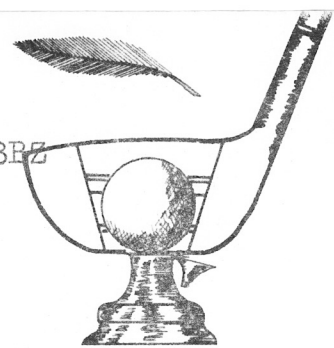


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LONDON STATIONERS GOLFING SOCIETY

Secretary's Report, 1980.

We returned to Burnham Beeches for the Spring Meeting where we are always assured of a warm welcome, good service and food, and a lovely course to play on. The weather intervened again and everyone got soaked for an hour or so in the morning but it did not spoil our enjoyment. Harold Smith retained the Jack Ryman Cup with 33 points and the large turn-out had a good day. In the evening our A.G.M. was held and Jimmy Imray succeeded Alan Eustace as Captain and David Morgan was elected vice-captain.

Jimmy Imray elected to have his Captain's Day at Richmond Golf Club instead of at his own excellent though remote Orsett Golf Club. He reasoned that a more central location would be more convenient for members, many of who travel from surprisingly remote outposts. Again, the weather was somewhat damp but this did not prevent some phenomenal scoring. Derek Watkins won the President's Trophy with 44 points and the Greensomes winners ran up 45 points in the afternoon. Another well attended and popular day was fitting reward for our Captain's hard work.

In September we moved on to the palatial surroundings of the R.A.C. Country Club and, at last, enjoyed a beautiful sunny day. Wet or dry, there is always someone in form and on this occasion the John Bond Cup was won by John Young with 44 points scored on the Old Course. In the morning we played on the shorter but immaculate Coronation Course and many were of the opinion that this was the better of the two. The Annual Dinner was celebrated in grand style and continued for some until very late, probably due to the fact that the bar appeared to have very liberal hours.

An extra meeting was arranged at Foxhills in October. Our organisation, such as it is, was stretched to the limit as we had to cope with no less than 46 members and guests. The morning round was used to launch our new Team Foursomes competition on the Longcross course. And very popular it proved, too. The format allows each member of his group to play 6 holes with each of the other three and the only drawback is the very detailed work needed to provide scorecards for the occasion. The winning team were Alan Wiseman, John Baker, Peter Belsham & Roy Bowles with 116 points and the individual prize went to Roy Bowles who totalled 31 points with his 3 partners. The singles event, played on the Chertsey course, was won, again, by our Treasurer with 34 points. It was inevitable with such a large field and limited daylight, coupled with some uncharacteristic hitches by the club management at lunchtime, we had several struggling to complete their rounds in darkness but compliments outnumbered complaints and enough enjoyed themselves as to want to return again this year.

As well as winning the John Bond Cup. John Young also received the Guildford Trophy for the best aggregate score over 3 meetings and the Spicer Trophy for the best score at any meeting. He also had his handicap adjusted, so some good has come out of it!