

## NEWSLETTER – 17th DECEMBER, 2020



### JAMIE'S BLOG

Well what can I say? This year really has been a rollercoaster with so many ups and down's, but the one thing that has stayed completely consistent throughout is the incredible support from all of you - our fantastic members. Thank you so much for your continued support. We would not have been able to run the twelve events from July without you and, of course, presented 15 Sunshine Coaches!

I have also been very fortunate to have had such great support starting from the top with our Captain, Len Goodman, our Executive Committee, our President Jimmy Tarbuck and my colleague, Samantha. But I would like to make special mention and thanks to our Chairman, Pip Burley, who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes and has been a huge help to me. As they say, when the going gets tough, the tough get going!

I would like to say a huge 'thank-you' to all of the members who have once again stepped up and agreed to sponsor the events because without this support it really wouldn't be the same.

I have great pleasure in confirming our 2021 schedule - (please see attached) I hope you agree, the list of courses we have booked, in my opinion are outstanding and I have also included some new courses such as Swinley Forest GC which will be a great venue to kickstart our season on March 11th. We also have two major champions, Ian Woosnam and John Daly, booked to host our 'Sunshine Classic' and 'Variety Pro Invitational' events along with a new Ladies European Tour Pro- Am.

There is also a very special new event in honour of our 2009 past captain, Ray Clemence (right), who passed away only a few weeks ago. We are running the Ray Clemence Footballer's Invitational at Hankley Common in April, where we will also present a Sunshine Coach in Ray's name.

Sadly, we weren't able to run our Christmas Lunch on the 16<sup>th</sup> due to Tier 3 restrictions - but it wasn't through lack of trying! That said, I have decided to extend our online auction a few more days so it will now close on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm, So, do support us in this way if you can.

In its own way, 2020 has been a great year for Variety Golf. We have kept going, overcome a lot of challenges along the way, and managed to present fifteen Sunshine Coaches. But I won't be sorry that its over!

So, have a great Christmas, be careful, and let's all look forward to a healthier New Year – whatever it brings...



money-can't-buy' evening for two with Chef Michel Roux Jr at his Michelin star restaurant Le Gavroche!

We also have a very special donated item - a brand-new Fiat 500 Rockstar 1.0 litre hybrid car - what a fantastic Christmas or Birthday present for your wife/partner/son/daughter, or even Grandchild!

Our target is still to reach £25,000 which will enable us to present our 16<sup>th</sup> Sunshine Coach for 2020.

So, please take a look at the link below and if you have any questions please let me know.

[Variety Christmas Lunch Online Auction](#)

### VARIETY GOLF CHRISTMAS ONLINE AUCTION

So far, we have raised just under £7,500 on the online auction, plus some more donations from the Christmas Lunch tickets, which is great.

But we do have some fantastic fully donated auction items left. There are tons of sporting memorabilia items, a beautiful Tag Heuer watch - and even a 'unique-



## SAM HEAD'S CHRISTMAS CHARITY GOLF DAY AT MOOR PARK



On Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, Samantha held her annual Charity Golf day at our home course, Moor Park. With a great turnout of 17 teams it was played in some much-needed sunshine and a great day was had by all.

The scoring was incredible.

and the results were as follows:

1st: Mark Ramprakash/Andy Williamson/Mike Logue/Laurence Saffer - 96 points

2nd: William Saunders/Paul Richards/Mike O'Shea/David Hambridge - 94 points

3rd: Daniel Sims/Jonathan Hill/Grant Gallafant/Matthew Reynolds - 92 points

4th: Richard Wigg/Bill Barrett/Don Benton/Nicki Reynolds - 91 points

Nearest the Pin: Dickon Bowden

Samantha's online auction raised just over £4,000 plus another £2,000 raised on the day - so a grand total of around £6,000 raised for Variety Golf just before Christmas. Well done, Sam!



## JANUARY 2021 MONTHLY '100' CLUB DRAW

We will, of course, be continuing our popular and successful Monthly Prize Draw into 2021 and there some great prizes to be won when we pick the winners of our first draw of 2021 on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Here they are:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: A Custom Fit Ping Driver of your choice!

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: An overnight stay at The Royal Lancaster Hotel including breakfast

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: A pair of Skechers golf shoes of your choice!

4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Three course Lunch or Dinner at The Waldorf Hotel in Covent Garden including a glass of bubbly

**REMEMBER - YOU'VE GOT TO BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**

So, if you haven't already signed up and would like to enter, please contact Jamie.

*"2020 has been an extraordinary year for us all. Let's hope that next year will be full of more pleasant surprises and that when we get back on the golf courses in March we will re-discover the pleasure of playing the sport we love at its best, as well as enjoying the friendship and fellowship so unique to our Society."*

JIMMY TARBUCK, OBE, OStJOHN, PRESIDENT, VARIETY GOLF



# VARIETY GOLF

## 2021 SCHEDULE



DATE	EVENT	VENUE	SPONSOR
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Meeting	Swinley Forest GC	David Matthey Raj Sandhu
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Jamie's Charity Pro-Am	The Grove	Jamie Little
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Captain's Day	Walton Heath GC	Richard Keel
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Ray Clemence Footballers Invitational	Hankley Common GC	Alan Robinson Bernie Flockhart
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Ladies European Tour Charity Pro-Am	Sundridge Park GC	Alex Yazdani & SPGC Friends
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Strictly Come Golfing With Len & Anton	The Wildernesse GC	Dreams
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Generals Day	West Hill GC & Sandhurst	Terry Berry Ian Watson
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Ronnie Corbett Trophy	Hadley Wood GC	Nick Green
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Variety v Moor Park	Moor Park GC	Moor Park GC
June TBC	Russ Abbot Classic	TBC	GAMA
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunshine Classic Host - Ian Woosnam	Woburn G&CC	Premier League
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Team Championship	Bearwood Lakes	Joe Hemani
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Variety Pro Invitational Hosted by John Daly	Sandy Lodge GC	John Griffin
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Variety Celebrities Day	The Richmond GC	Variety Celebrities
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Chairman's Trophy	Woking GC	Pip Burley Mike Spanswick
Sun/Mon 5-6 <sup>th</sup> September	Variety Golf Rugby Legends	Loch Lomond	Bill Sangster
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	President's Day	New Zealand GC	Daniel Sims
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Guests Day	St Georges Hill GC	Anthony Trafford
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Meeting	The Berkshire	Michael Budgen Chris Badrick
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	The Variety Masters	Worplesdon GC	Spencer Pollard & Kaleidoscope
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Sir Bruce Forsyth Trophy	Sunningdale GC (Old Course)	Gavin Hawes Lawrence Brown

