



SECRETARY REPORT 2020/21

The Pandemic saw to a full cancellation of fixtures for the 2020 season with Golf Clubs being unable to accommodate large gatherings and players unable to travel due to restrictions following the initial lockdown. With this the committee made the sensible decision to postpone all events until 2021.

We were hoping the 2021 season would be played in full with our 7 events running from May until October, however due to restrictions of travel and numbers our main event of the season 'The Sheriffs Cup' had to be postponed until May 2022.

The end of June saw Hertfordshire FRS host our National Pairs competition at Potters Park Golf Club. Still under Covid restrictions the careful and good planning enabled us to accommodate 100 players over the 2 days, a record number for this event. Some great scoring saw a Greater Manchester paring run out as winners. Many thanks to Hertfordshire for hosting the event.

Earlier this month South Wales was the next stop in our calendar for the 4 Nations Championship. Another competition that had been postponed from 2020. Excellent planning from the event organiser saw all 4 Nations travel safely to Fairwood Park GC, Swansea. Another successful event held under covid restrictions which saw Northern Ireland as winners. A big thank you to Mid & West Wales for organising.

The remaining 4 fixtures for the season look positive as we ease from the restrictions. We have high entry numbers for these events and will host over 100 players at the FF' Charity Cup in Leeds next month, where we hope to better the £2000 we raised in for the charity in 2019.

As you may be aware the majority of our events receive sponsorship from Fire Service suppliers. Due to business uncertainty over the last year the section has lost 3 long standing sponsors. A massive blow for us. With the player levy we introduced a few years ago we have managed to sustain these losses this year, but moving forward we may have to look at how we schedule our season and the number of competitions we hold.

The Golf Section Website, Facebook & Twitter are now well established. I would still encourage everyone to visit the website where full details on all the events, rules and entry forms can be found. Full results of events for 2021 and fixtures can be found on the section website:
www.firesportukgolf.co.uk

I would like to say a big thank to all the event organisers who over the last 18 months have had to deal with ever changing covid rules and restrictions in trying to organise events, dealing with golf clubs, hotels and players. The free time and effort you put in is really appreciated.

Many Thanks

Matt Thompson

Secretary