

London Stationers visit to West Kent Golf Course

Our captain seems to have done it again

Last month we discovered the hidden gem of Goring & Streatley, tended by an award winning greenkeeper and whose Green Committee wanted to emulate Augusta National by the speed of their greens - and succeeded much to the chagrin (and delight) of this Society !

Last week we found (eventually) another wonderful course, nestling in the North Downs and remote from the usual hum and buzz of motorways - but this buzz was replaced by the delights of the nearby Biggin Hill Airport.

West Kent without doubt is as scenic as you will find, contoured through steeps and valleys, and immaculately kept with greens not so frighteningly fast as Goring.

Arriving at the verandah of the elevated Club House, with birds-eye views of the 14th and 18th fairways, it was as though we had been transported back to its foundation in 1917. Being next to a Battle of Britain airfield there were hair-raising photographs of the damage caused by bombs which missed.

Much liquid was consumed both during and after the round as it was a very hot day.

The distinctive sound of Rolls Royce Merlin engines as the Supermarine Spitfires flew numerous sorties during the round contributing to a memorable day.

It was also a pleasure to meet up with several 'long lost members' in the persons of Alan Wood, Gordon Lamb, David Cox, John Astrop and John Hickford.

We shall return (if we can find it!) on another day and if you missed it the advice from all those who attended is - don't next time !

Hugh Sear won the Presidents Trophy with 38 points followed by Nigel de Koning with 36 - both gentleman now have their handicaps reduced for 12 months - as per the rules ! The attendance was again 18 which is a nice number in these stringent times.

The Captain's Salver

As you know the Captain's Tour runs from the 22nd to the 24th of September but if you are not booked and would still like to contest the Salver this is from 1pm at Cowdray Park on the 17th and there is room for a few more. The cost is £63 which includes afternoon tea.

Please let Chris know if you want to play.

Our final meeting is on October 21st at Sweetwoods Park.

Fixtures for next year so far include:

5 May at Betchworth Park and 9 June at Goring & Streatley.

A meeting in July is being negotiated and will be north of the M25 this time.

Kind regards

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