31st March and, although it was a little wet and windy, it did not deter keen Wednesday Nighters and over 50 of them braved the elements! There were some excellent scores and once again a great atmosphere in the clubhouse afterwards - with Margaret and Annette offering a hearty supper for those wishing to eat.

The first Wednesday of each month – starting 7th April - will be a handicap qualifier. For the purpose of clarity, play on *Handicap Qualifying Evenings* will be from the white competition tees and your card will count for handicap.

The Wednesday Night 10 Competition is open to men, ladies and juniors and new Wednesday Nighters are always welcome.

For more information call Richard Smith or the ProShop.

Beatles Tribute Night

On 20th March the 60's returned to Mid Kent and the clubhouse swung to the sound of The Beatles. Over 170 members were swept back in time and enjoyed a great evening out - singing and dancing the night away to the 'Counterfeit Beatles'.



Supper was available before the show – attracting many members to arrive early - and the dancing went on past midnight. Many members commented on this being a truly great night at the Club. If you have a particular tribute band you would like to see at Mid Kent, let Caroline Greenfield or any social committee member know.

Tribute Band fans can look forward to Take That, Bee Gees and Abba who are booked for the MKGC Outdoor Concert on Saturday 3rd July.

For more information on future social events at Mid Kent please see the Social Notice Board in the foyer or www.mkgc.co.uk/diary/social-event



Recent Results

JUNIOR MEDAL (20/03/2010 CSS:69)

1st 105-43i=62 Connor Jeffrey
2nd 72-7=65 Louis Savill
3rd 87-19=68 Mr George West

MARCH MONTHLY MEDAL PILOTS (SUN)

(21/03/2010 CSS:69)

1st 74-7=67 Keith Barker
2nd 79-11=68 Mr Paul Johnson
3rd 69-1=68 Mr Bruce Galbraith

Division 2 Results

1st 76-13i=63 J Sparks
2nd 80-14=66 Mr R P Cartwright
3rd 80-13=67 Mr Martin Cosgrove

Division 3 Results

1st 87-20=67 A W Ridley
2nd 86-19=67 K E Clarke
3rd 85-17=68 E Holt

MARCH MIDWEEK MEDAL (22/03/2010)

1st 86-21i=65 Mr Tom O'Keeffe
2nd 71-5=66 Mr Marco Boffa
3rd 77-10=67 Mr Paul West

APRIL MONTHLY MEDAL / MATCHPLAY QUAL SAT (03/04/2010)

1st 72-9=63 M Davis
2nd 78-11=67 J Brennan
3rd 75-8=67 Alex Collins

Division 2 Results

1st 79-12=67 Mr Andrew Stelfox
2nd 82-14=68 R Copus
3rd 85-16=69 Mr Kurt Dennison

Division 3 Results

1st 81-17=64 P A Snow
2nd 83-19=64 Mr Jamie Thilthorpe
3rd 86-20i=66 Dave Ellis

APRIL MONTHLY MEDAL/ MATCHPLAY

QUAL SUN (04/04/2010)

1st 75-11=64 Jamie Cassidy
2nd 73-5=68 Ian Finnegan
3rd 73-3=70 Ian Whitehead

Division 2 Results

1st 80-12i=68 J Sparks
2nd 84-14i=70 R Davies
3rd 83-12=71 Mr Heath Loten

Division 3 Results

1st 86-18i=68 P J A Havard
2nd 89-19=70 A W Ridley
3rd 90-17=73 J R Hall

BANK HOLIDAY COMPETITION

(05/04/2010)

1st 38pts Ian Finnegan
2nd 38pts Mr James Huntington
3rd 38pts Mr Bruce Galbraith

JUNIOR EASTER PUTTER (06/04/2010)

1st 82-15=67 Joe Smith
2nd 105-33=72 Mr Harry Knight
3rd 103-30=73 Liam Barnes

WEDNESDAY 10 HOLE COMP (07/04/2010)

1st 21pts Mr Heath Loten
2nd 20pts J Rice
3rd 19pts K O'Callaghan

CORNWALL CUP (10/04/2010 CSS:69)

1st 88-25=63 N F Flury
2nd 79-13=66 M Pennell
3rd 77-11=66 Mr Daniel Watkins

MID KENT V KENT 1 + 2 TRIANGULAR MATCH (13/04/2010 CSS:69)

1st 37pts Mr Adam Clough (v)
2nd 37pts Mr Thomas O'Reilly (v)
3rd 37pts Mr Henry Saunders (v)



Recent Results Contd.

APRIL MIDWEEK MEDAL (19/04/2010)

1st 80-20=60 Mr Scott Lane
2nd 71-5=66 Ian Finnegan
3rd 94-28=66 Kevin Manley

GYWNN BENNET CUP (17/04/2010 CSS:69)

1st 79-15=64 A V Stapley
2nd 72-7=65 David Lewis
3rd 71-4=67 Jack Challis



Ladies Section

The following reports on the progress of our Ladies' Pearson Team were submitted by Carole in a timely fashion but it wasn't until the middle of April that there was sufficient material to warrant producing a Shrimper. Anyway they still place on record the progress of the team.

Editor.

Pearson Trophy v Redlibbets (home) Wednesday 10 March 2010

Won 6-1

Hooray- At last the dream result, a massive home victory to put a smile back on our faces and boost the team morale.

We were all fed up with losing our last three matches 4-3 and being in danger of ending up bottom of the pile, now here we are sending out a strong message to the other teams that Mid Kent could still upset the applecart.

I'm not giving a blow by blow account of the matches in this report, or even mention the weather, but the team will travel to Cherry Lodge on Monday 15 March to complete some unfinished business.

On 8 February we attempted to play our match on their course in a light flurry of snow, but conditions deteriorated and the match had to be abandoned as the greens soon became unplayable.

The opposing Captain called all the players in, and the rules state that unfinished matches must be replayed from the start. Whirlwind Wendy Jackson was first out and raced around to complete her match and secure us a handy 1 point lead.

Fingers crossed we can continue our good form, and deliver another success story.

Well done Ladies

Thanks to all the Helpers and Supporters

Carole Sulsh

Pearson Captain

The Pearson Team

Janis Bourne

June Plumb

Beverley Barrow

Carole Sulsh

Sati Padda

Sue James

Sylvia Howe

Reserve:

Wendy Jackson



Ladies Section Contd.

Pearson Trophy v Cherry Lodge (away) Monday 15 March 2010.

Won 5-2

This was a must win match for us to still have a slim chance of qualifying for a quarter final place.

As I mentioned in my last report this was our second attempt to play this fixture as just five weeks ago the matches were abandoned due to blizzard conditions, to-day we needed factor 15 sunscreen!

Wendy Jackson had already won her match, but came along with our regular supporters to cheer on the team.

The first 2 results went against us as both Janis Bourne and June Plumb

lost to worthy opponents, but then thumbs up from Beverley Barrow, Sati Padda, Sue James, and Sylvia Howe who, incidentally, had to give 4 shots.

A 5-2 win away from home is something we have been capable of all winter and it just hasn't happened so two back to back wins has put the spring back in our steps and we will be ready to tackle our last group match away to Tenterden March 26th.

Let's hope for good weather and good golf.

Pearson Trophy Tenterden away Friday 26 March 2010

Lost 6-1

We did our best, but they were better on the day, Beverley Barrow saved our blushes going down the 19th to clinch victory in her match.

Last year if we had a bad day on the golf course I would have gone through a box of tissues but on this my 22nd and last match as Pearson Captain I can honestly say that I am proud of all the team and no tears.

I saw a notice pinned on the board in the ladies locker room requesting applicants to step forward to take over this role from me, and one of the criteria was:

NO HOLIDAYS TO BE TAKEN WHILST THE TEAM IS STILL IN THE COMPETITION.

That's enough to put anybody off, but fortunately Janis Bourne has applied to undertake the role so the squad will be in good hands.

Thanks to everyone who has played, reserved, and helped with all sorts of tasks over the past 3 years and to the staff and members of Mid Kent for their support.

I'm off on holiday now as we can't progress any further in this year's competition. It looks like Tenterden will be the group winners and we will end up mid table.

So for the very last time you're on the spot reporter

Carole Sulsh

Pearson Captain



Ladies Section Contd.

Ladies Section

Sunday Turkey Trot

The re-arranged competition took place on 31st January 2010 and was won by Sandra Powell and Wendy Knight with 48 points, 2nd were Loo Brackpool and Tutsy Walsh with 47 points from Kirsty Galbraith and Anne Oxtoby also with 47 points. The presentation took place afterwards together with that for the Five Club and Greensomes – an enjoyable time was had by all.

Thursday Turkey Trot

A large field had an enjoyable day with a fun quiz provided to occupy those who had a long wait before all the competitors were back in the Club house. The Lady Captain presented the prizes and provided entertainment in the afternoon.

Sunday Five Club Competition

The Sunday Five Club Competition was won by Lyn Ager with 40 points and the runner up was Brid McInerney.

Thursday Five Club Competition

This competition was played on 4th February 2010. Silver Division was won by Kim Leigh. Bronze Division was won by Mary Skynner and Bronze 2 was won by Anne Oxtoby.

Sunday Greensomes

This competition was won by Brid McInerney and Wendy Knight with 38 points (countback over back nine).

Thursday Greensomes

This competition was won by Kim Leigh and Marilyn Brown with 40 points.

Mail on Sunday Classic



Ladies Section Contd.

The first match was due to be played at home but because of frost greens was transferred to Kings Hill where our team lost 4/1.

Lady Captain V Lady Vice Captain

This competition was played on the 18th February 2010 and was won by the Lady Vice Captain – the score being seven and a half to three and a half although all matches were hotly contested. The Lady Captain presented the trophy to the Vice Captain and managed a few gracious words.

Morgan Morgan Final

The Morgan Morgan final between Wendy Knight and Chris Rose with our Lady Captain acting as referee was a closely contested match with Wendy coming out the eventual winner 3 and 2 – well played both of you. Thanks go to the five groups of gentlemen who let them through – it was much appreciated.

Mid Kent Ladies' Champion has been entered in the Kent Ladies' Champion of Champions Competition which will take place at Sittingbourne Golf Club on 23rd May 2010.



Veterans' Section

VETS MEDAL (07/04/2010 CSS:67)

1st 39pts L Scott
 2nd 39pts P R Scott
 3rd 38pts D W Monks

Vets Team shirts.

All sizes of these can be obtained from John Bryan for just £6.00. At least then we can look more like a team!

COSTIN Putter Table December 2009 to April 2010 Top Ten Places

	Dec 09	January	February	March	April	Total
Mick Long	37		32	41	34	144
Roger Kiddie	32		32	42	35	141
Tony Byers	34		34	36	36	140
Barry Porter	36		34	31	37	138
Terry Wells	35		43	29	27	134
Len Clarke	39		30	28	30	127
Claude Buttle	40		33	24	30	127
Derek Monks	40		26	21	38	125
Sid Cleverly	43			37	34	114
Wally Russell			35	39	33	107

The Vets played their first friendly match of the year on Friday 29th March against the MKGC Ladies and managed a 6-2 win with two games being halved.. This goes against tradition but made a pleasant change . However we faired less well against Eltham Warren when they beat us here at Mid Kent by 4 games to 2. The league team's season has not yet started with their first League Match on 14th May at Sittingbourne.

The Veterans Section Club Championship Knockout Competition.

Our first match was against Littlestone who fielded a strong side with several low handicaps 5, 7, 8, As captain I had decided to play three low handicaps with three high. This was my intention but a late withdrawal meant that I had to play two 12 handicappers together i.e Vince Wade and David Wimsett this proved to be a good pairing with them winning 4/3.

Our first two, John Budd & Bill Williams, also had a good match going into a 3 up lead after 7 holes of play but by the 16th they were only 2 up; they lost the 16th to a birdie two but John managed to get a birdie 4 on 17 to win their match 2/1.

Our middle pair of Terry Hare & Gordon Philips had a good match which could have gone any way but they finished up losing 4/2.

But a good result for mid Kent winning 2 games to 1 we now look forward to the next round.

Barry Plumb

Team captain



From the Board

The Forum

At the Forum held on the Wednesday evening of February 10th 2010 John Budd asked the question “having spent money to install water and electricity in the “Forum”, could it not be opened seven days a week and either be run by our own caterers or another franchise”. He went on to point out that it was hardly ever open even on busy days such as Wednesdays and monthly medals when demand was sufficient to ensure profits for who ever runs it.

The Board had decided that they would not consider putting this particular facility out to tender at this time since this would conflict with existing agreements and interests.

I can now report back following our normal meeting with the caterers where the problem of opening hours for the Forum was raised by D Stevenson and Rod Fisher.

A & M Caterers argue that substantial losses were made due to a lack of initial support for the facility. They have made it clear their keen interest in continuing with the Forum and came to the following agreement.

They will consider employing a regular person to staff this facility and will open every weekend and competition days during the summer on a regular basis.

We will monitor the situation and endeavour to improve the service should demand justify further investment in the facility. All decisions will of course take account of the obvious limitations of the building and its location.

D Stevenson

From the Course Manager

The fairway cut which had been raised to 20mm has, now that good growth is with us, been reduced to 16mm . When growth tails off consideration will be given to reverting to 20mm.

The area of semi rough to the left of the 5th fairway will continue to be managed in the same way as the rest of the course and not have an area cut shorter for balls just running off the fairway.

The 13th tee suffers greatly in competition for moisture and nutrients with the Lombardy Poplars that surround the tee. These will be removed for the benefit of the teeing surface. The tee surrounds will still be left with the existing tee and shrubs that encapsulate the tee.

Lee Sayers

Course Manager



From the Club Diary April 2010

THURSDAY	01/04/2010	LADIES MEDAL MATCH V ELTHAM WARREN (FH)
FRIDAY	02/04/2010	GOOD FRIDAY FATHER AND SON COMPETITION
SATURDAY	03/04/2010	MONTHLY MEDAL & MATCHPLAY QUALIFIER
SUNDAY	04/04/2010	MONTHLY MEDAL & MATCHPLAY QUALIFIER LADIES MEDAL
MONDAY	05/04/2010	BANK HOLIDAY COMPETITION
TUESDAY	06/04/2010	COOMBE CUP JUNIOR EASTER PUTTER
WEDNESDAY	07/04/2010	10 HOLE WEDNESDAY COMP PRIVATE LUNCHEON VETERANS MONTHLY MEDAL
THURSDAY	08/04/2010	LADIES SPRING MEETING
FRIDAY	09/04/2010	VETERANS V ELTHAM WARREN (FH) PRIVATE DINNER
SATURDAY	10/04/2010	MUSIC FESTIVAL 2010 - TICKETS ON SALE... QUIZ NIGHT AT DARTFORD PRIVATE PARTY CORNWALL CUP
SUNDAY	11/04/2010	JUNIOR MEDAL LADIES STABLEFORD
MONDAY	12/04/2010	PRIVATE EVENT COURSE MAINTENANCE DAY
TUESDAY	13/04/2010	SOCIETY GOLF DAY
WEDNESDAY	14/04/2010	10 HOLE WEDNESDAY COMP
THURSDAY	15/04/2010	TICKETS ON SALE OUTDOOR CONCERT LADIES STABLEFORD
FRIDAY	16/04/2010	VETERANS V GILLINGHAM (FH) NARPO MEETING
SATURDAY	17/04/2010	GWYNNE BENNETT CUP
SUNDAY	18/04/2010	JUNIOR KGL MATCH V NIZELS (AWAY) LADIES CORONATION FOURSOMES K.G.L.
MONDAY	19/04/2010	MID WEEK MEDAL
TUESDAY	20/04/2010	JON BEAUMONT - GOLF SOCIETY L.O.G.S - ROMFORD GOLF CLUB
WEDNESDAY	21/04/2010	LADIES V ROCHESTER AND COBHAM TICKETS ON SALE OUTDOOR CONCERT 10 HOLE WEDNESDAY COMP
THURSDAY	22/04/2010	LADIES CORONATION FOURSOMES
FRIDAY	23/04/2010	PRIVATE PARTY KENT LADIES WINTER FOURBALL PEARSON MATCH (PROV)



From the Club Diary April 2010

SATURDAY	24/04/2010	CABARET & COMEDY EVENING UNIOR KGL MATCH V SITTINGBOURNE (AWAY) LINDSAY MASTERS
SUNDAY	25/04/2010	LADIES TAPPIN V DARTFORD LINDSAY MASTERS LADIES STROKEPLAY
MONDAY	26/04/2010	COURSE MAINTENANCE WEEK
TUESDAY	27/04/2010	COURSE MAINTENANCE WEEK
WEDNESDAY	28/04/2010	SUPER SENIORS V BEARSTED (A) 10 HOLE WEDNESDAY COMP COURSE MAINTENANCE WEEK PRIVATE DINNER
THURSDAY	29/04/2010	COURSE MAINTENANCE WEEK LADIES TEXAS SCRAMBLE
FRIDAY	30/04/2010	FRIDAY EVENING MIXED COURSE MAINTENANCE WEEK



Veterans' Section

SATURDAY	01/05/2010	WINTER LEAGUE DINNER
SUNDAY	02/05/2010	LADIES MEDAL MIXED V BROKE HILL
MONDAY	03/05/2010	BANK HOLIDAY COMPETITION LADIES CAPTAIN'S CHARITY DAY
TUESDAY	04/05/2010	VETERANS V SITTINGBOURNE (LA) GOLF SOCIETY DAY
WEDNESDAY	05/05/2010	SUPER SENIORS V SHEERNESS (A) 10 HOLE WED COMP LADIES V WOODLANDS MANOR (AWAY)
THURSDAY	06/05/2010	WEST KENT TROPHY LADIES MEDAL
FRIDAY	07/05/2010	VETERANS V WEST MALLING (FH)
SATURDAY	08/05/2010	TICKETS ON SALE OUTDOOR CONCERT PRIVATE PARTY MONTHLY MEDAL
SUNDAY	09/05/2010	LADIES PING 4 BALL BETTER BALL
MONDAY	10/05/2010	VETERANS MONTHLY MEDAL
TUESDAY	11/05/2010	CHARLIE'S ANGELS V ROMFORD KCLGA SOCIETY MATCH V ORSETT (FA)
WEDNESDAY	12/05/2010	VETERANS V SHEERNESS (LA) 10 HOLE WED COMP
THURSDAY	13/05/2010	VETERANS V CHERRY LODGE (FA) LADIES PING 4 BALL BETTER BALL BLACKHEATH TROPHY
FRIDAY	14/05/2010	LADIES WINTER LEAGUE SUPPER FREE MUSIC NIGHT ALTON EDWARDS
SATURDAY	15/05/2010	MIXED MATCH V DARTFORD (FH) JUBILEE CUP
SUNDAY	16/05/2010	K.G.L. LADIES STROKEPLAY
MONDAY	17/05/2010	SUPER SENIORS V SITTINGBOURNE (A) MID WEEK MEDAL
TUESDAY	18/05/2010	GOLF SOCIETY DAY
WEDNESDAY	19/05/2010	LADIES V WROTHAM HEATH(FH) MATCH V THORPE HALL (FH) 10 HOLE WED COMP
THURSDAY	20/05/2010	SENIOR LADIES
FRIDAY	21/05/2010	PRIVATE DINNER
SATURDAY	22/05/2010	JUNIORS V NIZELS



Veterans' Section

		CHARLIE'S ANGELS DINNER AND DANCE
SUNDAY	23/05/2010	LADIES TOMBSTONE CHALLENGE
MONDAY	24/05/2010	LADIES V GILLINGHAM FA COURSE MAINTENANCE DAY
TUESDAY	25/05/2010	CENTRE AREA GOLF SOCIETY THE ORMELETTES G S LADIES V SHEERNESS (FA)
WEDNESDAY	26/05/2010	10 HOLE WED COMP
THURSDAY	27/05/2010	LADIES MEDAL WINNERS CUP
FRIDAY	28/05/2010	FRIDAY EVENING MIXED VETERANS V THE RIDGE (FA) VETERANS V ROCHESTER & COBHAM (LH)
SATURDAY	29/05/2010	MATCH V WROTHAM HEATH (FA) PRIVATE PARTY
SUNDAY	30/05/2010	JUNIOR KGL V RED LIBBETS (HOME) LADIES STABLEFORD EXTRA
MONDAY	31/05/2010	BANK HOLIDAY COMPETITION