

President's Letter 2021

For the AGM Saturday 5 February 2022

Firstly thank you for your understanding on this year's remote format for the AGM which takes place on Saturday the 5 February 2022 due to current regulations the feedback will be requested by correspondence in advance of the AGM.

You all elected the current team to run the Association exactly one year ago and it's fair to say that most of us were novices in terms of knowing exactly what we were doing so we have learned a lot over the last 12 months and we feel in really good shape operationally to do an even better job this year! Nevertheless we have had a very satisfying year in terms of increasing our Licensees from 134 in 2020 to 192 (45 ladies 147 men) at the end of 2021 and already 2022 looks to be very encouraging which is all very rewarding.

The golf school run by Nico the Pro has had a promising year and Nico now has a number of regular pupils. Nico is also organising the first ever PRO-AM to take place at Golf de Barthe on Sunday the 17th of April 2022.

While nothing has been perfect we have learnt how to manage the association, better manage the classements and the competitions all of which are our main golfing responsibilities. We have established more relationships with the other Lot et Garonne clubs and have reached out further afield to have mutual green fee discounts sometimes 20% for our members to enjoy when playing elsewhere.

Our efforts this year will also focus on developing both the ladies section and the golf school, as well as men's teams for the under 50s and for the over 50s (the seniors) participating in both the Lot et Garonne and the Aquitaine region. We should also be able to participate in more Lot et Garonne competitions following the creation of the new committee for the department this month.

None of these projects would be possible without funding and this is why we have increased the AS membership this year from 4 euros to 10. Just for information the fee in the area is generally around 20 euros. We are also looking for financial partners for our competitions and for the sponsoring format "mecenat."

Golf de Barthe is evolving positively in terms of the quality of the course, the greens etc. all thanks to Michael and Samantha and the green keeping team, Nicolas and Serge - a big thank you to them all. The warm welcome at the clubhouse of Michael, Samantha and Helen, their kindness and capacity for organising all of the events and fêtes are great assets for Golf de Barthe et

Samantha helps enormously with the AS administration, managing the licences, competition signs ups etc. Thank you Sam and thank you to all of you for making the atmosphere what it is at Golf de Barthe and long may it continue. We are all responsible for our approach and kindness and this is what I believe is the success of Golf de Barthe.

I finish with a huge thank you to my fellow AS members who manage the association with me (11) and for the time that they sacrifice for this rewarding project of developing the AS at GDB.

Take good care of yourselves and I hope to see you soon on the course.

Henri DESTREMX