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Special points of interest:

- Southwold GC welcomes new member Robert Griffin.
- **Stop Press!** Adele Spindler & Jenny Cardwell beat Aldeburgh pair to progress to 3rd round of Daily Mail Four-somes.

Tolly Cobbold Cup team reach last 16.

The Tolly Cobbold Cup team took the notable scalp of Woodbridge GC by defeating the much larger club in the first round of this County Match-play competition in April. Non-playing team captain, Peter Hurr, picked a well-paired team of eight reliable mid-handicap players who stood up to the blustery conditions better than their opponents. Playing foursomes over 36 holes is a gruelling task but all players stayed on their game until the early evening finish, eventually winning 14 up. Both team captains recognised that the home draw assisted Southwold a little but that the home team generally played more consistently and deserved the victory.

There were good numbers of spectators, as is traditional, both walking the course and observing from strategic points, who enjoyed the sport and some sunshine dur-

ing the afternoon.

The club hosted the visitors off the course throughout the day very well, with the Woodbridge GC captain expressing his appreciation at the post-match supper.

Results of 36 holes as follows:

Steve Potter & Steve Aldous 3 up.

Gareth Jones & Gary Cuthbert 8 up.

Calum Palmer & Jeremy Ladd A/S

Conrad Swan & John Scilly 3 up.

Next round v The Suffolk GC, at home on the 24th May.



The Tolly Cobbold Cup team prepare to celebrate their victory.

Parks Trophy team fail to overcome Rushmere

Sadly the Parks Team (for over-55s men) lost at home to Rushmere, by just 1 hole, in an intensely close match.

Our first three pairs had mixed results, **Derek Self & Bob Perrett** losing 2 down, **Steve Potter & Micky Rose** winning by the same margin and **John Scilly & Roger Wilshaw** succumbing to an uncharacteristic 8 down defeat.

However the final pair, **Conrad Swan & Peter Hurr** played exceptionally well

and built up a commanding lead as their match progressed. At 6 holes up after 14 played, a marginal team victory was a real possibility. Conrad secured a fine 4 at 17 to go 7 up but unfortunately neither home player could find a birdie on the 18th hole that would have forced a play-off.

Parks Trophy team captain, John Scilly thanked his players for their efforts and wished Rushmere good fortune in the following rounds.

Men's results

Keith Hurr dominated the Sunday competitions throughout February & March and hopes to continue his fine form into the summer.

Full results:

February Singles Stableford

Div.1 **Keith Hurr** 41 pts.

Div.2 **Ken Baker** 38 pts.

March Horwood Medal

Div. 1 **Keith Hurr** 68 - 6 = 62

Div.2 **Mike Whitwam** 89 - 16 = 72

March Team Stableford

Winners: **Paul Booth, Paul Sherwood, Richard Aldous & Keith**

Southey.

March Singles Stableford

Div. 1 **Richard Cookson** 42 pts.

March American Foursomes

Winners: **Keith Hurr & Mike Whitwam** scoring 64.2.

April Horwood Medal

Div. 1 **Terry Smith** 71 - 6 = 65

Div. 2 **Nick Gardener** 86 - 20 = 66

Gareth Jones 77 - 10 = 67, **Clive Wells** 89 - 22 = 67 & **Gary Cuthbert** 77 - 10 = 67 will compete in a play-off medal shortly to find the 2008/9 winner of the prestigious Horwood Cup.



Keith Hurr toasts his pre-season successes with a pint on the 18th....



.....and on the day of his engagement to Barbara.

Super Sunday at Southwold GC. (24 May)

Southwold GC have been fortunate to have two home draws for the Hambro and Tolly Cobbold Cup county match-play events. The victorious Tolly team (see front page) will play The Suffolk GC from Bury St. Edmunds, whilst the Hambro team will entertain Waldringfield from near Martlesham, Ipswich on Sunday 24 May. As the SGU schedules both Tolly and Hambro matches on the

same day, clubs with successful teams often find themselves in this situation. The day will be a challenge for the club in respect of managing the course and running the clubhouse/catering, but one that is to be welcomed.

So this is the perfect day for members and friends to watch competitive golf and support all the players representing Southwold GC in their endeavors.

Congratulations to Mickey Rose, scoring a hole-in-one at the 18th in the April Stableford.

"I didn't see the ball go in the hole as I was still standing behind my tee-peg at the time and it blocked my view" said the diminutive Southwold stalwart.

Easter Cup 2009

The Easter Cup, where up to 5 rounds are played over Easter weekend produced some interesting results and a worthy winner.

On Good Friday, the youngest competitor, **Calum Palmer** dispatched past winners **Paul Sherwood** and **Paul Booth**. Conversely, on Easter Saturday, **John Scilly**, giving away 53 years and only receiving a few strokes beat **Alex Taylor** 7&6, walking off the 12th green under par. In the semis, **Peter Hurr** was also under par on the 14th when he finished

off John Scilly, whilst **Carey Taylor** comfortably beat **Adrian Frost** 2 up.

Carey sparkled in the sea mist of the Easter Monday final racing to 4 up and 2 under par by the 5th against Peter, and concluding the match 5&4 with a string of safe pars. To rub salt into the wound, acting Captain Hurr then presented the trophy to Carey Taylor, one trophy he hadn't won before, who promptly claimed he would do something less strenuous next Easter.



Hurr & Taylor - Easter Cup finalists.

Ladies Results *with news from Anne Hughes*

The weekly competitions on Wednesday's have been going well with only one cancelled through bad weather. Frost has been a problem causing a change from a medal competition to a Stableford in one instance. There has been an average of 30 members playing each week, which is excellent. The results have been as follows:

February American Foursomes.

Winners: **Jane Wharton** and **Hilary Carpenter** 42 pts.

February Singles Stableford.

Div. 1. **June Twist** 35 pts.

Div. 2 **Pippa Macauley** 35 pts.

March Singles Stableford

Div. 1 **Jane Oliver** 33 pts.

Div. 2 **Katherine Dunk** 37 pts.

March Medal (changed to Stableford)

Div.1 **Frances Franklin** 40 pts.

Div. 2 **Mary Miller** 32 pts.

March Four ball better ball

Winners: **Jenny Cardwell & Katherine Dunk** 38 pts.

Grannies Cup

Winner: **Margaret Perrett** 36 pts.

April Stableford



2007/8 Captains, Andy Merricks and Liz White present a cheque for £2,586.33 to Southwold & Reydon First Responders following their charitable fund-raising at SGC.

More Hughes News.....

We have had good results in County matches. In the Winter League we won three of our matches, with varied teams, coming 3rd overall of the five clubs entered.

In the Weston League matches, in which we play two others clubs twice off Scratch, we have currently won all four we have played. Those playing have been **Jane Oliver, Jane Wharton, Frances Franklin, Jenny Pywell, June Twist, Di Spring & Janet Turney.**

In the Sunday Mail Classic for teams of five, Southwold won 4-1.

Adele Spindler & Jenny Cardwell, for Southwold, beat a pair from Rookery Park (a) 2 up in the first round of the Daily Mail Foursomes knockout tournament.

The Cranworth, Stearn & Haskell county matches start in April & May. These are each over 36 holes (a.m. pairs and p.m. singles), so I would ask all ladies with the necessary heroic stamina to sign up please!

June Twist was invited to participate in a Suffolk County trials and coaching day at Aldeburgh GC recently. She thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity and was subsequently chosen to play in a county representative side versus the County Juniors at a match at Woodbridge GC.

Charity Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning organised by the Ladies Section in March raised £1,030 for their chosen charity, Southwold & Reydon First Responders.

The morning was extremely well supported with the car park over-flowing and many members and their friends enjoying their visit.

Visitors enjoyed sales of plants, cakes, wine, clothes, books, DVDs, handmade bags and bric-a-brac. Also a tombola, raffle, a 'guess when the cake was made' completion, alongside other interesting and amusing stalls, plus coffee sales ensured another successful charity fund raising event.



Jenny Cardwell was the lucky winner of the raffle for another beautiful quilt donated by the SGC Quilters.

Seniors News from Keith May.

There's been very good support for these matches from the Seniors ranks thus far in '09, with welcome appearances by several members who've not played previously. With the reduction in team numbers to 12 a side for each match, it hasn't been necessary to call on the same people week after week. At the same time, I'm trying to give everyone a fair share of these matches. It isn't the case that the first twelve names on the 'invitation' list always get picked, so put your name up even if there are already eighteen or nineteen on the list. Results so far this year have been fairly satisfactory. With eight

matches played to date, we've won three, halved two and lost three. The strict regime imposed by the manager, of forbidding conjugal activity and access to strong drink for 48 hours before the match appears to have sharpened the performance of most team members. [The defaulters know who they are: they've been spoken to!]

Without exception, visiting teams have been impressed by the condition of our course, even early in the season. Certainly it compares very favourably with the state of the away courses that we've played to date. It's to be hoped that our future visitors will get to enjoy fully the benefits of the new bunker on the fifth!

The Seniors Winter Knock-Out competition was won by **Brian Burrage**, who beat **Tom Turney** in a good 18-hole match-play final.



Southwold GC Parks team 2009.

The Saturday Old Boys 'Christmas' Competition

by Peter McNally.

Neither are they boys, nor was it Christmas but eighteen regular Saturday morning players got together for their annual game and lunch in early April. Having been snowed off then the game was played in December four years ago, the weather was kinder in April. It was fifteen competitions in one game including a variety of longest drives, nearest the pin and most birdies. With more prizes

than players everybody went home with a range of booze, balls and cups for the best team and best player, down to the most 'blobbies' and best buggy!

Team winners were **Bob Perrett**, **Mike Rose** and **Martin Waller**. The overall winner was one **Peter McNally** (investigations are still underway to check the validity of his score as he organized the event!)

Dennis Fairs & Barry Allison narrowly defeated **Bob Perrett & Jim Blythe** 1up, to win the Seniors Winter Pairs Knock - Out final recently. Congratulations to all finalists, who are now looking forward to playing golf in some warmer conditions.

The Beelzebunker on the 5th. 'Unplayable' Rules - clarification for bunker play.

If you find yourself in the new 5th or any other bunker, you have the following options:

- * play the ball as it lies
- * declare the ball 'unplayable' then take a 1 shot penalty and play the ball from where the previous shot was played.

or

take a 1 shot penalty and drop the ball in another part of the bunker (any distance away but in line with where the ball lay and the flag).

or

take a 1 shot penalty and drop the ball within 2 club lengths, in the bunker (but not nearer the hole).

Refer R&A Rulebook. Rule no. 28.

The Southwold Rabbit thanks members and (lawyers representing) Halesworth GC, referenced in the 01 April edition, for taking our satirical and surreal comments with good humour.

Social Events News.

Our Spring Quiz Night was a great evening with the biggest turnout for a couple of years. The usual suspects vied for the winners prize but **Katherine Dunk, Kevin Cannell**, occasionally supported by **Keith & Peter Hurr**, masquerading as 'The Nibblicks' won on the night.

The Evening of Italian Cuisine was also very successful with all seats sold and many tables staying quite late into the evening in an event that brought together members (and their guests) from the different parts of the

club.

As hoped all tickets sold out immediately for the 125th Anniversary Dinner at the Swan Hotel in November. Those who missed out are asked to contact **Adrian Frost** in order that their names can be added to a waiting list, as some cancellations are likely before the event.

Support for the Friday Lunch Specials has declined a little of late. Please note the next lunches are on Friday 15 May and 26 June. Details on the Social Events table cards in the clubhouse.



'The Nibblicks' relish their Quiz Night victory ahead of last years winners 'Meldrew's Boys'.

March Management Committee summary

* Membership numbers are down by approx. 10%, similar to recent years. Expectation that some of shortfall recovered throughout year.

* Decision to repaint clubhouse exterior deferred. Quotes for plasticizing windows, doors, fascias, soffits and guttering to be obtained to create exterior needing less frequent maintenance.

* Juniors co-ordinators have all completed CRB check forms.

* Annual club subscriptions lottery scheme proposed and accepted.

* Southwold Common Trust will erect 'Warning' signs in part of tennis court pit area (where stray golf balls land). Also, new terms for greens staff to cut or trim trees, plants or shrubs on course accepted.

* Arrangements for ticket sales for 125th Anniversary dinner at Swan Hotel agreed.

* Social programme for Q2 agreed.

* Past Captains Reunion (non-golfing) event proposed.

The club has shown it's entrepreneurial spirit (and addiction to gambling) lately with two successful sweepstakes for the Grand National and US Masters.

June Twist & Margaret Beckett won the former, Rosie Owen, the latter.

£40 and £46 we donated to The Alzheimer's Society and Southwold and Reydon First Responders.

April Management Committee summary

* Plans for required work on bore hole and irrigation system finalized. Contractor appointed after quotes received.

* Clubhouse exterior to be painted (no plasticizing yet) based upon quoted received.

* Players representing club in county matches e.g. Hambro, Parks, Craworth etc. must pay for meals for their caddies in 2009, onwards (SGC will still fund team players).

* Work on bunkers now finished for winter/spring 08/09.

* Quarterly liaison meetings between greens staff and Chair of Greens Committee agreed.

* Half term (27 May) coaching session arranged with Brian Allen for 'potential' junior members.

* President presented replacement 'Southwold Spoon' to Ladies Captain.



.....in negotiations to sponsor Paul Booth and Gareth Jones in their golfing exploits?

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Editorial.

No ramblings from the editor this time, in order to make way for the adjacent picture. There aren't many clubs who can boast the fourth Bee Gee on their books!

The Editor.

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(Left. Keith Hurr and his girls - shortly after secretly recording 'Jive Talking'.)



Personal Profile - Keith Hurr

Personal.

Name: Keith Nigel Hurr

Age: "not quite a senior (yet)".

Spotted Barbara drinking pint of cider at The Neptune Bar on Southwold Pier - now married for 32 years.

Family: "wonderful daughters Michelle & Sarah, and grandson Vinnie.

Current Job: Fire Systems engineer, maintaining fire protection systems at Sizewell power station.

Past Jobs: Lorry driver & taxi driver.

First car: Ford Anglia

First record bought: 'They're Coming to Take Me Away' by Napoleon XIV

Best holiday "going loco in Acapulco"

Best live music experience: "Rod Stewart in the pouring rain at Portman Road last year"

Favourite film: 'Last of the Mohicans'.

Favourite TV: 'Life on Mars', at the moment.

Superstitions. "Don't need any (touch wood)".

Other sports: football for Southwold Town and Solebay Sunday team (captain). Darts at The Racehorse pub in Westhall.

Hobbies: "Reading, especially lying by a pool in the sun and cutting the grass on my ride-on lawn mower".

West Ham: "I have supported The Hammers since I was 10 when

I did a talk to my class after they had won the FA Cup and European Cup Winners Cup".

Little known fact: "I was once a secret agent in 'The Man from U.N.C.L.E'. club".

Golf.

"Sneaked on to the course aged 8 with hickory clubs".

Joined Southwold GC - 1985.

Personal golf highlights: "becoming Club Captain in 2001", and being part of the Southwold team reaching the Hambro Cup final, Keith being the eldest of a young squad.

Golfing ambition "to win the Club Championship".

Favourite course: locally - Purdis Heath, nationally - Wentworth.

Favourite pro: "Nick Faldo - awesome!"

Fantasy

Dream destination: "Sun City in South Africa, golfing of course!"

Ideal dinner party guests: brother, Peter Hurr (to cook!), Billy Connelly, Bobby Moore, Dawn French & Gary Player.

Menu: Prawn cocktail, pepper steak and Nick Gardner's cheesecake.

Ideal Job: "Anything that would enable me to play more golf i.e. being a plumber!"

Find Keith a Nickname. Keith has proved to be a wonderfully interesting and co-operative subject for this regular feature in *The Rabbit*, and he is well known to be a good golfer and highly valued member of our club, past and present. Surprisingly, he is one of the few male golfers not to have a mildly abusive or regularly embarrassing nickname. *The Rabbit* has used it's network of stringers and other research tools but Keith remains, well, 'Keith'.

The Rabbit encourages readers to designate Keith with a suitably irritating 'nom-de-plume'.