

# Society of Derbyshire Golf Captains

Patron: Sir Richard FitzHerbert Bt.

Hon. Secretary, Mike Gaunt  
Brindle Nook  
Morley Close  
Belper  
DE56 0HP

Tel. 07411315140

Email :secretary@derbyshiregolfcaptains.co.uk

*President: 2023/24  
Mike Whalley Esq.  
Buxton High Peak G.C.*



*Captain: 2024/25  
Ken Holland Esq.  
Burton on Trent GC*

Hon. Treasurer. Narinder Chopra  
33 Bradgate Croft  
Hasland  
Chesterfield  
S41 0XZ

Tel. 07990607532

Email : narinder@bchopra.co.uk

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

## July 2024 Newsletter.

### July Events.

**Match v Warwickshire Captains.  
Matlock Golf Club  
July 11<sup>th</sup>**



On a rainy day in the Peak District, in mid-July (supposedly summer!) Captain Ken and his playing partner Andy Brown, prepare to tee off at Matlock Golf Club against Warwickshire Captain Jez Williams and his playing partner Bob Fletcher.

The weather was certainly not helping Warwickshire Past Captain's who struggled in the wet conditions, the hardy Derbyshire Team, being far more used to these soggy conditions were victorious winning 7 matches to 1.

**Match v Manchester Captains.  
Horsley Lodge Golf Club.  
July 16<sup>th</sup>.**



Vice-Captain Richard Smith and his playing partner John White prepare to tee off against Tony Draper (far right) and Geoff Sable (far left.) at Horsley Lodge GC.

Unfortunately, Manchester Captains were only able to field a team of 14 players for this match (normal number for the match v Manchester Captains being 20 players per side) however the day turned out to be very good despite the early morning heavy rain. The result of the match being a resounding victory for Derbyshire who won the match 4 ½ to 2 ½ and thereby winning back the Don MacFarlane trophy that was lost to Manchester Captains at Sale Golf Club in 2023.



Captain Ken receiving the Don MacFarlane trophy from Manchester Captain Steve Missell. After the matches at Horsley Lodge.

---

### **President's Post.**

After a good game of golf and a welcome pint of real ale the conversation drifted into age bringing physical change, we have members with new knees new ankles and of course new hips all doing well now and enjoying their golf.

I mention this as it was Christina's turn for a second new hip replacement, and we would like to thank all of you for sending her good wishes for a speedy recovery unfortunately it did mean I had to miss a couple of events but I was assured by a colleague from Manchester Captains how much they had enjoyed Horsley Lodge.

Christina is now making good progress and is looking forward to serving you all with drinks in the marquee at Buxton and High Peak on Presidents Day.

Look forward to seeing you all then, happy golfing

President Mike

---

### **Upcoming fixtures for August and September:**

We have four fixtures arranged for August:

#### **August 8<sup>th</sup> President's Day at Buxton and High Peak GC.**

We have had a tremendous response from our members for Mike's President's Day with 56 players entering this event for the President's Salver.

#### **August 13<sup>th</sup> Three counties match at Peterborough Milton GC.**

Thanks to all those who put their names down for selection for this match, we have an excellent team selected for this fixture and a few reserves.

Captain Ken is doing his best to make sure that all those wishing to be selected for our matches will get to play in at least one of them.

### **August 22<sup>nd</sup> Match v Derbyshire Ladies at Shirland GC.**

We will be taking on Derbyshire Past Lady Captains at Shirland GC on August 22<sup>nd</sup> so please do let me know if you would like to be considered for selection. **We do need more players for this match.**

### **August 29<sup>th</sup> Match v Worcestershire Captains at Fulford Heath GC.**

Our match against Worcestershire Captains is being held at Fulford Heath Golf Club. If you would like to be considered for selection, please let me know.

September fixtures:

### **September 5<sup>th</sup> Founders Trophy at Ashbourne Golf Club.**

Entries are still being accepted for this event.

### **September 25<sup>th</sup> Captain v Vice Captains match at Mickleover Golf Club**

Please let me know ASAP if you would like to play in this always popular event.

---

---

### **Future events for your diary.**

### **October 3<sup>rd</sup> Millenium Salver Competition at Chesterfield GC.**

We hope this event will be well supported, it will be good to be back at Chesterfield Golf Club and we look forward to receiving your entries. This is a single Stableford Competition. Cost £35 per player.

**October 7-10<sup>th</sup> Captains Challenge at St Mellion GC** The team has been selected for this event and we look forward to Derbyshire having an excellent two days of competitive golf against a larger number of counties who have entered the competition this year.



---

---

### **Captain's Corner:**

---

---

July has been a mixed month, some highlights some disappointments, bad news first, I blotted my copy book as the 'Sunshine Captain' as the match against Warwickshire Captains was played at Matlock on a Peak District, wet day. On the brighter side, after wins against Warwickshire and Manchester Captains we remain unbeaten, and the support I continue to receive from members means that I have to leave some members out of the team. I will try my best to be fair and make sure everyone gets a chance to play during the season. Remember if you have not done so please get TESTED prostate cancer kills don't let it get you  
Ken Holland  
Captain 24/25

---

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

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

**Mike Gaunt  
Hon. Secretary.  
0741 1315140**