

LONDON STATIONERS GOLFING SOCIETY

1989 REPORT

We can look back on another successful year made the more enjoyable by the natural elan and enthusiasm of our captain, Peter Mines, whose untiring efforts were rewarded with a marvellous autumn visit to Gleneagles, greatly enjoyed by all those lucky enough to be there.

We opened with a visit to the Berkshire at the end of March. This was well supported but due to the inability of the host club to offer a later date or, more important, the facility of an evening meal the majority view was that this detracted from the overall enjoyment without the focal point of a good dinner to round off the day. Consequently it was decided, most reluctantly, to seek a fresh venue for 1990. Whether or not we have made a happy choice I will leave you to decide on 26 April when we visit Brookmans Park.

Our annual Gerrards Cross meeting is always popular and this year we managed to persuade them to let more of us play and we were able to meet the demand without disappointing anyone. If you go there you will know why it is such a good day - an interesting course, great food and excellent hospitality.

Another mainstay of our programme is Camberley Heath now owned by the Matsushita Corporation of Japan. We always enjoy the Texas Scramble here and no matter how I try to doctor the rules (we tinker with them every year) we never seem able to produce scores that bear any relationship to the par of the course. Maybe for this type of game the real par is actually 18 less than on the card. Anyway, another enjoyable day with some outstanding (some would say outrageous) scores.

And so to Gleneagles. This took a lot of organising before and during the 2 days and apart from one unfortunate and unforeseen blot on the proceedings discovered too late to avoid, the event was outstanding for many reasons - the food, weather, the courses, accommodation, scenery - all beyond reproach. The Captain and all our worthy sponsors must have been delighted that it went so well. The only regret one could have was the shortness of the stay with 3 rounds crammed into 2 days with many having to speed away after the last round to catch trains and planes. Another evening would have been nice but, at those prices, well !

I must express my admiration of Peter for the very thorough way he went about preparing this event which was quite a logistical exercise with several thoughtful touches adding greatly to our enjoyment. A marvellous conclusion to our golfing year.

I would also like to thank our regular benefactors for supporting us so well and loyally: our regular sponsors, Spicers, Tipp-Ex and Jet Stationery plus those who contributed to Gleneagles: Smith Anderson, Dahle, Stationery Trade Review, Setten & Durward, Guidex, E.C.Osborne, Tollit & Harvey & Copygraphic.

For our letterheads thanks, as always, go to George Walder, our envelopes from John Young and not forgetting Alan Whitehead for access to both photocopier and computer not too mention, as you will note from this mailing, a lot of paper! (What would our trade be without computers, copiers and fax!)

Finally, my personal appreciation to our Treasurer, David Morgan, without whose efforts our Society would not be the thriving forum of trade golf that it is.

We can look forward with anticipation to 1990 and I am sure Peter Tilley will receive your fullest support and I wish him every success and hope you all enjoy your golf with the London Stationers this year at one (or all) of these venues: 26 April: BROOKMANS PARK. 7 June: GERRARDS CROSS. 13 July: FOXHILLS *** 5/6 Sept.: LE TOUQUET.

*** This is a very late change as Camberley is undergoing major course reconstruction this summer. Date is also changed by one day.



Richard Johns
Hon. Secretary

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