

# LONDON STATIONERS GOLFING SOCIETY

## Report for 1999

The Spring Meeting was held in April at Aspley Guise in damp, drizzly conditions and our incoming Captain, **Mike Leech**, was triumphant with 41 points, a score that turned out to be the best of the year and the Spicer Trophy winner. 31 attended and Shawcross & Dickinson were our sponsors. We then moved on in May to another new venue, Fulwell, for a meeting sponsored by Jet who have proved to be our most faithful supporters. Only 24 could make the meeting but it was very enjoyable especially for **David Littlechild** who took the President's Trophy with a worthy 38 points. The weather was dry.

Mike Leech persuaded 47 members and guests to make the journey west to Newport to savour the pleasures of Celtic Manor in July. They (and he) made a wise choice because this American style complex had many delights to offer. The morning competition was played on a delightfully scenic course that might have given dizzy turns to a mountain goat. Fortunately buggies were provided as trolley-pulling wasn't an option, all vehicles returned safely to base but it was a close-run thing. **Conway Hall** made a rare appearance and had the measure of the main course with an excellent 37 points to win the Captain's Salver. The second day concluded with a Texas Scramble and the weather was kind. Congratulations to Mike (and Elaine) and to Osborne Office Stationers for putting on a memorable experience.

The Autumn Meeting was sponsored by Fleet Paper Sales and was held 'out East' at the 27-hole Warley Park – our first visit to Essex in 20 years (1999 was unique in that all 5 courses visited were new to the Society). The weather took a turn for the worst in the afternoon but this did not deter **Chris Phillips** who took the John Bond Cup with 37 points, just pipping Owen Andrew who had the same score. 34 participated, many thanks to Bill McDermott & Bob Lowry for their support.

**Norman Emery** won the 1999 Watkins Trophy, **Chris Phillips** the Guildford and Liberty Trophies.

For the last 20 odd years I have been thanking David Morgan for the back-up he provides and I do so again with the same gratitude as always – we seem to be going on and on ..... As usual Geoff Fowler and Norman Emery are always to the fore whenever we need assistance, thanks once more to them as well. Also to Eric Smith for keeping us stocked up with envelopes

By the bye, Geoff is engaged in a project to get the London Stationers on the Web and it is possible we shall soon be seeing the fruits of his labour. (The LSGS may be quite old (founded 1933) but we 'silver surfers' intend to be up there with the best of them.)

We look forward (your correspondent with some apprehension) to the new season and here is a reminder of the fixtures:

Wednesday 24th May – **Aspley Guise & Woburn Sands** (sponsor GUILBERT U.K)  
Friday 14 July – **South Herts Golf Club** (sponsor JET UK)  
Monday/Wednesday 18/20 September – **Etretat & Champ de Bataille** (Captain's Day)

An update to the Autumn trip is enclosed, so far 41 members & guests have paid a deposit and a further 7 places have been reserved (48 is about as many as we would like to attempt to handle) So, you can still make it if you want to. You may also wish to know that 8 non-golfing spouses are attending and an outing has been arranged specially for them on Day 2 complete with local English speaking hostess. Members with a non-golfing partner now have no excuse and need hesitate no further .....

I wish you all a very pleasant golfing year.

Richard Johns  
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