

# The Edward Alleyn Golf Society

(Established 1968)



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**The Society Christmas Dinner and Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 8th December 2017 at Dulwich & Sydenham Hill GC, commencing with a drinks reception at 19:00.**

**Present:** Vince Abel, Steve Bargeron, Peter Battle, James Bridgeman, Tracy Bridgeman, Dave Britton, Roger Brunner, Andre Cutress, Roger Dollimore, Neil Hardwick, Perry Harley, Bob Joyce, John Knight, Dennis Lomas, Alan Miles, Roger Parkinson, Ted Pearce, Steve Poole, Jack Roberts, Keith Rodwell, John Smith, Ray Stiles, Justin Sutton, George Thorne, Tim Wareham, Alan Williams, Anton Williams;

**Guests:** John Battle, Roy Croft, Neil French, Chris Nelson.

**Apologies:** Mikael Berglund, Chris Briere-Edney, Trevor Cain, Dave Cleveland, Dom Cleveland, Len Cleveland, John Coleman, John Dunley, Dr Colin Diggory MA,EdD, John Etches, Ray Eyre, David Foulds, Mike Froggatt, Mark Gardner, David Hankin, Peter Holland, Bruce Leary, Dave McEvoy, Dave Sandars, Andrew Saunders, Paul Selwyn, Dave Slaney, Chris Shirtcliffe, Dr Gary Savage MA,PhD.

## **In Memoriam**

A minute's silence in memory of Society Members and other Alumni who have passed away this year :

Kit Miller, attended 10 meetings between 1976 and 1991;  
Jim Calvo, attended 11 meetings and many tours between 2001 and 2015;  
Steve Crosby, attended 2 meetings in 1993-4;  
Brian Romilly non-golfer, but a great friend of many of our members.

## **Minutes of 2016 AGM Matters Arising**

There were no questions concerning the 2016 AGM.

## Captain's Report

It was with a certain amount of trepidation that I approached my stint as captain this year. Following in the footsteps of 40 or so other wisened AOB's is not necessarily the easiest of tasks but I am pleased to say that looking back now on the 49<sup>th</sup> year of the Edward Alleyn Golf Society, it was for me immensely enjoyable in my own 49<sup>th</sup> year.

In May the Golf Society season started in earnest with our first meeting at Mitcham Golf Club. I came ready with a newish swing honed down at Elmers End driving range and with pride struck the first drive, thankfully somewhere near the middle of the fairway but it was one of my playing partners who took the honours with a stunning back nine of two under gross. Nick Pikesley on his first outing for the society won the day amassing 41 points.

As a small side note, society stalwart John Knight came up to me the next day and complimented me on my choice of venue. That probably more than anything made me relax in to the role as captain for the year, for John is the member who has been to more meetings than anyone else and therefore always a man worth listening to.

June's meeting was held at Hampton Court Palace GC. The deer at the course are the only things allowed to keep the rough down as the area is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and the Club is only allowed to cut the rough when authorised by a government body called Natural England.

On this day in June the hard work came in the form of battling against the heat, with temperatures well in to the nineties I feared for some of our golfers but we Alleyns people are made of stern stuff, my own group of 4 golfers even managed to foolishly play one extra hole as we got lost on the scorched earth. In the end the winner again came from my group, this time in the form of Chris Briere-Edney, his maiden victory after 56 meetings. Guest day is the July meeting and this year Nizels GC was our host. With temperatures having returned to normality we were fortunate enough to be in the bar enjoying lunch when the only cloudburst came. The course is laid out well with some interesting and challenging holes and a good day out was had by all who came.

The morning competition was won for the second year running by Alan Miles and his guest Alan Blower. In the afternoon once again the winner came from my group, for the third time in 3 meetings, this time being myself, highlight being the chip in on 18 to win it.

The choice for the August meeting was Knole Park GC a very individual golf course set in an ancient deer park. The one course I desperately wanted to play and much to my own disappointment the one course I couldn't play due to work commitments. Reports after the day hint at a lovely old course with herds of deer wandering all round and very little in the way of outside noise. The day was won by our Secretary, George Thorne.

September brings us to the final meeting of the year, normally local and normally fairly popular. This year at Croham Hurst GC was no exception, the shame was that the day was in fairly miserable conditions especially if you have forgotten your wet weather gear like your captain had.

In the end this must have been the reason for the ending of my streak for having the winner from my group as Justin Sutton took the honours and the Lomas Cup with an honourable 37 points in those conditions.

Dave Slaney took home the Bantick singles trophy after defeating Roger Dollimore, the both of them doing incredibly well to play through the worst of the weather earlier in the day.

This meeting was also the 200<sup>th</sup> meeting for our very own Chairman Dennis Lomas and we were delighted to present Dennis with a large framed photograph of the school to honour this occasion.

Alongside the monthly meetings, the society also plays some traditional matches against regular opponents. This year was no exception and I am delighted to say we were unbeaten this year, earning ourselves two honourable draws against the Dulwich and Sydenham Hill GC and also the Old Alleynians Golfing Society.

It was a shame that no game could be organised with the school this year as they are our life blood and we as a society must continue to try and find ways to keep membership and attendance at meetings strong rather than just rest on our laurels. The committee would love to hear any suggestions members may have. So finally as I reach the end of my year I must thank all those who turned up to the meetings and matches and helping to support me. I also would like to thank my fellow committee members for helping out at the meetings and finally to my secretary George Thorne whose hard work and sterling efforts to organise everyone and every golf course left me with the easy job of just being a Captain.

Next year is our 50<sup>th</sup> year and I wish our first Lady captain, Tracy Bridgeman, the very best success.

Tim Wareham.

## **Treasurer's Report**

As Treasurer, I would like to point out that the cost of last year's dinner has been included in this years Accounts due to the fact that the Accounting Period has been agreed to be shortened to the 10 Months ended on 31 October 2017, in order that we do not have to amend each years Accounts in order to include the cost of the Annual Dinner.

You will notice from this years accounts that we are showing a Loss of £398.80 from the Meetings, but this is after writing off all Prize Costs other than the Cost of Tankards and Cufflinks held in stock, and before accounting for the Other Income from Subscriptions of £1,670 and Interest Received of 9p (Wow!)

Other Matters to be noted are:

- Subscription income has pleasingly risen this year and I again ask for Members to take it upon themselves to settle Subscriptions, Green Fees and Events such as tonight's Dinner via an Internet Payment, in order for us to have a permanent record of the relevant members' payments.
- The Total Fees Received from Golf Meetings have fallen this year from £7,410 in 2016 to £7,022 in 2017. As a result, I am pleased to report that there is an overall Profit of £590 in 2017 compared to a Loss of £203 in 2016.
- John Knight again continued in his sterling efforts to organise the sweepstake this year, and must be applauded in raising a little smile in some of our faces at Christmas, whilst raising £120 donation for the School Benevolent Fund.

- One special mention for Mr Lomas must be made tonight in joining Mr Knight in the elite, as being only the second member to reach an unbeaten 200 in the Old Boys or EAGS meetings attended over the years since its foundation.

With finances still sufficiently healthy, we have avoided the need to increase subs which have remained at £20 for a considerable time.

There having been no questions on the 2016 accounts which were proposed and then adopted by the meeting.

A Statement of Accounts will follow.

Perry Harley.

## **Chairman's Report**

I am most pleased to welcome all those members of Edward Alleyn Golf Society and our most friendly and supportive guests to our 2017 AGM and Dinner, in our 49<sup>th</sup> year.

Our President Gary Savage as Headmaster of Alleyn's, has a very heavy school programme at this time of year and has sent his apologies for non-attendance, but is continuing to supply the wine for our meal and wishes us all a very enjoyable evening.

Gary has also given me assurances that he intends to join with us at next years AGM and dinner on our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Our hardworking secretary George Thorne, together with Captain Tim Wareham arranged a most attractive programme of meetings, which were much appreciated and well supported by the members. George has also secured the opening meeting of our 50<sup>th</sup> year at Purley Downs Golf Club, where it all began in May 1968.

We are building closer ties with the school. Kevin Malloy an Alleyn's Schoolmaster is now running the School Golf, I also understand that Golf will be henceforth on the school sports curriculum.

I was approached earlier this year by English heritage to speak at the installation of the ceremony of the blue plaque for our founder President Sir Henry Cotton, about his life and career. The Plaque was affixed to the front of the house in Crystal Palace Road where Henry lived, while a pupil at Alleyn's School. It was unveiled by Peter Allis. Our involvement happily appeared in several publications, notably in UK Golf news, where both the Edward Alleyn Golf Society and Alleyn's School got a mention.

I am most grateful that the whole committee has supported our society most admirably in all departments. While we will be saying farewell to Tim Wareham our Captain, we will be most pleased to welcome our first Lady Captain Tracy Bridgeman, who has selected a series of very local courses, including Selsdon park, where we held our second meeting and we look forward to another super year in our history.

Before closing I would like to congratulate John Knight who while serving in the prestigious position of President of the Surrey Captains for 2017, still found the time to organise and run our Match-Play, Sweep, raising money for our winners but more importantly for us to make a donation to the Alleyn's benevolent fund.

Finally we must thank Dulwich & Sydenham Hill Golf Club for hosting our fixtures, which we always look forward to and much appreciate.

Dennis Lomas

## **Election of Officers**

The committee wishes to thank Tim Wareham and Anton Williams for all their efforts on behalf of the Society over the last few years and proposes election of the following:

President :	Dr Gary Savage MA PhD
Chairman :	Dennis Lomas
Captain :	Tracy Bridgeman
Vice-Captain :	Perry Harley
Honorary Secretary :	George Thorne
Honorary Treasurer :	Perry Harley
Committee :	James Bargerion, Mikael Berglund
New Member :	Justin Sutton

## **Presentation of Trophies by 2017 Captain Tim Wareham:**

### **Meetings:**

Mike Scott Cup :	Tim Wareham
Captain's Peg :	Nick Pikesley
Andre Cutress Cup :	Chris Briere-Edney
John Knight Trophy :	Tim Wareham
Machell Shield :	Alan Miles & Alan Blower
Spur Garage Trophy :	Matthew Kitcherside (Guest of Dom Cleveland)
Ken Jeffery Goblet :	George Thorne
Dennis Lomas Cup :	Justin Sutton
Godsmark Shield :	Spurgeons
Runner-up :	Tyson
Keith Bantick Trophy:	Dave Slaney
Runner-up :	Roger Dollimore
Tour Trophy :	Not Awarded
AGM Frostbite Cup :	John Knight

### **Annual Awards:**

John Etches Trophy :	John Knight
Most Improved Player :	Tim Wareham
Senior's Cup :	John Knight
Bridesmaid of the Year :	Anton Williams
President's Cup :	Nick Pikesley - Gross score of 74 at Mitcham GC;
Bantick Sweepstake:	Many thanks to John Knight for organising this year's sweep with a total fund of £ 320.00.
	The lucky winners are :-
	Tim Wareham (Dave Slaney) £ 100.00;
	Perry Harley (Roger Dollimore) £ 50.00;
	Justin Sutton (Alan Miles) £ 25.00;
	Alan Miles (Ray Eyre) £ 25.00;
	Balance to the Benevolent Fund £ 120.00;

## Programme of Events for 2018

### Meetings

Captain's Invitation	Friday April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Bletchingley GC
Spring (239 <sup>th</sup> )	Tuesday May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Purley Downs GC
Summer (240 <sup>th</sup> )	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Nevill GC.
Guests (241 <sup>st</sup> )	Friday July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Dulwich & Sydenham Hill GC
August (242 <sup>nd</sup> )	Friday August 24 <sup>th</sup>	Coulsdon Manor Hotel & GC
Autumn (243 <sup>rd</sup> )	Thursday October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Selsdon Park Hotel & GC

*This is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the inaugural meeting and is at the same venue.*

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Frostbite Cup, Annual General Meeting & Dinner  
Friday December 14<sup>th</sup> Dulwich & Sydenham Hill GC

### Matches

April to October	The Bantick Trophy Match-Play
Dulwich & Sydenham Hill GC	Sunday 20th May
Old Alleynian Golfing Society	Friday September 7 <sup>th</sup> Littlestone GC

An event is being organised by the Golf Foundation in honour of Henry Cotton.

It is to be hosted by The Aquarius GC to also include the Golf Society and Alleyn's School, the date in May/June is yet to be announced.

## The final of the Bantick Challenge

The Committee considered the options and voted to change to an 18 hole final. The members who took part this year were then asked for their preference and the majority of those who replied chose the same option.

## 2018 Tour

Tracy Bridgeman said that the Committee would like to reinstate a Society tour. The suggestion is for a 3 or 4 day tour in early July in Dorset area – there were a few people interested.

## Any Other Business

John Knight raised the subject of handicap penalties, suggesting that the changed system was not a sufficient penalty for the member who wins but only attends the occasional meeting. Dennis Lomas answered that the Committee does monitor the situation and will act if deemed necessary.

## Meeting Closure

The meeting closed at 21.35.