



EWGC JANUARY NEWSLETTER



INTRODUCTION

This is the first of many Newsletters this year. I hope to produce a full and detailed Newsletter quarterly and shorter edition in the months between. This newsletter is fuller as it sets out the golfing and social calendar for the year.

VICE CAPTAIN

I have yet to appoint a Vice Captain for 2018 it is a big commitment and one not to be taken on lightly however it is tremendously rewarding and not something many people have the opportunity of experiencing. If you would like to discuss with me the role and responsibilities associated with the office of Captain & Vice Captain I would be only too glad to meet with you for an informal chat.

CAPTAINS DRIVE-IN

*I would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make my Drive-In such a special day. The sun shone, the sky was blue, and more importantly I avoided depositing my ball in the "Warren." I would especially like to thank all those who were able to attend I hope you all enjoyed yourselves. I could not have wished for a more glorious start to my year. A special mention has to go out to **The Celtic Hearts** who provided the entertainment they were fantastic, look out for them at EWGC in 2019!*

CAPTAINS SUB-COMMITTEE

One of the things I am keen to start and be a success is the formation of a Captain Sub Committee. The purpose of the Captain's sub-committee will be to aid the Captain in the organisation and direction of golf and social aspects of the Club and to ensure that the members of the golf club have the opportunity to share their ideas and contribute to the running of the club. It will also deal with issues arising that relate to golf, the course and the use of clubhouse facilities which are communicated via the membership. Where possible issues raised by members will be dealt with by this sub-committee in with the appropriate standing chairs. However if the sub-committee considers it necessary the matter will be passed to the main committee to be dealt with.



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THE GOLFING YEAR AHEAD

We have a busy season of golf in the year ahead with the normal offering of Board competitions and monthly medals.

For Board competitions we will be experimenting with drawn fourballs. This, we hope, will help new members integrate with existing members, which will be of benefit to them to learn the rules and etiquette of golf and will make them feel welcomed, and it will give existing members the chance to play with members they might not otherwise ever play with.

Your comments and feedback about the experiment will be welcomed through the Captains Sub Committee.

I very much hope that the traditional mixed competitions are well supported this year. It was unfortunate last year that a number had to be cancelled due to lack of support. It is these types of competitions that give our club its character.

INTERCLUB KNOCKOUTS COMPETITIONS 2018

<i>Gray Cup</i>	<i>Team Captain Jimmy Woods</i>
<i>Royal Blackheath Trophy</i>	<i>Team Captain Jamie Delaney</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 Jeff Barnes</i>
<i>Perman Shield</i>	<i>Team Captain Jason Williams</i>

OTHER COMPETITIONS

<i>Jack Hicks (Defending Champions)</i>	<i>Team Captain Lewis Seager</i>
<i>North Kent Trophy</i>	<i>Team Captain Chris Jennings</i>
<i>Yeomans Trophy</i>	<i>Team Captain Paul Williams</i>
<i>Top Club 4BBB</i>	<i>Team Captain Roger Hills (IPC)</i>
<i>Kent Amateur Foursomes</i>	<i>Team Captain Ray Williams</i>

Fixtures and dates will be published in a later newsletter



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INTERCLUB FRIENDLY MATCHES

This year there is a slight change to the format to some of the Inter-club friendly program with the introduction of Tri-Ball matches. The program is as follows:

Friday 25th May Mid Kent (Away)

Thursday 28th June Dartford (Away)

Thursday 12th July Tri-Ball friendly EWGC v Sidcup & Cherry Lodge (Hosts)

Thursday 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.

CAPTAINS CHARITY COMPETITIONS

I am hoping to stage a number of 9-hole evening competitions throughout the Summer, the format of which has yet to be set, these maybe stand alone or a cumulative points based competition. There will also be some weekend 18 hole competitions where there are spaces in the busy golf program. Look out for more information in forthcoming Newsletters and on posters.

CAPTAINS WEEK 9th – 17th JUNE

*Captain's week will include some of the old favorites such as **Cross Country, 3 Clubs and a Putter and Golfer Non Golfer** as well as the usual Captains Prize competitions. We are hoping to introduce some new fun competitions which will be publicised in later newsletters.*

IMPORTANT FIXTURE CHANGES

*Due to the change in date of the **EWGC Dinner Dance**, now **Saturday 16th June**, we have decided that **The Captains Prize for Ladies** will be moved from Saturday 16th June to **Saturday 9th June** and **The Captains Prize for Gentlemen** will be moved from Sunday 17th June to **Sunday 10th June** This will mean the **Committee Cup & Medal (Stroke)** will now be staged on **Sunday 3rd June** instead of Sunday 10th June. Please update your diaries to reflect the changes. **Prize Giving** will remain unaltered on **Sunday 17th June at 3.30pm***

ROVERS DAY 13th JUNE 2018

*I have chosen **Hever Golf Course** for my Rovers Day venue the price will be £60 for bacon roll and tea/coffee on arrival 18 holes on the Championship Course and a two course carvery meal later. There will be prizes for nearest the pin (2) longest Drive, Par 3 aggregate score and nearest the pin after 2 shots on the 18th as well as 1st and runners up prizes. Watch out for the list that will go up on the notice board in the next couple of months to book your place.*



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THE COURSE

Following the work undertaken on the 6th/15th hole, we wrote to John Greasley Ltd (Contractors) for their professional independent advice regarding when the holes can be used without spoiling the work they had done. Their reply reads as follows:

“Bunker Reconstruction 6th/15th Maintenance & Grow In Guidelines

Further to our completion of these works, please find below our guidelines for the successful establishment and maintenance of the new bunkers.

Growing In & Establishment Period

Works carried out during the Autumn/Winter will require a minimum four month establishment period. Therefore turf laid in November would not be ready for play or to be able to receive traffic until the end of March. This would be subject to having a fair winter with reasonable root growth.”

VETS SECTION

Welcome to the new golfing year. We have a full season of competitions and inter club matches, both league and friendlies, arranged for the Veterans Section. I would like to encourage members who qualify as a Veteran to put their name up for the weekly competitions which are held every Wednesday morning. Similarly for selection for the inter club matches which begin in April and run through to October.

I'm using this opportunity to repeat my regular Wednesday thanks to Vic Williams for coordinating the fixture list and generally keeping us in order, to Jim Baynes for running the Veterans League fixtures and to Albert Panting for organising the prizes every Wednesday. Without them the Veterans Section would not be as strong and successful as it is, year after year.

Finally, if you haven't ordered your purple (by a majority vote) Veterans shirt with the Club logo please get in touch with me and I will increase the order.

Best wishes for a successful and enjoyable summer of golf.

David Hewison

Captain of the Veterans Section



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LADIES SECTION

The Ladies Section are very pleased to have Janet Williams as their Captain for this year and wish her every success.

Janet's Charity for this year is Guide Dogs for the Blind, there is a collection tin on the bar and Janet thanks you, in advance, for your generosity to this very worthwhile Charity.

We had a very successful year in 2017 with our Friendly Matches & Kent Competitions, winning the Coombe Cup (Vi Burton & Marion Till), and reaching the quarter finals of the Tappin Trophy. We are looking forward to repeating this in 2018.

COFFEE MORNING – MONDAY 26th 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 Peter & Janet a very successful year and assure them both of our full support.

Dee Palmer

Ladies Secretary



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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 Junior's 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.

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2018

Our Chair of Fundraising Ray Williams has booked some amazing acts for 2018. Ticket prices will be the same as last year £10 and you can bring your own nibbles/banquets.

The programme of entertainment is as follows

SATURDAY 24th February ROD STEWART TRIBUTE

SATURDAY 5th May LIONEL RICHIE TRIBUTE

SATURDAY 6th October WHITNEY HOUSTON TRIBUTE

SATURDAY 17th November GARY BARLOW V ROBBIE WILLIAMS TRIBUTE

MONDAY 31st December NEW YEARS EVE PARTY WITH DJ MICK

EWGC DINNER DANCE 16th JUNE

*We have had to make a change to the published diary entry this year. The EWGC Dinner Dance will now be held on **Saturday 16th June** it is still in the planning stage, however we will attempt to keep ticket prices at last year's levels. Further details will be available ASAP.*

CHOIRS ON COURSE - *We are hoping to organize some free entertainment, utilizing the marquee, the day after the Dinner & Dance, **Sunday 17th June** featuring local Choirs. Look out for posters and published details in future Newsletters.*

QUIZ NIGHTS – *There will be a number of Quiz nights throughout the year I hope to have all the dates available for publication in the next Newsletter*



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CURRY & QUIZ NIGHT FRIDAY 9th FEBRUARY

Through popular demand we will be staging this successful Quiz format again. Enter your teams of 6 players on the list in the club lobby and pit your wits against fierce opposition to carry off great CASH prizes and enjoy a great curry into the bargain! Entry Fee £10 per player

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.*

ANNE'S VALENTINES CARVERY SUNDAY 11th FEBRUARY

Treat Someone Special This Year With a Delicious 2 Course Carvery

Main - *Two traditionally cooked succulent roast meats accompanied by a selection of potatoes and seasonal vegetables (Vegetarian option on request)*

Dessert - *Choose from a selection of delicious desserts*

Adults £14.95 – Children £10.00

Reserve Your Place NOW on the Form in the club lobby