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## July 2023 Newsletter.

**It is already the beginning of August, and we are now halfway through the season. With that in mind we would like to invite more members to register for matches and events.**

**We had 2 events in July, both of which were matches against other County Captains. Our first match of the month was away at Moor Hall Golf Club (Sutton Coldfield) on July 12th against Warwickshire Golf Captains.**



The 16 a-side match was played in excellent conditions, despite the expectation of rain, at a superb venue, with an excellent clubhouse. After an exciting series of matches we came out victorious winning 5 matches to 3.

The photograph shows Captain Alan and his playing partner Richard Parsons preparing to tee off against Warwickshire Captain Keith Guild and his playing partner Ted Regan (current Captain of Moor Hall Golf Club) on the far right of the picture.

For those who have not had the chance to play Moor Hall, we highly recommend it to you. It is an excellent example of the standard of courses we play in our schedule.

**Our second match of July was again away, this time at Sale Golf Club against Manchester Captains on July 21<sup>st</sup>.**

This annual fixture is played for the 'Don Macfarlane' trophy. Derbyshire have held the trophy undefeated since 2014. We decided (after the match) that it was only fair to let Manchester hold the trophy for the next 12 months. For those who wish to know the score, Manchester 6 and Derbyshire 2.

Photograph at Sale Golf Club.



The photograph was taken in typical Manchester weather as gentle rain preceded the matches. Fortunately for all involved the rain stopped as Captain Alan and his playing partner, Vice-Captain Ken Holland sheltered under an umbrella prior to their match against Manchester Captain Bernard Stone (far left) and his playing partner David Owens, who is the current Captain of Sale Golf Club.

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### President's Platform:

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Congratulations to our Captain for a superb Captain's Day at Chevin and thank you to all who supported his charity on the day.

I had the privilege of a meeting with our Patron Sir Richard FitzHerbert, as ever, he was very busy managing his beautiful estate. For anyone who has not visited Tissington Hall, Sir Richard and his team will make you more than welcome.

Our secretary has included this link to their website.

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



**'Is this the Lord of the Manor and his gardener or have the photographs been transposed?'**  
(Poetic licence allowed)

Happy golfing and I look forward to seeing you all soon.

President Mike.

A reminder to you all that Alan's charity this year is 'Stroke' as we all remember the devastating Stroke suffered by our Past Captain and Past Secretary, Graham Naylor.



We have spoken with Graham's wife, Sarah, and she has told us Graham is progressing well in his residential rehabilitation unit.

Sarah told us Graham is now more mobile than earlier, and his speech is improving although slowly.

We plan to visit Graham in his residential care home in the next month and will give you an update after the visit.

Captain Alan makes the point that the 'Stroke' charity plays a large part in the rehabilitation programme, if every member gave just £1 during his year it would make a generous contribution to the charity.

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

[www.justgiving.com/page/alan-cunningham1688124044021](http://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.

### **Important upcoming events:**

- 1. August 3<sup>rd</sup> President's Day at Buxton & High Peak Golf Club. This is a Betterball Stableford event played for the President's Salver. £35 per player including food and prizes. Contact the Secretary directly if you wish to play.**
- 2. August 14<sup>th</sup> 3 Counties Match at Burton On Trent Golf Club. Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Cambridgeshire play for the 'Captain's Salver'. 16 players per side, please let the Secretary know if you would like to be considered for selection.**
- 3. August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Match v Derbyshire Lady Captains at Erewash Valley Golf Club. If you would like to be considered for this match please email or call the Secretary**

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## Captain's Corner:

Gentlemen

As we begin the month of August, we are hoping for a massive improvement in the weather. Our results as a County have fallen below expectations a quick analysis points towards our inability to perform to our optimum in rainy conditions. Let's hope our remaining fixtures don't involve showers or downpours.



Next fixture is at Buxton and High Peak for President's Day, so fingers crossed we'll be able to cross the A6 without being splashed by a 35-ton wagon. I look forward to a good turnout to support our President who is doing and has done a tremendous job within this Society for many years.

Here's to 'Dry Golf'

Your Captain

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**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 August will provide us with some better golfing weather.

Mike Gaunt

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