



EWGC JANUARY NEWSLETTER

INTRODUCTION

You will be pleased to hear, well most of you, that I accepted our Captain's request to continue compiling this newsletter. Do not be alarmed, stay calm and read, the January newsletter is fuller as it sets out the golfing and social calendar for the year, the newsletters will get shorter as we progress through the year. If you feel you would like to contribute to or help produce this newsletter drop me an email or give me a call and we can talk.

CAPTAINS NEWS.

With the Festive season well behind us, our thoughts naturally turn towards the start of the incoming golf season. For Eltham Warren Golf Club, February is the month when our main income comes in: the annual membership subscriptions. On behalf of the Club, a huge thank you to all of you who have already paid your subscriptions.

You should all have received email/written communication from Andrew regarding membership rates and payment means and period, if not please contact him without delay. Following the AGM, the committee is at full strength and we have already had our first meeting, a list of committee members and the minutes of the January meetings will be available to be read on the main notice board.

DRIVE IN

Doris and I would like to thank all members & past captains for attending my drive-in. Thank you for all your cards, gifts and good luck messages and words of support for the year ahead. I would especially like to thank Ian and his staff for all their hard work before and on the day to help make it run so smoothly, Trig & Vic Williams for organising the sweep, Jim Baynes and John Sowerby for measuring my drive, Gary & Keri for their usual inventive first tee, New Eltham Butchers for the amazing Hog Roast and Midnight Storm for providing the entertainment. and last but not least I have to thank Doris for all her hard work coordinating the entire event and doing the additional catering.

VOLUNTEERS

Eltham Warren Golf Club is run by a Committee of volunteers, and it is vital for the future of the club that the Committee is supported. Members of all ages have a wealth of knowledge and experience that will greatly assist the day to day running of the club. If you feel that you can spare some time, even just one hour, to help us, then please contact the Club Secretary or one of the Committee, so that we can discuss things further. We appreciate that everyone is busy, but there are roles available to suit everyone that would help to secure the future of our golf club.

THE GOLFING YEAR AHEAD

We have a busy season of golf in the year ahead with the normal offering of Board competitions, monthly medals, Interclub competitions and friendlies. Mixed competitions and fun golf events.



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BREAKFAST BREAK

There have been on going issues regarding the length of time breakfast breaks take. As a result, the committee has arranged that breakfasts on competition days will be restricted to Sausage or Bacon Baguettes/Sandwich's this change coupled with changes to the caterer's staffing arrangements should greatly speed up service.

MIXED COMPETITIONS

I very much hope that the traditional mixed competitions are well supported this year.

<i>Sunday 28th April</i>	<i>Roche Trophy & Parkside Cup (Mixed Greensomes) 2.0pm</i>
<i>Sunday 26th May</i>	<i>Family Mixed Competition 2.0pm</i>
<i>Sunday 30th June</i>	<i>Blaker Cup & Stewart Cup (Mixed Greensomes) 1.0pm + Dinner</i>
<i>Sunday 8th September</i>	<i>Fathers & Sons 1.30pm</i>
<i>Saturday 12th October</i>	<i>Juniors v Gents 1.0pm</i>
<i>Sunday 27th October</i>	<i>Ladies v Gents 11.30am + Dinner</i>

NEW RULES EVENING – FRIDAY 1st MARCH

As you know there were a number of significant rule changes introduced from 1st January. These are primarily designed to speed up the game of golf, however there are several head scratchers amongst them. If, like me, you would like some clarification on ALL the rule changes then you should attend the above meeting. The talk has been produced by the Kent Golf Union and will consist of a presentation followed by a Question & Answer session. The talk is entirely FREE. If there is enough interest a curry will be available at a reasonable price. If you are interested in attending, please add your name to the list displayed on the main notice board in the lobby.

INTERCLUB KNOCKOUTS COMPETITIONS 2019

<i>Gray Cup</i>	<i>Team Captain Jimmy Wood</i>
<i>Royal Blackheath Trophy</i>	<i>Team Captain Michael Waple</i>
<i>West Kent Cup</i>	<i>Team Captain Mark Booker</i>
<i>Wilding Cole Trophy</i>	<i>Team Captain Mark Kemp</i>
<i>Sundridge Park Trophy</i>	<i>Team Captain Alan Dodd</i>
<i>Perman Shield</i>	<i>Team Captain Jason Williams</i>

OTHER COMPETITIONS

<i>Jack Hicks (Defending Champions)</i>	<i>Team Captain Dean Lisbon</i>
<i>North Kent Trophy</i>	<i>Team Captain Jim Baynes</i>
<i>Yeomans Trophy</i>	<i>Team Captain Lewis Seager</i>
<i>Top Club 4BBB</i>	<i>Team Captain Roger Hills</i>



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*Kent Amateur Foursomes Team Captain Ray Williams
Fixtures and dates will be published in a later newsletter*

KENT GOLF UNION 9 HOLE OPEN COMPETITION WEDNESDAY 19th JUNE

The Kent Golf Union have selected Eltham Warren Golf Club to be the hosts of its inaugural 9 Hole Open Competition to be held on Wednesday 19th June 2019 entry forms can be obtained in the bar or on the Kent Golf Union website.

INTERCLUB FRIENDLY MATCHES 2019

This year we are continuing with the Tri-Ball format that proved popular in the Inter-club friendly program last year. The Inter-club friendly program for this year is as follows:

Friday 24th May Mid Kent (Home)

Friday 28th June Dartford (Home)

Thursday 11th July Tri-Ball friendly at Home v Sidcup & Cherry Lodge

Friday 2nd August Tri-Ball at Home v Shortlands & Bexleyheath

If you would like to be considered for selection for any of the matches please put your name down on the match sheets that will be posted on the notice board in the Spike Bar.

CAPTAIN'S ROVERS DAY

The captains Rovers Day will be held on Thursday 19th September 2019 at Nizels Golf Club arrangements are being finalised so look out for posters and in future newsletters for more details

THE COURSE

PLANNED WINTER COURSE WORK:

Use of hired Tractor Flail to clear right side of 6th/15th beyond the dry ditch & create an open area behind the 15th tee for dumping leaves, course material etc.

Clearance work to the left side of the 15th tee & right side of the 6th tee and the right side of the path leading to the 4th tee.

Use of a hired sit on motorised flail to clear 5th/6th & 7th copse, allowing the gorse to grow back, these small areas have been staked but all the brambles need to be cut right back.

Clearance of the wooded area at the back of the 1st green & left side of the 8th green and the tree line right down the right side of the 9th/18th fairway, plus clearance of the path going through to the park gate.

More clearance work back left of the 3rd/12th green including the removal of the leaning hawthorn tree at the back of the green.

Right side of the 5th tee

Trees to be cut back behind the 5th green & behind the 6th tee box.



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More work along the pathway from the 3rd green towards the 4th tee.

Cutting back the conifers tight to the right side of the 2nd medal tee to allow the planting of laurel bushes when funds available, then in the Spring the full removal of all the conifers trees.

Some clearance work to the flower beds near the Pro Shop & 1st/10th tee boxes.

VETS SECTION

The Vets are all about getting through the Winter months and not allowing the central heating to be a bigger attraction than the golf course. So far, the past couple of months we have been running at about 90% full each Wednesday, so a great effort from all our Vets. Well done!

Sad to hear that Woodlands have called in the receiver and not made it into 2019. From the conversations we have had playing friendlies, during the past couple of years, it's been on the cards and you have to feel sorry for the members who have lost their home course.

Negotiations are taking place with Darenth Valley to hopefully fill the gap in our Friendly calendar left by Woodlands.

Last year we had to reschedule the Vets Social due to "The Beast from the East"! This year the Vets Social is 12th April.

We have had to reschedule the away league match against Bexleyheath. It is in the diary for the 16th April but due to hollow tining being done on that date the match has been moved to the 9th April.

The committee would like to welcome all the new Vets who have been playing during the Winter. The weekly playing sheets are put up approximately a month in advance, so make sure names are entered well in advance or you will be disappointed

We have to limit the numbers on a Wednesday to 45 as that is the maximum number the course can manage sensibly without serious delays on the back 9 holes. We have brought the Tee times forward to 8.00am which enables the presentations to be completed by 2.30pm.

LADIES SECTION

*A big welcome to the new Ladies Captain, **Eriko Ogleby**, wishing her a very successful year, also to her Vice-Captain **Denise Hyland**. The Ladies Drive-In was a huge success with lots of very elegant Japanese Ladies in attendance, one Karate expert, ready and willing to take on any Japanese warriors that turned up, a lab technician armed with a stethoscope, just in case, a beautiful mirrored mosaic, and some splendid origami birds, all will come apparent in the photos below. As always, the Ladies went to huge lengths to make their new Captains day one to remember*

Congratulations all of the Ladies winners for 2018, especially to Carol Hall, the Ladies 2018 Champion, who will represent the Ladies Section in the Champion of Champions Competition on Sunday 28th April @ North Forelands G.C.



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COFFEE MORNING – MONDAY 25th FEBRUARY

There is a poster advertising this event in the Main Club Foyer.

Everybody is welcome, please let your friends and family know, the more the merrier. There will be an abundance of homemade cakes, jams, marmalades, chutneys and much more. As

well as clothing and bric-a-brac items, books, DVD's, raffles, tombola's and games to be played.

We are also collecting good quality clothing and saleable items should you have anything in your cupboards you no longer require.

Please see Ladies Captain Janet or Ladies Secretary Dee for further details.

Ladies Section news, results and events will be published in in future editions of this newsletter.

NEW LADY MEMBERS

Should you know any lady who is looking for a club to join or is interested in starting to play then please point them in our direction, any member of the Ladies Committee will be happy to show them around and explain our section to them.

Finally, we would like to wish both Chris & Eriko a very successful year and assure them both of our full support.

JUNIOR SECTION

The Junior section have a full program of medals and board competitions throughout the year which we are sure will be fully supported. The Juniors are entered for a number of external competitions and we wish them every success.

NEW MEMBERS

We are always on the lookout for new members to bolster the ranks of the Junior Section if you know of any youngster who might be interested point them our way, Gary our resident pro will be only too pleased to give them some lessons.

Any Children of club members wishing to play golf at the club are entitled to free membership.



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SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2019

We have a full and mixed calendar of social events for 2019

The programme of Social events is as follows

<i>Friday 15th February</i>	<i>VALENTINE DISCO</i>	<i>See Gary Brett for Tickets £10ea</i>
<i>Thursday 7th March</i>	<i>Quiz & Curry Night</i>	
<i>Saturday 16th March</i>	<i>St Patrick's Celebration Featuring by popular demand the "Celtic Hearts Band"</i>	
<i>Friday 26th April</i>	<i>12 Twilight Challenge & Supper</i>	
<i>Thursday 2nd May</i>	<i>Quiz & Curry Night</i>	
<i>Friday 7th June</i>	<i>12 Twilight Challenge & Supper</i>	
<i>Thursday 3rd October</i>	<i>Quiz & Curry Night</i>	
<i>Thursday 19th December</i>	<i>Quiz & Curry Night</i>	

JAZZ NIGHTS – *If you are a lover of Jazz and Swing or just appreciate great live music you should check out the Jazz nights that are held every other Thursday at the club, I can personally recommend it. Check the diary for dates.*