

LONDON STATIONERS GOLFING SOCIETY

REPORT 1990

The year opened with our first visit to Brookmans Park, Hatfield. Not too difficult but fairly long and with some water hazards to concentrate the mind. At the Annual General Meeting two motions were passed, first that all players returning a score in excess of 39 points would have their cards returned to the home club and second that the first and second placed members in the main competition would be cut 2 and 1 strokes respectively for the rest of the season. The only snag to this was soon discovered - you are better off saving your best golf until the last meeting when it won't make much, if any, difference!

As these motions were applied retrospectively the first 'sufferer' under the new system was your humble servant (who also lost a stroke off his club handicap) I do think someone ought to propose this rule be amended so that the early winners are not unfairly penalised. Staying with the subject, a member has suggested, somewhat mischievously, that we publish a list of all the singles winners over the past 10 years. Perhaps the idea being he would then propose a motion to reduce the handicaps of those names appearing too often. I am not so sure about this but it does have its interest.

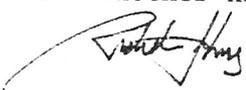
Our second meeting was, as is now traditional, at Gerrards Cross. This is a favourite venue and certainly the friendliest club around with the highest standards of golf and cuisine. If Jet Stationery ever decided to relinquish their sponsorship I am sure there would be a large queue of new hopefuls ready to take over. A happy meeting and this year we will enjoy major improvements in the form of new, extensive changing rooms.

Our third meeting is normally at Camberley but due to vast re-building we decided to switch venues to Foxhills with the Captain and the Sponsor both chipping in to subsidise the normal £85 a head cost. It was a long and hot day with the singles played over probably the most difficult course we have played in recent times. We return to Camberley in 1991.

We concluded a popular and successful year on an appropriately high note with our 'Reunion de L'Automne au Touquet' Drawing on the experience of Richard Broderick's 1988 trip, Peter Tilley produced a well thought out programme which managed to cram as much, if not more, than was possible into the 2 night stay. The 3 courses were excellent (the Sea Course was featured in the Channel 4 Pro-Am shown last Christmas) the Hotel much improved and the food as fine as ever. There was only one slight flaw in the proceedings because the person who spent many months organising it all was unavoidably absent. Yes, our Captain had somehow managed to seriously injure his back a week prior to the events and was confined to bed. Not only that but his assistant, Geoff Fowler, also missed the trip due to a bizarre accident when walking his dog where he contrived to poison a toe and he too was incapacitated. I am pleased to report they both made good recoveries but I know it was a bitter blow to miss the fruits of their labours. Despite the loss of our leader the troops still managed to have a whale of a time even if most of us required the following week-end to recover.

So concluded another enjoyable season. Our thanks to Peter Tilley for all his hard work which made it such a successful year. Also, thanks as usual to our other regular benefactors, George Walder for the letterheads, John Young for the envelopes and to Michael Culverwell for the use of facilities including copying, fax and telephone.

Finally, appreciation, as always to David Morgan without whose unfailing help and assistance my task would be impossible. My best wishes to you all for another happy golfing year.


Richard Johns
Hon. Secretary.