

London Stationers visit to Goring & Streatley Golf Club.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to play the greens of Augusta National in the Masters ?

Well, yesterday the 18 of us who assembled at the Goring and Streatley club for our first meeting in 22 months found out !

This beautiful and lovingly manicured Berkshire course had everything: Teeing areas good enough to putt on, a succession of varied, teasing and tantalising holes, flora and fauna, extensive downland views, a half-way house serving alcohol (!) all complimented by friendly, helpful staff not to mention an irreproachable three course dinner and you have all the ingredients for a perfect day out.

Back to the pace of the greens, which rewarded the brave (or lucky) but punished indecision and mis-reading of line. A ten-foot attempted lag- putt could easily, and often did, end up two or three times further away. Cream rises to the top, as they say, and it was no surprise that Chris Phillips won the day with a commendable 38 points, followed closely by young Aaron Woolford with 37. Aaron incidentally is a greenkeeper at another of our favourite Berkshire courses, Temple. Most scores were in the mid to low twenties despite all the extra shots provided by the new WHS handicapping system. Chris said he could not remember ever playing on faster greens, a comment endorsed by all.

I can't remember such universal acclaim given to a course. All, to a man, said 'we must come back' (and we hope to next year)

To top it off we enrolled five new members - verily the Secretary's Cup over floweth

In conclusion, as Gromit's sidekick Wallace would have said, A Grand Day Out. See you at West Kent on 22nd July.

The Hon. Secretary

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P.S. Two special motions were proposed and passed with acclaim at the AGM.

1. To Judith Smith - a vote of thanks as our retiring captain (and best wishes for a speedy recovery from her replacement hip operation)
2. To Alan Wood - the Meetings' sincere condolences and best wishes following his recent triple bereavement.