



Fine Art Golfing Society Annual Newsletter



2019 competitions, roll of honour

Congratulations to all our winners...

Partridge Trophy & Champion Golfer: Phil Mead

Seniors Trophy: Phil Mead

Rabbits Cup: Gavin Graham

Worplesdon

Balwin Salver: Bertie Garforth Bles

Harris & Whitaker Salvers: Lawrence Bright & Joe Cattermole

The Berkshire

Cecil Millar Cup: Oscar O'Herlihy

Bailey & Stoner Cups: Ed Johnson & Joe Cattermole

Basingstoke

Butler Salver: Lawrence Bright

Lewis & Parker Cups: Simon Swift & Bob Butler

Swinley Forest

Omel Bowl: Ed Johnson

Apter & Lloyd Salvers: Nick Butler & Jack Mead

Frank Patten Salver (par 3s): Eric Bryan

Ashridge

George Harris Cup: Phil Mead

Moor Park

President's Trophy: Kim Tassell

Woking

Omel Salver: Joe Cattermole

Full year results here [2019-scores](#)

End of an Era

Bob Butler has been organising our events brilliantly since 2006 and Joy has assisted for the last 3 or 4 years. What is certain is that they have both earned a break as well as our undying gratitude. Eric and I will manage the events henceforth though Joy will continue as Treasurer.

We will celebrate their service at Worplesdon on 2nd April so I would like to see a great turnout from members to show their appreciation for Bob & Joy.

Message from Bob Butler

I have been Secretary for the past 15 years and have enjoyed every moment and would like to thank you all for your help, assistance and friendship along the way, I am left with great memories. Every one of you has been delightful and I hope you have regarded me as a friend as well as the Secretary.

Joy will continue as treasurer and I will always be available if required but I know that Simon and Eric will do a great job. I would like to offer my very best wishes to Simon and Eric, both of whom I have the utmost respect for professionally and personally.

Our Society is in good hands. I wish everyone health and happiness.

Bob Butler

2020 events

I can now confirm our events (and sponsors) in 2020:

- Thursday 2 April Worplesdon, (Andrew Jobson)
- Thursday 14 May The Berkshire, (Lawrence Bright)
- Tuesday 16 June Moor Park, President's Day (Ken Bull)
- Thursday 16 July Swinley Forest, (Hugh Edmeades)
- Tuesday 27 October North Hants, Captain's Day (Robert Frew)
- Tuesday 8th December Woking, (Sam Loxton)

- October Scotland trip

If you would like to be a future sponsor please let me know.

Message from our outgoing Captain Nick Lambourn:

Dear Members

Congratulations to all our winners throughout 2019 from Bertie Garforth-Bles at our season's opener at Worpleson to Joe Cattermole at Woking and to Phil Mead for winning Golfer of the Year, clinched with an impressive 40 points scored off a handicap of 11 at Ashridge. Thanks as ever to Bob and Joy for their work through the year and wishing all the best to Simon and Eric as they take FAGS forward in 2020.

It has been a privilege to water the players at our lunch breaks throughout the year, and I was happy to have made all the main meetings through 2019. With the heavy burden of captaincy off my shoulders I look forward to returning to competitive golf in 2020! All the best to you Robert as you eye the cartes des vins in 2020!

Many thanks, wishing Merry Christmas and a very happy new year to all.

Nicholas

Message from our Captain for 2020 Robert Frew:

I very much look forward to my 2020 Captaincy. It is an honour which will encourage me to attend all the meetings (my diary looks good at the moment) with the privilege of choosing the wine and dishing out the silverware. I have chosen North Hants for the Captain's day, having some dim and distant family associations with the course and have very much enjoyed playing there with the FAGS on a couple of occasions. Being at least half Scottish the sound of an autumn trip across the border is very enticing and I believe they have a few decent courses to choose from.

In any event I look forward to battling with the heather whether it be in Berkshire or Fife in excellent company as always.

Many thanks to Simon and Eric for taking on the mantle from Bob and Joy.

Robert Frew

Annual subscriptions

Annual membership is now due, we have held it at £25 for 2020. This money is used for deposits for each event and for prizes. It is important that payment is received by the beginning of March.

You can now make payments via our website in addition to bank transfers and cheques. Please try this method, you should now even be able to pay by smartphone. [Click here to pay](#)

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Membership Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey, your feedback was enormously helpful and gave broad support to the changes we are planning to make.

We will retain The Berkshire and Swinley Forest meetings as our marquee events with early starts, 36 holes and full carvery lunches and experiment with some of the other meetings.

However, fewer golfers are keen to play 36 holes at every meeting and consequently we are making changes to some of our meetings which will start later to give you more time to beat the M25 traffic.

I have uploaded the survey results to the homepage of our website fineartgolf.org

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Website

You can now book and pay for all events as well as subscription fees on the website. Go to [our online shop](#) to renew your membership. You may now book for any event in 2020 if it suits you to book ahead.

To assist you I have included a new Calendar page which details whether we will play 18/36 holes, the start times and most importantly, the time that you can get your bacon rolls. [Check it out and bookmark.](#)

I will be using the website to display tee times for each event as well as results after the match in addition to introducing online payments.

Note, if you buy on the website you will automatically receive an email receipt to confirm your booking.

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Scotland trip

More than 20 members have expressed an interest in a trip to Scotland. I am exploring two possible options; East Lothian and St Andrews. The trip will involve...

- Two night stay in a 3/4star hotel
- Two rounds of golf, at least one will be on a Top Tier course
- One game is likely to be with the Scottish Art Dealers
- Cost around £600 not including travel to Scotland

I will circulate a full agenda in the next few days. The trip may need to be limited to 15 players so a draw may be necessary.

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And finally...

Society membership is of great importance for our continued success, at present we have approx. 60 active members of which approx. 90% are involved in the fine arts trade. We need more trade members so please do whatever you can to recruit new members.

Hoping to see you all at Worplesdon as we thank Bob & Joy.

Best wishes to all

Simon (& Eric)

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