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Steve Delarge Captain of Winning Three Competiton Cup

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Secretary's Report

As the years pass by, I seem to be repeating the things that happen every year, it has never been a more prudent time to remind everyone one how lucky we are to be Artisans within our clubs and truly embrace all that it offers us.

The transition to joining the counties this year has mainly be very smooth and I would like to thank the Council committee and the club secretaries for helping to make the partnership go smoothly and I hope all of our members have used the offers that can be had and also the county card which has and will save members money if they use it on the courses around the country.

Many golf clubs have had the same issues with costs rising and membership failing and offers on the internet becoming more enticing. This has all made it an open market for people that only play a few times a month, also our wet winters have restricted play in some areas which can compound the issues of members paying large fees to stay at their club. As your Association representatives we try and help and advise our clubs and its members on all that we can and now our partnership with the counties, hopefully will also help us all in moving forward in what is a difficult time for everyone in golf.

The word Artisan is still our main concern in regards to the main clubs' members understanding what we bring to the clubs. Our aim will be to produce a system that can offer clubs the wide range of duties that we cover combining some form of fee or not as the case may be. We will keep you updated on any progress we make but rest assured we will not be naming any of our clubs sections and if anyone contacts you please feel free to pass them on to me or a council member for advice as everyone knows this can be a difficult task which in some cases we cannot persuade people's views on Artisan sections.

Once again our season has passed by in a flash and we look forward to the new season ahead with our first Tournament which again will be the Carr Memorial at Blackmore Golf |Club in May. The competition committee have again done a fantastic job getting the rest of the courses and once again Doug Lumsden has travelled around the counties arranging the events which are now all on the website. We must all appreciate the time and effort he puts in above his council work is truly commendable.

Once again, I would like to thank all the Artisan club secretaries and their committees for the hard work they have done over the year and without your time and effort our clubs would not be run to the high standards we have within our Artisan sections.

Last of all I would like to thank you all for the work you do and support you give the AGA and also all the AGA council committee members once again for all the time they have given up to ensure we provide you, as our members, the best possible events advice and support we can. I wish you all good health and thank you all for your participation in the events and support of our association so that you can enjoy each other's company and hopefully a nice summer of golf ahead.

The AGM will now be on the 01 Feb at 11:00 at Royal Mid Surrey Artisan club house and I look forward to meeting or seeing as many of you who can make that date.

Bill Johns
Hon Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Another good year in terms of keeping the books balanced. Thank you to those who paid on time and sorry for the confusion the payment changeover has caused. We are going back to payment by 31 January 2020 so please note this. The invoice will be posted on our website soon and it will be £15 per head, this covers your England Golf fees and your AGA fees. Don't forget that your England Golf fee includes liability insurance in case of accidents to third parties on the course. Check the England Golf website for full details. No big issues to report just a point to note that 2021 sees 100 years of the AGA so keep an eye out for details on events that year.

All the best to you all.

Warren Francis
Hon Treasurer

Captain's Report

The Ireland trip was a fantastic trip again this year and very well supported by all who attended and the weather for a change was great with no rain on any of the days and most people managed to come back with some traces of sunburn. The Irish used their usual trick of alcohol to influence the outcome to great effect, mind you I feel our team were far too easily lead in this instance and some may say they didn't need any help from the Irish. It was great to see some new and young players involved this year as these are the future of the Artisans. I will leave the finer details of the result, but let's just say we came second on the day. I would highly recommend anybody who hasn't been before to try and go as it's a fantastic experience, the courses are superb and the Irish are fantastic hosts.

The North v South match was played at Betchworth Park this year, both teams fielded full teams which was a great effort especially from the Northern lads. Some were known to each other from previous comps including the Irish trip which helped the camaraderie and the banter on the day. One of the Northern lads travelled from Liverpool that morning for an 8:30 tee, followed by 36 holes, dinner and speeches then drove back to Liverpool that evening. I asked him why he didn't stay over with the rest of the guys and he replied he had to be at work the following morning. If this doesn't show true commitment to the Artisans I don't know what does and I take my hat off to him. Other than that I think he's stark raving bonkers!!!! The South came out victorious on the day but as had been said on many occasions before, I think golf was the true victor on the day. The match will be played up North next year and again I would recommend as many as possible get their names down for it, as you will all be well looked after, play a great course and have very enjoyable day. The only thing we need to do is find the trophy as its still missing, I think the North have snaffled it until they win it again.

Thank you again for all the help everyone has given me this year, especially Doug who is an absolute legend, who makes everything run like clockwork.

Please don't forget we have the AGM at Royal Mid Surrey 01 Feb 11:00, please can as many as possible attend. That's about it from me other than to wish you all a Very Happy Christmas and may the golf Gods be kind to us all in the New Year.

Mick Fisher
AGA Captain

Chairman's Report

Chairman's End of Season Report 2019

We had better luck this year at Temple with the Oxford and Cambridge match after last year when play was not possible due to slow departing snow. Tis year we had a complete turnaround in fortune which usually is very close but this time we won 8 to 0.

The Seniors Golfing Society at Denham was the usual battle against this wily team. The A.G.A. lost 3-2 in the morning. After the enormous lunch our lads did better on 2½-2½. left us losing 5½-4½. Must do better!

The Carr Memorial was taken to Little Aston after a 10 year lapse. Not an easy course as it proved as many of the cards showed. With only 3 par 3s at 161, 178 and 192 restricted the 2s to only nine players, the lowest I remember. Only two players managed to score on every hole twice Andy Douglas (Sundridge Park) and Dave Moxey (Dyrham Park).

Winner: Kaspar Mullhaupt (St Georges Hill) 39-30=69. Second: Andy Douglas (Sundridge Park) 31-36 = 67. Third: Hayden Smith (Hartsbourne) 32-34=66. Best AM Doug Malcolm (St George's Hill) 37 and Best PM Rob Wallace (Verulam) 35. Team of 3 was won by St George's Hill Kaspar Mullhaupt 69, Doug Malcolm 66 and Ian Beauchamp 64 on 199.

Sandy Herd and J.H.Taylor. Royal Cinque Ports invited us to take our Seniors Championship to their very unique links course giving many of the players their first chance to play links golf. It needed a long carry off the tees to get to the tight fairways then stay out of the long rough on each side took a lot of skill. To help we had ball spotters from the Parent club and the Artisans to iron out some of the difficulties.

Sandy Herd Winner: Jack Church (St George's Hill) 76-79= 155. Second: Shane McCaughan (Royal Cinque Ports) 84-72=156 Third: Ivan Fryer (Aldeburgh) 77-80=157.

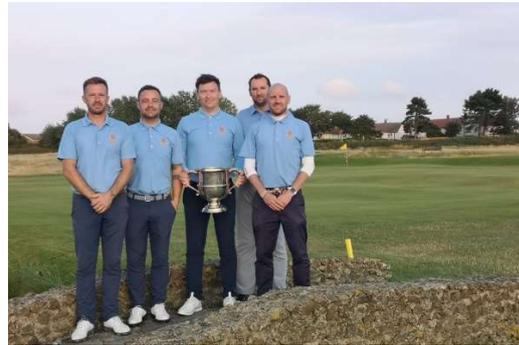
J.H.Taylor Winner: D Oliver (Royal Cinque Ports) 74-74=148 Second: L Fox (Royal Cinque Ports 79-70=149 Third J Marriot (Royal Cinque Ports) 76-73=149 Best AM Dave Swift (Maidenhead) 72 Best PM Kaspar Mullhaupt (St. Georges Hill) 73.



Dean Oliver



Jamie Marriot, Dean Oliver, Liam Fox



Jamie Marriot, James Ellis, Dean Oliver, Shame McCaughan, Liam Fox

Our Thanks go to the R.C.P. Management and staff and also Barry Barnsley R.C.P. Artisan Secretary for creating a great day which will be remembered for a long time.

Veterans and Challenge Cup. Both competitions were played at Puttenham, a very nice venue on an extremely hot day. The course was well presented some watered fairways and very good greens. The Challenge over 36 holes was a long slog which needed the water supplied by the club to just keep going.

Challenge Cup Winner: John Levy (Hook Heath) 34-38=72 Second: J Raymond (Cantelupe) 35-36=71 Third: Dave Evans (Hartsbourne) 41-30=71 Best AM: T Marshsall (Hook Heath) 37 Best PM Ian Beauchamp (St.Georges Hill) 40.

Veterans, although only 18 holes it proved quite a challenge for the old boys who scored very well in the very hot conditions.

Veterans Trophy Winner: Kasper Mullhaupt (St George's Hill) 40 Second: Roger Harrington (Verulam) 39 Third: Rob Barnes 39. On his way to the 39 he achieved a HOLE IN 1 on the 18th. I wonder if that was meant to be when he chose the venue? The Nicky Club for the Best over 65 Steve DeLarge 36.

Butler and Jewell Trophies. This competition was played at Hartsbourne where we only had two showers on the day. Although this is an Open competition along with the Jewell which is 10 to 15 h/cp there was not a great response from the 0 to 9s only 7 entered which is not a great percentage from the field of 56.

Butler Trophy Winner: Chris McLaren (St George's Hill) 29-39=68 Second: Roy Bean (Hartsbourne) 36-32=68 Third: Steve Butwell (Hook Heath) 38-29=67.

Jimmy Jewell Winner: Chris McLaren St.Georges Hill 29-39=68 Second: A Phillips (Cantelupe) 33-33=66 Third: S Smith (St.Georges Hill) 32-33=65 Best AM: Nigel Attree (Verulam) 34 Best PM: Andy Walker (Moor Park) 36.

Best Team over the 3 Competitions: 1st St. Georges Hill 15 Points 2nd Cantelupe 21 Points 3rd Moor Park 31 Points 4th Verulam 41 Points 5th Hadley Wood 76 Points.

Top Attendance Club 2019: Moor Park 36, St.Georges Hill 35, Hartsbourne 30, Sundridge Park 18, Royal Cinque Ports 16, Hook Heath 15, Cantelupe 14, Hadley Wood 11, Royal Mid Surrey 10, Ridgemount 10, Gresham 10, Dyrham Park 9, Reigate Heath 8

2019 Overall Total of competing players = 285 as compared to 2018 total of 317

Thanks go to the Club Management and staff in clubs for their nice facilities.

Thanks to all who attended this season both in a playing capacity and the lads who took time off to help me create the great atmosphere which is Artisan Golf.

The Competition Entry Forms for 2020 are already with the club secretaries and on the AGA Website

G D Lumsden AGA Chairman and Competition Secretary

Match Reports

Veterans Trophy

Venue: Puttenham Golf Club - somewhere new to go

Date: 25 July 2019

HEADLINES - ROB BARNES HAS A HOLE IN ONE

As with the Challenge Cup played on the same day the hot weather played a significant part but they were fortunate they were only enduring it for 18 holes.

Following the 66 we had last year at West Hill we had 60 entered it now proves to be a popular event. Considering that the initial Vets at Redbourn in 2011 we only had 11 players giving members the only 18 hole competition on the calendar.

Undeterred by the soaring temperatures and well watered they set off on some watered fairways and very good greens. Not too long but a lot to negotiate around as scoring shows.

I should not single players out but the tee shot on the 1st by Jim (the swing) Sanderson was at 45 degrees narrowly missing the clubhouse heading for the cemetery. A definite RELOAD.

RESULT: Winner: Kasper Mullhaupt (St Georges) 40 points
Second: Roger Harrington (Verulam) 39 on count back
Third : Rob Barnes (Hook Heath) 39
Robs hole in one (his First) was on the 18th green.
Best over 65s: Steve DeLarge (St George's Hill) 36

Our thanks on the day go to Alison and the Puttenham staff for their attention to detail and excellent food, which made for a day to remember.

My thanks go to Rob who suggested we go there and to Les and Karl who saw me through a busy day. Hope to see you at Hartsbourne on 9th September for the Butler/Jewell.

Doug Lumsden

Challenge Cup

Venue: Puttenham Golf Club

Date 25 July 2019

We chose the hottest day of the year to play a 36 hole competition and the start of the school holidays caused M25 problems getting to the venue. Other than that it turned out to be a great day's golf.

With plenty of water provided for us and instructions how to cope with the conditions they set off up the blind hill with a flag man to keep things moving and safety to all.

At lunch we had some very good scores recorded D Evans (Hartsbourne) on 41 ahead of T Marshall (Hook Heath) 38 and Roy Bean (Hartsbourne) also on 37.

Refreshed and more water they did battle some more with the temperature but the course played very well with the greens in excellent condition.

RESULT Winner: J Levy (Hook Heath) 34-38 72
Second: J Raymond (Cantelupe) 35-36 71
Third : D Evans (Hartsbourne) 40-30 70
Best AM: T Marshall (Hook Heath) 37
Best PM: I. Beauchamp (St Georges Hill) 40

Our thanks go to Alison and all the welcoming Puttenham staff who provided us with the course and food to complete a day to remember. Hope to return some day!

Doug Lumsden

Bulter & Jewell Trophies

This competition was played on a course in very good condition with the greens the best I have seen all year. With a disappointing only 7 single figures entered out of the 55 it was left wide open to the others to take the advantage to show their skills.

AM the front runners were Steve Butwell (Hook Heath) on 38, Dave Webster (Verulam) on 37 and Roy Bean (Hartsbourne) on 36.

PM Saw a player who only had 29 in the morning improve dramatically to have 39 in the 2nd round.

Result: The Butler Trophy and The Jewell Trophy both went to Chris McLaren 10 (St George's Hill) Chris McLaren 10 (St George's Hill) with 29 39 = 68

Butler 2nd Roy Bean 23 (Hartsbourne) with 36 32 = 68
3rd Andy Walker 9 (Moor Park) with 30 36 = 66
4th Sean Smith 10 (St.Georges Hill) with 32 33 = 65

Jewell 2nd Steve Butwell 14 Hook Heath with 38 29 = 67
3rd Andrew Phillips 14(Cantelupe) with 33 33 = 66

Best AM: Dave Webster 19 (Verulam) with 37
Best PM: Dave Evans 18 (Hartsbourne) with 36



Our grateful thanks go to Lauren and Ela who made this day possible and provide us from early AM to evening with an amazing array of food served by pleasant staff. A good day was had by one and all. To Karl who got through his first duty as A.G.A. Vice Captain with flying colours. Well done! Also Gary for helping me to get it sorted out as usual.

Thanks Boys

Doug Lumsden

Obituary

Tony Everett

Tony dedicated a major part of his life to further the interests of amateur golf. Joining Epsom Golf Club at the age of 16, he served for more than 15 years on the executive committee of the Artisan Golfers Association and became Secretary in 1974. He was then nominated to represent the Association on the EGU Executive in 1978. Both posts he filled for nearly 30 years. In 1996, Tony received the Gerald Micklem Award for contributions and services to golf, he said "I am very proud to receive this award not just for me but for all Artisan Golfers", that says it all. He continued his participation in golf until 2007 aged 78 when he stood down from the EGU Tournament Panel.

Having lost his wife Lily in 2008, Tony leaves behind a son Michael, daughter Julia, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Julia Marsh (daughter)

I would like to pay a person tribute to Tony Everett for his outstanding contribution to the game of golf. Having worked with Tony for many years on committees he was passionate about supporting amateur golf and in particular the Artisan Movement. His contribution was above and beyond the call of duty and on behalf of all artian clubs throughout the country and his friends in Ireland, he will be sadly missed and our thoughts and best wishes go to his family.

Patrick Cunningham
AGA Vice President

And finally ...

Please collate your clubs' news and match reports throughout the year and send them to the Editor for the Spring Issue of the Magazine. Your fellow artisans will be interested in what is happening in your clubs and it will be recorded for posterity too! Articles that appear in the magazine will be recorded forever, whereas if it is just on a website, it will be overwritten and lost. It might give other clubs ideas as to new events they can add to their calendar. You might want to consider photographing your Honours Boards, Captains Boards etc. as a one off and any additions can be added yearly in the magazine.

Articles can be sent at any time up to the deadline of end of April 2020. Send your articles for Spring Edition to editor@agagolf.co.uk

The Editor