



THIS PAGE IS ALL ABOUT US ...

As a member, or a visitor to our pages, may I, as Hon. Sec of this society extend to you a warm welcome.

The Society was formed in its present format over forty years ago and originally consisted of members of staff of Thomson Regional Newspapers, which included among its titles "The Scotsman", from whence derives the name of our monthly newsletter, "The Scotchman". Since those origins, with the contraction of the newspaper industry, and the rigours of time on some of our more senior members, we are down to just a couple of the original members. However, the membership is now comprised of friends, and friends of friends of those founding members.

- The aims of the Society are simply to give the membership something to 'play for' when going out for their weekly, or in some cases even, thrice-weekly bash.
- There are four main competitions played for during the year. We kick off with a Stableford competition during the months of March to June. Medal is played for during July to October. A putting competition runs for six months, April to September. There is also a knock-out Match-Play competition. Each of these competitions rewards the victors with a nice piece of silverware, which they then have the dubious honour of keeping clean for the following year.
- The format of these competitions enables members to put in as many cards as they please. The best card for each month qualifying as that month's score. The winner being the player with the best aggregate score. The only stipulations for these cards is that they must be played with, and signed by, a fellow-member, or have been played in a bona fide club or society competition. The course played must be a minimum of a par 66.
- Handicaps are adjusted monthly on the basis of the scores entered, in accordance with The council of National Golf Unions, Handicap Schedule, Section 16. *(this is currently under review)*
- In addition to the new Inter-Counties Challenge, during the course of the year we have two days out, the Spring Meeting in the spring sometime, would you believe, and Captain's Day sometime during the autumn. Our AGM is also held at the Spring Meeting. We also have a weekend away during the summer, with more competitions to play for. This usually comprises of a Friday afternoon round, two rounds on the Saturday, and one last slog on the Sunday morning. In 2012, we are returning to Forest Pines, North Lincs. An excellent venue to be recommended to any casual visitor reading these pages. *(Hotel manager, please note the free plug).*
- Each month, during the period of competitions, members receive a witty and informative newsletter, keeping them abreast of competition results and handicap alterations, plus an item or two plagiarised from other publications.
- Traditionally on the first Friday in December we hold our Presentation Night. This is by necessity of travel, held in London, somewhere. This is also used as an opportunity to have a reunion with old friends and ex-colleagues.
- The subscriptions to the society are currently £35 a year, or £20 if you are an old git, which covers the costs of administration, the meagre prize money, with a few shekels left over for the refreshments on Presentation Night.

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