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LONDON STATIONERS GOLFING SOCIETY

1985 REPORT

I am pleased to report that Alan Wiseman presided over another successful season with all meetings very well attended, and if the weather was not quite up to what we have come to expect in the way of sunshine we didn't get much rain either.

Our thanks go to our 4 sponsors for supporting us so well and ensuring that members and guests alike were well looked after.

Some of the scores returned were remarkable. It is strange also that dozens of cards **that won** nothing at Berkhamsted, Rochester and Camberley would have walked away with first prize at Gerrards Cross where there was a five way tie on 34 points! This only goes to prove a theory of mine that 'easy' looking courses never are, and the fearsome ones are never as bad as you expect.

Our genial Captain took everything in his stride and I would like to thank him, on your behalf, for his contribution to yet another enjoyable year. Also, David and myself gratefully acknowledge the help given to us through the year by various members at the meetings. This helps to take the pressure off and we can relax a bit and enjoy our golf - in our Treasurer's case, with a most satisfactory outcome, as the records show.

Turning to the new season I have to report a rather alarming rise in the cost of the meetings. Examples are: Berkhamsted Up 12% to £28.00., Camberley Heath Up 20% to £30.00. Gerrards Cross are showing a much more reasonable increase of less than 6% to £27.00. This is worrying as it may begin to deter those of our members who pay out of their own pocket as opposed to the majority who use our meetings (quite properly) as 'business entertaining'. We all know that most golf clubs rely heavily on societies as a major source of income and when you bear in mind that all our meetings turn-over a four figure sum which is paid in full without credit or cash discount, one can't help wonder if some clubs are getting greedy and may soon begin to price themselves off the market. For this reason I personally will now have to consider my position and as I cannot now promise to attend all meetings in the future we must begin to look for a successor. If any member is interested and willing to take over please contact the captain before the first meeting. In the meantime here are the confirmed dates for this year.

9th April BERKHAMSTED (Spring Meeting & A.G.M.) (Sponsor: Rexel Ltd)
15th May GERRARDS CROSS (President's Trophy) (Sponsor: Jet Stationery)
10th June MAXSTOKE (3M's National Society Championship)
10th July GOG MAGOG (Captain's Day) (Sponsor: Spicers Ltd)
25th September CAMBERLEY HEATH (Autumn Meeting) (Sponsor: Tipp-Ex Ltd)

Finally, I would like to wish our incoming captain, Gordon Lamb, a very happy and successful year and look forward to meeting you at Berkhamsted next month, the entry form for which is enclosed.

R. Johns
Hon. Secretary

10th March, 1986.