

LONDON STATIONERS GOLFING SOCIETY

REPORT 1996

All meetings were well supported and the Society was also to the fore in other events. Our Spring Meeting was held at Denham where the vice-captain, Norman Emery, took the honours on a 3 way countback with 37 points. This was the sponsorship debut of **Shawcross & Dickinson** who were satisfied enough to agree to do it again in 1997. 43 attended. Gerrards Cross saw Charles Anderson take the President's Trophy with 39 points and 42 enjoyed the excellent day that we come to expect at this **Jet Stationery** sponsored event.

Geoff Fowler hosted the Captain's Outing at Southampton in July with 2 days of fine golf and exemplary organisation. The main event was at Stoneham, a course that has everything: scenic, undulating and a hard examination - which Norman Emery passed with honours winning the Captain's Salver with 38 points. 40 members & guests supported the Autumn Meeting, sponsored by **Caplan** at Camberley Heath. Richard Broderick was back to winning form with 40 points taking the John Bond Cup, the other results are given below.

Congratulations to Nigel de Koning for winning the 1996 3M Champion of Champions. The London Stationers team romped away with the National Society Championships at Maxstoke with 206 points, Geoff Fowler (eschewing the cares of office) was the individual winner with 41 points.

The year was successful throughout and I know you will join with me in thanking Geoff for his excellent work in ensuring that this was so. My thanks also to David Morgan who, as usual, takes the lion's share of the work on the actual day of the events. I am also grateful to Nigel Tollit and other members for their encouragement, assistance and support. Our sponsors also deserve your support in recognition of their efforts in supporting us !

We extend a warm welcome to our new captain, Norman Emery, who has always given 100% to the society and I am sure his enthusiasm will be an inspiration to us all to achieve greater things in 1997. You will have received details of his outing to St. Pierre in July and I hope many of you (and partners) will attend. Offers of sponsorship will, I know, be much appreciated.

Turning to a financial theme. We noticed a trend for some golf clubs to start raising their prices last year - not a very sensible ploy because in this day and age (the golden years are long gone in the stationery trade) societies will only look elsewhere if this happens. I am therefore glad to report that the 3 'fixed' meetings (Denham, Gerrards Cross and Camberley Heath) will this year be at **or below** last year's charges.

When they can get round to it, your committee will address two items that need our attention. One is the replacement of the President's Trophy which disappeared in 1994 from a member's home (it was valued for insurance in 1984 at 575.00 but will probably cost 3 times that to replace now). The other is the question of the society tie. It isn't easy to get a consensus on the design, colour, style, etc., but we have to do something as the existing model goes back many a moon. Of course, when we do get the new design members will be expected to wear it at society dinners - a fine, payable perhaps to a trade charity, will be enforced with great rigour.

On a very sad note, you will all mourn the passing of one of our staunchest supporters, Reg Conlon. We will not easily forget the great days at Woburn and I still treasure a copy of the programme he penned for one Eldon Golf Day, full of wit and a deep understanding of the pains and pleasures of golf. He was our captain in 1987 and will be greatly missed.

Enclosed with this is the entry form for the first meeting on April 24th - if you haven't been to Denham for a long time (or ever) then you really should try to come along. It's a delightful setting, not much changed over the years and (blessings) mobile telephones are banned from the course ! Hope you can make it.

Autumn Meeting - 29 September 1996 at Camberley Heath

John Bond Cup	Guests	Texas Scramble (Kent Paper Shield)
Richard Broderick 40	B.Sutcliffe 40	Unmistakable Tipp-Ex (Broderick/Bonnet/Rolfe/Lee) 62.2
Mike Leech 38	D. Stait 38	Naughty Bishops (Edwards/Rose/Gayton) 63.6
Lou Rose 38	T.Bonnet 35	Racing Stars (Mines/Tilley/Stait/Norton) 63.9

1996 Aggregate Trophies

WATKINS TROPHY - Mike Leech 124 pts.	GUILDFORD TROPHY - Norman Emery 102 pts
REG CONLON TROPHY - Mike Leech 72 pts.	LIBERTY TROPHY - Richard Broderick 55 pts
SPICER TROPHY - Richard Broderick 40 pts.	

Richard Johns, 12 March 1997.