

LITTLE SAI WAN GOLFING SOCIETY



Founded 1964

Annual General Meeting – 23 May 2019 Membership Secretary's Report

The Committee has stipulated that the total number of Full Members shall not exceed 85. At the AGM in 2018, total membership of the Society stood at 84. This was broken down as follows: 73 Full Members, 5 Country Members and 6 Life Members. As of 23 May 2019, total membership stands at 81, broken down as follows: 69 Full Members, 4 Country Members and 7 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
2019	69	4	7	80
2018	73	5	6	84
2017	71	9	5	85
2016	74	8	6	88
2015	81	6	6	93

A summary of the changes to Society membership for the past year is as follows: 8 Full Members (Carl Boddy, Phil Carter, Derek Crampton, Paul Kessler, Matt Nabarro, Duncan Spooner, Chris Williams, and Jonathan Yeap) and 1 Country Member (Mark Devonport) left the Society. 4 new members were recruited into the Society (Ryan Black, Matt Burke, Dan Matthews, Jeremy Porter and Jonathan Williams). Rob Henderson was elevated to the status of Life Member and so transferred from Full Membership to Life Membership.

In 2009, the Membership Secretary recommended that Full Membership numbers should not be permitted to reduce significantly below a figure of 75 and for 2014 and 2015 our Full Membership numbers exceeded that number, however, numbers are now significantly below this figure. Therefore, over the coming year, we need to take the opportunity to recruit good golfers who meet our 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
23 May 2019