

NEWSLETTER 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE, 2020



**JAMIE'S BLOG**

I hope you are all keeping well and managing to play some golf! As you will have seen from my recent e-mails we have finally managed to confirm our first two events with the Variety Golf Pro-Invitational at Bocket Hall on the 17<sup>th</sup> July, kindly sponsored by John Griffin, and the Variety Golf Team Championship at Bearwood Lakes on the 29<sup>th</sup> July, kindly sponsored by Joe Hemani.

A huge thanks to both John and Joe for their amazing generosity at this challenging time. I'm delighted to say the response we have had back from our members has been simply incredible as both of these events are now completely sold out!

Please see below the confirmed schedule for the rest of the season. Please make sure you have these dates listed in your diary – and remember to book and pay for all events on our website.

17 <sup>th</sup> JULY	VARIETY GOLF PRO-INVITATIONAL	BROCKET HALL
29 <sup>th</sup> JULY	VARIETY GOLF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP	BEARWOOD LAKES
7 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	VARIETY LADIES TOUR vs SENIORS TOUR PRO-AM*	MOOR PARK
26 <sup>th</sup> AUGUST	PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP	HANKLEY COMMON
1 <sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER	CAPTAIN'S DAY	WILDERNESSE CLUB
15 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER	AUTUMN MEETING	WEST HILL
24 <sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER	PRESIDENT'S DAY	NEW ZEALAND CLUB
1 <sup>st</sup> OCTOBER	STRICTLY COME GOLFING	WORPLESDON
6 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY	WOKING
14 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	SIR BRUCE FORSYTH TROPHY	THE BERKSHIRE
24 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	JAMIE'S CHARITY PRO-AM	THE GROVE
28 <sup>th</sup> OCTOBER	GRAND FINAL	THE LONDON CLUB

*\*More details to follow*

**THE VARIETY GOLF CAPTAIN & PRO CHALLENGE**

I have spoken with Captain Len and now we are able to start booking in some matches, but we will have to limit the number due to an extremely busy Autumn schedule with so many postponed events being re-scheduled. Obviously, if and when Captain Len isn't available to play then we will invite one of our many Celebrities to stand in for him. Also, our thanks to Tony Negal who will be kindly providing a brand-new Variety Golf Captain/Celebrity & Pro Challenge Trophy.



**Thank You...**

Since the 20<sup>th</sup> March, our goal was to raise £100,000 by the time we were able to get back out on the golf course and run Variety Golf events again.

I am delighted to say that in the last three months, donations from Variety Golf Members - whether straight donations, monthly direct debits or Monthly Prize Draw entries (plus Gift Aid) - has so far totalled just over **£95,000!**

We are very nearly there, so thank you all so much for contributing!

If you haven't donated already and would like to help us reach our goal of £100,000 before the Bocket Hall event on July 17<sup>th</sup>, you can do so either by sending a cheque, making a transfer or a card payment over the 'phone.

Variety Golf, 11, Park Place, Newdigate Road, Harefield, UB9 6EJ or our bank details are: account no: 96808640, sort code: 60-18-20

**A HELLO FROM WOOSIE...**

As most of you will know, Ian Woosnam was due to have hosted our flagship event, the Sunshine Classic at Woburn this year, on the 25<sup>th</sup> June which, of course, is no longer possible. But please take a look at the attached short video from the former US Masters Champion confirming he will still be hosting our Sunshine Classic event next year in 2021. Thanks, Woosie.



Check out his video at: <https://youtu.be/7JTkNNtmQ1E>



We had a great response to our June Monthly Prize Draw with 97 members signed up and, hopefully, you all saw the prize winners drawn out in the video I sent to you on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>. Well done again to the five June prize draw winners who were: 1<sup>st</sup> – Anthony Trafford (£500 Cash Prize!), 2<sup>nd</sup> – Richard Keel (Fourball at The Wilderness), 3<sup>rd</sup> – Bhavesh Amin (Variety Footjoy Sweater & Shirt), 4<sup>th</sup> – Sir Trevor Brooking (Dozen Titliest Golf Balls) and 5<sup>th</sup> – Tony Negal (Dozen Titliest Golf Balls).

### GREAT NEWS FOR NEXT MONTH'S JULY PRIZE DRAW...

David Murrell will be sponsoring the July Monthly Prize Draw and has kindly donated £500 CASH for the 1<sup>st</sup> prize, thanks so much David! The five prizes for the July Prize Draw will be:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Prize £500 Cash!

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Golf for 3 people with six-time Ladies European Tour Winner, Sam Head. at Moor Park

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – Golf for 2 People to take on Mark Ramprakash & Jamie Little at Sandy Lodge

4<sup>th</sup> Prize – £100 Gift Voucher at Complete Golfer (Golf Shop)

5<sup>th</sup> Prize – Dozen Titliest Golf Balls

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

So, July's Prize Draw entry deadline will be the 1<sup>st</sup> July, and Jamie will pick out the monthly winners on video on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

If you haven't already entered and set up your payment, we only have two places left before we reach 100 - so if you wish to enter please let us know ASAP. Just give Jamie a call or drop him an email! We are asking for a £20 donation/entry fee each month and there will be 4 prize winners drawn out. You can of course enter twice to double your chances, which quite a few members have done already!

If you'd like to enter, here are our account details. Include your surname as a reference and let us know by 'phone or e-mail.

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## ENTER ON THE WEBSITE

Now that our fantastic new website is up and running, I wanted to let you know that with events starting again soon, there is an easy to use, online PayPal event entry system to avoid registration queues at events and make it easier for everybody to enter - especially as I am currently on my own in the office! Go to [www.varietygolf.org.uk](http://www.varietygolf.org.uk) and



click on 'Events' and then 'Book an Event' then go to the event you wish to enter.

You can pay by credit card through PayPal and you will automatically receive a receipt of payment straightaway, it's as simple as that! Do give it a try.



## MOOR PARK CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP

We can confirm that our home club, Moor Park, is now allowing four-balls on the High Course and two-balls on the West Course, alternating each week.

Variety members can play on weekdays only and each member can play one round per week, limited to a maximum of three times per month.

Tee times must be booked through myself and please allow for at least a week's notice to book your round. If you would like to play and book a tee time, please contact Jamie on 07801 098101 as it is still booked tee time service only at this stage.

## LASTLY... "LAST LAUGH IN VEGAS" IS BACK

Our very own Variety Golf celebrity members, Jess Conrad OBE and, of course, the late Kenny Lynch, are back on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June and every Sunday throughout June & July on ITV at 11pm.

