

To Super-Seniors Group Organisers for distribution to Club SS Representatives

## **NOTES ON SUPER SENIORS GROUP ORGANISERS MEETING at The Black Horse, Pluckley on 17 January 2019**

**Present:** Jeremy Barham (Group A – Lamberhurst), Colin Hatcher (Group D- Sene Valley), Kenny Ramsammy (Group E – Nizels), John McManus (Group F – Weald of Kent), John Crates (League Organiser – Lamberhurst).

**Absent:** Bernard Connellan (Group C –Chestfield),

**Apologies:** Peter Duckworth (Group B – Bearsted), Stuart Whitehead (Group E – Nizels)

### **Group Matters**

John C reported that 2018 had been a year of progress featuring the introduction of the new Group F and 5 new clubs. Group A's Woodlands Manor won the Grand Final. The first KO competition was won by Lydd and had met all its deadlines and the website was settling in very nicely.

Each Group Organiser provided a review of his Group's progress and outlook.

Group A was won by Woodlands Manor and its Jamboree by Wildernesse. Rules on the use of buggies were being made more stringent. Clubs were happy to maintain the League's low profile and minimalist formality.

Group B was won by Bearstead, also its Jamboree. Kings Hill joined the Group and were runners-up and hosted the Grand Final very nicely. Peter is seeking a successor as Group Organiser.

Group C was won by Canterbury; no report on its thoughts about the League was received.

Group D was won by Tenterden in its first year, its Jamboree by Sene Valley. Its clubs would [support](#) a higher league profile and even an annual subscription.

Group E was won Langley Park, also in its first year, its Jamboree by Birchwood Park. [Sundridge Park had suspended its idea of joining the group. However](#), Shooters Hill will join the group in 2019. Ken will take Stuart's place as Group Organiser at least for the next year [and plans to call a pre-season meeting of his club representatives](#). Stuart had expressed a wish for commonality of procedures for jamborees, meals etc. across the League, but it was explained that this was not the intention and that it was up to each group, and sometimes up to each host club, to define its arrangements. Jamborees were fun events and innovation was to be welcomed.

Group F was operating in its first year with Weald of Kent and Boughton from Group E, plus new members Tudor Park and Upchurch Valley. Weald of Kent were winners. Possible interest for participation in 2020 has been heard from The Ridge and a second Tenterden team.

### **Group Profile**

Only Group's A and D had provided the feedback requested and it was felt that this created no incentive to change as long as John C was prepared to continue to be the medium for funding the Grand Final and KO Competition. For the time being ideas for a formal constitution etc. were therefore shelved. These two events had effectively broken even in 2018 and there is a balance of £42 to carry forward. John C was encouraged to continue to prepare a shortlist of logos for further consideration, [and all Organisers are encouraged to keep an open eye for possible sponsors to provide enhanced prizes for finalists](#).

### **Website**

Colin explained enhancements he was making to the site and asked for more suggestions for its further development. The facility to advertise individual clubs' invitation events should be taken up wherever possible. Appreciation was expressed of the scope the site already provided.

### **Inter-Club Knock-Out Competition**

Several criticisms had been registered that the £20 set practice and match green fees were a deterrent to entry and several clubs were apparently prepared to host matches without any fee. It was noted that other clubs could not enter if they were obliged to give free golf, though it was agreed that all clubs should be encouraged to set fees as low as they could, and specify this in their entry form. Various means were discussed for accommodating different arrangements within clubs and the best means of sharing whatever cost between both teams, and the procedure would be reviewed again before the 2020 competition.

In other respects the competition would follow the same format and invitations should be issued ASAP to give time for teams to obtain their club's approval for entry by a 31Mar19 deadline.

## **Grand Finals**

The 2019 final will be held at Lamberhurst on 10Oct19. Rochester & Cobham is no longer able commit to being the reserve venue so a late scramble to find a venue may be required if Lamberhurst were to win Group A. Although a question had been raised as to whether prizes rather than medals be provided, it was felt that this would only add to the costs for participants and not enhance the spirit of the event.

## **Buggies**

The rules for the use of buggies was considered in relation to all the forms of play. It was agreed that buggies could only ever be used by a person declaring a medical necessity and then not shared with an abler person, but then subject to any further restrictions stipulated within each group and by each host club.

Jeremy stated that Lamberhurst has adopted a number of stipulations which it was agreed will be applicable to both the Grand Final and within the KO competition. These are set out below.

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## **Attachments:**

Entry Form for Knock-Out Championship for distribution to Club Representatives

Knock-Out Championship Rules for distribution to Club Representatives

## **Rules for Use of Buggies in SS Grand Final and KO Matches**

- Any team captain who wishes to include a player who needs a buggy must inform the opposing captain at least one week before the match;
- The only valid certificate will be one signed by a medical practitioner;
- The buggy must be booked by the individual player direct with the host club;
- The certificate must be presented on the day of the match;
- No other player may share the buggy unless he has his own certification;
- Any competitor using a buggy will travel through the course at the speed of the group in which they are playing at all times. It is not permissible to move ahead of the group  
to prepare for the next shot, or  
to search for a potentially lost ball, either their own or from within the group, so as to maintain the integrity of the 3-minute rule