

LITTLE SAI WAN GOLFING SOCIETY



Founded 1964

Annual General Meeting – 1 June 2017 Membership Secretary's Report

The Committee has stipulated that the total number of Full Members shall not exceed 85. At the AGM in 2016, total membership of the Society stood at 88. This was broken down as follows: 74 Full Members, 8 Country Members and 6 Life Members. As of 1 June 2017, total membership stands at 85, broken down as follows: 71 Full Members, 9 Country Members and 5 Life Members.

Membership information by category for the past 5 years is summarized in the following table.

Year	Full Membership	Country Membership	Life Membership	Total
2017	71	9	5	85
2016	74	8	6	88
2015	81	6	6	93
2014	79	6	6	91
2013	73	7	5	85

A summary of the changes to Society membership for the past year is as follows: 5 Full Members (Riaan Cloete, Gus Henderson, Bruce Jackson, Tim Johns, Brian Lau) and 1 Country Member (John O'Doherty) left the Society. 4 new members were recruited into the Society (Matt Nabarro, Chris Satterfield, Notker Schmid and Raaj Shah). 2 members transferred from Full Membership to Country Membership (Mark Devonport and Malko Schraner) and we finally removed Fred Hammond from our list of Life Members because we have not been able to detect any signs of life.

In 2009, the Membership Secretary recommended that Full Membership numbers should not be permitted to reduce significantly below a figure of 75 and for 2015 and 2016 our Full Membership numbers exceeded that number, however, numbers are now below this figure. Therefore, over the coming year, we should continue to take the opportunity of recruiting high-quality golfers who meet our stringent joining requirements, subject only to us not exceeding Full Membership of 85.

Next, a reminder of our Rules as they apply to membership:

- All new members must possess a valid HKGA handicap index of 18.0 or less.
- You can only propose AND second one new member each calendar year.
- You must be a member for at least 12 months before you can propose or second a new member.
- Any proposed member must have played at least twice with the Society, one of which must be with a committee member.
- Anyone who is resident in Hong Kong can only play as a guest three times. There is no limit for guests who reside overseas.

Finally, a perennial request from the Committee with regard to anyone proposed for membership. It is very important that the proposer and seconder make the effort to introduce the prospective member to Committee Members at the two competitions before a membership application is considered. This will, at the very least, put a face to a name, and will permit more Committee Members to vote with some knowledge of the candidate.

Roger Best
LSWGS Membership Secretary
1 June 2017