



NOTES FOR MEMBERS

Introduction

A detailed history of the Society is provided on the Society's website. Founded in 1936 although the idea of such a society was mooted as early as 1913 with the first meeting in 1914. The membership is made up of golfers who have loose connections with China, Hong Kong and that part of the world through working there or heritage. The ethos of the Society is to enjoy golf in the companionship of those who have similar experiences of living in the Far East.

Objectives

The Society has the following aims and objectives:

- a) To generally promote the game of golf for the benefit of members and to abide by the Rules of Golf
- b) To provide access to golf for players of all standards in a friendly and welcoming atmosphere and, in particular, players who have lived and/or worked in the China and Hong Kong region of the Far East.
- c) To arrange fixtures, matches and tours.

Our Structure

The Society's structure is kept as informal and simple as can be. We have a President elected for a 4 year term renewable once; a Captain and a Vice Captain elected for a one year term; and a Committee additionally consisting of the Immediate Past Captain (for one year), Fixtures Secretary, Treasurer, Year Book/Auditor, Kit Master and Membership Secretary – the last 5 officers serving a 4 year term renewable once.

The role of the Committee is to set the scene for the management of a successful golfing society and to oversee its day to day organisation. Each committee member's role is described in a Job Description agreed by the Committee.

The Committee meets 4 times a year.

There is also an Annual General Meeting held in September, to which all members are invited to attend. The AGM will hear reports from Committee members on the past year's activities and elect a Captain and Vice Captain for the following year.

Matches, Tours and Fixtures

There are approx. 18 annual fixtures, six of which are two/three day tours

A Match Manager is appointed, by the Committee, for each match, tour, and fixture. The Match Manager's role is to use the Society's website to confirm member's availability to play for the match, tour or fixture; select a team for the event; ensure the players are briefed on the arrangements for the event; liaise with the opposing team's match manager, where appropriate, and introduce players to opposing team on the day; enter the results and a match report on the Society web site; and confirm dates for the following year's meeting.

Match Managers will give all members a chance to play with new members favoured so they are able to have an early chance to get involved and meet fellow members.

Players are expected to wear the Society clothing when participating in a match, tour or fixture. Such clothing can be purchased using the Society's web site.

Membership

Membership is open to golfers who have experience of playing golf while living or working in China, Hong Kong and that part of the Far East. Existing members are encouraged to promote membership to potential new members. New members can apply for membership using the Application Form on the Society's website. New members are expected to be reasonable golfers, clubbable and keen to be an active member of the Society.

There is a small annual membership subscription set by the Committee each year. These funds are used to cover costs such as continual upgrading of the Society's web site.

There is no maximum number of members.