

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2022 AGM SATURDAY

14th January 2023

Here we are after 2 year's of managing the AS at Golf de Barthe. It has taken us a while to get our heads around everything as at the start we were all novices and therefore in my modest opinion I believe by 2022 we had pulled everything together more successfully.

The number of our licences slightly increased from 192 (45 ladies and 147 men) in 2021 to 201 (45 ladies et 156 men) in 2022.

The children's golf school continues to get great feedback and there are now a dozen or so children taking part each week in these sessions managed by Nico the Pro who is also looking to launch his 2nd PROAM at GDB on Sunday the 7th of May. We are already out looking for sponsors so if you are interested please don't hesitate to contact us or get involved.

Our competition prizes which have increased in value this year, our support for our golf school, the acquisition of the new AS notice board, our FFG memberships, our participation with the department and I have surely forgotten something. None of this would have been possible without your support of 5 euros for the competitions, the classements fees and the annual 10 euros subscription fees for the AS. A huge THANK YOU also to all of the sponsors who have enhanced the quality of our prizes and various other activities including the golf school.

In 2023 we want to maintain the same level of delivery to you and have therefore increased the AS annual fee from 10 euros to 11. Just for information this compares with around 30 euros at our neighbouring clubs.

We are also looking for more sponsors for our competitions and very soon we will be writing to you about the benefits of being part of the AS even if you don't take part in the club competitions.

We have strengthened our contact with other clubs in 47 but also the 24 region confirming our reciprocal green fee arrangements for eachother's members at around 20% reduction.

The "Comité Départemental de Golf" based in Agen has started up again after 2 years of inactivity. The first AGM takes place on Thursday the 3rd of February 2023 and they have asked that all of the 47 clubs are represented. If this is of any interest to you please get in touch. These essential roles are especially important for developing junior golf and organising more events for them as well as helping with the Adults Interdepartmental championship where all of the 47 clubs participate.

This year three teams one ladies and 2 mens participated over the 2 day 18 hole comp in the departement. This year it is set to take place end of June or early July at Villeneuve.

Golf de Barthe continues to get better in terms of quality of the course, greens etc thanks to Michael, Samantha and Nicolas and Serge the Greenkeepers - a huge thank you to them.

The warm welcome in the club house from Michael, Samantha and Helen, their enjoyable after comp events and special events are all a big part of the appeal of Golf de Barthe and the club's reputation which is very much centred around conviviality and a great atmosphere. Samantha also helps out hugely with the AS admin, with the licences, comp sign ups and I am sure I have forgotten something.

Thank you to them all and to you all, the members of Barthe, who make the atmosphere so special and contribute I believe to the continued success of the club, long may it continue.

I finish by thanking all of the 11 members who have worked along side me managing the association over the last 2 years, thank you for all the time donated to these great projects and to the development of Barthe and the organisation of all the competitions.

During this AGM in accordance with the statutes we will be renewing the "bureau" and voting in the new team to manage the AS.

I wish you a fun year of golf and social gatherings at Barthe and elsewhere, take care of yourselves and see you shortly on the course.

Henri DESTREMX (Président de l'ASSO)