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# LONDON STATIONERS GOLFING SOCIETY

## REPORT FOR 1984

The society enjoyed another successful season and celebrated its 50 years with four well-attended meetings played in excellent weather. The year saw the introduction of the National Stationers' Societies Championship at Chesterfield at which several individual members were prominent even if we were not able to take the team trophy. In October a special celebration match was arranged at Aspley Guise when the Secretary's Select Team of G. Lamb, P. Stewart and F. Bott convincingly defeated the Vice-Captain's Past & Present Team by 122 points to 108. The defeated were handicapped by the withdrawal of Lionel Scott, and by the dreadful weather (!), a hazard we don't normally have to face but Messrs Osborne, Young, Wiseman and Morgan gave a better account of themselves at the dinner.

A summary of the meetings is given later together with the full results for the Autumn Meeting where a record 63 members & guests attended. If this meeting gets any more popular we may have to start looking for a venue with 2 courses!

It took a long time but we have at last managed to catalogue, photograph and have valued all the societies trophies. When I tell you that the total valuation came to nearly £3,500 you can see this was not before time. We have now taken out insurance cover which will give the committee, and the current and future winners, some peace of mind.

It is customary at this time to acknowledge the specific help and assistance given to the society by various members and their companies without whose support we would not enjoy the success that has been our fortune during the last few years.

First and foremost we owe many thanks to our four sponsors, all of whom are intending to support us again in 1985: Jet Stationery Co. Ltd., Rexel Ltd., Royal Sovereign Group and Tipp-Ex (Leslie McClean) Ltd. It is no coincidence that the participation of our sponsors has seen a much greater membership and larger attendances at our meetings, quite a dramatic change in our fortunes compared with 6 or 7 years ago.

On your behalf I also offer our thanks to the following for services rendered to the society: George Walder (Letterheads), Alan Nelson (Mailing List & Labels), John Young (Envelopes). David Morgan and myself also gratefully acknowledge the individual help given by several members at the meetings with assistance in checking cards, etc. This is much appreciated. The easing of these organisational 'chores' seems to have been instrumental in improving the Secretary's golfing form but I hope you won't use that as an excuse to withdraw your cooperation!

As you know, we always extend a warm welcome to guests and we had a record number this year, many of whom were kind enough to say how much they enjoyed coming. I hope this happy situation will continue as their participation enhances everybody's enjoyment and maintains our reputation as being a friendly band of golfers.

I remarked in my report for last year how we manage to elect captains who, in their various ways, make the year memorable for us by their

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wholehearted application to the task in hand. Our Golden Jubilee Year captain, Lionel Scott, maintained this fine tradition and contributed a great deal to the success of the past year. One of our longest serving members, and our captain in 1959 (our Silver Jubilee), he brought a wealth of experience to ensure our Golden Jubilee year was one not to be forgotten. The 39 who were privileged to play at Captain's Day at Walton Heath will remember it with delight and appreciation for a long time to come! The honour of being captain for both the Silver and Golden Jubilee celebrations of any sporting organisation does not come to many and I know Lionel will always treasure this distinction among the many other awards and achievements of a very long service to the world of amateur golf. Our thanks to him and our best wishes to his successor, Alan Wiseman, who I am sure will not be at all bothered by the prospect of following on in Lionel's footsteps!

I have mentioned in previous reports the need to re-schedule some of our meetings to avoid a clash with the BSOEPF Conference in June. One of our meetings has always coincided with this but this has been of little consequence because few, if any, of our members were involved. However, things have changed with the shift of our membership away from the retail towards the manufacturing section of the trade. Many of our current membership are active at the conference and we need to avoid a clash. It has not been possible to do this for 1985, our second meeting being fixed for the day after the conference ends. But next year we will ensure that BSOEPF supporters are not denied their meeting by re-arranging our dates. This is not without problems due to the late spring Bank Holidays and clashes with other golfing events in the trade, but we will try for the best compromise possible.

Mention of the way our membership has changed brings me to another point. It seems that 90% of our current members are involved in manufacturing and wholesaling which is interesting if only because the 1985 Tipp-Ex/Stationery Trade News Golfer of the Year competition is being restricted to members of the retail trade. Richard Broderick has kindly agreed that the first two of our members in the Spring Meeting event at Berkhamsted will gain exemption from the preliminary rounds of the competition. This ought to prove a good incentive to our small band of retail members to make an appearance at the first meeting!

David and I look forward to the pleasure of your company at some, if not all, of the following meetings in 1985:

Wednesday 17th April	BERKHAMSTED G.C. (Spring Meeting & A.G.M.) Sponsor: Rexel Ltd.
Thursday 13th June	GERRARDS CROSS G.C. (President's Trophy) Sponsor: Jet Stationery Co. Ltd (Conference permitting)
Thursday 20th June	CHESTERFIELD G.C. (National Team Championship) Sponsor: 3M Office Stationery Group
Thursday 1st August	ROCHESTER & COBHAM PARK G.C. (Captain's Day) Sponsor: Royal Sovereign Group
Thursday 26th Sept.	CAMBERLEY HEATH G.C. (Autumn Meeting & Dinner) Sponsor: Tipp-Ex Ltd.

To save postage I am enclosing the entry form for the first meeting together with the 1984 Results and the Treasurer's Statement of Accounts, the last item being on the agenda of the A.G.M. at Berkhamsted.

R. Johns  
Secretary

14th February, 1985.