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The members of the committee of the sports association of the Domaine des Forges and myself, wish you the best and above all an excellent golfing year for 2021.

The year 2020 was very unusual with the Covid pandemic which has spread around the world, with significant health and economic consequences. For us members of the AS, a long-term closure of golf courses disrupted our golfing year, but we nevertheless maintained a calendar of competitions and committed our teams to the championships.

We would like to thank all the sponsors for their support in 2020 and we give sincere thanks to the restaurateurs who took over the restaurant of the golf course, as well as the others who have supported us for several years.

Thank you also to all the golf players who have, and continue, to respect the health instructions drawn up by the French Golf Federation allowing the practice of our favorite sport.

The AGM, which takes place every year in January, was canceled due to the continuing pandemic and in accordance with prefectural instructions. It will be replaced for 2021 by a letter sent to all members with the financial, sports and moral reports of the past season which will be validated by a voting system validated by the prefecture of Deux Sèvres. (Explanation attached).

The pandemic is still running ... but we owe it to ourselves to prepare for the 2021 golf season, the competition calendar, the registration of teams for the various championships, in the hope of better days to come.

We are counting on you all, new members of the golf course or long established members, to join the sports association and take your 2021 license from Patricia or Valentin at the reception. I would like to thank all the golf staff: -DIDIER and his team, for the quality of the course and its preparation before each competition and throughout the year. -PATRICIA and VALENTIN for their kindness and all the services they render to us, in particular for the distribution of the scorecards.

The director has left the Forges and gone to the Blue Greend'Avrillé golf course.

To date we have no replacement in the management of the golf course and François remains the part-time golf instructor with us and at Mazières.

We do not see any investment from Blue green in the golf course for 2020 and their financial assistance for 2021 is suspended because of the economic crisis. For our AS this represents a loss of 4,500 €. In 2020 the sports association had 96 members for 182 licensees.

At the national level 403,000 licensees, a decrease of 4%, for the department -11% and for our golf -15%.

With a shortened 2020 season we managed to organize 17 competitions bringing together 42 players on average per competition.

Unfortunately, the President Putter competition which usually ends our season was cancelled due to the second lockdown.

Concerning our sporting results, we can consider them as excellent since our senior men's team remains in the 2nd division Nouvelle Aquitaine and also moves up to the 4th national division.

The veterans remain in their division but were only 2 points away from promotion. (See attached file).

The ladies participated in the senior promotion championship, but the friendly lady bird and harmony cup competitions were cancelled.

Despite the shortened season, the sports association's cash flow remains very positive. The treasurer has made a 2020 comparative report with 2019 that you will find attached.

But for 2021, we will have a shortfall of € 3,000 of subsidy and € 1,500 of purchases at the pro shop, due to Blue Green's budget restrictions.

For 2021, almost all of our sponsors have responded positively to support us, new sponsors are also joining us, and as such I again thank the members of the committee for their work within the AS.

As mentioned previously there will be no AGM because of the social distancing and rules of the prefecture. To be as simple and efficient as possible, we had two members of the committee in renewal of mandate: Ludovic and Lydia. The latter for professional reasons has declined to stand again. We are going to maintain the same committee the year 2021, however at the next AGM many members will be at the end of their mandate and we will need new members to stand in order for the work of the committee to continue.

The committee is counting on you all to continue to support the sports association ...

Thank you and a very happy golfing year 2021.

The President

Stéphane Nérault