

NEWSLETTER MARCH 24th, 2020

JAMIE'S BLOG



What a shame! Just as we were shaping up for another record year, we are hit with the virus. Then, just as we were told we could play golf as long as we respected 'self-distancing', all the golf courses have been closed!

Clearly, this hits us hard. One of the ideas we had only a few days ago – that Sam and I would offer lessons to members in return for a donation - is no longer possible, at least not in the foreseeable future. Nor is the Captain & Pro Challenge, although we have had some entries for this already and we will start as soon as the courses are open again (so ring Jamie or Carol if you want to enter).

What else can we do? Well, obviously, we want to continue to raise funds for Sunshine Coaches, after all that's our job. But whilst we have no events and the schools are shut, we can't present them in the normal way. However, we can make sure they're ready to be delivered as soon as they are wanted.

That's what happened when we had to cancel Len's Captain's Day on Thursday, March 19th. The two Coaches, generously sponsored by Len himself and Richard Keel, were both delivered the same day.

So, please keep those donations coming in. I know things are hard at present, but we really do need your support. Thank you.



IT'S A GOOD TIME TO BUY SOME VARIETY GOLF MERCHANDISE...

We've just taken delivery of some great quality sweaters and shirts from Footjoy emblazoned with the Variety Golf logo.

The sweaters come in Grey (like the one I am wearing above) and Black and the shirts in Dark Blue, Black and White. Sweaters are £65 and shirts £40 – very comparable to golf shop prices.



Plus, we have some brand-new Variety Golf balls – both Titleist Pro V1 and Pro V1X priced at £40 per dozen. We also have Titleist Tour Soft Balls at £30 per dozen.

Just drop me an e-mail with your order and we will have it despatched to you within a few days.

You can pay by bank transfer at a/c 96808640 s/c 60-18-20.



Thank you...

...to all those members who responded so quickly and generously to Pip's letter last week. Within a few hours we had received more than £10,000 in donations and pledges. We are most grateful to you.

But there is still a long way to go to get even close to replacing the money we will lose from the cancellation of our events this year - if we are to make our charitable target.

Do get in touch to make a donation, set up a standing order – or any other way | you can think of to help that doesn't involve a social gathering.

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