

NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2022



JAMIE'S BLOG

The first official Variety Golf event of the year was played at The Grove on the 18th March for my 10th Jamie's Charity Pro-Am. The sun was shining, the course was in superb condition and a great day was had by all.

We had 28 teams playing, with each team accompanied by a European Tour professional, and I had some old friends from the Tour playing such as David Howell, Richard McEvoy, Philip Golding, Scott Drummond and many more. The scoring was very competitive and please cast an eye on the Pro's individual leader board:

**-5 Jamie Rutherford, -5 Daniel Gaunt, -4 Jamie Little (!),
-4 Matthew Cort, -3 David Dixon, -3 Todd Clements**

There was plenty of fundraising on the day too, with a Holiday to Monte Rei which was won by Variety member David Law on the 4th hole, a raffle, silent auction and we even had the Prime Minister – Boris Johnson perform the Live Auction for us (AKA Mike Osman) and a grand total of £21,000 was raised on the day and more importantly we presented the Sunshine Coach #2 of 2022 to the Trinity Special Needs School based in Dagenham. I am delighted to say that a grand total over the 10 years of running this event, I have raised just over £200,000 for Charity, so a big thankyou to everybody who has supported it.



The Pro's field was headlined by David Howell

Edit Residential Charity Golf Day Raising Money for Variety Golf

A week later and we were back at The Grove and with more sunshine! I ran the Edit Residential Company Golf Day. This was the 3rd year they have raised funds for Variety Golf and they were delighted to be able to sponsor their own Sunshine Coach, having raised over £35,000 over the three years they have run the event.

They were thrilled to show their new Sunshine Coach to all their clients who had been invited to play on the day and have promised to do the same next year!

Huge thanks to John Conteh who played on the day and also ran the live auction at lunch - and as always was superb! If anybody would like to get in touch to see if we can help run their own Company Charity Golf Day and raise funds for Variety Golf at the same time, please get in touch!



2022 CAPTAIN'S DAY AT WALTON HEATH

On the 30th March, our new 2022 Captain, Steve Coppel (pictured right with his predecessor, Len Goodman), 'kicked us off' in style at Walton Heath with an absolute corker of a tee shot on the 1st hole of the Old Course straight into the heart of the green!

We had a full field with everybody delighted to support our new captain and, although the golf course was playing tough in challenging conditions, we were treated to a superb meal after play. Our President, Jimmy Tarbuck, was on top form as he introduced Steve who in turn made a most enjoyable and humorous speech during which he said he is really



looking forward to another successful year with Variety Golf following in Len's footsteps!

Huge thanks go to Richard Keel who sponsored Captain's Day as well as sponsoring and presenting his second Sunshine Coach in the last two years!

The scoring was extremely close and with a jam-packed leader board:

Scratch Challenge Cup – Winner with a Gross 73 (+1) Stuart Williams

Division 1 (h'cap 0-12)

Winner with 38 Points: Simon McLaven

2nd Place 38 Points: Allan Wells MBE

3rd Place 37 Points: Steve Rigby/Gavin Hawes/Spencer Pollard

Division 2 (h'cap 13-24)

Winner with 38 Points: Peter James

2nd Place 38 Points: Len Goodman

3rd Place 38 Points : Laurence Saffer/Jim Fox

Team

Winners 91 Points - Steve Coppel, Richard Keel, Daniel Sims & Neil Bookatz


2nd Place 90 Points - Allan Wells, Spencer Pollard, Bernard Marchant & Martin Hughes



Upcoming Event Entries & the Race to Dubai!

As you will have seen we are now working with Golf Genius which is why we have asked you all for your CDH numbers so that we can register and post your scores to update your WHS handicap at all of our individual Variety Golf events this year and this also automatically updates our Order of Merit where this year's winners will win a Holiday to Dubai sponsored by JA Resorts in association with our travel partner Golf Escapes!

If you would like to enter any events, you can find all of the event information on our website: www.varietygolf.org.uk and we are now taking entries by emailing me directly rather than through the website.



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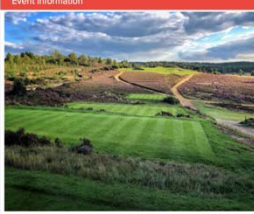
Welcome to

Spring Meeting

Hankley Common, Wednesday, April 13th, 2022
 Individual Entry: £155
 Registration: 8am | Two-Tee Start: 9am-11am
 Limit: 80 players

To enter please contact Jamie Little at
jamie@varietygolf.org.uk

Event Information



The Spring meeting has become one of Variety Golf's most popular events in recent years thanks largely to it being played at the magnificent Hankley Common - truly a golfer's golf course.

Your day starts with coffee and bacon roll followed by eighteen holes of golf, playing off the 1st and tenth tees from 9am, with individual and team prizes, followed by a

The Course

Hankley Common is recognised as one of Britain's great inland courses. It was first opened for play over nine holes in 1897 and had to wait until 1922 for James Braid to advise the addition of a further nine. Bobby Locke described the course as the closest resemblance to a seaside links, whilst the famous course architect, Charles Lawrence, once described the course as "one of the best inland layouts in Britain".

The 7th hole is looked upon as being one of the finest par-3s in the country and the magnificent 18th a superb but challenging finishing hole.

The course and surrounding area are classified as a site of Special Scientific Interest, due to the unusual number of indigenous trees, as well as being a sanctuary for many birds and animals, including the rare Dartford Warbler, Woodlark, Nightjar, Adder, Deer, Badger and the Sand Lizard.

If you love golf in glorious surroundings you'll love Hankley Common.

Hankley Common GC, The Clubhouse, Tilford Road, Farnham, GU10 2DD

Our next few events in April are fast approaching and there are only a few spaces left at each of them so please email me if you would like to enter before they are full! Here they are:

Forthcoming Events

Spring Meeting at Hankley Common, 13th April
 Only 8 spots left

Directors Trophy at Hindhead, 21st April
 Only 12 spots left

Ladies European Tour Pro-Am at Sundridge Park
 29th April
 Only 3 Team spots left

Stan Boardman Classic at Brocket Hall, 5th May
 Only 2 Team spots left

NEW VARIETY CLOTHING IS NOW IN!

Our new Callaway clothing range with the Variety Golf logo are now out and will be on sale at the next few events, but if you would like to place an order I can send it to you in the post - so please let me know.

GOLF POLO SHIRTS - £30

NAVY OR WHITE – SIZES M, L, XL & XXL



GOLF SWEATERS MERINO WOOL ¼ ZIP - £50

NAVY OR HORIZON BLUE – SIZES M, L, XL, & XXL



Welcome Sarah-Jane



We are delighted to welcome on board Sarah-Jane Thompson who is now working for Variety Golf and if you haven't met her already you will of course meet her soon at your next event.

Sarah-Jane has a wealth of experience in running Charity Golf Days as she has previously worked at The Willow Foundation where she was an Event Manager for seven years.

In the last couple of years Sarah-Jane has helped us out at various Variety Golf events, including our Christmas

Lunch at the Hilton where her organisational skills proved invaluable!

So, please make sure you introduce yourself to her at the next opportunity.

We are all looking forward to working with her.

Helping Children in Ukraine

I am pleased to report that with the support of Variety the Children's Charity, Variety Golf has made a donation of £10,000 to Unicef, specifically for the relief of children who have suffered – and are sadly still suffering - as a consequence of the current atrocities in Ukraine.

Pip Burley

MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW - APRIL WINNERS

Please see below winners which were drawn out at Captain's Day by our Captain Steve Coppel. If you would like to be part of the Monthly Prize Draw, you can simply set up a monthly direct debit of £20 and you will be automatically entered into the draw each month.

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| 1 ST Dickon Bowden | Wins Golf for 4 at Castle Combe in The Cotswolds plus a new Variety sweater and free entry into the Spring Meeting! |
| 2 ND Bernie Flockhart | Wins a Pair of Footjoy Golf Shoes and free entry into Directors Trophy! |
| 3 RD Spencer Pollard | Wins a Variety Sweater, Golf Shirt & Titliest Golf Balls! |
| 4 TH Terry Mancini | Wins a Variety Golf Shirt! |

Don't forget, to look at our website for more information about all our upcoming events and please note our new address



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Variety Golf Schedule of Events 2022

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
Friday 18th March	Jamie's Charity Pro-Am	The Grove
Wednesday 30 th March	Captain's Day	Walton Heath
Wednesday 13 th April	Spring Meeting	Hankley Common
Thursday 21 st April	Director's Away Day	Hindhead
Friday 29th April	Ladies European Tour Charity Pro-Am	Sundridge Park
Thursday 5th May	Stan Boardman Classic	Brocket Hall
Tuesday 10 th May	General's Day	North Hants & Sandhurst
Tuesday 17 th May	President's Day	Swinley Forest
Friday 10 th June	Yappa Pro-Celeb-Am	Sunningdale Heath
Wednesday 22 nd June	Sunshine Classic	Woburn
Wednesday 6th July	Team Championship	Bearwood Lakes
Wednesday 13th July	Len Goodman Classic	The London Club
Wednesday 20 th July	An Audience with John Daly	The Cavalry & Guards Club
Monday 25 th July	Variety Golf Pro-Am hosted by Colin Montgomerie	Moor Park
Wednesday 17 th & Thursday 18 th August	Variety Links Challenge	Princes & Royal Cinque Ports
Thursday 1 st September	Strictly Come Golfing!	The Wildernesse
Tuesday 13th September	Guests Day	West Hill
Thursday 22 nd September	Autumn Meeting	New Zealand
Thursday 29th September	Ray Clemence Invitational	St Georges Hill
Thursday 6th October	Chairman's Trophy	Camberley Heath
Sunday 9th & Monday 10th October	Variety Rugby Legends	Loch Lomond
Wednesday 19th October	Sir Bruce Forsyth Trophy	The Berkshire
Monday 24 th October & Tuesday 25 th October	Season Finale	Parkstone & Ferndown