

NEWSLETTER APRIL 3rd, 2020



JAMIE'S BLOG

I hope you are all keeping well at this most frustrating and challenging time. Personally, I am pleased to say that after 12 days of having all the main symptoms of COVID 19, both Lisa and I have fought off the virus and are feeling much brighter and stronger.

As a Charity we have decided to take advantage of the Government's Furlough Job Retention Scheme and, as of Friday 10th April, we have taken the difficult decision to make both Carol and Samantha's jobs furloughed until the end of May to protect them both financially.

However, I will still be working flat out with the help of our Committee, to keep Variety Golf moving along - with you, our Members, very much in mind.

As you may already have guessed, we have had to cancel all our planned events up until the end of May. I am working hard with the clubs to re-arrange dates so that we can still play as much golf as possible in the latter part of the year.

Finally, we have also had to postpone President Jimmy Tarbuck's 80th Birthday Lunch until Tuesday 20th October. Please let me know if you can still make this date.

Lastly, some mixed news. Yesterday, our Variety Golf 1984 Captain, Eddie Large, sadly passed away due to COVID 19. Also, one of our Celebrity members, Rocky Taylor, stuntman to many stars such as 007-James Bond, has also been suffering from COVID 19 and has been fighting the virus in hospital. We heard today that he is recovering slowly and is now off the ventilator. Best wishes, Rocky!

Our thoughts and prayers go out to all.



Eddie Large with the late Johnnie Riscoe



THANKS TO LEN AND RICHARD...

Last week, you will have seen the picture of Captain Len Goodman's Coach from Captain's Day and this week I have attached a picture of the Variety Sunshine Coach which our Captain's Day sponsor Richard Keel very kindly donated to Grange Park Autistic School based in Sevenoaks. A huge 'thank-you' again to both Richard and Len for their outstanding donations and showing what Variety Golf is all about!

...AND A TOUCH OF MAGIC, TOO

I have also attached a bit of magic from our resident magician David Redfearn who has kindly sent across some footage from last year's Sunshine Classic at Woburn where he performed magic for our superb host, John Daly, which had him in amazement as you will see!



IT'S A GOOD TIME TO BUY SOME VARIETY GOLF MERCHANDISE...

We have received several orders for our new clothing and golf balls which have all been despatched today. If you would like to place an early order and make sure you get the correct size, give me a call on 07801 09810. It's another way you can support Variety Golf.



The sweaters come in Grey (like the one I am wearing above) and Black and the shirts in Dark Blue, Black and White. Sweaters are £65 and shirts £40 – very comparable to golf shop



prices at most clubs.

Plus, we have some brand-new Variety Golf balls – both Titleist Pro V1 and Pro V1X priced at £40 per dozen. We also have Titleist Tour Soft Balls at £30 per dozen. Just drop me an e-mail with your order and we will have it despatched to you within a few days. You can pay over the 'phone or by bank transfer (see opposite).



Thank you...

So far, we have had 32 members, including six Celebrity members, very kindly make cash donations and pledges - whether it be their entry for Captain's Day or a larger donation, or even a monthly direct debit. Along with Gift Aid, this totals just over £17,000. Thank you so much.

If you haven't already paid you can do so by either sending a cheque, making a BACS payment or even calling up and making a card payment over the 'phone.

For those members who haven't yet made a donation and would like to, why not send a donation equivalent to what you would have spent on your March & April entry fees? Again, we would be extremely grateful.

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