



## 2020 AGM Secretary's Report.

Dear Member, As I write this report from my house where like everyone else, we are in 'Lock Down'. We find ourselves having to deal with this sad situation which has put a slight damper on the past year but more about that later.

### The 2019 Season.

The 2019 golfing season was still a success with many happy memories. Our members meetings proved to be extremely popular averaging around 100 plus members at most of our meetings and having the opportunity to play courses either end of the County.



When speaking to other Secretary's from other counties they are somewhat surprised at the support we receive for our Members Meetings compared to theirs which I believe shows the strength of our Society.

**Our membership is still very strong with over 530 members.** We had 31 new members join us last year and have already had 12 new members this year. Although we did lose a few members, around 25 because of old age and giving up golf and sadly some who passed away. Amongst those who are not with us anymore are two Past Captains who gave so much to the Society during their term in office. **Ron Paterson** from Sundridge Park and **Ian Dunlop** from Dartford. Ian was also a past Secretary of our Society and without his contribution in the 90's our Society would not have been as successful as it is today. Both will be sadly missed BUT not forgotten.



*St Augustines G C*

### Meetings and Matches.

Our Pro/Guest Day held at Wrotham Heath GC late September saw 34 teams participate from all over the County which is 136 players. The winners in 2019 were Wrotham Heath 'C' with a winning score of 125 – (15 under par) winning by one shot from Woodlands Manor 'A'. I know the Wrotham team had two birdies on the

18th to gain victory. This event has become ever more popular over the past few years and already I have received several entries for this year's meeting being held at St. Augustine's on the 17th September.

The 2019 three Counties Diamond Jubilee competition played against London and

Sussex consisting of Committee Members and Past Captains was won by London who hosted the match at Ealing GC. Kent came 2nd.

Our Inter County friendly matches finished with us winning 5 and losing 2. Our thanks go to all the Team Mangers for their time and involvement in running these matches on our behalf.

Our Annual match against the Kent Ladies Captains took place in mid-August at West Kent GC and saw the Men's Team winning and retaining the Salver. This match is open to all and is a mixed team event playing American Greensomes. Our Match Manager is Harry Wanless who selects the team and does the draw (fairly) which means you could be playing for either team with a partner from the Kent Ladies Captains team.

### **The Silver Jubilee Trophy.**

The 7 County Queens Silver Jubilee Trophy was hosted last year by Hampshire and played at Stoneham GC. For the third year running we came 2nd this time behind Oxfordshire losing by 2 points. This year's match is being hosted by us at West Kent GC on 14th August. I will be standing down as Team Manger after 8 years selecting our team and have handed over the reins to Brad Smith (Sittingbourne) who will become our Team Manger and will select the team for this year's competition.



*Brad Smith, New Team Manager*



### **The Charity.**

During 2019 we raised an excellent sum of £3700 for our Children's Charity Fund exceeding 2018 by £700. I would like to thank all members who gave so generously to the charity fund which is very much appreciated not only by the Society but also the Children's Charity's to whom we donated. Full details and photos of our 2019 reciprocates can be found on our website. I know our charity organiser Phil Draper is willing to hear from any member who wishes to promote a Children's Charity who would benefit from a donation from us.

### **The Website.**

Having mentioned the website, I must mention and acknowledge the input and work carried out by our website administrator, Terry Ralph. The time and dedication Terry donates to the website is there for us all to see and he is a tremendous help to me in helping to run the Society.





## **Our Society Looking Ahead.**

Because of this terrible virus it has caused us sadly to cancel several events all of which were covered within the Newsletter sent early April. We have had to miss out on our Annual Dinner booked for early April with nearly 200 looking forward to the evening and our Spring Tour

also fell victim to the virus and of course our AGM.

We have re-scheduled the West Kent Meeting for the 30th September.

Until such time as the 'Lock Down' is released, social distancing is relaxed, and the Coronavirus is under-control we all continue to live in uncertain times and have to abide by the government advice and information before we can return to some sort of normality.

We will therefore deal with each meeting as they occur and make decisions leading up to these events whether we hold them or not.

### **And Finally....**

It would be re-miss of me not to thank Peter Embleton and Pat Quadling who give up their time and days to help-out on the desk at our meetings. Their contribution on these days is invaluable and contributes towards the success we all enjoy at our meetings. And to you the members, thank you so much for all your support; your compliments and encouragement shown to me.

**David Honnor**  
**Hon Secretary.**

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