

LONDON STATIONERS GOLFING SOCIETY

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Report for 2001

Our Spring Meeting was held at Harewood Downs. A glorious start to the day soon changed to an incessant downpour from around 11.am favouring the earlier starters.

Among these, **Alan Wood**, made the most of it with an excellent 42 points for the Jack Ryman Cup. The rain continued for the rest of the day making the afternoon event strictly for amphibians. Thanks to Spicers for their support and no doubt we will be back to play this excellent course, hopefully in better weather.

Peter Mines was again our sponsor for the President's Trophy meeting, for the first time at the Captain's home club, Knebworth. Despite being mid-May we were again cursed with bad weather - cold, windy and extremely wet in the morning and little better after lunch. **Alisdair Beverley** mastered the conditions best with a creditable 34 points. The course is a fine one and we will be back this year for the Spring Meeting. Once again, our thanks to Jet U.K. for their continued support.

Some raised eyebrows greeted the choice of Silvermere (a 'pay and play' venue these days) for our Summer Meeting. Well, if you disregarded the poor upkeep which was a great shame, everyone had to admit this is a real 'belter' of a course - tight, tricky and with a sting in the tail. A par at the final two holes was only obtainable by a player in strict control of his game and his nerves! A testament to the difficulty was the winning score of 32 pts by **Richard Dean** to win the John Bond Cup. Thanks to David Littlechild and Anglia Litho for sponsoring the day (the only event of the four when it didn't rain!)

The highlight, as always, of any London Stationers year is the Captain's Outing. North Lincolnshire was the somewhat unlikely location for Graham Clark's expedition. Forest Pines has 27 excellent holes in three 9-hole loops and is reminiscent of Harewood, Woburn and Champ du Bataille - in other words, lots of trees, undulating greens and all very well laid out and maintained.

The first day featured 9 holes in the morning followed by the 'main event', the Captain's Salver. We endured just about everything the fickle British climate could throw at us: brief sunny periods, general showers, occasionally torrential, with thunder & lightning. **Graham Hurrell** was in fine form and handled the conditions best with an excellent 34 pts to take the Salver, hotly pursued by Gerry Shawcross, Gordon Lamb and Nigel Tollit. The second day featured a Texas Scramble which was much enjoyed not least because it stayed dry with plenty of that rare commodity, sunshine. Just as well we played in the morning though because at about 1.pm the heavens opened and it poured buckets with the course rapidly becoming awash and ruining the day for another large society who started after we finished. The event went exceptionally well thanks to the Captain's attention to all the details that help to make these outings so.

In addition to the individual winners we must also congratulate the following who won the 2001 aggregate awards: Liberty and Guildford Trophies - **Norman Emery**. Spicer Trophy - **Alan Wood**. Watkins Trophy - **Alisdair Beverley**. Conlon Trophy - **Nigel de Koning**. As is now traditional they will receive their awards at the Spring meeting.

The full 2002 Calendar reads as follows:

Spring Meeting April 26th at **Knebworth** (entry form enclosed with this letter)

President's Trophy Meeting May 24th at **Sand Martins** (sponsor: Jet U.K. Ltd.)

Summer Meeting July 11th at **Frilford Heath** (two courses)

Captain's Outing September 26/27th at **Stratford upon Avon and Droitwich** (initial details enclosed)

- an interesting and varied selection of excellent courses for your pleasure.

As you can see we really do need sponsors - please help if you can, it's not expensive ! Also, more active members would be a very good thing so please spread the word with your acquaintances in the trade.

Finally, my thanks to David Morgan for his sterling work and assistance, to Geoff Fowler for so professionally maintaining and updating the web-site (all the details and information you could possibly want to know are there!) and last but not least, to our worthy Captain, Graham Clark, who has had an extremely busy last two years deputising for me in 2000 and then so capably doing it all again in 2001 in his own right

We welcome our incoming Captain, Chris Phillips, and wish him luck for the coming year. I do hope you will give him your support and attend those meetings that don't clash with your other engagements.

Best wishes

Richard Johns
6th March 2002