

THE WILTSHIRE GOLF CAPTAINS' SOCIETY

Secretary's Report for 1966

Since the last Annual General Meeting we have been joined by seven new members and total membership stands at 90. I am sad to report that two members are no longer with us - Arthur Hoare and Jack Warner. Arthur Hoare, through age, was unable to be very active with the Society, but will remain always a legend in Wiltshire Golf and with West Wilts Golf Club in particular. Jack Warner displayed a keen interest in the Society from its inception and, although suffering cruel ill health, was a regular and cheery competitor at many of our meetings.

The Society has again attended the Bideford Bay Foursomes where the standard of play, though lamentable, showed a slight improvement on previous years. I hope we shall continue to support this event and that those of you who have not yet participated may do so in the near future.

With George Gadsdon as chief barker, the Society gained second place in the North Wilts Team Foursomes - one place lower than last year. Shortly we shall be contesting the High Post Team Foursomes where we have yet to shine. The annual match with Somerset again took place at Saltford. Regretably, an error with the arrangements through no fault of ours resulted in a poorer attendance than in previous years. Next year, we are the hosts and must see that the situation is restored.

The finances of the Society indicate no balance of payments problems and audited accounts will be available for the A.G.M. - I hope!

The object of our Society is to provide members with a little, gentle, competitive golf on rather pleasant social occasions. "Occasions" are only made by the support of members and I am a little concerned that, whilst our membership has grown steadily, the attendance at our meetings shows some signs of decline. I hope this situation will be altered and would make the plea that every member should try to attend at least once a year. Don't be ashamed of your swing, you should see some of the others!

Finally, my thanks to all who have helped me this year, especially Stan Paige, whose arithmetic at Swindon was commendable. Thanks also to those of you who acknowledge my letters so promptly - how simple the Secretary's job would be if others followed your good example!

J. T. Lumley,

Burridge Salvors:

Winners:	Earney & Pierson	33
KE RSUp:	Davey & Barnes	33
8 Holes	E.I. Hobden	15