



As we approach the end of our term it is time to provide a brief report on the golfing year's activities. We have all benefited from an extraordinarily dry and warm summer. Whilst we may have enjoyed the extra length of our drives, we are sure you would agree that every golf course we have played on, certainly in the UK, has been suffering with bare patches on the fairways. Let's hope they do not take too long to recover.

It has been a thoroughly enjoyable year for the two of us. Between us we have played in almost every match. All have been played with a combination of good golf and camaraderie and on terrific courses. Our results are far from spectacular: Won 10, Lost 12 and Halved 2. On more than one occasion we have squandered a lunchtime lead and we suspect we know the reasons for our afternoon demise. On some of these occasions we're competing in the heat of the summer and we clearly felt the need for extra lunchtime refreshment. It appears to be a myth that we play better after lunch!

### Fixtures Review

We have conducted a review of all our current fixtures and concluded that no significant changes need to be made. A handful of fixtures ought to be monitored more closely and we have suggested that the Captain takes specific responsibility for ensuring these matches become as popular as the rest of our matches. We are extremely grateful to IPP Ron Sandler for carrying out this work, ably assisted by Charlie Cantlay, Kieron Russell and William Waddell-Dudley.

The Annual Dinner was held at the Merchant Taylor's Hall in March. Numbers were slightly down from the previous year, partly due to the weather. Nonetheless everyone enjoyed the evening and hearing the two speakers: Ian Pattinson (occasionally seen and heard on Sky Golf discussing various golf rulings) and Richard Hayward, a recently retired Judge, who asked for audience participation on the appropriate sentence to be pronounced in a court case.



Richard Ohlson (President) and Simon Allport (Honorary Secretary)

All of our Meetings were held in glorious weather and on terrific courses. The winners at the three Meetings are included over the page.

Most importantly as we approach our 125th year, we are delighted to announce that, with the support of the Past Presidents, Jonathan Ticehurst and Andrew Sturdy have agreed that their names will go forward to the AGM as nominees to become President and Captain respectively. Both are highly regarded not just within Lloyd's Golf Club but also within the wider Lloyd's community. Upon election, we are sure they will lead the Club with a combination of distinction, good golf and sharp wit.

Thank you all for making this such a memorable year for the two of us. Onwards to the 125th!

Richard Ohlson, President

Howard Cheetham, Captain



SPRING: Julian Todd, Richard Ohlson and Garret Endenburg.



SUMMER: Tim Kemp, Graham Findlay, Robert Kemp and Alex Findlay.



AUTUMN: Oliver Oakley & Tony Wates winners of the Captain's Prize Tercentenary Salver



OVERALL: Winner of 1923 Captain's prize Adam England pictured with Howard Cheetham

The Spring Meeting was efficiently run by Kieron Russell and won by Garret Endenburg and Julian Todd with a score of 78 points. Unfortunately for Julian, as the photo shows, he left his blazer, shirt and club tie at home.

Courtesy of Stephen Wilcox there are already a number of excellent photographs from the Summer Meeting on the website. Mark Aylward, now in his second year, organised the weekend with military precision. The final was an all father & son affair with Graham and Alex Findlay prevailing over Tim and Robert Kemp. Father Findlay's golf was particularly impressive as they won on the 14th, whilst a number of members were watching England beat Sweden in the World Cup. Graham has now won the Cyril Winter Putter with both his father and his son. His father was 81 when he won so there is hope for us all!

The Autumn Meeting was magnificently organised by Andrew Groom who now stands down with our thanks. We are particularly grateful to him as he not only has to organise the winners of the day but determine the prizes of a combination of the other meetings as well. Congratulations to the winners Oliver Oakley and Tony Wates with 76 points.

The winner of the best aggregate scores for all three meetings was Adam England with 183 Stableford Points- congratulations to him.

The Christopher Needham Invitational Tour visited the Silver Coast, north of Lisbon. The intention was to benefit from more warm weather which we all expected on landing at Lisbon. Sadly, a Scottish mist set in when we approached West Cliffs and Praia d'el Rey and did not lift the entire time we were there. As is typical, the Captain's team stormed into an early lead and on the last day only had to win one match to retain the trophy.

The President's team were totally unfazed and won every match. Miracles of Medinah were mentioned and some suggested this should be known as the Lazarus Tour. The President has confirmed that he will not be following the example of the victorious Ryder Captain and has no intention of receiving a tattoo of the score on his backside!

We are delighted to advise that 16 new members have been elected this year. They are:

Gary Lashmer, James Sandford, Owen Roddy, Patrick Mitchell, Fred Elliott, Trevor Hogan, Alex Lynch, Geoff Bull, Hamish Greenwood, Ian Clark, Jonathan Ward, Lewis Goodearl, Maddie Lark, Mike Lilley, Ollie Oakley and Patrick Bullen-Smith.

We would be grateful if proposers and seconders could ensure these new members are quickly welcomed into the Club and become active participants in meetings and matches. On-line applications have increased dramatically this year and we hope this trend will continue as all match managers are being encouraged to select their teams from online applications.

Finally we have a couple of dates for your diary:

- **The AGM** - 10th December at 1.30 in the Old Library.
- **The Annual Dinner** - 7th March, at the Merchant Taylor's Hall.