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CAPTAIN'S REPORT

The usual reminder for this bi-monthly publication arrived from Alf Bickham and it just seems incredible that this is my last!! Not that I shall necessarily regret thinking up how to start off this missive, more that I can hardly believe that the end of my year as Captain is fast approaching (Under 30 days to go!)..... I was warned that the year would fly by, and it surely has.

September and October are busy golfing months with many of the 'Summer' golfing events and knock out competitions being resolved during this period.

It is also the beginning of the ' Dinner Dance' season!

Congratulations to the 'Seniors Team' who reached the final of the Cyril Blake, only to lose to Worthing at Ham Manor and also the 'Junior Team' who came 3rd in the Dockerills league.

The Mid Sussex League summer finals were held at Worthing and we managed to come 2nd on the day and 4th in the league. A good day out was had by all, great food and company and a reasonable result. Congratulations to Kevin Knight who came in 3rd in the individual stableford competition.

The Men's club team managed to beat Bognor

at home, but alas, lost in the fixtures away at Puttenham and Cowdray Park

Many Congratulations to Alan Davey and the 'Pitcher' team, who have once again retained the trophy. If my records are correct this is the 3rd year on the trot we have won this prestigious event. Do we get to keep the trophy?

The Mixed matches have continued at a pace and the season has now finished with us generally winning our home matches and losing away! Many thanks to Dave Schwartz and Jan Hawes who have organised the matches for us. We are looking to arrange a few more mid-week matches (probably Thursday afternoon) for the mixed team, so this should provide inter-club matches for some of our 5 day members.

The Mid Sussex Winter league got under way for us the weekend before last and as usual we played Haywards Heath, but not as usual we managed to win!! A great start!! A special well done to Greg Billinness & Dave Lodge who won their match at HH despite being 3 down after the first 4 holes! Please help to support the club in the MSL and the inter club events generally by putting your name down for selection when the team list appears on the notice board. Thanks.

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MEMBERS CONTRIBUTIONS TO NEWSLETTER

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CAPTAIN'S REPORT (Continued)

Club competitions

Turning now to the various club competitions held at Pyecombe. I have cherry picked a few!

- Many congratulations to Dave Hackett who won the Seniors' Championship on a very blustery and wet Sunday and also to Neil Janes who won the net prize on a close call by count back from Mike Willmott.
- The Sussex Captain our own Trevor Greenfield won the Barnard Barrell for the 11th time!
- Dave Allen won the Julius Kelly with Rob Erskine & Simon Edwards victorious in the Peak Trophy.
- Jim Dossetter won the Chandler Trophy.

Hopefully you will all be available, along with all the other trophy winners to join in the prize giving celebrations on Friday 18th November. Pre- Dinner drinks from 6.30 p.m., sit down 3 course meal at 7.00 p.m. with prize giving to follow. It should be a fun filled evening!!

Society event

Many thanks to Jason & Michael for organising a very successful Society Organiser's Day on 22nd September. This event is a 'Thank you' to the organisers of the various Societies that visit Pyecombe during the year and thereby bringing in much needed revenue and publicity for our great club and wonderful course. An important event in our calendar with 40+ attendees who much appreciated our hospitality and hopefully we will see them all back again next year.

Captain & Pro challenge

The Captain & Pro challenge was also another successful golfing and social event with 16 challenges taking place. The Pro and myself managed a very creditable half with 8 matches won and 8 matches well... conceded – some thrashings! The finals day took place recently when most of the Challengers teamed up again. The outright winners of the event were Aileen Greenfield and Alison Vermes who beat George Eves and Bob Foster. If this is a bit confusing I suppose it is, but both these pairings beat Jason and myself by the same margin (the detail of which is too painful to recall!), so it was agreed that a play-off would

take place to establish the winners! The ladies were victorious! Thanks everyone involved with this event and for your contributions to the charity!

Social

On the social scene the main event was of course the Pyecombe Ball at Wickwoods, I think and hope that this was an enjoyable event and I would like to thank all the members and guests that supported the occasion. Des Desmond worked hard to entertain us, and he kept going for a couple of hours non stop, so well done to him. Nearly 100 attended the event which from my point of view was very pleasing. Thank you.

Wickwoods and their staff looked after us very well, the catering for such an event was good. Maybe the venue will be used again next year.

Finally

I would like to thank you all for supporting me during my year of Captaincy. It has been great fun, plenty of golf and naturally bags of laughs along the way. I would also like to thank you for supporting the MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT charity and I will let you know how much has been collected very soon after my year finishes.

If I list all the people who have helped me then I would probably over-shoot the space allocated, but I would like to thank my wife Anita and my daughter Bethany for their support during the year. I'm afraid that they will be seeing more of me (impossible!) during the next few months.....yes I'm the one asleep in the chair.

Many many thanks, also to Carol Crothers the Lady Captain. We got off to a flying start winning our first 5 matches against the other clubs in the mixed team events. Have we won any since?

Ted Whitbourn had a successful year as Captain of the Vets and Tom Fairfax led the Juniors section, thanks to you both.

Thanks also to all the committee members for their unstinting work and support. I give a special mention to George Eves who is

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CAPTAIN'S REPORT (Continued)

..... threatening to stand down after 5 years as Head of Social and also to Brian Chasser who has completed his stint of 3 years as Club Treasurer.

I would also like to thank Nigel and his team for all the wonderful food and drink that has been provided to members and visitors alike. Great stuff!!

Jason & Michael for all their help especially on the Invitation and Open event days for pulling all the threads together to ensure the members and guests had an enjoyable time.

Last, but not least Simon Wells and his team of greenkeepers for all the work they do and for presenting our most important asset in such pristine condition generally, but especially on important occasions. I have spent a lot of time

fielding compliments from visitors congratulating us on our delightful course and we should be proud of this asset and encourage our friends to come along to join this great club.

I would like to close by wishing Dave Schwartz and Jan Hawes the very best of luck during their year of Captaincy...ENJOY.... and also the vice captains Nick Lee and Irene Silander, along with Martin Sutcliffe who will Captain the Vets and Heb Bailey who will captain the Juniors. I am sure that the members will give the new club officers their full support.

Thank you once again...I've enjoyed it... honest!!!

Happy Golfing.

Peter Gavin

LADIES SECTION

Lady Captain's Report

As this will be my last report for Ups & Downs, may I say a very big thank you to all those who have helped make the last year such a happy and pleasurable (gratifying) experience for me.

I have very much enjoyed my year as Lady Captain and have been blessed, most of the time, with balmy weather. Thank you to all those who represented the Club in the myriad of competitions.

It has been a pleasure working with my excellent committee and with the Club Captain, Peter Gavin. All have given me remarkable support. I couldn't have done it without you!

Members have been so generous in supporting our charity, Macmillan Cancer Support, particularly by buying the hand-knitted scarves. On top of about £1000 we have raised in the Ladies Section through "normal channels", a further £3500 (making £4500 in total for the charity) has been raised (so far!) from sales of these scarves.

It was so sad to end my year with the death of a very dear friend to so many of us, Sue Currie. Her smiling face and ever-positive attitude will be sorely missed by us all. The superb turn-out from the Club at her Thanksgiving Service was a testament to the esteem in which she was held, and it was very much appreciated by her family.

I should like to take this opportunity to wish my successor, Janice Hawes, a pleasurable and successful year. I shall be pleased to offer my support to her in any way I can.

Carol Crothers
Lady Captain

Pyecombe Ladies Autumn Invitation (Report to Press)

On a beautiful sunny day, Tuesday Sept 29th, Pyecombe Ladies held their Autumn Invitation. The course was in fantastic condition.

The Club laid on a superb buffet for afterwards. A good time was had by all.

The winners with a net 68 were Joanna Greenstreet with guest Stephanie Bevis from Cowdray Park, 2nd with a Net 70 were Chris Gunn with guest Carol Ellyatt from Horam Park and 3rd with a net 71 were Anne Cook with guest Sherri Bowditch from Dale Hill.

THE PRESIDENT REFLECTS

Another golfing year is drawing to a close with only a few weeks left to the AGM and the election of new officers. This gives me the opportunity now, on behalf of the members, to thank all those who have served on committees and others, who have given their time and energy to perform their various Club duties over the last year. Never forget that we are a members club and therefore rely on such individuals to be willing to 'do their bit' for the club. We all get a lot of enjoyment from the playing and social side of golf, and, when possible, it is good to put 'a little back' as it were. So, please consider making your contribution when and where you can.

Also, on behalf of the members, I would like to thank the Captains of their respective sections, for their commitment in a full and, I hope, enjoyable year. In particular, I must mention the Club Captain, Peter Gavin, and the Ladies Captain, Carol Crothers, who have both had an excellent year. Peter has thrown himself (no mean feat!) wholeheartedly into his role – who can forget Gala Day when he seemed to be everywhere at once! And the 'Drive in' day when he and Carol were racing around the course in a gator, dispensing a welcome winter warmer and snacks, to sustain us in the wintry conditions! Well done you two! Perhaps my abiding memory is of Peter, slowly materialising out of a self induced cigar mist (rather like an X Factor production!), climbing the steps to the first tee in his designer shorts, weighed down by the clubs on his back, to start one of the hundreds of rounds he has played this year!

Recently, I was delighted to have the opportunity of playing in a greensomes competition involving club members and the junior section, kindly organised by Aileen Greenfield – and many thanks for all you do for our younger members Aileen. I thought, with my vast experience, that I would at least be able to hold my own! I was in for a shock! My playing club members in a sixball at the end of the field were Di (from across the pond) Mackley and John (ceramic) Robinson (whose 8 year old son Alfie was playing ahead of us). All of us were somewhat in awe of our junior partners – the Klus brothers, Harry and Charley, and Matt Greenfield, who all played some terrific golf (very impressed with that chip in from off the green at the 14th Charley!). I am seriously thinking of packing up golf, as I will have a better chance with these juniors at Tiddleywinks!

Reg Auchterlonie

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

During the past year I have made several comments relating to the Club's financial position. This year has been tight for money supply and next year will look very much the same. Your Management Committee agreed to keep subscription fees unchanged, for on-time payment, in the hope that we would get a high response. The response was good, but not as high as anticipated. We are all therefore back to encouraging new members to join us. So please do what you can to help. A review of our Marketing position is being taken in the anticipation that we can gain members and also increased income from green fees.

Whilst mentioning green fees please be aware that these were increased from October 1st. This was to take account of the VAT increase earlier this year.

The Management Committee is also looking at establishing a minimum amount of money it needs to run the Club for a year. I hope to report this to you shortly.

For the last six months Alan Davey has been our Secretary, a departure from the Managing Secretary role that has existed for the past few years. Whilst in principle this was felt to be a good financial move for the Club, it did have its issues. A number of these revolved around the day-to-day management of staff, which was placing unnecessary pressure on the Head of House and Head of Green. Following discussion with those involved it was decided to revert back to a Managing Secretary, with Alan Davey taking this position. In addition to this the Office will also take on some additional administrative roles to assist the Head Chef, Nigel Baldock and Head Green keeper, Simon Wells.

As previously announced Alan Carter resigned as Head of Green. The Management Committee wishes to thank Alan for his contribution to the Club. The position is therefore open for nominations. The initial period will be for one year and then revert back to the normal three years. This is to keep the normal rotation of posts within the Management Committee in balance.

The Shed extension has been temporarily postponed until the New Year. The roofline of the extension was considered too restrictive, and due to the timing a full application had to be made. To date we have not received this approval. A lot of input had been made to obtain quotations for the build and 95% is in place. The project plan is nearing completion and once in place and agreed by the Management Committee the start date for the build will be confirmed.

The greens have been particularly good this year, but to maintain this quality requires adequate equipment. The current equipment is aging and requires higher than expected servicing. On some occasions the equipment has failed at crucial times. The Management Committee have therefore authorised the purchase of a new greens mower and this will be furthered during the coming months.

The Office has started the process of taking advantage of e-mail and to this end nearly 400 AGM advance notices were sent out electronically. The second stage notice relating to the AGM will also be sent out by e-mail.

Monthly subscription payments are now being made by Direct Debit and for those that have signed up to this method a Big Thank you. This should help the Office with its administration.

It has been an interesting and challenging year I wish to thank the members for their support during the last year.

Len North

HOUSE REPORT – 1st November 2011

Since John Wilkinson retired from being the Managing Secretary, Nigel, our Bar & Catering Manager reported to me but with Alan Davey's role now being extended, the status quo has been maintained.

During these past few months I have come to appreciate the hard work and commitment that Nigel puts into his job. It is not easy meeting the different demands from members, visitors, events and social functions. Sometimes, and he will be the first to admit it, we haven't got it quite right. The bar and catering still comes within the scope of House but with Alan and the office staff available on a daily basis to support Nigel, then efficiencies and improvements in the service will I am certain result. During the past months Roy Aitken and Joanna Greenstreet have given me support with regard to the bar and catering respectively and I would like to thank them for their time and commitment.

Recently the club acquired a remarkable piece of memorabilia – a putter assembled by Wally Wooler, the professional and one man band who kept this club running between the war years. The office was recently contacted by a golfer living in Germany who had it in his store, having won it some years ago in a competition. He wanted to know if Wally was a member. When it was explained who Wally Wooler was and the significance of the putter to the Club, Harald Holder donated the putter to us. It is located in the fan display to the left of the fireplace and compliments the driver above the bar which is also stamped W. Wooler, Pyecombe Golf Club. If you want to know more about Wally Wooler then read David Leach's article in the Centenary Booklet in the Member's/Committee Room.

I'd like to dispel the rumour that has been initiated that our contract with Sky TV is being cancelled. The truth is that I have been following the action in the European Court of Justice brought by the Premier League against a pub holder in Portsmouth and at the same time investigating what options we might have as a result. At present we pay just over £4000 a year for our Sky package – this is cheap compared to what pubs and social clubs pay. However, cheaper satellite packages are available which could provide the sports coverage that we want. The decision to install Sky TV was a member's decision at an AGM and it is mischievous of anyone to suggest it would be cancelled without agreement of the members. However if a representative of those members who regularly watch sport on the Club's TV contacts me I would like to involve them in appraising significantly cheaper – and maybe now legal – alternatives. The only problem might be that there is wider choice of Premier League football which might lead to conflict as to which match to be viewed !!

On the house maintenance front there is little evidence of any improvements being done recently due to a need to curtail expenditure. Bob Watson continues his negotiation with the contractor who recovered the bar chairs in order to have some of his inadequate work rectified. Mike Price has arranged for a contractor to replace the rotten window frame in the members/ committee room following which – at Margaret Marshalls's request - a warmer paint colour will be applied at least to one wall. A contract is now in place for the planting and maintenance of the gardens around the clubhouse, hopefully next year will see Pyecombe in bloom instead of the mess of undergrowth. As soon as the budgets for next year are sorted, part of the car park will be relined - only part as the remaining surface is unsuitable.

Finally if at any time you see anything that you feel needs attention or if you have any ideas for improvements please e-mail me on chris@openshaw.plus.com or leave a note in the office. In particular I would be interested to hear from members regarding the installation of free wi-fi access.

Chris Openshaw
Head of House

GREENS REPORT

Autumn is now upon us with cooler night time temperatures which will slow down growth.

Winter course preparation is underway.

Winter tees- these have been seeded and dressed twice, and in most places the seed has taken well.

Some winter tees have had some plugs of turf put into the surface in order to address some animal damage. Fertiliser has been applied and they are now being cut on a regular basis.

The old 15th summer tee will be used as the regular winter tee.

Winter/temporary greens

These are now not being prepared in the same way as before. They now receive much less maintenance because work to the main greens means that they now drain far more effectively. This allows more regular play in the winter months as they hold less water. Frost holes will be used during periods where there is some concern over the condition of the green.

Frost hole placement has been improved from last winter and generally placed in areas where summer pin placements do not occur. Temporary greens will therefore only be used if the course is close to closure with members playing to 'get some air' rather than out for serious competitive golf.

Temporary greens on 1, 7, 9, and 15 will however have some attention as these main greens are slightly less effective in draining.

General course maintenance

The usual areas of the course suffering from wear and tear will be aerated and fertilised as part of general course maintenance.

Some fencing and tree shrub clearance work will be completed this winter. This is weather dependant, but members will be advised when this work is scheduled for completion.

Following enthusiastic member support for the divoting party, this type of working party will support other areas of course maintenance.

Rescue application on the 12th and the 14th greens has been successful in reducing the amount of Rye grass that had invaded. Fine leaved fescue grasses have been sown to fill in the gaps and provide a better/smooth surface.

Astro turf will be applied to the steps during the winter maintenance.

The Rough

The rough has now been cut back and removed. This helps in the establishment of a sward that gives height to aid course definition but allows for a lower, thinner base, which in turn allows balls to be found more easily.

This type of rough management is good for the environment as well as allowing wild flowers to thrive in nutrient deficient thin swards. This also supports butterflies and certain species of birds that need this particular grassland for nesting.

Simon Wells
Head Greenkeeper

BRIGHTON & EASTBOURNE SENIORS WINTER LEAGUE

Pyecombe have had a good start to this year's league. After three games we have won 13 matches and lost only 2.

In the home and away matches played against Peacehaven golf club. The first match was home at Pyecombe on 3rd October. The match playing away at Peacehaven is always considered a difficult venue and a good result rewarding. The results of the matches are recorded below together with PGC players' names.

Home		Away	
G.Eves & R.Lawson	won 5-4	George Eves & R Lawson	lost 1 down
R.Claydon & R.Javis	won 3-1	R.Claydon & R.Jarvis	won 3-2
K.White & R.Silande	won 6-5	K.White & R.Silander	lost 3-2
P.Charman & A.Munday	won 5-3	P.Charman & A.Munday	won 2 up
N.Beard-Neilson & N.Janes	<u>won 6-5</u>	N.Beard-Neilson & N.Janes	<u>won 2-1</u>
	Won 5-0		Won 3 - 2

OVERALL RESULT a Win 8 Games to 2

In the next round Pyecombe G.C. Seniors came up against Seaford Head G.C. at Pyecombe on 24th October. Pyecombe won this one 5-0 but await the return match to be played on 8th November. All the other matches have now been arranged and the dates noted in the club diary.

Results of Pyecombe games:	G.Eves & P.Coleman	won 4-2
	K.White & L.North	won 3-2
	K.Long & R.Bengimin	won 3-2
	D.Campbell & D.Jagger	won 2 up
	S.M.Green & M.Sexton	<u>won 4-3</u>
		Won 5-0

Neil Beard-Neilson
Pyecombe Seniors Team Manager



There have been a number of notable performances recently and in particular that of the Cyril Blake team in reaching the final. They had a tough run in getting there, having to play all except one of their matches away from home. The team comprising Keith Gorringer, Alan Davey, Brian Megenis, Bob Watson, Peter Charman, George Eves, Paul Cook, Andy Munday, Mick Green and Neil Beard-Neilson beat Singing Hills, Brighton and Hove, Wellshurst, Beauport Park and Slinfold on the way to the final where they were finally beaten by a very strong Worthing side. Davey and Megenis and Watson and Charman were unbeaten in the run up to the final and Beard-Neilson and Munday generously offered a half in the final when leading as the match had already been resolved. All the team are looking forward to another tilt at the title next year with Alan Davey commenting: "I told Bob he should wear his lucky orange shirt."

The Captain and Pro challenges have now been concluded and we managed to fit 16 matches into a busy summer schedule, losing 8 and winning 8. The winners are the pair that beat us by the most and this year we had a tie between George Eves and Bob Foster and Aileen Greenfield and Alison Vermes. I'm not going to comment on the margin of victory, but I can inform you that both pairs beat us fairly convincingly. We decided that we should have a play off between the two

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Professional's Article (Continuation)

pairs on the Captain Pro finals day and the ladies came out the winners, also winning the pairs competition on the day. They may not be invited next year!

We are now fully stocked with winter clothing, once again with the focus being on Underarmour. For those of you that haven't tried the baselayers, midlayers and outerlayers, I can highly recommend them for keeping the chill out on those cold winter Pyecombe days. We are also looking to stock more golf clubs next year, so please keep popping in for a browse as new stock is regularly coming in.

Coaching section

Bunker shots

The bunker shot seems to be one shot in golf that consistently causes problems for most golfers. Just getting it out seems to be the aim for the majority. Almost all of you have probably heard the commentators mention how easy bunker shots are for the top professionals, so how do they do it?



I think the most important thing to understand is bounce. All sand wedges come with a high degree of bounce and this is what regulates how deep the club will go into the sand.



The art of good bunker play is to utilise that bounce effectively. It is important to feel that you are not hitting the sand with the leading edge of the club, but more with the sole of the club as shown in the picture. I like to feel that I am slapping the back of the club onto the sand through impact.

Bounce can be increased at set up by either opening the club face or setting the hands further back in the stance. I prefer the latter as it really helps me to visualise the back of the club hitting the sand. It feels like the shaft is leaning back and my hands are nearer the inside of my right thigh.

The weight is stacked onto the front foot to ensure a downward impact and the ball position is forward of the middle of the stance.

In order to maximise the bounce at impact, the take away is done with lots of hand action. If the arms swing the club away, the leading edge will hit the sand first and the club will dig too deep.

On the follow through the club needs to be fully "released" with the shaft pointing towards the sky. The worst thing you can do is quit on the shot.

Please come into the shop if you have any questions, we are here to help.



Happy golfing,

Jason

Seniors Club Championship.

The Seniors Club Championship was played on Sunday 11th September 2011.

Club Captain Peter Gavin in his opening speech said, "Today's breeze is called Katya and I found it a little trying" - looking at the rest of the scores he concluded he wasn't the only one. Out of 47 starters there were however only 11 no-returns.

Results

Scratch competition



Peter Gavin & Scratch winner Dave Hackett

Handicap competition



Net winner Neil Janes & Captain Peter

1 st Dave Hackett	gross 80.
2 nd George Eves	gross 83.
3 rd Bob Watson	gross 85.

1 st Neil Janes	89-17=72.
2 nd Mike Wilmott	85-13=72
3 rd P Costick	89-16=73

“Blown Away”

To all Pyecombe Senior Members: Let me apologise for my pathetic victory presentation speech at the Seniors Club Championship. I, like everyone else, was absolutely shattered (and a little excited), but a few months on I feel I should redress the situation.

All who played on the 14th know how tough the day was, with a gentle Pyecombe breeze that gained strength as the round progressed. It certainly had an impact on everyone's game. Everyone knows how great Pyecombe is, with some great competitors, young and not so old, and the conditions certainly did test us!

My trio of contestants kept each other going with mutual admiration as we battled the elements, but I would like to praise all players who completed the course. Some scores players may not wish to remember, but it shows a great competitive attitude and no little stamina to complete a round in those conditions.

Well done, you were all worthy opponents and who knows – next year! Congratulations to all.

Footnote

Having battled our way to the second hole, my ball and one of my playing partners balls were lying within a yard of each other by the green. I had just played my ball when one of my playing partners said ‘did you play the right ball?.’ Strangely, I had.... My ball was a Srixon, his a Titleist. Our young accompanying caddie, Phil Hubble, was moved to say “Blimey, you can tell this is the Seniors’ Club Championship!”

Dave Hackett

Vets Captains Report

The Vets Section has now played all of the friendly matches against other clubs, 17 home and 17 away. We won 9 home matches, halved 3, and lost 5, but we only got a half in 1 away match all the rest were lost!

All the matches were played in the usual amicable manner with a convivial meal after. I tried to give all who put their names down a fair number of home and away games rather than attempting to pick a strong team.....my excuse!

I would like to thank Ted Chapman who arranges all these matches and generates all the notices, and statistics so that the captain only needs to select the team.

There have been four Internal Vets competitions recently.

- On 5th September the Over Seventies Cup was won by Alex Durie, with Ken Barnard second, and Maurice Woolgar third.
- On 11th September we held a mixed stableford greensomes competition with the Ladies section, with drawn partners. The event was won by Margaret Marshall and Geoff Webb, from Jan Hawes and Chris Openshaw, with Sue Pearce and Roy Plummer third.
- On 19th September the Vets Hole Tankards Foursomes Stableford was played. It was won by Aubrey Watson & Gerry Bannister, from Tim Cotton & Richard Cottell, with Peter Bolton & Rex Perham third.
- The Negus trophy for past Vets captains was played for on 11th October. It was won by Aubrey Watson, who organised this and the other internal Vets competitions. Well done and thank you Aubrey.

To finish on a sad note Ted Masters passed away recently aged 94 and his wife also died a few days later. I understand that Ted was one of the first "Vets". We shall miss him.

Ted Whitbourn.
Vets Captain 2011

