

The London G.A.A. Members Golfing Society
Annual General Meeting Wednesday 30 November 2022

Secretary's Report

We thank Captain Peter McGeever for his leadership and enthusiasm during the last two years, which at first involved covid restrictions etc. His last normal year has been successful particularly in respect of the funding for his charity.

We are looking for an Assistant Secretary to reduce my workload for personal reasons. I will still send out the outing details, but I envisage the acceptances will be directed to the Assistant Secretary who will then prepare the attendance and start sheets. That person will liaison with the Handicap Chairman so that each member's handicap can be recorded on the attendance sheet. It would be an added benefit if the person was able to have a supply of score cards which could be made out just before the date of the outing. This plan would make signing in on the day far more efficient but it needs approval by the committee.

Outings

During the year we had six outings and following suggestions by some members I arranged three new venues. With most of them there were shortcomings either with the course conditions or the quality of the food with a reluctance to use them again. The venues did not compare with South Herts or Dyrham Park. There was a further change in the format in so far as we played in fours but did not have a team competition. This was replaced by additional individual prizes which I believe were well received, particular by the winners. Your comments would be welcome for the 2023 outings. If attendance numbers are over 40, we will try and arrange two tee starts and / or a rolling dinner so that there is less waiting after completing ones golf.

Irish Tour

The tour to Waterford was an all-round great success and members are looking forward to the 2023 tour details of which are in the planning stage.

Sponsors

We again thank all our sponsors, most of whom are members, who generously paid for the prizes at most of the outings. Their continued support is greatly appreciated. Torfx, a currency broker known to us for many years, only sponsored one outing in 2019. However, they are still offering their very competitive services to our members from which we receive commission payments.

Membership

There has been a small increase in new members, most of whom have been introduced by existing members and average attendances have been about 30. We have been able to keep the cost of outings down to a maximum of £70.00 but next year this will increase to about £85/£90. We operate a prospective members list of people who have attended outings and they are sent Emails prior to each outing, some do attend. The web site known as GAA Members Golf Society London continues to develop and keep members informed and also it attracts odd new members. I wish to thank Betty Yue for keeping the web site up to date and her expertise in continuing to make improvements, also our in-house photographers, Maureen Sullivan, and Eileen McGowan for taking all the pictures.

Handicaps

I refer to the new handicap arrangement mentioned in the Captain's report which has been very successful during the year. I am confident that the new Handicap Chairman and his committee will continue to operate the successful arrangement for the benefit of all our members. If anyone thinks their handicap needs a review, then please contact the handicap chairman.

Summary

I would like to thank all the officers for their very helpful support during the year and their hard work which keeps the society operating efficiently, giving so much pleasure to everyone.

My best wishes to everyone and I thank you all for your continued support.

John Milburn
Secretary