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End of Season 2024 Newsletter.

We have reached the end of our 2024 Season and this Newsletter will provide you with updates of our fixtures for September and October. We hope you will enjoy reading what will be our last Newsletter of 2024.

Captain's Corner:

The golf season has now finished so this will be my last report. During September we played our last inter county match with a good win over Worcestershire away at Fulford Heath, winning back the trophy our second of the year following victory over Manchester Captains. It also meant we were unbeaten during the season against other counties, well played to all who played in those matches

Within the Society 2 trophies were decided the Captain v Vice Captain finished 3 matches all, but as I held the Cup in my year as Vice-Captain I think I should retain it. The final home competition the Millennium Trophy was held at Chesterfield, so nice to hold an event there after a gap of a few years they were excellent hosts, and I look forward to playing there again next season.

Our last event was the Captains Challenge competition over 36 holes played over 2 days at St Mellion in Cornwall. 9 counties took part and although we failed to play to our best finishing 7th overall it was very enjoyable and excellently organised by our own Bill Hilbert who is already planning to run the event at the same venue in 2025

Looking forward our next event is the annual dinner to be held on 28th March at Chesterfield Football Club and I hope for a good turnout of Society members

I will finish by thanking all the members who have given such wonderful support throughout the year, you have all been a credit to the society, playing the game in the right spirit with a smile on your face and enjoyed the taking part. I trust you will give the same support to Vice Captain Richard Smith when he takes over next season

Ken Holland

If not yet done so, please get tested

Captain 24/25



September fixtures:

Founders Trophy September 5th at Ashbourne Golf Club.



The Founders Trophy was played as an AM-AM Competition. The winning team was Paul Derbyshire, John White, Jonathan Burd and Tim Hoblyn with 81 points. Captain Ken was unable to present the Trophy at Ashbourne as it had not been seen since 2021, however it has subsequently been located, in a Trophy Cabinet and will be suitably inscribed with the winners' names before next years event.

Captain v Vice-Captain September 25th at Mickelover Golf Club.

24 Players took part in the Captain v Vice Captain's match and although the match was drawn, Captain Ken decided his team won on the basis that his team won the event in 2023.

Millenium Trophy October 3rd at Chesterfield Golf Club.

Paul Bywater of Chesterfield Golf Club organised this event in an excellent way, producing official tournament scorecards for each player and presenting a leaderboard in the clubhouse as everyone completed their round. Special thanks go to Paul for his excellent work, which was greatly appreciated by all attending.

SDGC Millenium Trophy			
Thursday, 3rd October 2024			
Chesterfield / Yellow - Men			
TIME	PLAYERS	TIME	PLAYERS
12:10 PM	Narinder Chopra (25.1 / 24) Chesterfield Paul Bywater (8.8 / 10) Chesterfield	12:18 PM	Ken Holland (19.0 / 21) Burton on Trent Richard Smith (12.4 / 14) Kedleston Park Tony Broadhurst (19.1 / 21) Ashbourne
12:26 PM	Derek Northin (11.9 / 13) Bakewell Andy Dale (16.7 / 19) Ormonde Fields Peter Freeman (24.3 / 24) Bakewell	12:34 PM	Clive Barker (18.3 / 20) Chevin Nick Round (15.8 / 18) Chevin Paul Dungworth (14.3 / 16) Sitwell Park
12:42 PM	Peter Wilson (12.0 / 13) Chevin Stuart Burton (15.0 / 17) Chevin Roger Thorley (20.8 / 23) Standedge	12:50 PM	Mike Gaunt (28.0 / 24) Shirland Andy Brown (16.6 / 18) Matlock Steve Bradley (12.4 / 14) Matlock
12:58 PM	Tony Davis (17.8 / 20) Mickelover Bill Hibbert (11.4 / 13) Mickelover Rich Parker (6.5 / 7) Matlock	1:06 PM	Tony O'Malley (26.1 / 24) Chesterfield Ian Waite (14.2 / 16) Matlock Craig Peach (15.8 / 18) Shirland
1:14 PM	Richard Parsons (15.0 / 17) Shirland Adrian Shaw (14.2 / 16) Collage Pines Bob Roberts (17.6 / 20) Ormonde Fields	1:22 PM	Dereck Martin (23.8 / 24) Alfreton Ian Briggs (11.9 / 13) Alfreton Alan Bramley (24.0 / 24) Alfreton

Here is the leaderboard as displayed in the Chesterfield Golf Club Clubhouse, as all players finished their round.

Captain Ken presenting the Millenium Salver to Ian Briggs of Alfreton Golf Club who won the competition with 39 points.



Captain's Challenge October 7th to 9th at St Mellion Estate Cornwall.



On Tuesday 8th October, 108 players took part from nine counties at the St Mellion Resort in Cornwall.

Start of play was delayed by 30 minutes to mitigate the very wet conditions and early heavy rain that was forecast, but fortunately for most, the weather improved somewhat, albeit the last few groups encountered a further down pour.

At the end of Day 1, Suffolk stood at the top of the leader board with 176 points, whilst

last years' winners, Dorset, were a close second with 175 points.

Everyone welcomed the warm and sunny weather on Day 2 and both courses played well, with the teams competing in a sporting spirit and with a high standard of golf.

Unfortunately for Derbyshire, Colin Barnard had a fall on Tuesday and couldn't play on Wednesday as his injury was worse than first thought. Colin attended Plymouth A+ E to find that he had suffered severe bruising and a rib fracture. I wish Colin a very speedy recovery.

At the end of play Surrey Captains won the day with 365 points, with South Wales in the runners up spot with 350 points, which was a tremendous effort considering they had a team of only ten players. Derbyshire came in at 7th place with 326 points.



Adrian Shaw and John Wedgwood from Derbyshire Captains were the best pair on the Kernow course with 41 points on Day 1, and the second-best pair on the Nicklaus course with 39 points on Day 2.

The St Mellion Resort is a first-class venue, with the accommodation, staff, service, food, and golf, all of the highest standard, and I look forward to the event again next year on the 7th / 8th October.

Bill Hibbert.

President's Post.

'They think it's all over' well it is now for another season, a season guided by our Captain Ken who has done a splendid job that can only be achieved with the support of you the members thank you all.

The Society, as is golf are facing new challenges mainly due to cost and location, we have already lost the Sheffield Society, through no fault of our own, but the executive led by our trusted secretary Mike will succeed in providing an exciting and affordable program for the future of golf with the Society.

Our next event will be the annual dinner at Chesterfield FC please follow our website for further details as they become available.

Once again thank you all for support, keep well and happy golfing.

President Mike

2025 Fixtures.

In a difficult climate, with every golf club looking to maximise their income, it is becoming more difficult to find venues that will accommodate us at acceptable prices. Gone are the days when Clubs were happy to give us 'Courtesy of the course' for our fixtures, and it is almost impossible for us to maintain our regular event fees. As such for all 2025 Society events, (excluding matches against other counties) we have decided to remove Bacon rolls and coffee/tea from our inclusive fee (they will always be available for purchase if you wish). This will allow us to maintain most entry fees, including food after the matches at £35. Some of our fixtures will be at a higher cost, reflecting the green fees we have had to pay. All 2025 event costs will be published on the society website, www.sdgc.co.uk before the end of December 2024.

Our scheduled fixtures for 2025

March 28 th	Annual Dinner Chesterfield FC.
March 31 st .	AGM Kedleston Park Golf Club
May 6 th	Match v Shropshire & Hereford Chevin GC
May 13 th	Match v Manchester Romily GC
May 20 th	Captains Day Kedleston Park GC
June 2 nd	Sydney Cartwright Salver Sickleholme GC
June 24 th	Four Counties Whittlebury Manor GC
July 9 th	Match v Warwickshire Kenilworth GC
July 23 rd .	Captain v Vice Captain Matlock GC
August 8 th	3 Counties Melton Mowbray GC
August ?	President's Day
August 19th	Match v Worcestershire. Cavendish GC
September 1 st	Match v Derbyshire Ladies. Chevin GC
September 9th	Match v Norfolk Burton on Trent GC
September 25th	Founders Trophy Mickleover GC
October 6 th	Captain's Challenge St Mellion
October 14 th	Millenium Trophy Rufford Park GC

We wish you all a good winter of golf and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Annual Dinner at Chesterfield Football Club on March 28th where our guest speaker will be the former Nottingham Forest goalkeeper Mark Crossley who has an amazing list of tales from his days working under his manager Brian Clough.

Our website will be updated with all 2025 fixtures and costs by the middle of December 2025.

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