



THE SHRIMPER

The newsletter for members of Mid Kent golf club.

SUCCESS FOR OUR TEAM IN THE MAIL ON SUNDAY COMPETITION

Congratulations to our Mail on Sunday team captained by Bruce Galbraith who beat Abridge here at Gravesend . The next round sees our "Mail on Sunday" team travel away to Rochford Hundred near Southend in Essex on Saturday 17th March 2007. Maybe Dan Warwick could offer some useful advice as this used to be his home course.

The result were as follows.

- Damian Smith won 2 up
- Dave Watkins Lost on the last
- Bruce Galbraith won 5 & 3
- Ian Whitehead won 6 & 5
- Tony Dossetter lost 1 down

The team therefore won 3 to 2 and are now in the second round

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GOOD LUCK DAN

Those of you who receive Mark's News Letter will already know that Dan, one of our Assistant Professionals, is leaving us.

Dan joined us in September 2002 and during his time with us he has passed all the necessary examinations to become a fully qualified PGA Professional. No mean task since it involves modules on business, club repair, coaching, sports science and rules to name just some of them. In 2006 he reached the Local Final Qualifying round of The Open.

During his time at Mid Kent, Dan has made many friends and taken satisfaction in seeing his coaching achieve improvements in the golf of his many 'students'. He has been a regular competitor in many Pro Am competitions.

Dan flies off to the Algarve on 2nd April and we all wish him the best of luck for the future.



Vets Medal Monday 5th February.



Maurice's preparation clearly paid off with a win this month. A study in concentration.

Results:-

Winner:

Maurice Green 43 points.

Runner Up:

Derek Monks 41 points beating Pat Johnson on countback.



SPONSORSHIP. (Submitted by Barry Plumb)

This year we have two sponsors for the A team

Roger Nicholls (Autumn Engineering) has again agreed to sponsor the shirts. Many thanks to him for his continuing support .

Also many thanks go to Lafarge (Paul Smith) for sponsoring the B team.

The Support of our Sponsors is much appreciated.

Mid Week Medal. Played on Monday 19th February 2007.

The Results of this competition were:-

Winner	S. Martin	Nett 65
Runners_up	M. Chapman	Nett 65
	P. Chesson	“
	S. Hedges	“

JUST TO REMIND YOU.

A Night at the Races !!!!

Saturday 10th March 8.00 pm start

Make sure you don't miss this!!!!

There are 8 Races on the night . How can you lose ?

Horses and Races can be sponsored (See Kev at the bar to *buy* Horses and Races)

Betting on the Night

Food will be available on request

Dates to put in diary:

Paddy's night.....17th March Tickets £10.00.

Night Golf.....31st March

St Georges Night...21st April



From the Ladies' Section

Ladies Spring Meeting – 12th April 2007

Entry forms are now available from the Ladies locker room. The format is 18 holes medal in the morning open to all Lady Members with a handicap of 36 or lower. An 8 hole team event in the afternoon. Teams of 3 open to all Lady Members with a handicap of 36 or lower. Followed by the prize presentation



and a 3 course meal in the evening. Non playing ladies are welcome to come along for the meal – but do need to still complete a form. Lady playing members unable to play in the medal round in the morning are welcome to play in the team event in the afternoon.

Pearson Trophy.

Our Ladies Pearson Trophy Team lost 5-2 at home to a very competitive team from Nizels.

Ladies Supper

The MKGC Ladies Supper on the 23rd February was well attended by 83 ladies – representing all categories of the Ladies Section – past playing, current playing and social members.

The ladies enjoyed an excellent four course meal - with wine provided with the compliments of the Lady Captain, Caroline Greenfield. During the meal, Sam Beedle, Magician, mingled between the tables performing a range of magic and card tricks – judging by the laughter that echoed around the lounge he was well received. Sam was seen running from one table - who misunderstood his request for them to “feel his balls”! He was warned it was a ladies supper!

After dinner the Lady Captain made her annual speech. She began by wishing Shirley Yeomans, who is currently in hospital, a speedy recovery. The Lady Captain went on to say that she had received lovely letters from some of the ladies unable to attend – they all had good excuses – Sheila Sheckles was in New Zealand celebrating her 50th wedding anniversary, Julia Ridley was in India working for 3 months, Sue Preston was in South Africa visiting grandchildren and Tutsy Walsh in Florida for no other reason than to escape the weather!

The Lady Captain went on to emphasise her objectives for her year – to encourage as many ladies as possible to play golf and enjoy the club. To foster this spirit she said she is trying to play with different ladies each week and so far since September had played with 33 of them.

Her other main objective was to raise money for the Captain’s Charity. In this respect she asked all the ladies present to guess how many miles of golf she would walk as their Lady Captain. The ladies paid £1 per guess, guesses could only be made that night and £80.00 was collected. £60 will go to the Charity and £20 to the lady who makes the closest guess.

To help the ladies in their guess the Lady Captain pointed out that since becoming Lady Captain she had walked 93 miles of golf so far – she walks in an average round of golf at MKGC 4.6 miles – unless playing foursomes with John Rice when she walks 5.6 miles through the rough and avoiding all fairways!! (Many ladies were heard to comment they will avoid partnering John in the Friday mixed in future – sorry John!) The guesses made by the ladies ranged from 220 miles to 2,010 with the majority being in the 700s – the total will be announced at the Ladies AGM in September.



The Lady Captain finished her speech by thanking all the MKGC staff – office, bar, kitchen and greens - her committee and Vice Captain for all their hard work and stressed that without them it would be impossible to be Lady Captain. However, her biggest thanks went to the lady members for their friendship and support – she was proud to be their Captain.

The Lady Vice Captain then raised a toast to Caroline wishing her all the best for her year and presented her with a lovely bouquet of flowers from Tutsy Walsh who was sorry to have missed the evening. Following the prize presentation, the ladies continued to do what they do best – mingled, laughed and chatted, until Kevin and the girls finally convinced them all it was best to go home.

The following cups and trophies were presented:

Chandler Brooch	Kirsty Galbraith
Queensland Bowl	winner Lou Brackpool runner up Nichola Sehmi,
Molly Copus Salver	winner Janice Bourne runner up Diane Ranger
Morgan Morgan	winner Janet Harbroe runner up Kim Leigh
Winter Foursomes – Lukes Goblets	winner Nichola Sehmi and Sandra Ponting runner up Janet Harbroe and Chris Waghorne
LGU Medal Bronze	Pat Tizzard
LGU Medal Silver	Janice Bourne

Lady Captain's Team V Lady Vice Captain's Team

The annual Lady Captain V Lady Vice Captain Match was held on Thursday 22nd February and in spite of the constant drizzle in the air, a great time was had by all. 40 Ladies competed, comprising two teams of 10 pairs playing Greensomes Match play.

In a break with tradition, the Lady Captain's team allowed the Vice Captain and her team to sneak in with a close win!

In actual fact, the Vice Captain and her team steamed to victory - winning by 5 matches. Well done Mary and her team.



Night Golf

The start sheet for Night Golf will be posted at 7pm on Saturday 10th March 2007.

Team game – sign up in teams of 4.

£18.00 per person entry fee to include Night Golf competition, supper (Curry or Shepherd's Pie – please indicate your preference when signing up) plus live entertainment in the bar afterwards by Toni Lee

Quiz Night – Mid Kent Men v Mid Kent Ladies

We've played Men v Ladies at golf - the Tombstone Challenge tally lies at one half and a win by the Ladies – but what about Men v Ladies in a brains competition?

A quiz challenge was accepted, the date agreed and our very own Quiz Master – Pat Quadling – started compiling a range of questions and subjects, which would show no bias.

The day dawned and on Saturday 24th February - 8 ladies teams and 7 men's teams met in the Clubhouse. Pat's questions and ingenious subjects were up to their usual excellent standard and a close battle commenced. There was some strong competition between some husbands and wives competing against each other – the looks between the Pascoe/Lambie teams could kill!!

After ten rounds of questions, a break for much needed refreshments, some clever calculations from Pat's "glamorous assistant" Jean to compensate the men for being one team short and..... the result was a very amicable draw!

Prizes were awarded to the best ladies team – Jan Pascoe, Fran Lambie, Jackie Jewiss and Annie Webb-Smith and to the best men's team – which luckily for peace in the Pascoe and Lambie households – included Steve Pascoe, Howard Lambie, John O'Toole and Bill Williams.

Well done to everyone and a big thank you to our Quiz Master.

Health and Safety. A contribution from Harry Caulfield

HEALTH & SAFETY 1

You cannot buy a cup of coffee here without a lid on it" (*cafe at London Boat Show*)

HEALTH & SAFETY 2

Men wanted for hazardous journey, small wages, bitter cold, months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful.

(*Ernest Shackleton advertises for men to go to the South Pole (vastly oversubscribed)*)

I hate to think what's going to happen in the next 50 years!!



MONTHLY EVENTS - FEBRUARY 2007

Thursday	01/03/07	Ladies Medal
Friday	02/03/07	Junior KGL Meeting in Boardroom
Saturday	03/03/07	Monthly Medal—Pilot Qualifier
Sunday	04/03/07	Monthly Medal—Pilot Qualifier
Sunday	04/03/07	11:30 to 12:10 Ladies Bradley Cooke Match
Thursday	08/03/07	Ladies Texas Scramble
Friday	09/03/07	KGL AGM in Boardroom
Saturday	10/03/07	Race Night
Sunday	11/03/07	Ladies Stableford AD
Tuesday	13/03/07	Society
Wednesday	14/03/07	Private Dinner
Thursday	15/03/07	Ladies Stableford MD
Friday	16/03/07	
Saturday	17/03/07	Pinder Cup Qualifier St Patrick's Dance
Sunday	18/03/07	Pinder Cup Qualifier
Monday	19/03/07	Mid Week Medal
Tuesday	20/03/07	Society
Wednesday	21/03/07	Pearson Trophy v Rochester & Cobham
Thursday	22/03/07	Ladies' Give and Take
Friday	23/03/07	
Saturday	24/03/07	Champion's Dinner
Sunday	25/03/07	A Team v B Team Ladies' Medal Junior Medal
Monday	26/03/07	Ladies v Woodlands Manor
Tuesday	27/03/07	Society
Wednesday	28/03/07	
Thursday	29/03/07	Ladies' Medal MD
Friday	30/03/07	Friday Evening Mixed Vets v Eltham Warren (FH)
Saturday	31.03.07	April Medal and Matchplay Qualifiers Night Golf