London GAA Members Golfing Society Annual General Meeting Wednesday 30 November 2022 Captains Report 2021/22

When I took over the Captaincy from Joe Campbell in 2020 little did I realise what was ahead of us due to the onset of the Covid – 19 pandemic. The whole country was locked down with the complete closure of Golf Clubs. My jacket badge showed 2020 but my normal Captain's Year only started in 2022.

I would like to thank Committee members but special thanks to our President Tom Milne who we hope returns back to full fitness soon, Tim Foley for his guidance throughout the year. Our Secretary John Milburn, for his diligence and support, to Terry Kirk and Maureen Sullivan who were very efficient collecting and sorting money and prizes, also Pat Morrisey for his input throughout the year. We were again indebted to our generous Sponsors who are so very important to the success of our society. I would also like to thank Angela Murphy and Mary Power for organising such a fantastic trip to Ireland.

I became involved in the new handicap system which was amended so that members of clubs were able to use their WHS index in working out their playing handicaps. I believe now that it has been in operation for all of the 2022 outings it is working efficiently and has been well received. We arranged three new venues this year by request of some members which added more interest to the golf. Unfortunately the food in two clubs was below standard and in one other case the condition of the course could have been better. However there were some very good scores the lowest winner being 37 and the highest was 44.

Sadly, we lost 2 of our long-time members, past Captain Joe Regan and our Treasurer John O'Neill. Our condolences go out to both their families. To those members who have been unwell throughout the year namely Eamon Lyons and Seamus St George we wish both a speedy recovery. To any other members who have also been unwell we extend our good wishes.

On a personal note, I have thoroughly enjoyed my year as Captain and look forward to handing over to my good friend Tom Gallagher. He will have my full support during his tenure as Captain and I wish him a very successful 2023.

Finally, a word of thanks to my daughter Fiona for her help at my Captain's Day and her assistance throughout the year working with me to finalise results and maintain handicap records. I am also delighted that we raised so much money for my chosen charities and I thank all the members for their generous support.

I send everyone my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Peter McGeever Captain