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June 2023 Newsletter.

June has been quite a busy month with 3 events taking place.

The month began with a trip to Hillsborough Golf Club on June 5th for our match against Sheffield Captains.



20 players from each side contested the match which was won by Sheffield Captains 6 matches to 4. As usual the day was enjoyed by all, and we feel we were very unlucky to have lost this match. We look forward to the return fixture at a Derbyshire course next year where a victory is expected.

The photograph shows Captain Alan and his playing partner Bill Hibbert preparing to tee off against Sheffield Captain Alan Ibbotson and his partner Tony Price. (I am told that a photograph of the captains second shot would have made for interesting viewing.)

Captains Day at Chevin Golf Club on June 26th kicked off what was a very busy week. 34 members played in Captain Alan's event with his main aim being to raise funds for his charity 'Stroke'. Alan chose this charity to remind members of the devastating stroke suffered by our former Captain and Secretary Graham Naylor.

A Just Giving page has been opened and here is the link:

www.justgiving.com/page/alan-cunningham1688124044021

Please donate whenever you can, if you are able. This page will remain open during Alan's year as Captain.



This photograph shows the raffle prizes donated by Alan for his day.

Alan sends his thanks to all those who attended his day and contributed to his 'Stroke' charity funds.

A good day was had by all attending and once again the weather was good to us.

The winners of the day were:
First place with 46 points: David Hardy and Roger Hill

Second place with 44 points (after back 9 countback) Roger Hanks and Kevin Leatherland.
Third place also with 44 points: Frank McCabe and David Hutchinson.

The photograph shows David Hardy and Roger Hill being congratulated by Captain Alan. All three prize winners received 4 ball vouchers to various golf clubs around the midlands.



Wednesday June 28th was Inter-Counties match day held at Erewash Valley Golf Club. One of two major events which will be hosted by us this year. Four counties, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire & Rutland and Northamptonshire challenge for the Inter-Counties cup. Northamptonshire were the winners of the competition in 2022. 96 players (24 per side) entered the competition with the best 10 scoring players from each county, counting towards the competition.

After a very competitive days golf the final scores were: Leicestershire 368 points. Nottinghamshire 373 points. Northamptonshire 379 points and Derbyshire 401 points. The Derbyshire prize winners were: Bill Hibbert 46 points. Alan Cunningham 41 points, Craig Peach 40 points. Neil Armstrong 39 points and Bob Roberts 38 points. The winner of the best score for someone aged 70 or older went to Frank McCabe with a remarkable 46 points.

President's Platform:



Annual Dinner 2024.

We have made the decision to hold our Annual Dinner at Chesterfield Football Club once again. We did look at Pride Park as a venue, but their prices would have added £15 to each ticket. They still have the option of giving us 8 weeks' notice that we can't have the dinner, if they have a match on that night. Which made it impossible for us.

The Dinner will be on Friday March 22nd. We are letting you have the information early for those who wish to book a hotel and get the cheapest prices.

The new website has had more improvements since the last newsletter including the ability for members to pay for all events and merchandise on the site. You can still pay into our bank account directly and the bank details are available at checkout, alternatively you can pay by card (debit or credit) ***(If you pay directly into our bank account, please make sure you put in a reference that identifies you, plus any other member you are paying for, and the event you are entering. This is automatically done for you if you pay by card.)***

Simply click on the **'Events Payments and Orders'** tab at the top of the website this will take you to a list of all events and merchandise. Select the event or item you wish to purchase and checkout. As soon as we have confirmation of next year's **Annual Dinner** this will be added to the list.

Some members have had difficulties accessing the website. We strongly recommend you do **not** put in a google search to find the website as this leaves you open to accessing (via google) unwanted sites. The best way to access the website is to enter the following information into The URL. Address line as shown below:



Please note that the website can be viewed at any of the following addresses.
www.derbyshiregolfcaptains.co.uk
www.derbyshiregolfcaptains.com
www.sdgc.co.uk
We strongly recommend you use:
www.sdgc.co.uk

Important upcoming events:

1. July 12th Match v Warwickshire Golf Captains at Moor Hall Golf Club (Sutton Coldfield) Full details available on the website.

2. July 21st Match v Manchester Captains at Sale Golf Club. Full details available on the website.

If you wish to be considered for either of these matches, please email the secretary ASAP
secretary@derbyshiregolfcaptains.co.uk

3. August 3rd. is President's Day at Buxton and High Peak Golf Club. In order to see if more of those members who are working will play we have made the tee times available later than normal. Tee times are available from 12.00 until 3.00 pm. Full details and booking are available on the website. If you need a partner for this event please book in and the Secretary will do his best to find you a partner.

Captain's Corner:

Gentlemen

June has given me a massive lift after our first defeat at Hillsborough. 96 Past Captains competed at Erewash in the Inter-Counties trophy match. (24 from Derbyshire) Notts, Leicestershire and Northamptonshire were the other counties. It was in 2018 we last won the trophy, so it was our time! A big 'thank you' to all who played at Erewash, which was in excellent condition, and extremely well organised by our match secretary. Keep swinging.
Your Captain



Assistant Secretary: We still have a vacancy on the committee for an assistant secretary, this is not a major task within the society and will not involve a great deal of time commitment. If anyone is interested to learn more about this position, please do get in touch.

Here's hoping the month of July will provide us with some great golfing weather.

Mike Gaunt

Hon. Secretary.