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For those wishing to be up to date with our fixtures for the rest of 2025 here they are:
All can be found on our website.

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- July 9th Match v Warwickshire Captains at Kenilworth GC (Team already selected)
- July 23rd Captain v Vice Captain at Matlock GC.
- August 8th 3 Counties match at Melton Mowbray GC
- August 11th President's Day at Chesterfield Golf Club.
- August 19th Match v Worcestershire Captains at Cavendish GC
- September 1st Match v Derbyshire Lady Captains at Chevin GC
- September 9th Match v Norfolk Captains at Burton on Trent GC
- September 25th Founders Trophy at Mickleover GC
- October 6th-9th Captains Challenge at St Mellion Cornwall.
- October 14th Millenium Trophy at Rufford Park GC.

It would be very helpful, if you are interested in playing in a match or competition, that you advise the Secretary as early as possible. We have had a good response to the events so far this year although on occasions it has taken a 'reminder' email to get the numbers required. Simply advise the Secretary of your wish to be included, this is not a commitment but does give an indication of numbers for each event, you will then be asked to confirm your intention to play and to make payment for the event.

Important information.

The Executive Committee have been concerned for some time about the dwindling Society finances. One of the main reasons being the significant losses made at the Annual Dinner. We will be sending out a survey this month (July) to see what your thoughts are about our Annual Dinner. In an effort to boost our dwindling funds the Committee have taken the decision to introduce a 'Members Lottery'. This month (July) we will begin the lottery at a cost of £10 per ticket. Tickets are restricted to members only in order to comply with the regulations of the 'Gambling Commission' however members can buy as many tickets as they wish. The draw will take place at one of our Golf Clubs on a date to be decided and all members will be notified of the date and venue. All members are welcome to attend the draw. 50% of the value of the tickets sold each month will be paid out to one winning ticket holder. The balance of the money going towards Society funds to allow us to support specific charitable or society events. If you would like to take part or simply have some more detailed information, please email the Secretary Mike Gaunt (email address at the heading of this Newsletter).

Captain's words

Dear members, you will be pleased to know that my backside has made a full recovery and I have put the bike in the garage and I am now back trying to recover my golf swing. Thank you to all the usual suspects for holding the fort in my temporary absence.

I am delighted that on Tuesday last the Derbyshire team were triumphant against Northants, Notts and Leicestershire at Whittlebury Manor which happens to be adjacent to Silverstone, scene of the forthcoming British Grand Prix. Thank you to all the team for making the effort to fight their way down a very busy M1 to start teeing off at 10.30 am. It was a long trek to play a difficult course. Congratulations to all the team but in particular to Ken Holland and John Meehan for their individual prize winning performances. Success is following success for John at the moment in his captains year at Kedleston.

Talking of Kedleston, I must mention John Beddington for completing his 70th year as a member. John is a member of the Society and a past captain of Kedleston, successfully playing off a low handicap for many years and is well known locally for his contributions to County golf. Well done John!

In July we have a match against Warwickshire at Kenilworth on the 9th and the Captain versus Vice Captain match on the 23rd at Matlock. My team will be handpicked by me!

It is not too late to register for the 23rd. However, I must emphasise that it is never too early to register for any of the arranged events.

Mostly events go without any dramas or hitches and that is because the planning and administration starts a year in advance and flows through as required. It is therefore so helpful and important that you signify your availability as soon as possible after the event has been announced. Scrambling around for numbers at the last minute is time consuming and so please do your best to make Mike's job as easy as possible.

It's a sobering thought that not only have we made it into the second part of the year, but the nights are drawing in. We still have plenty of events to play so please stake your claim. You can be assured that the event will be value for money and enjoyable.

I do enjoy meeting fellow society members and I try to have a chat with everyone. If you think I might be ignoring you it won't be true so come and introduce yourself.

Finally I hope you escape the heatwave unscathed and that at some point it rains enough to turn the fairways green again.

Keep well
Richard

Match reports.



Sydney Cartwright Salver:

Sickleholme Golf Club in the north of the county was the venue for this year's competition. 36 members took part in this Betterball Stableford competition, on one of our very sunny days. Everyone who took part thoroughly enjoyed the day and the winners of the Salver were Paul Moore and Nigel Gell from Breadsall Priory Golf Club with 44 points.

The photograph shows Vice Captain Bill Hibbert presenting the Sydney Cartwright Salver to the winning pair Paul Moore and Nigel Gell. (Captain Richard Smith was away on his epic bike ride.)



Four Counties Trophy event.

This year the four counties match was hosted by Northamptonshire at Whittlebury Hall Golf Club. Nottinghamshire were the holders of the trophy winning at Chilwell Manor Golf Club last year. The format of the match was an individual Stableford with 20 players from each side and the best 16 scores for each team counting towards the trophy.

On a difficult course made worse by swirling winds Derbyshire came out victorious.

The scores for the match being: Derbyshire 464 points, Leicestershire and Rutland 457 points, Northamptonshire 450 points and Nottinghamshire 426 points.

The photograph shows Mark Hudson Captain of Nottinghamshire Captains presenting the trophy to Captain Richard Smith.

President's Epistle

The Society is at a crossroads. Only a couple of years ago we were trying to find ways of spending our surplus funds, whereas now we are having to look very carefully at all of our expenditure. We generally lose money on virtually all of our competitions and matches, plus we incur a big loss on the Annual Dinner.

This is due to some extent to the increases in green fees and food costs which clubs are now charging, but also we are finding that attendance at our competitions has reduced considerably in recent years, so, gentlemen, we do need your continued support to ensure the future of our Society.

The Executive Committee are now meeting to review and formalise our financial arrangements to put the Society on a firm financial footing for the future.

Derek Northin

President of the Society of Derbyshire Golf Captains

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Society website is: www.sdgc.co.uk

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