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CAPTAIN'S NOTES



Hi Fellow lockdowners,

Hope this report finds everyone okay, and safe and healthy.

I bet you've all got those jobs and decorating done, that golf got in the way of. Hopefully it won't be too long before we're back on the fairways again, fingers crossed.

The new course reps, Bill at Baveira (welcome to the committee) and Ray at Los Moriscos are like me and itching to get on with the job!!!!!!

Stewart and myself have been taking part in a multiple video quiz on Sundays, with six or seven other couples, it's great fun and a way to see everybody. Also all the funny videos going around are keeping all smiling too.

I've been looking at venues for next year's away trip and think I've found one, but obviously can't do much about it at the moment. If any of you have any ideas of where you would like to go next year, I would appreciate the input, also if anyone is interested in going next year, could you let me know, so I can have an idea of numbers to get a good deal.

Anyway, keep smiling and stay safe and well. Hopefully I might have something more to report on my next one.

Gill (you're unseen Captain)

Our heartfelt thoughts go out to a longstanding member Adrian and Heather Moore, for the loss of their son. You are in all our thoughts.

Gill (Captain)

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The Forward Calendar

GINs Events and Tournaments plan 2020/2021

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Gill Green

Mth	Wk	From Sun to Sun	Monday Añoreta	Tuesday Baviera	Friday Los Moriscos	OTHER COURSES	CM / AGM QUIZ
Apr	13	29 to 5					
	14	5 to 12					CM 4th Apr
	15	12 to 19					
	16	19 to 26					
May	17	26 to 3					
	18	3 to 10					
	19	10 to 17					
	20	17 to 24	McAllisetr Mem. Day				CM 23rd May
	21	24 to 31					
June	22	31 to 7					
	23	7 to 14					
	24	14 to 21					
	25	21 to 28			War of the Roses		CM 27th June
Jul	26	28 to 5					
	27	5 to 12					
	28	12 to 19					
	29	19 to 26					CM 25th July
Aug	30	26 to 2					
	31	2 to 9					
	32	9 to 16					
	33	16 to 23					CM 22nd Aug
	34	23 to 30					
Sept	35	30 to 6					
	36	6 to 13					
	37	13 to 20					
	38	20 to 27					
Oct	39	27 to 4	Start Eclectic		Start Eclectic		
	40	4 to 11		Ladies Day			CM 10th Oct
	41	11 to 18	Anoreta Pink DAY				
	42	18 to 25			McCracken Trophy		Quiz Night 24th Oct
Nov	43	25 to 1					
	44	1 to 8	El Puente Masters	El Puente Masters	El Puente Masters		
	45	8 to 15					El Puente Dinner 14th Nov
	46	15 to 22					CM 21st Nov
	47	22 to 29			Ladies Day		
Dec	48	29 to 6					
	49	6 to 13	Ladies Day	Turkey Trott	Turkey Trott		Christmas Social 12th Dec
	50	13 to 20	Turkey Trott				
	51	20 to 27					
Jan	52	27 to 3					
	1	3 to 10					
	2	10 to 17					CM 16th Jan
	3	17 to 24	MP Cap v V. Cap 18th				
	4	24 to 31					
Feb	5	31 to 7					
	6	7 to 14					
	7	14 to 21	Steve Long Spon. Day				CM 20th Feb
	8	21 to 28				AWAY TRIP	
Mar	9	28 to 7					
	10	7 to 14	Captains Day	Captains Day	Captains Day		
	11	14 to 21	St.Patrick Day	St.Patrick Day	St.P.Day Sponsor: Dunnes		18th. AGM
	12	21 to 28	Finish Eclectic		Finish Eclectic		Captain's Dinner Dance 27th Mar

Comments: Away Day trip - dates TBA

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Provisional Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of GINS, held at the Al-Andalus Hotel, Maro, on 12th March 2020

Note: These Minutes will be presented to the Committee, for approval, at the next meeting.

1st Call was held at 16.45 and no quorum was present.

2nd Call was held at 17.00 and no quorum was present.

3rd Call was made at 17.15 and there was a Quorum with 44 members present so Chairman Terry Everett opened the AGM. There were 39 apologies and the Secretary reported that messages of good wishes had been sent by past members Malcolm Ritchie and Dennis Bolsover.

THE MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD ON ON 17TH MARCH 2019 AND THE EGM OF 5TH OCTOBER 2019 WERE ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY

No matters were arising from said Minutes.

CAPTAIN'S REPORT by Terry Everett

First of all, I would like to thank Bob Merrilees for taking the Minutes. Secondly, last year's outgoing Captain, Erica Oxford, told me that the job was easier than she expected. After a couple of months of doing it, I had to tell her that it was only easier because she had stored up all the problems for me.

It would be foolish of me to say my year as your Captain has run smoothly you all know that, for one reason or another, that wouldn't be true.

During the first few weeks and months of my term, I had the misfortune to lose my Vice Captain, Bob Merrilees, through circumstances we could not have foreseen at the time.

Happily, those circumstances have abated to a degree which has allowed Bob the opportunity to, once again, be involved in Committee work next year.

Hard on the heels of that situation the Committee were confronted with an issue that should never have been one for our society, but, inevitably became one.

As your Captain I felt it proper that I should write to all of you, which I did on 29th may last year, explaining that the very existence of GINS was - through no fault of its own - under threat.

It was decided that a small group, within the Committee, would meet this threat head on, with the backup of legal advice.

It would not be an understatement to say more than a few sleepless nights were had by the Committee members involved in this challenge to our society.

I am, however, happy to report that this threat has subsided over the last few months and, hopefully, your Captain next year will not be confronted with this issue again.

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As my year entered its second half things got better and, once again, the terrace bar at Los Moriscos came into play when, in November of last year I received a tap on my shoulder from our membership secretary, Gill Green, asking me "*Could I be your Vice Captain?*" That took a lot of thinking about! I had, up to that time, resigned myself to the fact that I would be the first Captain to go the full year without a Vice Captain but, thankfully, with Gill coming on board, that proved not to be the case. Thank you Gill.

A few words about sponsorship

Such is the current economic climate that many companies are 'tightening their belts' and, inevitably, sponsorships are the first thing they look at. This year we lost two major sponsors - Blevins Franks and Liberty Seguros - however, our members are - bridging the gap - by putting themselves forward as sponsors for various days. In fact the idea of GINS members sponsoring more days is something we have discussed at Committee.

There is nothing like a sponsored day when prizes are more plentiful and, generally, of higher value.

Sponsored days, or even a sponsored week, can be shared between a group of members and this is something the Committee would wish to engender for the future, but, needless to say, your Committee will continue to seek opportunities for corporate sponsorship.

New website

Your Committee have been working over the past year towards the improvement of the GINS website.

I would like to offer, on behalf of the whole Committee, a special vote of thanks to Derek Sibson for his work on this improvement - we are very close to finalising the site, so once again, Derek, thank you.

There were two events held during my year, I would like to mention. Firstly, the Quiz Night held in October at the El Puente restaurant. A full complement of 66 members/guests enjoyed a great night made memorable by Bob Merrilees' expertise as quizmaster and the copious amount of fare provided by Antonio and Yolanda. A great night.

The second event was of course my Captain's days held - earlier for just this year - in November. Again, a fantastic turnout, for what turned out to be a very windy week! It is of course the Captain's pleasurable duty to present the prizes on all three courses.

A vote of thanks must go to all three reps, not only for the quality of prizes, but for the way the prizes were presented and, of course, a further vote of thanks to Ray and Olly for providing us with such a splendid array of food and drink half way round.

This year will see the retirement of three members of your Committee. Firstly, Erica Oxford, as your past Captain will be standing down. I would like to pay special thanks to Erica. Over the last 12 months I have called upon her for advice and help to clarify certain issues and always she has been there to assist me. Thank you Erica.

Also at the end of this year we will be losing both Rita McCracken, ably assisted by Bill, of Los Moriscos and also Ian Paterson our rep for the last five years at Baviera.

Rita and Bill have been involved with Los Mos for over 20 years and have engendered a wonderful relationship with the course management. Later in today's proceedings we will find out who will take up the mantle and continue that relationship.

When we come to Baviera, we have a different situation, as I speak now, there is no clear-cut candidate to take over from Ian, on a permanent basis, however, we have high hopes that situation will be resolved before the 1st. April.

Our away trip. For various reasons this is only the third away trip I have been on, and I've enjoyed all three.

But it's hard to imagine how this trip, which includes many of you here today, could have run more smoothly. Bearing in mind, during the first 11 months of my term, I hadn't exactly been blessed with a lot of luck, I went into this event somewhat holding my breath!

In fact, on all levels, I could not have wished for a more carefree five days. Even the weather, on the three days we played, played its part, but to be fair that was down to John Conlan's direct line to God! It's not what you know, it's who you know! The hotel, all its staff, and the fare were exceptional. The Alboran course, albeit having more sand than Omaha beach, was more than manageable and the organization of the tee times, perfect. Which brings me nicely to why the five days were everything that I had hoped it would be.

Three people were responsible for making this trip the success it was. John and Liz Conlan for their organisational skills pertaining to the hotel and social side of the trip and Ian Paterson for organizing all the group's tee times and of course, with a little help from Erica on the final day, putting together the final list of all the many winners.

Besides their tremendous contribution were of course the away trippers themselves. It was fantastic the way all the player and non-players inter-acted with each other, both on and off the course, never have I seen so many smiling faces over five continuous days. It all helped to make this trip so memorable.

Over a number of years we have seen a gradual decline in GINS membership, we currently stand at around 216. There are various reasons for this, as much as we hate to admit it our membership is getting older and less younger golfers are coming on board to replace those retiring from golf. Financial restrictions come into play, particularly as the exchange rate is today, and new societies are springing up, which dilutes the whole pool of players. On the credit side we are seeing new members joining GINS, some 20 in this current year, so it's not all doom and gloom, we are still a very viable society

My year as your Captain, officially comes to an end Saturday week at the Captain's dinner dance, to be held at the Caves Restaurant, just up the road. The numbers are creeping up nicely but for those - late deciders - amongst you, there is still time to confirm you will join me on the night, the more the merrier.

My Committee

I must, at this point, mention the team I had around me for the last 12 months, a blend of new blood and years of experience. I have already thanked them privately for their support, through the more difficult times, but today I have the opportunity to do so publicly. Thank you all.

In conclusion, I'm certain this applies to many, if not all, past Captains. It's difficult to judge how you are perceived as you go through your year. I would just like to go back, for a minute, to the last night of the away trip. The prizes had all been given out, I had thanked John, Liz and Ian for their efforts when I was completely taken aback by Bob, grabbing the microphone, and informing me that the members on the trip had made a very generous collection for me, along with a card in which many of them had written their comments about my year as your Captain.

It was around midnight when I finally got to my room, but I took time to open the card and read the messages. I realised at that moment, from a personal point of view, being your Captain had all been worthwhile.

I ask you the members to please accept my annual report.

Thank you.

THE REPORT WAS ACCEPTED UNANIMOUSLY

TREASURER'S REPORT by John Conlan

The Treasurer presented his report to the members to include the Financial Accounts of the society for the year to 31st December 2019, duly audited, together with his proposed Budget for the current year to 31st December 2020.

He said that neither made good reading as in 2019 the society had suffered a deficit of €3,704 which, although not unexpected, could not be allowed to be repeated if GINS is to survive. Consequently, the proposed budget for 2020 was something of an austerity budget designed to achieve a break even outcome.

The treasurer reminded members of the underlying principles by which Gins is run financially. Our aims are threefold:-

- Maximise the percentage of subscriptions that go to the prize fund (78% 2019; 58% proposed for 2020)
- Raise other income where possible to run the society
- Make all social and other events self-funding

Two of these three principles are now no longer sustainable at current levels, because membership numbers continue to fall, and other income has dried to a trickle. In 2019 we had 257 renewing members (including 21 new joiners). In 2020 we are budgeting to break even and to that end we are hoping for for 250 renewals but as of the date of the AGM only 216 renewals have been received with about 10 more promised; this includes 18 new joiners. The big cut in the budget is the prize fund which has been reduced from €10,000 to €8,000 and reps are reminded that they must keep to an average prize cost per capita to €2 across the board including specials. Also cut are our levies to the two Federations saving us €1,600 as we have resigned from both with effect from 1st January 2020.

The biggest part of other income was the surplus we made traditionally from adverts in the GINS diary, but these are now dwindling away and we believe that 2020 will be its final year, as it is now only contributing €400 above the €900 cost of production.

As the diary and membership renewals are our only form of income the Committee is looking for approval of a plan to raise the membership fee from 55€ to a maximum of 65€, if necessary. The final decision could be anywhere between the two figures. It will only be done if the numbers merit it when we look later in the year.

The Treasurer pointed out that GINS costs money to run and the expenses must be paid if the members want to keep the Society or, otherwise, it will disappear.

Alan Ainsbury asked why there was a 75% rise in “other expenses”, which seemed high. The Treasurer pointed out that much of this went to the work of the 3 most important people in GINS, the course reps. In Stewart Green’s case, he received no playing privileges from Añoreta, so the GINS compensated him.

Re the diary, Derek Lowe pointed out that when he took it over it was making a loss. He asked whether members really needed it. Linda Wiggins said that in the face of climate change a paper diary was not a good thing. Bill Dinsmor suggested that it would be better to provide everything on a Facebook page or website.

Grant Turner pointed out that there is a lot of money to be earned from providing branded clothing for members, as we saw from last year.

THE TREASURER’S REPORT WAS ACCEPTED.

THE APPOINTMENT OF Tony McClenaghan AS AUDITOR WAS ACCEPTED

Proposed: John Conlan

Seconded: Ian Paterson

CAJAMAR BANK SIGNATORIES WERE ACCEPTED AS John Conlan, Gill Green & Tricia Ainsbury

Proposed: Robert Durston Seconded: Rita McCracken

8. COMMITTEE & MEMBER'S PROPOSALS

In the light of no increase in over 10 years in the GINS annual membership subscriptions coupled with a general increase in costs and significant declining income and falling membership numbers, the Committee seeks Acceptance from the Members to potentially increase the annual membership subscription from 55€ to a maximum of 65€ for the year commencing 1st January 2021 but only if deemed necessary by the Committee for the continued financial stability of the Society, based on the financial position at the October 2020 committee meeting.

Proposed: John Conlan Seconded: Robert Durston

As proposer, the Treasurer pointed out that that at €55 the membership subscription equates to €1.06 per week, and even in the unlikely event that this was increased to the maximum €65, this only adds 19 centimos to the weekly cost.

Brian Wiggins said that the Committee should be looking at other societies on the coast who charge a minimal fee or nothing at all. Many are going from strength to strength and we are going backwards. Someone coming out to stay here for 6 weeks would find us too expensive. We should do away with the prizes element in the subscription and charge a 2€ match fee. The Secretary replied that the Committee intends to look in a very serious way at what it really costs to play in the other societies and compare it to our costs. He added that anything arising from this proposal may have to be brought back to the membership, possibly in an Extraordinary General Meeting later in the year.

It was reiterated that the Committee would consider all aspects, including "usage payment" principals, although Alan Ainsbury said that GINS was more than just a playing group and the 55€ was required whether you played 50 times or just once a year, adding that, whether you are here or not, GINS has to continue working and needs the fees to do that.

VOTE

For: 52

Against: 23

Abstain: 1

PROPOSAL 8a WAS CARRIED

That on research into the requirement that GINS be a Member of both the Royal Spanish Golf Federation RFEG and the Royal Andalusian Golf

Federation RFGA it has been confirmed by communication between the Federation and DeCotta Law that such Membership is voluntary. In light of this, the Committee agreed to cancel our Club without Course "Club sin Campo" Membership for 2020 weighing the advantages of such Membership against the increasing cost being incurred and therefore the Committee seeks Acceptance of their actions from the Members.

Proposed: John Conlan Seconded: Robert Durston

The Secretary pointed out that this action had already been taken and the Committee was seeking retrospective approval of their actions.

In response to a question the Secretary said that the "pros" of Membership are the use of the Federation logo and the ability to enter a team in any Federation Team Tournament. The "cons" are the present cost of membership is over €3,000pa which is reduced to c€1,500pa based on the number of GINS members who are also members of the Federation and this was expected to rise to €1,800pa in 2021 as a result of a decline in the individual Federation membership subscriptions.

Lin McAllister asked if her Federation membership, transferred originally from Añoreta could be transferred back, the Secretary said that the clubs should be happy to transfer it back as it would increase their discount for the year.

VOTE

For: 66

Against: 1

Abstain: 4

PROPOSAL 8b WAS CARRIED

That GINS introduce a Guest Player Fee of 5 € from 1st April 2020 which will allow Guests to benefit from:

Reduced green fees negotiated by GINS with organised games and tee times

Be registered with the GINS current insurance scheme for each game played as a Guest.

In an individual Game the Guest will win a bottle of wine if their score would have qualified them in the Prize List for the day.

In Team Games they will rank alongside their fellow team players.

(To qualify for iii. and iv. Above the Guest must produce a valid Handicap Certificate from an Authorised Handicapping Body.)

If the Guest does join GINS in the same calendar year the guest fees will be deducted from their subscription.

Guests may only play in 3 games in any 12 month period.

Proposed: Tricia Ainsbury Seconded: Gill Green

The Proposer, Tricia Ainsbury, said that she had voted against having Guest fees last year, but now that it was obvious we need more income, this proposal looks like a good compromise. When you look at all the benefits, then 5 € is a small fee. It may not be popular with some, but the Guests are benefitting, and we could collect 400-500€ per year.

Alan Lloyd-Edwards said he felt move to reiterate his arguments from his proposal to scrap guest fees last year, but Derek Sibson said that “no guest fees” was out of the window because some players were taking advantage. Bev Legg pointed out that guests can roll up elsewhere and play at the same price that we offer. He added that the 3 times a year maximum for Guests has always been there and should stay but we are losing Members to other societies because of the guest fees. Ian Paterson pointed out that when you play with RATS it is 5 € every time you play. Brian Page said that he plays with RATS but he thinks the proposed refund for anyone joining us is a “win, win:” situation for all.

The Secretary pointed out that although membership is going down, the playing numbers last year for Los Moriscos and Añoreta are up and Baviera is about the same. Bev Legg said that he remembered when 150 people turned up. The Secretary pointed out that that was before there were any other societies available. Bev claimed that the other societies would not have been formed if we had been doing a good job.

Linda Wiggins asked for information on how many Guests had played this past year. The Secretary said that we lost 800€ by removing our guest fees last year.

VOTE

For: 53

Against: 6

Abstain: 4

PROPOSAL 8c WAS CARRIED

9. The Captain thanked the retiring Committee Members for all their hard work – Erica Oxford, Rita McCracken and Ian Paterson and gifts of flowers and wine were presented.

10. Keith Platt withdrew from the election to the post of Representative for Los Moriscos having informed the Committee that he wanted to stay on as Publicity Officer. As a result Ray Craig was now the only candidate and no vote was required.

Ray Craig UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED AS LOS MORISCOS REP.

11. Reappointment of existing Committee Members

Terry Everett, Bob Merrilees, John Conlan, Robert Durston, Gill Green, Stewart Green, Mike Bull, Keith Platt

THESE WERE UNANIMOULSY ACCEPTED

12. Appointment of New Committee Members

Tricia Ainsbury (*Proposed: Gill Green* *Seconded: Rita McCracken*)

Bill Dinsmor (*Proposed: Robert Durston* *Seconded: Terry Everett*)

THESE WERE UNANIMOULSY ACCEPTED

13. APPOINTMENT OF OFFICERS OF THE SOCIETY

President/Captain Gill Green

Secretary Robert Durston

Treasurer John Conlan

Vice President/Vice Captain Bob Merrilees

THESE WERE UNANIMOULSY ACCEPTED

14. IN COMING CAPTAIN'S REPORT presented by Gill Green

Well, I didn't think I would be stood here as your incoming Captain, as when Terry was struggling to have a Vice Captain, due to Bob Merrilees' wife's illness, it was the furthest thing from my mind. Anyway after 7 months and a lot of deliberation, I decided to give something back to the society that has been good to me, and given me lots of new friends, golf's not improved but you can't have everything. I enjoyed been membership secretary, meeting new people is what I enjoy the most.

Time will tell if this is a good decision or not.

The one thing I can promise all the members is that I will give the role 100% if not more, I know I have a lot of support from Stewart, friends and of course the committee, without whom there wouldn't be a well-run society.

From the secretary through all the other roles, they all work hard for our benefit.

The Reps play, in my mind, one of the most important roles, they do a lot of behind the scenes work, without them you wouldn't have organised games, tee times etc, all we have to do is turn up and play.

The Treasurer's role (I've nicknamed him the Grim Reaper - lovingly of course) but seriously he works extremely hard to keep the purse strings in order, I certainly wouldn't swap places with him, it would turn me to drink.

I just want to say I think we have a great society and are very lucky to be doing what we do, I know we are an ageing society but all we want is quality of life in the sunshine and golfing with good friends and no hassle, we've lost so many over the five years I've been a member, and with what's going on in the world at the moment, I think it's important we don't lose sight of why we're here and be glad we still are able to do what we do, without too many internal politics.

I know it's difficult sometimes with Abono membership at all three courses, but we are still one society and should pull together as one.

We have lots to look forward to, various golf games, captain's dinner dance, next year's away trip, and I'm going to try and have a Christmas social, (not a dinner dance) before everyone goes back to their families for the festivities.

There's a lot goes on behind the scenes for these events, and I'm sure I'll get the same support as previous Captains have had.

Anyway, to end my waffling, I'm looking forward to my year and will do my very best to be a good and approachable Captain.

I now ask the members to accept my report.

THE VICE-CAPTAIN'S REPORT WAS ACCEPTED

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WAS CLOSED at 18.25

POST MEETING BUSINESS

These do not form part of the AGM Minutes but they are filed for future reference

Closing orations were given by the three retiring members of the Committee – Rita McCracken, Erica Oxford and Ian Paterson.

RITA McCRACKEN, Retiring Rep for Los Moriscos

Hello everyone, good afternoon. Bill and I joined the GINS in the September of 1988 when Los Moriscos was just a pretty 9 hole course, prior to the opening of Añoreta and Baviera was quite a way off from being opened. We were a society of much younger members and thought nothing of driving over to the other side of Malaga for a game of golf. It was always a long day, no motorways then, but we loved it.

Our trips to Granada were memorable, the coach trips that Bill organized – Bridget and I dashing off to catch the coach with a full glass of wine, we were not going to leave it behind! The drinks waiting for us on the bar at the Fruta y Sol... 15 gin and tonics, 15 wines, 20 beers etc. Our Boxing Day Bash events always had a special theme – an undying memory was of Brian Cox arriving as a Rocker – the theme being Mods and Rockers. For those who don't know Brian, he is a very quiet person, very laid back. He arrived with transfers of barbed wire round his neck, love and hate on his knuckles, pierced studs round his eyebrows, round his nose, hair standing on end with gel – I tell you, I wouldn't have wanted to meet him on a dark night.

Mondays we played Añoreta, Friday at Los Moriscos. With St Patrick's Day next week, I well remember one Friday we had 92 players on a 9-hole course. We had a great day, mind you every St Patrick's Day is great at Los Moriscos. In those days we would retire to the Fruta v Sol, that was like our 19th hole. Mutton stew was served, washed down with plenty of beer and wine and served by pretty waitresses – Bridget, Annie Curphey and any other lady we could rope in.

Nowadays we play regularly at the 3 courses and over the years and due to the hard work of the 3 reps, players turn up to play at their scheduled times – no hassle, say hello to your playing partner and off you go. All that for 55€, as Ian has said in the past – GINS is undervalued.

However, we can't keep dwelling on the past so after nearly 20 odd years of organising the Friday games, Bill and I think it is time to fulfil some of our outstanding things on our bucket list.

I am not walking away from Los Moriscos and still intend to play, will treat it as a day out playing relaxed golf and hopefully in time reduce my handicap – every bit helps.

Thank you for your support, loyalty and most important, your wonderful friendship over the years. I consider you as family.

We have had lots of fun – stress, what stress? I just think of the good times. Long may it continue. See you on Friday.

ERICA OXFORD Retiring Past Captain

I will say only a few words. My passage through GINS was a meteoric one – only 3 years – but I got a lot from it and I learned a lot about how much work is needed to run this society as it is constituted at the moment.

Re Bev Legg's question – why did all the other societies arrive? I can remember that originally I was a 'summer member' because GINS was full. I can imagine that managing 900 members was a lot of work for the people doing the job. At a certain point it was right to make a cut. I don't believe it's right to say GINS is overpriced and that's why we lost members.

I play with other groups and I know that I pay more than the 55€ per year that I pay with GINS.

Thank you for your support, and I will continue to be a GINS member.

IAN PATERSON Retiring Rep for Baviera

I joined GINS 16 years ago and knew nothing about golf. GINS had restricted membership at that time. I learned everything I know about golf from GINS and I love that.

We don't want to expand like the Nordic Society, accepting people with 54 handicap.

I have benefitted tremendously from being a member and I am only stepping down from the daily commitments of being the rep. I will still continue to help out in the Society.

Derek Sibson gave us a system that helps and doing the rep's job is much easier than it used to be. I truly enjoy doing what I do and I have learned a lot from those who have challenged what I do, which is how you learn.

The review of the fees and how we do things, I believe, is a good thing.

Enjoy your golf and I might even get to play at Añoreta.

POST MEETING AGENDA

Re the Constitution, the Secretary informed the Members that the changes are done. The Constitution is currently in Malaga awaiting approval from the Junta de Andalucia.

The Constitution means that we are a "sin lucre" body and, therefore do not have to charge IVA on fees or pay taxes on profits.

He promised to report back soon and said that once approval was given a translation would be made available.

Bill McCracken brought up a proposal for a way around the problem of increasing the fees, by having a 3€ match fee, but the Secretary pointed out that the Committee's request to have the power to raise the fees had already been approved.

Grant Turner asked if the Committee had considered why we play at Baviera on Tuesdays. He asked if we could move the day to Wednesday as many of the older members find it difficult to play on consecutive days and this might allow them to play 3 times a week.

Incoming Captain Gill Green said that she agreed in principal but did not know why we played at Baviera on Tuesdays.

Alan Ainsbury said that the point was more relevant for those who played regularly at Baviera and we should ask them if they want to move to Wednesdays.

The Secretary said that the point was well-made and the Captain has agreed that it will be looked at.

WITH NO FURTHER MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR, THE CAPTAIN CLOSED THE MEETING AT 18:50.