

BUILDING ALLIANCE GOLFING SOCIETY

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Dear Members,

Happy New Year to you all and I hope that you all had a wonderful Christmas break.

I am truly honoured to be Captain of our Society for the start of the new decade and will do my best to make this a memorable year for the Society.

I congratulate last year's Captain, Adrian Peacock on his outstanding contribution and like his predecessor, Patrick, he managed a clean sweep across the matches against BCO, RICS and EPICS although he did not manage a hole in one. I guess, more than one a year is unlikely in any Society!

My thanks go to Lorraine Merry, my other Committee members and our Secretary, Peter Stocks for the huge amount of effort that goes into running this Society which continues to go from strength to strength with over 150 members; a healthy bank balance and a list of courses to die for!

Now that we are to finally leave Europe (and putting the possibility of WW3 to one side), let's hope this is going to be a great year for the property sector which in turn will allow us all to enjoy our golf with a little less stress and a little more fun.

I welcome Mark Barnard as my vice-captain and thank Billy for staying on the Committee for a further year despite Adrian's best efforts at the RAF lunch to persuade him otherwise!

This year, the Captain's trip will take us back to the South Coast to play the very highly rated Isle of Purbeck and Ferndown golf clubs, with an overnight stay in Bournemouth. The trip will take place on Thursday 9th July and Friday 10th July and more details, including costs, will follow shortly.

BAGS EVENTS 2020

EVENTS	LOCATION	DATES
BAGS vs RICS Match	Worplesdon GC	Monday 2nd March
Spring Meeting	Berkshire GC	Thursday 2nd April
Members Only meeting and AGM	New Zealand GC	Thursday 30th April
BAGS vs Picks and Shovels	Woking GC	Tuesday 19th May
BAGS vs BCO	Thorndon Park GC	Tuesday 2nd June
BAGS vs EPICS	Sandy Lodge GC	Thursday 11th June
Summer Meeting	Walton Heath GC	Weds 17th June
Captain's Away trip	Ferndown GC & Isle of Purbeck GC	9th & 10th July
Autumn Meeting	Worplesdon GC	Wednesday 9th September
Ray Gardner Trophy	Centurion GC	Weds 7th October
Schultz Trophy	Swinley Forest GC	Monday 9th November
Annual Lunch	RAF Club - Piccadilly	Thursday 26th November

Please do put these dates into your 2020 diaries and in due course, advise Peter of your availability for selection for the BCO, RICS and our new match this year at Woking GC against the Picks and Shovels.

As some of you already know, I own a number of luxury holiday homes on the South coast which you can find at www.shortstayhomes.co.uk. If you see anything you fancy for a break in 2020 or 2021, I am happy to offer all BAGS members a 10% discount outside of school holidays and a 5% discount during school holidays. Just email Caroline at contact@shortstayhomes.co.uk (ref BAGS) so we can apply the discount to your booking.

Finally, I wish you well for 2020 and look forward to meeting most of you throughout the year.

Kind regards

Tony Sweeney

2020 Captain