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CAPTAIN'S NEWS

I hope you enjoyed my last newsletter offering. I had planned for this one to be shorter but it has adopted a life of its own and is barely manageable!! Read on.

99 HOLE CHALLENGE

Our illustrious Professional Gary Brett is going to attempt playing 99 holes (11 rounds) in ONE DAY in aid of an appeal for a little girl who desperately needs an operation that can only be performed in the USA. If you have not already done so please sponsor him on this challenge, details and sponsor sheet can be found in the Pro Shop. THANK YOU

CLUB SHIRTS

Gary has taken delivery of a quantity of quality club shirts in various sizes and colours. Buy one now to avoid disappointment!!

SITUATIONS VACANT

Bar Staff – *There are currently vacancies for part time bar staff please contact Ian Palmer or Andrew Brown.*

Vice-Captain - *please apply, with CV, to The Captain, EWGC, Bexley Road, SE9 2PE*

ROVERS DAY

The entry sheet is now up in the lobby for my Rovers Day to Hever Golf Course on Wednesday 13th June. You can now pay for the day and coach place behind the bar using your club card.

KENT COUNTY CARD

As a member of EWGC you automatically qualify for a Kent County Card Scheme which affords you discounts on green fees, subject to T's & C's, at participating golf clubs, a list of which is available on the link below. The cards are ready for collection from the Club Secretary's office. Once you have your card, follow the instruction on the link below to activate it.

https://www.kentgolf.org/county_card



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CLUB SYSTEMS/HOWDIDIDO APP

You will be pleased to hear that the new member's app is now live.

To download the app please visit the App Store or Play Store and search for ClubV1 Members Hub.

You will need to register before you can use the app. The app will direct you through the HowDidI Do Passport registration process.

In order to verify that you are a registered member of Eltham Warren GC you will be prompted to verify your membership. You may need some or all of the following information:

Registered Email Address

Category of Membership

Registered Address

You will be sent an email to confirm the validity of your email address. Once you have registered you will be able to login.

Within the Members area you will be able to view your club and national ranking (based upon your exact handicap) which is interesting to monitor how you go up and down during the course of the season. You will also be able to view and top-up your bar balance, as well as having access to the members list, and the ability to edit your own privacy settings. Please inform the club if you wish your name to be not visible to other members.

PRO/CAPTAIN CHALLENGE

I know it is a daunting prospect, having to listen to me banging on for 18 holes, but there are still places available for this epic conquest. Can you rise to the challenge? The entry sheet is on the notice board in the Men's changing area.

NEW LOCKERS

We now have a number of new lockers in the Visitors area of the Men's changing room. There are still a few left that can be purchased for £450 on a 10 year plan. Further details plus Terms and Conditions are available from Andrew Brown our club secretary.

EMAIL ADDRESS

If you are reading this in hard copy and would like to receive it directly can you please furnish the Club Secretary, Andrew, or myself with your email address. The information you give will not be shared and you will only receive news regarding EWGC activities.



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THE GOLFING YEAR AHEAD - MARCH

VARIATION TO THE FORMAT OF THE 5 MAJOR BOARD COMPETITIONS

It has been decided at committee, in accordance with Rule 38 of the Club Rule Book, that there will be a variation to the format of the 5 Major Board Competitions for a trial period of one year. Members wishing to enter these competitions will be required to enter their names on the start sheet and a random draw of fourballs shall take place 7 days before the event. The board competitions in question are:

Centenary Cup	Sunday 6th May
Selangor Trophy	Saturday 12th May
Exmouth & Fielder Round 1	Saturday 7th July
Vice President's Prize for Gentlemen	Sunday 22nd July
Presidents Prize for Gentlemen	Sunday 26th August

We hope that this variation will help new members integrate into the club better and give them an opportunity of playing with members who can educate them in aspects of golf rules and etiquette.

INTER-CLUB AND OTHER KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS 2018 **INTERCLUB KNOCKOUT COMPETITIONS**

Gray Cup	Away to Sidcup GC - Thursday 26 th April
Royal Blackheath Trophy	Away to Mid Kent GC - Wednesday 23 rd May
West Kent Cup	Home to Knoll Park GC - Date TBA
Wilding Cole Trophy	Away to Rochester & Cobham GC - Friday 20 th April
Sundridge Park Trophy	Away to West Kent GC - Date TBA
Perman Shield	Home to Rochester & Cobham GC - Date TBA

OTHER COMPETITIONS

Jack Hicks (Defending Champions)	Home to Bexleyheath GC - Saturday 21 st April
North Kent Trophy	Away to Dartford GC - Sunday 20 th May
Yeomans Trophy	Home to Lullingstone – Sunday 20 th May
Top Club 4BBB	Away to Shortland – Date TBA
Kent Amateur Foursomes	TBA

REFORMATTED MIXED COMPETITIONS

Roche Trophy, Parkside Cup, Stewart Cup, Blaker Cup, Jubilee Cup

These 5 competitions were originally either Greensomes or Foursomes Mixed Competitions. 2 years ago, it was decided to join the Roche Trophy & Parkside Cup together, the Blaker Cup & Stewart Cup together, leaving the Jubilee Cup as was. Thereby, instead of 5 competitions,



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we reduced them to 3. Again, this proved unsuccessful, as a final attempt to reinvent and keep these going the following format has been decided, on a trial basis for this year.

A Tri-ball Team Competition, each team comprising 1 Gent, 1 Vet & 1 Lady

Format:

1-2-3: 1 score counts on holes 1 – 6, 2 scores count on 7 – 12, all 3 scores count on 13 – 18.

It has been agreed to give this new format a year's trial to see how it goes, rather than lose these competitions forever, we don't want to give up without a fight.

Cost will be £2:00 per player (£6:00 per team)

2-course meal to follow, cost & menu TBC prior to each competition.

Dates of Competitions:

Roche Trophy & Parkside Cup - Sunday 29th April

Blaker Cup & Stewart Cup - Sunday 1st July

Jubilee Cup Sunday - 21st October

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE EVENTS THEY ARE PART OF OUR CLUB'S HISTORY & CHARACTER

FRIDAY NIGHT TWILIGHT CHARITY GOLF COMPETITIONS AND CURRY

I will be holding a series of 12 hole competitions in aid of my charities, the four competitions will take place on the following Friday's, teeing off between 4.30pm – 6.00pm:

Friday 4th May **4 Ball Texas Scramble**

Friday 18th May **Greensomes Pairs**

Friday 1st June **4 Ball Better Ball** – The 2 best stableford scores to count on each hole.

Friday 8th June **Foursomes Pairs**

You will be playing for a 4 person green fee voucher for one of the following courses:

Langley Park GC

Lamberhust GC

Littlestone GC

Mid Kent GC

The winning team will be able to choose from four blank envelopes that will contain one of the above courses as their prize.

Entry fee for the Competition and Curry is **£10 per person**. Entry sheets will be posted on the noticeboard in the spikes bar.

CAPTAINS WEEK 9th – 17th JUNE

As well as the favourite **Cross Country** and **Golfer/Non Golfer** there will be a few changes/additions to Captains Week this year. In place of Three clubs and a putter there will be a **4 ball Texas scramble** with a TWIST, each player in the 4 ball will nominate the 4 holes they will drive off from before commencement of the round, this will be indicated on the



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scorecard, the remaining 2 holes all players will drive off and the best ball will be played. On the final Sunday, in consultation with our Professional Gary, the course will be turned into a fun 18 hole par 3 course, with a competition played in teams of FOUR best two scores per hole to count. Other than the Captains Prize competitions all other competitions will not have allocated tee off time, just turn up and play. While you are waiting to tee off you can try out one of Gary's prize golf challenges!

THE COURSE

The course in general is looking magnificent. I would like to give a big thank you, on behalf of the members, to Richard, Rob and Tom who have worked incredibly hard over the winter months to achieve what they have. We will all reap the benefits this coming playing season.

6th/15th Hole/Tee

You will be pleased to hear that the 6th/15th hole will be open in time for the EGU Medal on Sunday 15th April.

The work on the 6th White tee is complete and is looking excellent.

I am hoping to publish a list of future course work projects in due course.

LADIES SECTION

COFFEE MORNING

The Ladies Section would like to thank all members, their spouses, partners & friends for supporting this event, especially to all those that made donations of items to sell, their valuable time, monetary donations and to all the Ladies that spent time sorting through items and setting up the lounge area.

The total raised was just over £900.00, with Ladies Captain raising £160.00 for her Charity Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Thank you to everyone that attended and contributed.

MATCHES & COMPETITION RESULTS

Ladies Friendly vs Dartford - lost 2/1

Daily Mail Foursomes vs Aquarius - Due to be played Saturday 17th March - Snow stopped play and as this was the last day that the match could be played a toss of the coin was made, both teams agreeing to this, and Aquarius Ladies won the toss.

Coombe Cup vs Gillingham - Due to illness the Gillingham Ladies had to pull out and the match was given to our Ladies, Vi Burton & Carol Hall.

Tappin Trophy - Due to be played 6th April at Dartford.



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VETERANS SECTION

MATCHES AND RESULTS

The Veterans first fixture this season was away against Canterbury in the Kent Veterans Knock Out and I'm sorry to say that we lost 2 ½ : ½. Must have been the early start that affected the team. (Or was it possibly bandit country?!).

Our next match is scheduled for Thursday 5th April, a friendly away against Woodlands Manor. This will be followed closely by a League match away against Bexleyheath on the 17th April with the return home match the following week on the 27th April. Thereafter there are League and friendly matches on almost a weekly basis until October. Look out for the availability sheets on the notice board.

VETS CLUB SHIRTS

Which leads nicely into the new purple Veterans shirts. These have been distributed to those who ordered them and I hope you will wear them for our matches and our regular Wednesday meetings. If you would like to buy one I have two spare at the moment so please contact me.

VETS SOCIAL

We had to postpone the Vets Social evening due to the Beast from the East as it was too much of a risk, both physically and financially. It has been rearranged for Friday April 20th and I look forward to a good turnout. Hopefully the weather won't affect us this time.

VOLUNTEER FORCE

Sometime in early May we hope to arrange a divot repair group of Veterans to help the Greenkeepers. More on this nearer the time.



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CLUBHOUSE NEWS

SOCIAL EVENTS FOR 2018

ROD STEWART

We had a full house for our first social event of the year, Rod Stewart on Saturday 24th February. Stan Terry was excellent and had the dance floor packed. Thank you to everyone who attended and made it such a success. A big thank you has to go to the bar staff Anne, Chloe and Tara for all their hard work. A big pat on the back for our Chair of Fundraising Ray Williams for that one. If you enjoyed the last event or are kicking yourselves for not attending then I have great news for you Ray has booked three more amazing acts for 2018. Ticket prices will be the same as the Rod Stewart event £10 and you can bring your own nibbles/banquets.

The programme of entertainment is as follows

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

CHOIRS ON COURSE – Sunday 17th June

We have already secured our first choir for this event and are in discussions with a number of others.

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.

CHARITY DAY

*We are hoping to run a Charity Fun Day on Sunday 29th July the centrepiece of which is going to be a **MIXED ROUNDERS** competition with teams of nine players, I expect the same level of commitment/enthusiasm/rivalry as was displayed in Paul Williams Cricket Day 2016, there will be BBQ food and other attraction. Look out for posters very soon.*



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EWGC Dinner Dance - Saturday 16th June 2018

This year's Dinner Dance is going to be held on Saturday 16th June, a change from the diary entry, I have already spoken to Ian Sharp and he has assured me the menu is going to be as good as, if not better, than last year and that was exceptional. Entertainment is going to be provided by "The Vibe" a four piece band made up of full time first-class musicians, these guys love to put on a show whatever the occasion! With a repertoire packed with Pop, Rock, Funk and Soul classics along with the most recent chart toppers.



We are still finalising minor details of the event which will be published in the next newsletter and on posters displayed in and around the clubhouse.

MOTHERS DAY TEA

Unfortunately this event had to be cancelled due to lack of support

ANNE'S ST GEORGE'S DAY CARVERY SUNDAY 22nd APRIL

Having attended the Valentine's Carvery I can personally recommend this event, quality food, great service and tremendous value for money

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



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Bar Opening Times

(Summer – April to October)

The Bar will be open during the following times:

<u>DAY</u>	<u>OPEN</u>	<u>CLOSE</u>
MONDAY	11.30am	11.00pm
TUESDAY	11.30am	11.00pm
WEDNESDAY	11.30am	11.00pm
THURSDAY	11.30am	11.00pm
FRIDAY	11.30am	11.00pm
SATURDAY	11.30am	11.00pm
SUNDAY	11.30am	10.30pm

***PLEASE NOTE:** Last Orders will be served 10 minutes before Close and Customers must finish their drinks and leave the premises within 20 minutes of Close.*

Extended hours are only available for Organised Events & Functions booked through the Office.

***NOTE:** The Club Gates are closed and locked as soon as the Bar Staff leave, usually within 15 minutes of the Bar Closing Time!*