

## NEWSLETTER – 2nd MARCH, 2021



### JAMIE'S BLOG

Well, what can I say? It's been a long winter and, finally, there is some hope and excitement to look forward to when the golf courses re-open for the first time in three months on March 29<sup>th</sup>!

After Boris's announcement last week, we unfortunately had to make some changes to the early part of our original 2021 schedule. Some courses understandably have decided to look after their members first before allowing outside Golf Days, so some venues (such as Walton Heath and Swinley Forest) wanted to move our events back as late as November - and even into next year - so I was faced with a tricky challenge to, on the one hand, try to keep the standard of courses as high as possible but, at the same time, ensure a full schedule of events at courses which were not only able to accommodate us, but also provide the level of hospitality we require.

Therefore, I am pleased to confirm that just two weeks after the golf courses open again on the 15<sup>th</sup> April, our Variety Golf season will start at the charming James Braid designed course at Croham Hurst in Croydon.

I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to all our current sponsors who have continued their support for this year to ensure we can get back to raising funds to support disabled and disadvantaged children all around the UK. This year our aim is to present around twenty Sunshine Coaches to these Schools who so desperately need our help.

I fully expect the first few events to be extremely popular and very well supported so to ensure you don't miss out, please get in touch if you would like to enter. I'm certain they will all be a **SELL OUT!**

### "THE TWO JAMIE'S" ZOOM Q&A WITH JAMIE DONALDSON, MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm

Following on from our successful 'Tales from the Ryder Cup' Zoom last week with Terry Mundy, I am pleased to confirm our next Zoom will be tomorrow at 6pm with Ryder Cup star, Jamie Donaldson. Jamie secured the winning point for Europe in the 2014 Ryder Cup at Gleneagles when he stiffed his second shot into the 15<sup>th</sup> hole for a guaranteed birdie, ensuring that Europe won the Ryder Cup!

Please find attached the flyer. If you would like to be on the Zoom call, please contact me ASAP, either by e-mail or 'phone, and I will send you the link. *Limited spaces left!*



## MARCH 2021 MONTHLY '100' CLUB DRAW WINNERS

We will, of course, be continuing our popular and successful Monthly Prize Draw into 2021 and there some great prizes to be won. Here are the winners of our March Draw:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize: A Custom Fit Ping Driver of your choice - **Terry Mancini**

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: Individual Entry the "Season Opener" at Croham Hurst Golf Club - **Alan Bird**

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: £100 Gift Voucher at the Complete Golfer ([www.completegolfer.co.uk](http://www.completegolfer.co.uk)) - **David Harris**

4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Dozen Titleist ProV1 Balls and Variety Golf Cap - **Mark Root**

**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.

## Picturesque Croham Hurst Welcomes Variety Golf

CROHAM Hurst Golf Club is a friendly and welcoming club that was founded in 1911. The 18-hole, par 71, parkland course was designed by Fred Hawtree and five times Open Champion, James Braid. Whether on the course or in the clubhouse, there is a sense of history, and a wonderfully warm sensation of being completely at home. It is a very special corner of Surrey, close to London and Croydon, boasting the outstanding natural beauty that once adorned most of the county.

A parkland golf course with densely wooded areas, Croham Hurst is located in gently rolling countryside and, being 500ft above sea level, provides extensive views across South London. You're only two miles from the edge of London, yet you feel a world away in rolling countryside.

The golf course was built on chalk so it drains well. There are several star hole candidates. It's hard to pick between the tough par-four 15th and the great par-three that follows. At around 6,300 yards from the back tees, it can feel tricky and challenging at times.



## MOOR PARK CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

I am pleased to confirm that Moor Park GC re-opens on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March and included within your Variety Golf membership you have access to play at Moor Park GC for free once a week.

Tee times need to be booked through myself and not directly with Moor Park, so that I can manage the bookings and ensure all of our Members have the opportunity to play there. Please note we have one fourball each week-day (nothing on weekends) and you can sign guests in at a members guest rate of £35 from the 12<sup>th</sup> April onwards but no members guests between 29<sup>th</sup> March -11<sup>th</sup> April.



## OUTSTANDING SUBS...

All members who have paid their 2021 Members' subs should have received their membership packs by now, so if you haven't received yours, then please let me know.

Due to the difficulties caused by the Corona virus and the subsequent uncertainties of the ever-changing Government

guidelines affecting golf, we extended the deadline by which Members' subs should be paid to 1<sup>st</sup> March this year.

So, if you haven't paid yet, can you please do so. Alternatively, please contact me immediately on 07801 098101 if you have any questions or issues.

*Please remember to contact me if you wish to enter any events or book on the website as I'm sure the first few events back will SELL OUT QUICKLY!*



# VARIETY GOLF SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2021

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION AS A RESULT OF ANY NEW GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES

DATE	EVENT	VENUE	SPONSOR
Thursday 15th April	Welcome Back!	Croham Hurst	Raj Sandhu
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Spring Meeting	Brocket Hall	David Matthey
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Ladies European Tour Charity Pro-Am	Sundridge Park	Tony Negal Alex Yazdani
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Pro/Celeb/Am Trophy	Sunningdale Heath	Golf Partnership
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Generals Day	West Hill	Terry Berry Ian Watson
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Ronnie Corbett Trophy	Hadley Wood	Nick Green
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Captain's Day	Moor Park	Richard Keel
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sunshine Classic Host - Ian Woosnam	Woburn	Premier League
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Team Championship	Bearwood Lakes	Joe Hemani
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Variety Pro-Invitation Hosted by John Daly	Sandy Lodge	John Griffin
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Len Goodman Classic	Knole Park	GAMA
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Guests Day	Hankley Common	Anthony Trafford
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	Jamie's Charity ProAm	The Grove	Jamie Little
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	Variety Celebrities Day	The Richmond	Variety Celebrities
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September	Chairman's Trophy	Woking	Pip Burley Mike Spanswick
Sun/Mon 5-6 <sup>th</sup> September	Variety Golf Rugby Legends	Loch Lomond	Bill Sangster
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Strictly Come Golfing With Len & Anton	The Wildernesse	Dreams Beds
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	President's Day	New Zealand	Daniel Sims
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Ray Clemence Footballers' Invitational	St Georges Hill	Alan Robinson Bernie Flockhart
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Autumn Meeting	The Berkshire	Michael Budgen Chris Badrick
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	The Variety Masters	Worplesdon	Spencer Pollard & Kaleidoscope
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Sir Bruce Forsyth Trophy	Sunningdale (Old Course)	Gavin Hawes Lawrence Brown
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Season Finale	Swinley Forest	