**CAPTAIN’S END OF YEAR REPORT**

Firstly, I want to thank all of you for continuing to support the society by attending the events and playing in the friendly (unless you're playing with me) spirit that makes these golf days fun and enjoyable.

Secondly, I want to say a massive thank you to Andy French, Gary Arnold, Leon Ranson, Tom Younger and Gary Mitchell for their hard work on behalf of all of us - without their efforts we simply wouldn't have a golf society.

We have run 9 golf days (including the National Qualifier) with approximately 60 different golfers attending including guests.  The weather was generally very favourable although a thunder and lightning storm forced players from the course at Hoebridge and the winter day at Hadley Wood was challenging because of the frosty conditions. We welcomed 3 new players in Luke Fish, Jacob Hill and Simon Primmer - we very much hope to see them again next year (although Simon’s handicap needs review given his stand-out victory at Hadley Wood).

We played the annual match against West Midlands and the team, including 1 of our new players, Jacob, won the match at Oxford GC to regain the trophy, we also successfully hosted the Trew Cup this year at Crews Hill GC (home of the Killer Caterpillars!) but unfortunately we didn't win - there's always next year when South are hosting at Hoebridge.

Gary Arnold and Gary Charnley represented us at the National Finals at The Warwickshire in September (Nick Reeve couldn’t make it). Unfortunately they weren’t able to bring home any silverware; the day was described as tortuous with a 51/2 hour round in baking heat.

Charities – everyone attending the Captain’s Day contributed £10 to the charities and there were a further 5 donations via the JustGiving page – as a result of this generosity by members and guests Pancreatic Cancer Research and WaterAid both received £163:00 - thanks to all who contributed.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS

Jubilee Cup Singles - Brian Hesmondhalgh

Jubilee Cup Pairs – Andy French and Neil Stephens

Champion Golfer of the Year - Neil Stephens

Hoebridge\* - Neil Stephens

Bentley - Kevin Williamson

Harleyford - Neil Stephens

Birchwood Park - Tom Younger

Bush Hill Park - Mike Munnelly

Aldenham - Mike Munnelly

Croham Hurst - Brian Hesmondhalgh

Hadley Wood – Simon Primmer

Kingswood (National Qualifier) - Nick Reeve

\* Hoebridge was reduced to 14 holes due to lightning

NEXT YEAR’S EVENTS

We already have a full programme of events for next year, including a National qualifier and an overnight trip to East Sussex National. The team have again found a variety of venues around the M25 and have generally kept costs per event at about £40 or less.

22 April 12 noon - Bramley GC Surrey (President's Day)

20 May 12 noon - West Essex GC Essex

4 June Kirtlington GC (TBC) - West Midlands Match

17 June 12:02pm - Mill Ride GC Surrey (National Qualifier)

8 July - Hoebridge - Trew Cup

17 July 11:30am - Betchworth Park GC Surrey

19 August (tee time - TBC) - The Heron Country Club Essex (Captain's Day)

16 September 12 noon - Pinner Hill GC Middlesex

28 October (tee TBC) - Wrotham Heath GC Kent

13/14 October – 2 day golf break at East Sussex National (limited places)

Best wishes

Neil.