

It was a memorable day much enjoyed by the 43 we managed to squeeze in. Not surprisingly it was oversubscribed and a terrific bargain at only £13 per head.

At this point I must sound a warning about the ever rising fees charged by the clubs we visit. Charges seem to rise substantially every year so I have to advise you that this year please expect the cost to be around £20 per meeting.

The Autumn Meeting held at Foxhills was unique for us in that, for the first time, we had a sponsor. Richard Broderick's company Tipp-Ex put up the prizes and they were rewarded by the biggest turnout in our history, 54 members and guests. Particularly enjoyed was our special afternoon event. The rules of the 'Team Medal' raised a few eyebrows but when the 14 teams got down to the contest even the most sceptical had to admit what an interesting and intriguing format it was, a tactical challenge which guaranteed each player his own moments of glory! We are grateful to Tipp-Ex for their support and delighted they have agreed to sponsor this year's Autumn Meeting as well.

I would be very pleased to hear from any member who would like his company to sponsor one of our meetings. The cost is moderate and the sponsor can invite as many guests as he wishes. Plans for next year should be discussed as soon as possible to enable a suitable venue to be arranged capable of handling a large field.

Our Spring Meeting takes us, for the first time, to Gerrards Cross and after play we have our Annual General Meeting which by tradition is usually, and thankfully, brief and to the point. A formal agenda is given below but any other matters can be raised under item 11.

1. Minutes of 1981 A.G.M.
2. Secretary's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Captain's Report
5. Election of Captain
6. Vote of thanks to retiring captain
7. Election of Vice-Captain
8. Election of Secretary
9. Election of Treasurer
10. Subscription Rate for 1983
11. Any other business.

You should have all noted the dates for 1982 but if you haven't they are as follows:

8th June - The Addington  
14th July - Mannings Heath (Captain's Day)  
30th Sept - Camberley Heath

At the last 2 meetings the main meal will be in the evening.

In conclusion, may I thank all members for their encouragement and support. I am particularly grateful to the following members who assisted the Society by material means: George Walder, Alan Whitehead, Richard Broderick and Alan Nelson.

Best wishes to you all for fine weather and happy golfing in 1982.



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# LONDON STATIONERS GOLFING SOCIETY

## Secretary's Report for 1981

1981 was a very successful year for the Society. The average attendance for the four meetings was 44 - a healthy figure compared to a few years ago when we were glad to have 30 for any meeting. The ratio of members to guests was about fifty-fifty which is appropriate for what are usually friendly and sociable occasions.

As you know, we suffered a terrible shock with the sudden death in August of our indefatigable Treasurer, Derek Watkins. His passing was a sad loss to those members who knew him well, particularly to your Secretary who relied on him greatly in the running of the society. The improved fortunes we have enjoyed in recent years is due in no small measure to the efficient organisation he built up.

Several members have suggested that some memorial to Derek be devised and the committee have decided to found a 'Derek Watkins Memorial Trophy' to be played for in 1982. This will be awarded to the member with the best aggregate score over all 4 meetings. The Spicer Trophy, previously awarded for this achievement, will now revert to its original purpose as the award for the best single net score at any meeting. We feel that members would be willing to underwrite the cost of this new trophy and accordingly I am asking every member to contribute a minimum of £1.00 to provide funds to purchase a suitable trophy. Of course, those who knew Derek personally may wish to give a little more and we hope to raise at least £100 in this way to provide a fitting memorial that will be played for in many years to come. Contributions will be collected at Gerrards Cross but, for those unable to come, a donation by cheque (payable to the society) would be much appreciated.

Derek's death meant we needed someone to prepare the Balance Sheet and I am most grateful to our Captain, David Morgan, who stepped into the breach and took over the financial side. Much had to be done including the formalities at the bank, transfer of funds to a local branch, and, of course, the preparation of a balance sheet.

All this has now been completed and, thanks to Derek's meticulous paper work, David reports that our financial affairs are now in order. David has indicated his willingness to accept nomination as Treasurer for 1982 and I know you will join with me in offering our thanks to him for his efforts coming, as they did, during his own commitments as Captain.

He can feel satisfied that during his term of office the Society enjoyed great support. For Roy Osborne, who soon takes over, we trust this peak will be maintained or even exceeded in 1982.

The first three meetings of 1981 have already been chronicled but special mention must be made of Captain's Day. Buckingham, although 'Centrally' situated, does entail a long journey for most of us and as members set out from home before dawn in teeming rain the prospects for golf were dismal. However ten minutes before the scheduled start it ceased and despite threatening skies it kept off until the afternoon event was completed, whereupon the 'heavens' opened again!