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May 2024 Newsletter.

May Events.

Match v Shropshire and Hereford Captains.

The season kicked off with a trip to Hawkstone Park Golf Club for our match against Shropshire and Hereford Captains. On what was certainly the best day of the year, weather wise, Derbyshire won the match by 5 ½ to 2 ½ .



Captain Ken and his playing partner Bob Roberts prepare to tee off against Shropshire & Hereford Captain Fred Crouch (second from the right) and his playing partner John Congdon.

Match v Norfolk Captains.



Our second fixture of the season was away to Norfolk Captains. A long trek of around 180 miles to Barnham Broom Golf Club. An enjoyable day despite the journey, ended with the match being drawn 4 games each. This meant that Norfolk retained the trophy as they were the current holders.

Captain Ken presents the trophy to Norfolk Captain Graham Baker.

Captains Day.

Ken held his Captains Day at Burton upon Trent Golf Club on Monday May 20th. An excellent turnout with a total of 53 members playing. The winner of the day being Tony Broadhurst with a winning score of 40 points.

The photo is of Ken presenting the salver to the inner of the day, Tony Broadhurst.

Ken put on a fabulous day including providing drinks and snacks at the halfway house, supported by his wife Pauline.

Everyone had a great day and thanks go to Ken for his hard work in making this a memorable day,



President's Post.

As President of the society, I am privileged to meet and associate with many members sharing in their tales of success on and off the golf course and none more so than our Captains Day at Burton. Captain Ken did a fine job and the event was enjoyed by all.

There is unfortunately another side and that is the passing of members the latest being our vice president Eric Grattage I attended a fitting tribute to Eric in a splendid village church in Ashover followed by a gathering at Matlock Golf Club. Thank you to all the Matlock Golf Captains for their wonderful support on the day.

See you all soon, Happy Golfing..

President Mike

Upcoming fixtures for June and July:

June 10th Match v Sheffield Captains at Cavendish GC.

Unfortunately, this match has been cancelled, by Sheffield Captains, who, although advised of the cost for this match several months ago, decided at the last minute to cancel the fixture due to their members objecting to the cost of the day. We are hoping to revise this fixture next year although; in order to accommodate the Sheffield Captains this match may not include any organised food.

June 27th Inter-Counties match at Chilwell Manor GC Thursday.

Thanks to everyone who put their names down for this fixture, those selected to play in this 20-man team will be notified in the next few days.

We currently hold the trophy and will be battling the other three counties hard on the 27th to retain it.

July 11th Match v Warwickshire Captains at Matlock GC.

Please let me know if you would like to be considered for this match.

We will be looking to put out a team of 16 players for this match.

July 16th Match v Manchester Captains at Horsley Lodge GC.

Please let me know if you would like to be considered for this match. We would ideally like a team of 20 players for this fixture.

Future events for your diary.

August 8th President's Day at Buxton and High Peak GC.

A pairs Better ball competition.

August 13th Three counties match at Peterborough Milton GC.

August 22nd Match v Derbyshire Ladies at Shirland GC.

August 29th Match v Worcestershire Captains at Fulford Heath GC.

September 5th Founders Trophy at Ashbourne Golf Club.

September 25th Captain v Vice Captains match at Mickleover Golf Club.

October 3rd Millenium Salver Competition at Chesterfield GC.

October 7-10th Captains Challenge at St Mellion GC Please note if you would like to be considered for selection, please make you entry via the website, a £50 refundable deposit, is required. The team selection is due to take place at the end of June.

March 28th 2025. Society Annual Dinner. This will again be held at Chesterfield Football Club. (Enquiries have been made to find an alternative venue in Derby for this Dinner, but unfortunately none can be found that can accommodate our numbers for an acceptable price.)

Captain's Corner:



We have now completed the first 3 fixtures of the new season all in dry and warm weather

a win at S&H and a draw with Norfolk both away from home

the third event was my captain's day at Burton on Trent I have to say that I was delighted with the turnout of 53 ,10 of them from my home club a big thank you to all that played,

Thank to everyone who took on the captains 3 hole challenge 11 players beat my challenge but in all it raised £250 plus for my charity of Prostate Cancer

I now look forward to the June competitions and for those who missed my plea on captains' day if you have not done so already GET TESTED

Ken Holland

Captain 24/25

Graham Naylor: Update.

We are in the final stages of our fund raising for Graham. We have already provided Sky Sports into Graham's care home room and are looking at other things we can provide to make his life a little easier. Our next purchase is likely to be some specialised photographic equipment.

We have a number of 4-Ball vouchers available for purchase all are at £60 for each voucher.

These will be available on a first come first served basis. at £60 per voucher. All vouchers are valid until the end of this season and these prices represent a significant discount on normal green fees at each Golf Club.

This is a great opportunity to play some courses you may not have played for some time or ever.

The vouchers are for the following golf courses: **Mickleover, Bakewell, Forest Hill, Shirland, Chevin, Ashbourne, Beedles Lake, Alfreton, Ormonde Fields, Buxton & High Peak, Stanedge.**

If you would like to buy one of these vouchers simply email me with your name, club and contact details. secretary@derbyshiregolfcaptains.co.uk

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