

We had a very encouraging turn out on Thursday last - 26 members and guests.

Included in the guest list we were delighted to welcome several past members who we hadn't seen in ages, namely

Peter Mines, David and Ollie James, Warren Evans, David Wild and John Pirnie.

The members present were Chris Phillips, David Stride, David Cox, John Astrop, Darren Lloyd, Chris Lee, Paul and Jeanne Cohen,

Alan Wood, Alan Hebditch, and your correspondent.

A small piece of history was made when Gerrards Cross became the most attended LSGS course - 26 - which pipped the 25 who came to Camberley Heath.

The attendance would have been more but for the unavailability of Peter Jones, Hugh Sear and Nigel Tollit who sent their apologies.

The course was in its usual immaculate condition, lush after heavy overnight rain, topped up by persistent drizzle during the round which, fortunately, was of the vertical variety as there was little wind, so it didn't adversely affect our enjoyment. Possibly the pace and undulations of the greens was the main cause of any frustration!

The results of the Captain's Salver were:

1. **Chris Phillips** 36 points
2. The Hon. Secretary ... 34 points (19 back nine)
3. David Cohen, guest ... 34 points (17 back nine)
4. Nicola Phillips .. 33 points (16 back nine)
5. Alan Wood 33 points (12 back nine)

Additionally both the Nearest Pin in Two (6th) and Nearest the Pin (16th) prizes were won by Chris Phillips

Those not fortunate to win a prize had a free ball-sweep ticket to assuage their disappointment.

I am aware of only 3 photos taken and attach them.

You will note that one of them features a lovely lady (who came 4th in the winners list) accompanied by two ugly looking beasts

We had our usual brief Annual General Meeting before dinner at which Dave Stride was, somewhat reluctantly (!), re-elected as

Treasurer and your correspondent similarly for the Secretaryship.

A vote of appreciation to Chris Lee was approved with acclamation over his enforced captaincy over 3 years (due to Covid) and for his excellent Outings to Sussex in 2021 and to Wales last year. Unfortunately, Chris contracted Covid at an old boys get together and was thus unable to attend his own outing!

Finally, David Littlechild expressed his plans for 2024 - namely one overnight trip, as the recent successful Stoke by Nayland meeting and a two night trip along the same lines as our visit to Monmouthshire last year. Dates and locations will be announced in due course.

At the dinner members heard the latest news of four of our ailing members, all coincidentally past LSGS captains.

Eric and Judith Smith (who we had the pleasure of meeting at the Stoke by Nayland dinner) wanted to come but decided

that their recovery from serious operations has not progressed enough for them to resume golf. They hope to play again soon.

Gordon Lamb, who played at Stoke-by-Nayland and the next day commenced chemotherapy for cancer, has just completed his course of treatment last week, hopefully with a happy outcome. We look forward to seeing him and Yvonne next year.

David Morgan, our President, gradually but remorsefully succumbed to Parkinson's over the past two years during which he also suffered a debilitating stroke. He is now sadly bed-ridden in a Care Home in Aylesbury. The meeting sent their best wishes to him and to Liz his wife.

Our mailing list includes many past members and guests but if you wish no longer to be included please let me know.

As soon as we have news about next year everybody on this list will receive details.

In the meantime my best wishes for the rest of the year and, God willing, I hope to see you all again in 2024.

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