

NEWSLETTER 24th AUGUST, 2020

JAMIE'S BLOG



I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

Due to current COVID regulations, there are three of our chosen venues which, unfortunately, can no longer allow us to host our Golf Days this year – Woking (6th October), The Berkshire (14th October), and The London Club (28th October).

Therefore, you will see in the revised schedule below that the Chairman's Trophy

will now be played at Worplesdon on the 1st October, the 'Strictly Come Golfing' event on the 14th October at Knole Park - and we will be finishing off the 2020 season with the Sir Bruce Forsyth Classic at the magnificent Sunningdale Old Course on Thursday 29th October! (Please note that this will be a members' only event due to the restricted field size of 60)

So, we are only losing one scheduled event, namely, the Grand Final which was originally due to be played at The London Club on the 28th October. However, as we have only 5-6 individual counting events, we have decided to not run the Order of Merit this year but will, of course, resume in 2021 when hopefully we can run a full schedule.

Please note that all of the remaining events will be able to run with a full field apart from the Chairman's Trophy at Worplesdon and the Sir Bruce Forsyth Classic at Sunningdale. Both these events will be a reduced to a field of 60, so they will both fill up very quickly. Please make sure you enter ASAP! All the details for the upcoming events will be on the 'Events Page' on our website www.varietygolf.org.uk.

Lastly, you will see that after much discussion with the Royal Lancaster, we have decided to go ahead and book Sunday, December 6th for our Annual Charity Dinner. Whilst it is impossible to predict what the guidelines will be so far ahead, nonetheless, the hotel is confident they can accommodate us successfully and so we have decided to go ahead. You'll find full details on the accompanying flyer. In this instance, please pay by cheque or bank transfer to: a/c no: 96808640, s/c: 60-18-20. In the event of cancellation payments will be fully re-imbursed.

REVISED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2020

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

26 th AUGUST	PAIRS CHAMPIONSHIP	HANKLEY COMMON
1 st SEPTEMBER	CAPTAIN'S DAY	THE WILDERNESSE
15 th SEPTEMBER	AUTUMN MEETING	WEST HILL
24 th SEPTEMBER	PRESIDENT'S DAY	NEW ZEALAND CLUB
1 st OCTOBER	CHAIRMAN'S TROPHY	WORPLESDON
14 th OCTOBER	'STRICTLY COME GOLFING'	KNOLE PARK
24 th OCTOBER	JAMIE'S ANNUAL CHARITY PRO-AM	THE GROVE
29 th OCTOBER	SIR BRUCE FORSYTH CLASSIC	SUNNINGDALE
6 th DECEMBER	ANNUAL CHARITY DINNER	ROYAL LANCASTER

SEPTEMBER PRIZE DRAW

Please note the September Prize Draw will be drawn out at the Captain's Day Prize-Giving at The Wildernesse on the 1st September by our Captain, Len Goodman. The September prizes are below:



- 1st PRIZE £500 cash (kindly sponsored by Roger Riggs)
- 2nd PRIZE Golf for two to take on the old pros – Samantha & Jamie at Moor Park!
- 3rd PRIZE A pair of Skechers golf shoes of your choice
- 4th PRIZE Variety Golf sweater & golf shirt combo
- 5th PRIZE A dozen Titliest Pro V1 balls and Variety Golf cap

DON'T FORGET - YOU GOT TO BE IN IT, TO WIN IT!

"The Old Course at Sunningdale GC has long been my Number 1 and most favourite golf course of all time!"



SUNNINGDALE GOLF CLUB

By Jamie Little

EVERY time I arrive at Sunningdale, I always get goose bumps which I must admit doesn't happen very often to me these days after a lifetime of playing some amazing courses all around the world whilst playing on the European & Challenge Tours. So, I am excited that we will be ending our season at Sunningdale and wanted to share some of its history as one of the most popular courses in the world.

Sunningdale's Old Course was designed by two-time Open Champion Willie Park Jnr (*right*) and was opened in 1901. The land on which it was constructed belonged to St. John's College, Cambridge and mainly consisted of heather, gorse and pine trees.

Bobby Jones had a great fondness for the Old Course and in 1926, during qualifying for The Open Championship (which he went on to win the following week at Royal Lytham), Jones shot a remarkable 66 & 68



and after his round said: "I wish I could take this course home with me back to The States".

Many further amateur and professional events have been played on the Old Course including The World Professional Match Play, The European Open, The Walker Cup, Ladies Open Championship, Open Championship Final Qualifying and most recently the Senior Open Championship on two occasions and again next year in 2021.

The Old Course is today considered one of the greatest golf courses in the world and is regularly found in the top 30 of the world's rankings. It will be a very special way for Variety Golf to finish off the 2020 season

and celebrate the memory of one of our most celebrated Captains at our Sir Bruce Forsyth Classic on Thursday 29th October.

Take a look at: www.sunningdale-golfclub.co.uk

If you would like to enter any events for the rest of the year, please feel free to get in touch ASAP to avoid missing out. I look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

