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## May 2023 Newsletter.

The first match of the season was held at Mickleover Golf Club on May the 2<sup>nd</sup>. The weather was extremely kind to us, and we had a great match against Shropshire and Hereford Captains the match ending in a draw, 4 games to each side.



The photograph shows Captain Alan and President Mike preparing to tee off in the first match at Mickleover. Shropshire and Hereford Captain Colin Wall (far right) and Pete Davies led the way for their team.

Our thanks go to the Members and staff at Mickleover Golf Club for their hospitality and friendship during our visit.

The second match of the season against Norfolk Captains was held at Ormonde Fields Golf Club on May 16<sup>th</sup>. This match was also drawn 4 games each. The shield that is played for each year was already held by Norfolk Captains and therefore they retained the trophy.



The photograph above shows Captain Alan and his playing partner Les Haines ready to tee off against Norfolk Captain Pat Holman and his partner Phillip Jonas



This photograph shows Captain Alan presenting the Shield to Norfolk Captain Pat Holman.

Alan was reluctant to hand the trophy back to Norfolk but as they were the County holding the trophy he knew, as the match had been drawn, that Norfolk kept the Shield.

Better luck next year.

The third event of the season The Sydney Cartwright Salver took place at Stanton on the Wolds Golf Club on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. 44 players entered the competition (4 ball better ball Stableford) All attending were very impressed with the hospitality and friendliness shown to us for this event. The Captain, Club Manager and House Manager all went out of their way to make this a very special day for us, at their excellent golf course. (If you have never played it you should put it on your list.)

The Sydney Cartwright Salver was won by Colin Barnard and Geoff Charlton with a score of 47 points. Second was our President Mike Whalley and immediate past captain Paul Waring with a score of 46 points. Third with 44 points (winning on the back 9 countback) was Keith Potter and Gordon Patterson.

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### President's Platform:

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My sincere thanks to all who attended the May fixtures and a special thank you to our secretary for the management of the events. Stanton on the Wolds was the first of our featured fixtures offering the opportunity to play a premium golf course outside of the county at a discounted rate. You will have read in the report that this was a good day, had by all.

Our next featured event will be the end of season 4 ball am/am at Radcliffe on Trent I look forward to meeting as many members as possible.

Enjoy the rest of the season.

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The new website has been up and running for most of May and we hope you are visiting the site more often than you may have done in the past. We will be improving the website over the next few months and this Newsletter feature can now be viewed or downloaded from the website. Simply go to News on the website tabs at the top of the page, the second bar is Newsletter, you can either view it online or download it, whichever you prefer. The Newsletters will be available for at least 12 months on this section.

Please note that the website can be viewed at any of the following addresses.

[www.derbyshiregolfcaptains.co.uk](http://www.derbyshiregolfcaptains.co.uk)

[www.derbyshiregolfcaptains.com](http://www.derbyshiregolfcaptains.com)

[www.sdgc.co.uk](http://www.sdgc.co.uk)

We are currently in the process of updating the Society database and will shortly be sending out requests to each club liaison officer to update the information which should allow us to provide better communication channels to you all.

### Important upcoming events:

**1. June 26<sup>th</sup> Captains Prize Day at Chevin Golf Club. Full details available on the website.**

**2.. June 28<sup>th</sup> Inter-Counties match at Erewash Valley Golf Club. We need 24 players for this match so please let the secretary know if you would like to play in this event. It is the first time in 4 years that we have hosted this match and we hope to show the three other counties how good we are at organising events.**

**3. In July we have 2 matches, the first against Warwickshire Captains at Moor Hall Golf Club on July 12<sup>th</sup> the second v Manchester Captains at Sale Golf Club on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Please let the secretary know if you would like to be considered for selection for either or both of these matches.**

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### Captain's Corner:



Gentlemen,  
Our season has started well, two matches against other counties and Derbyshire are undefeated. Here's hoping this continues until the end of the season, my mantlepiece 'dusted and vacant' awaits further trophies with a 12-month lifespan.



**Next big event is my Captain's Day at Chevin Golf Club, June 26<sup>th</sup>. The format is four ball betterball. Bacon butties on arrival and Fish and chips after the golf. First tee 1-00 pm  
Some great prizes and all for £35 per head.  
(If you don't have a playing partner please still enter and our secretary will do his best to find a playing partner for you.  
I'm looking forward to seeing you all and sharing some alcohol and stories.**

Your Captain: Alan Cunningham.

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This is the second of our newsletters and we hope you are finding it provides you with updates of the Society activities. It would be great to see more of you at our events and we can promise you will be made very welcome. If anyone needs any further information about any of our events or the new website, please do get in touch with me.

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WhatsApp chat feature: We have included a chat facility on the website, this is the green symbol at the side of the web pages, next to the purple contact us tab (you can remove these by clicking the black arrow as required.) Clicking the WhatsApp button will take you to a page on WhatsApp and allow you to message anyone in the Society, who has signed into WhatsApp. One example of the use of chat is asking for a playing partner for an event. (Using WhatsApp is optional).

**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 for great golfing weather for the month of June.

Mike Gaunt  
Hon. Secretary.