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MOVING FORWARD!

It's true what they say; as you get older the years pass quicker & quicker & it only seems like yesterday that I was planning the 2023 Tour schedule & emailing over 30 golf clubs with regards event bookings. And on the phone to Golfbreaks organising Puckrup Hall & Hawkstone Park! Yet, here we are planning for 2024!

I believe that we all appreciate the effort required when organising events, teams or even just trying to arrange a family BBQ! More than any other year, I've really struggled with holding the Society together & recently approached Alan expressing my *reluctant* desire to disband the Society!

The Society has always been a not for profit association, with subscriptions supporting administration, funding trophies & booking deposits. In truth, we would be lucky to break even at season end, but for sponsorship & my own personal approach, of offsetting my potential individual golf club membership by funding the Society! However, and in recent years, Golf Clubs no longer accept deposits of £50 & now demand £250, a marked total annual difference of 1k! Cost of living has hit us all hard, which is noticeable in the decline of event attendees & seen rising green fees & admin costs.

It would be a very sad day to lose what we've built over the years & potentially see friendships drift away & I thank you all for now sharing the administration burden. If we are to survive & prosper, we will need to change our approach & hopefully we move forward as a unit for a further 25 years!

THE COMMITTEE



MORE RESPONSIBILITY!

A new Committee has been formed, with Phil now promising to 'Let Go' & allow previous Committee Members to take the reins. Phil will continue to do what he does best, with the website, promotional stuff & stats. The Committee will take responsibility for the Society funds, including subscriptions & booking golf clubs & potentially chasing members when they've not paid!



CEO
JAMES TUNSTALL

Did you know, Boom Boom was a County Player & Club Secretary back in 1983!

James will be the heartbeat behind the scenes, utilising members to support event planning & execution.

James will also be responsible for rules & chairing the Committee in all matters relating SGA Tour.



CFO
ANDREW ALLSOPP

Andrew has always been a financial supporter of the Tour & takes up the unenviable task of managing the Society funds. Jonsey once took this role & resigned after 12 months!

Andrew's career background lends itself to this role & his love & dedication towards the game of golf, ensures he is best suited to take this forward.



SOCIAL SECRETARY
ALAN SMITH

Along with Phil, Smiffy was a founder member & has supported the tour over the last 27 years.

Smiffy would be the first to admit that he favours a camaraderie & social role. With this, Alan will be continue to take the mantle of rallying the membership, on the day & with social & fund raising events.

SPECIAL MENTION!

We would like to thank Dan Bailey for his unconditional support as Chairman over the past 8 years. Like Andrew, Dan has supported the Society financially & due to family commitments, is unable to fully commit to Society life. We will always value Dan's contribution & he will hold Honorary Chairman.

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TOUR CAPTAIN



TOUR CAPTAIN **GREG 'DYNAMO' BANKS**

We are pleased to announce Greg Banks will be the 2024 Tour Captain.

Joining the society in 2018, Greg has been a constant at most events, enjoying success & improving his game & living up to his Dynamo nickname by drifting off to sleep at many away day dinner tables. Although, Greg has recently battled through & last man standing at both Puckrup & Hawkstone.

A lover of golf, Greg doesn't need to hit the range, as he has no time due to actually playing several days a week!

We look forward to Captains Day, where all competitors will be collected by helicopter, with Tommy Fleetwood hosting the day!



NEW LOOK MEMBERSHIP!

MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL 2024

Following an impromptu meeting at Puckrup Hall, it was decided to hold a seconding gathering where all members had the opportunity to discuss the 2024 season & how to better support Phil with organising the society. James Tunstall set up lines of communication & set about drawing up a proposal which was presented to Phil at Hawkstone Park.

As a result of feedback & a financial review, these are the key changes:



All Green Fees will be paid a month in advance - £40 per event



Membership capped at 16



Society bank account set up - **Still remain not for profit**



One off Joining Fee & Monthly Subscription



Guests - Invite only & additional event green fee



One Member will host each event with Committee support



Society Branding & Rights will remain with Phil Wing



SUBSCRIPTIONS



Existing Members		
Membership	Joining Fee	Monthly Subscription
Full	Nil	£10 - January to December
Guest	Nil	£15 additional Event Green Fee

- A. Monthly subscription to be paid by SO or DD - *This can be paid in advance*
- B. Guests will be invited to play, if spaces are available

New Members		
Membership	Joining Fee	Monthly Subscription
Full	£20	£10 - January to December
Junior (u16)	£20	No Subscription

CASH FLOW

Andrew has kindly injected a cash loan in order to pay all 2024 booking deposits, including GolfBreaks. We welcome members to pay in advance for subscriptions, monthly green fees or Presidents Cup & Tour Championship away days.

Monthly Green Fees will be collected prior to each event & paid to the club 7 days in advance, with no payments taken on the day of the event. On the day groupings & handicaps will be issued prior to the event.

Any additional advanced payments will be monitored by the Committee, with society accounts published monthly or made available by request.



EVENT ELIGIBILITY

Event	Full	Guest	Junior
Guaranteed Event Entry	Yes	Invite	Yes
Presidents Cup	Yes	Invite	Yes
Order Of Merit	Yes	No	Yes
Matchplay Championship	Yes	No	Yes
Majors	Yes	Invite (Can't win)	Yes
Medals	Yes	Invite	Yes
Fourball Championship	Yes	No	Yes
Skins League	Yes	No	Yes

The Committee will book all monthly events in advance & subscribed members are guaranteed event entry. If unable to attend, guest invites will be issued.

President Cup requires even teams to ensure a fair series of matches.



SPONSORSHIP

Sponsorship	Annual
Principal Tour Sponsor	£200
Presidents Cup	£100
Order Of Merit	£75
Matchplay Championship	£75
Majors	£50 each or £100 all 3
Monthly Events	£25 each
Fourball, Skins & Vardon	£50 all

Further details on request



Full branding on associated event



Full branding on Tour website - & Individual page



Links to Tour Social Media Accounts



TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP

SEPTEMBER 2024

MEMBERSHIP VOTE

A few years back we decided to move to a 2 day Tour Championship, elevating our end of season coveted event. Hawkstone Park has provided the venue for the last few years and is a favourite of many members, providing a good test of golf in idyllic surroundings.

However, costs have risen and with only 11 able to attend this year, we are proposing the following:

Option 1

- Continue with the two day overnight event at a maximum cost of £190.

To secure the dates, Hawkstone Park has provisionally been booked with Golfbreaks.

Option 2

- Move to a 1 day event in September.
- The Victory Cup in August classified as a Tour Championship qualifying event (Day 1). In essence, replicating the PGA Tour Fed Ex Cup!
- Race to Tour Championship points will still apply!
- Organise a curry night the eve before the September event

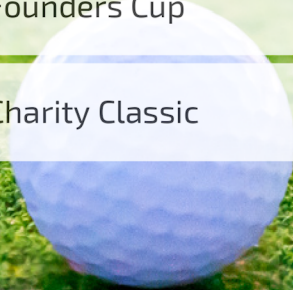
We ask you to consider these options, with a vote to be held at Oxley Park.





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Date		Event	Course
17th	March	Old Tom Morris Cup	Bewdley Pines
14th	April	The MASTERS	Penn
19th	May	Captains Cup	Droitwich
23rd	June	The OPEN	Handsworth
14/15th	July	PRESIDENTS CUP	Puckrup Hall
15th		Players Championship	Puckrup Hall
4th	August	Victory Cup	Sandwell Park
14/15th	September	TOUR CHAMPIONSHIP	Hawkstone Park TBC
14th		Ellis Cup	Championship
15th		Founders Cup	Hawkstone
6th	October	Charity Classic	Penn



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