

# The Wiltshire Golf Captains' Society

## SECRETARY'S REPORT 1965.

Since the last Annual General Meeting the Society has continued to flourish. Eight new members have joined us during the year and our strength now stands at 85. Attendance at meetings has lagged a little by comparison with previous years and my own inability to stand by the original date for the Autumn Meeting may account for this; for this please accept my apologies.

The Society has been represented at two High Post Team Foursomes since the last A.G.M. On both occasions we have suffered defeat in the very first round but not without putting up quite a struggle. Our performances in the subsidiary stroke play competitions are better not mentioned! In July this year we actually won the North Wilts Invitation Team Foursomes and the trophy for this is in the possession of George Gadsdon who acted as captain on the day. A large contingent of members with their wives and friends competed in the Bideford Bay Foursomes in April. Here again, the combination of sea air, Scotch Whisky and late nights resulted in rather disappointing golf but it is worthy of note that the chairman of xx Royal North Devon saw fit to thank us for supporting their competition and they have promised to try and arrange the fixture next year so that it will not clash with any major events here in Wiltshire - a compliment indeed. We played the Somerset Captains in July and gave them their customary hiding followed by a most pleasant evening in the High Post Clubhouse.

Last November, we held our first-ever dinner at the Ailesbury Arms at Marlborough. Socially, I think this was quite a success although financially it was a minor failure, Members may wish to consider whether they would like a regular annual dinner in future.

On the financial side, we have few worries and although I do not have the books with me for your inspection - I think I have lost them - we have a credit balance of £119-8-10 against £117-16-9 last year.

I would like to express my thanks to all the officers of the Society who have helped me in no small way and to you, the members, for your support on so many occasions. I have said before, and have no hesitation in repeating, the Society will be as good as its members wish it to be and, gentlemen, its future is entirely in your hands.