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August 2024 Newsletter.

'Sad News'



Gentlemen

It with regret we have to announce the passing away of the former Chairman of Horsley Lodge Golf Club, John Salt last Thursday 29th August.

I am sure you will join us in wishing John's family our condolences

John purchased Horsley as a farm in 1986 and opened it as a golf course in 1990. With the guidance of professional golfers Bill White and later Peter McEvoy OBE developed the site into the golf club we know today.

Over its 30 years, continuous evolvement has seen nearly 10,000 sapling trees grow tall, bunkers and lakes enhance the landscape and where notable professionals now rate Horsley Lodge's course layout and greens as some of the best they have played.

John was Club Captain in 2000 and Captain of the Society of Derbyshire Golf Captains in 2007, well known and respected around the Derbyshire farming and Golf communities.

We extend to his wife, Hazel, sons Richard and Malcolm together with his daughter Fiona our best wishes.

Details of funeral arrangements will be announced later.

(Information and Photo provided by Bob Gibbs Hon Secretary, Horsley Lodge Golf Club)

August events:

8th August President's Day.



A great turnout for President's Day was only marginally dampened (no pun intended) by the weather. As usual President Mike put on a great day with refreshments at the half-way house and an excellent meal afterwards.

The President's Day trophy was won by Richard Parson and Rich Parker with a score of 44 points.

Richard Parson (far left) and Rich Parker (far right) Holding their engraved cut glass glasses with Mike Whalley holding the President's Salver.

13th August 3 Counties at Peterborough Milton GC.

Despite a valiant effort by our team of 16 players we were not able to win the 3 Counties Trophy on the day with victory going to the host County of Cambridgeshire.

The photograph shows Captain Ken with Leicestershire Captain Dave Waddell (left) and Cambridgeshire Captain Dave Waddell as they prepare to tee off in their match.



22nd August Match v Derbyshire Lady Captains at Shirland GC.

Playing matches against the Ladies has never been a popular event in our calendar and this year we were only able to muster a team of 14 players against the Lady Captains who had a team of 16. Perhaps it is best to leave this as a match result we prefer not to remember. We do plan to make this a mixed event next year in an effort to get more support from our members.

August 29th Match v Worcestershire Captains at Fulford Golf Club.

On a day of really good weather and on an excellent course we had our finest victory of the season, beating Worcestershire Captains by 6 ½ matches to 1 ½

In doing so Derbyshire regained the inter-county trophy, which we had not won for the last 5 years.

The photograph show Captain Ken receiving the trophy from Worcestershire Captain Dave Colwell.



Upcoming fixtures:

September 5th Founders Trophy at Ashbourne Golf Club.

September 25th Captain v Vice Captain at Mickleover Golf Club

We do need more players for this match which has always been a great fixture in the past. Please let me know if you wish to play £35 per head including food golf and prizes.

October 3rd Millenium Trophy at Chesterfield Golf Club.

Our season ending event is a single Stableford for the Millenium Trophy. Please let me know if you would like to play in this event. £35 including food golf and prizes.

We would like to wish Geoff Charlton the current holder of the trophy a speedy recovery from his recent illness.

Annual Dinner:

March 28th 2025. This will again be held at Chesterfield Football Club.

Graham Naylor update:

Thanks to the fundraising efforts of our members, we have been able to provide Graham with a 'power-pack' for his wheelchair which I believe has made a great difference to his mobility. We wish Graham well on his long road to rehabilitation and will continue to support him with further help as is required.

President's Post.

Despite Captain Kens sunshine efforts August brought a mixed bag of weather none more so than on Presidents Day in Buxton and just to make the day extra special we put on a fine display of roadworks.

However, we had a wonderful turnout so my sincere thanks to all of you for supporting Presidents Day plus many others who sent their good wishes.

As you all know sometimes it's the little things that make these days memorable especially if you can include family and friends, on the day and I was blessed with both Christina and Liz a tent full of real ale plus crisps and snacks served by my very own granddaughter Isobelle. Last but not least thank you Buxton and High Peak golf club for hosting the event, the greenstaff for the presentation of the golf course and the catering for supplying exceptional service and a wonderful meal.

Thank you all.

Happy Golfing

Captain's Corner:

The sunshine Captain returned apart from Presidents Day when Mike forgot to organise the weather but apart from that it was a great day thanks to Mike and his family,

In other fixtures we failed to win the 3 counties with a home win for Cambridgeshire followed another loss to the ladies who did play very well but there's always next year at Chevin

We finished on a high winning 6 ½ to 1 ½ and winning the trophy against Worcestershire this ended the season for matches against other counties undefeated winning 4 and halving 1 my thanks to all those who played in these matches

We now look forward to 3 trophy competitions before ending the season with Captains challenge with the 2 day event at St Mellion

Remember if you have not done so please get TESTED prostate cancer kills don't let it get you Ken Holland

Captain 24/25



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