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September 2025 Newsletter.

With just 2 fixtures left this season The Captains Challenge and the Millenium Trophy. The Captains Challenge at St Mellion in Cornwall takes place the first week in October and our team has been selected for this event. We wish Captain Richard, President Derek, plus Bill Hibbert, Bob Roberts, Ian Neal, Fred Davidson, John Meehan, Tim Hoblyn, Adrian Shaw, Richard Parsons, Neil Armstrong and Jim O'Hare all the best for this competition. We hope the weather is better this year than last year. Good luck to everyone taking part.

There are just a few places left for the last event of the season, The Millenium Trophy at Rufford Park Golf Club on October 14th. If you would like to play in this individual Stableford competition, please let me know ASAP.

Lottery Update.

The second Lottery Draw took place on Friday 26th September at Ormonde Fields Golf Club (We plan to move the draw to different golf clubs during the year.) The Draw at Ormonde Fields Golf Club was carried out by Lesley Henderson the Ladies Vice Captain and the first ball drawn from the velvet bag was number 76 held by Harry Bradford, Harry won £300, the second ball drawn out was number 89 held by Andrew Brown who won £100, the third ball drawn out was number 41 held by Steve Bradley who won £50.

Thanks to all those who took part, if anyone would like to take part, should a number become available, please get in touch with the Secretary Mike Gaunt.

The next draw will take place at Matlock Golf Club on Friday October 31st at 5pm. All are welcome to attend.

Captain's words:

Dear Members,

The weather has broken. The Ryder Cup circus has left town and although we won, it has left a nasty taste in the world of golf. We are now nearing the end of the 2025 summer golfing season and clocks go back on 26th.

During the month of September we played a match with the Derbyshire Lady Captains at Chevin, and the Founders Trophy at Mickleover.

You will notice I say **with** the Ladies. The fact is that as we were being beaten every year, we decided to change the format to avoid being embarrassed yet again. Therefore, we had two gents and two ladies playing an Am-Am competition. Congratulations to the winning team of Brenda Northin, Sue Cullen, Mark Moruzzi and Colin Barnard. A much more sociable affair.

Congratulations to the Founders Trophy winners – Bob Roberts, Paul Simms, Ray Boot and Carl Powell.

Next week a team of 12 will travel to St Mellion in Cornwall, to take on Dorset, Shropshire and Herefordshire, Suffolk and Surrey in the annual inter counties challenge. We have lost a few counties this year but there is every prospect that numbers will be about 10 counties competing next year. There will be 2 competition rounds and a practice round on the Nicklaus designed venue. If you couldn't make this year and you are interested for next year then register your interest with Mike or next years captain, Bill Hibbert, who has organised the event.

The final golf event of 2025 will be the Millenium Trophy, to be held at Rufford Park on Tuesday the 14th October. This will be your final chance to attend a Captains event in 2025! There are still a few places left so don't miss it!

Have a great October

Richard

Match reports.

Match v Norfolk Captains at Burton On Trent Golf Club:

The match v Norfolk Captains was held on September 9th on yet another fine and sunny day. Derbyshire were determined to play well as Norfolk had held the trophy for the last two years. After a well fought series of Matches Derbyshire won five matches to three and thereby regained the trophy.

This photo shows Captain Richard and his playing partner Tim Hoblyn (far left) preparing to play their match against Norfolk Captain Nigel Elmar (second left) and his playing partner Bill Boniface (second right)



This Photo shows Captain Richard being presented with the trophy by Norfolk Captain Nigel Elmar. This trophy will be added to the other trophies won by the Derbyshire Teams this year.



Founders Trophy at Mickleover Golf Club.



The Founders Trophy was held at Mickleover Golf Club on September 25th, yet another fine day for a golf competition.

36 players took part in this Am-Am competition which was won by the team from Ormonde Fields Golf Club: Bob Roberts, Paul Simms, Ray Boot and Carl Powell.

This Photo shows Captain Richard and Bob Roberts (right in the picture) and Ray Boot on the left with the Founders Trophy.

The Trophy had been missing since 2019 when it was won by Graham Naylor and his team. The Trophy was eventually discovered in the Trophy Cabinet at Shirland Golf Club. All the missing winners names will now be added to the trophy. Thanks to Richard Parsons for his diligence in finding the trophy for us.

President's Epistle

Gentlemen

It seems to have been a very busy time recently with all our matches and competitions, and we continue to get tremendous support from you, our members, and long may that continue. We have just 2 more events in the diary for this year, the Captains' Challenge at St Mellion next week, closely followed by the Millenium Salver at Rufford Park on 14th October. Good luck to all 12 of our team for the Captains' Challenge. We know that the courses will be challenging, and we are hopeful that the weather is kinder to us than last year. Thanks again for all your support both at these events and also at all the matches and competitions we have held during the year.

It's hard to believe that after such a busy summer all our Society activities will stop until the Annual Dinner in March, and then we have to wait until May for the golf events to start. The Captain and I had the privilege this week of representing our Society at the Society of Leicestershire and Rutland Golf Captains Autumn Pairs and President's Invitation Day. It's a reciprocal invitation as we invite them to our dinner. Interestingly unlike ourselves where everything stops for the winter, they hold a competition in December, plus they use it as a fundraising event, and all the players donate toys which are passed on to under privileged children in the area. It would be nice if we could get together in the winter and it is something the Executive Committee have discussed from time to time but the drawback has been finding a suitably dry golf course to play at that time of year when buggies would also be available to ensure that all members can participate.. Perhaps an idea to be revisited in the future.

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