

NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 16th, 2021



JAMIE'S BLOG

It's been a very busy few weeks with Variety Golf and lots has happened since our last newsletter and we have been to more fantastic venues such as Bearwood Lakes, Sandy Lodge, Knole Park, Hankley Common, The Grove, Woking and Loch Lomond! This is something I really want to continue, keeping the standard of the golf courses we play must be first class, just like our membership! We have also been lucky to have some stars from the European Tour with us supporting our events in June, July and August, with Ian Woosnam at the Sunshine Classic at Woburn, Thomas Bjorn at our Variety Pro-Am at Sandy Lodge in July and Richard Bland at my Charity Pro-Am at The Grove in August!

We still have seven events left for this season at some incredible courses – The Wildernesse, New Zealand, St Georges Hill, The Berkshire, Worplesdon, Sunningdale and Swinley Forest! Don't forget to get in touch if you would like to play as most of these events are nearly full now as you can imagine! And then last but certainly not least, one of our most important fundraising events of the year is just a few months away – The Variety Golf Christmas Lunch at the Hilton, Park Lane, on Friday 10th December, please do get in touch to book ASAP.

'IT'S A TEN FOR CAPTAIN LEN'

I am sure you will all want to join in paying tribute to our Captain, Len Goodman (pictured right with Dame Darcy Bussell), who has done an incredible job since he drove-in back in style last year by presenting his own Sunshine Coach at his home club - The Wildernesse.

Len then went on to play in every single event since and has been a sensational ambassador for Variety Golf. We have been very proud to have him as our Captain.

Len has just flown over to LA for a 10-week stint as a Judge in the US version of Strictly, 'Dancing with the Stars' but has promised to get back in time to play our last event of the season at Swinley Forest in November – and, of course, for our Christmas Lunch.

Len, we salute you and wish you all the best in the States and look forward to seeing you before long at Swinley Forest.



Get Christmas Off to the Best Possible Start...

...by Booking Your Table for our Grand Xmas Lunch on Friday, December 10th



Your package includes Champagne Reception, Three-Course Xmas Lunch with all the trimmings, Wine at the Table, Tea/Coffee and Mince Pies...*plus* after-lunch entertainment starring the legendary Jim Davidson.

Variety Golf Members, Guests and Corporate Supporters are all welcome. And don't forget - while you are enjoying the best lunch in town, you'll be helping to raise much-needed funds for Sunshine Coaches to transform the lives of hundreds of children less fortunate than ourselves. All for £175 per person!

So, share in the fun knowing that you will be contributing to the true 'Spirit of Christmas!'

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT, JIMMY TARBUCK, OBE, OStJ

"This will be a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a festive feast with your friends and colleagues at this iconic venue whilst raising funds for our magnificent charity. So, book your places now. Whether you take a table or turn up with a partner – or on your own – hey, it's Christmas! You will be most welcome and I look forward to seeing all my friends at the Hilton".



Call Jamie now on 07801 098101 or e-mail: jamie@varietygolf.org.uk

8TH VARIETY GOLF RUGBY LEGENDS INVITATIONAL AT LOCH LOMOND GC

Bill Sangster started this event in 2013 and the event has gone from strength to strength with each year, raising more and more funds for Sunshine Coaches.

There were 24 teams which each team hosted by a Rugby Legend with names such as Jason Leonard, Gavin & Scott Hastings, Jonathan Davies, Rory Best, Phil Vickery, ZinZan Brooke and many more!



The event couldn't have gone any better - apart from some missing Scottish sunshine - and it was a great weekend of golf on one of the world's most picturesque golf courses. We presented two Sunshine Coaches, one in the fantastic stand out JOIE branded yellow colours sponsored by our member David Welsh (left) of Joie Baby, and a second presented by the Pears Foundation which we were due to present in 2020 but due to the pandemic managed to finally present it this year.



Above: Bill Sangster presents the winning prize to Joe Hemani and, below, the winning team - Steve Coppell, Neil Bookatz, Daniel Sims & David Humphries

Huge thanks go to Bill Sangster who worked tirelessly for the six months leading up to the event. His hard work certainly paid off! We managed to double the efforts raised in 2019 and in excess of £200,000 was raised for Variety Golf - enough to present another eight Variety Sunshine Coaches to Special Needs Schools in the coming months!

REMAINING EVENTS IN 2021

PRESIDENT'S DAY

23rd September - New Zealand

RAY CLEMENCE FOOTBALLERS INVITATIONAL

6th October - St Georges Hill

AUTUMN MEETING

13th October - The Berkshire

THE VARIETY MASTERS

20th October - Worplesdon GC

SIR BRUCE FORSYTH TROPHY

28th October - Sunningdale (Old Course)

SEASON FINALE

30th November - Swinley Forest



VARIETY GOLF CHRISTMAS LUNCH

10th December - Hilton Park Lane

Don't forget, you can always look at our website for more information about all our upcoming events by clicking on the link below. Best wishes, Jamie.

