

NEWSLETTER MAY 11th



JAMIE'S BLOG

Hope you are all keeping well and perhaps had a go at my 2.6 Variety Golf Challenge in the garden. I managed to get some European Tour Pros to take part and spread the word on social media (I even managed to get Justin Rose to retweet something for us) which helped us raise some more funds - just over £5,000 - and also gain some great exposure for Variety Golf.

A big thanks to quite a few of our members including Tony Negal, Alex Yazdani and many more who got involved and also to our Celebrity ambassadors such as Mark Ramprakash, David Redfearn, Ian Irving and of course Bobby Davro who even dressed up as President Donald Trump and took on the 2.6 Variety Golf Challenge! Take a look at President Trump's 2.6 variety golf challenge attempt by clicking on: <https://youtu.be/xD3JpUc01qw>

This is all excellent exposure for Variety Golf which I hope will continue during in months ahead.

Following Boris Johnson's latest announcement, it looks like most golf clubs will be re-opening from Wednesday, 13th May. So, all being well, we will be able to dust off the cobwebs and get back into the swing of things and make sure our games are ready for when we are able to run Variety Golf events again.

I am working on a new updated schedule and as soon as we are confident it's safe for us to run an event, I will let you know. As things stand, our events booked in for September and October will go ahead and I will keep you posted on a new date for Captain's Day to kick-start our revised programme in style with Captain Len Goodman! Take a look at Len's video message at: <https://youtu.be/NzDMzTcjKs>



MOOR PARK CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

I am delighted to confirm that our home club, Moor Park GC, will be re-opening both their courses, the High & West, from this Wednesday 13th May.

As stated previously all Variety members



will be able to play there on weekdays only but limited that each member can play no more than one round per week

I encourage all members to make use of this fine facility. Just let me know when you would like to book a tee time and I will happily make all the arrangements.

You will be made most welcome.

Thank you...

Since my last newsletter two weeks ago, we have now received just over 50 donations from Variety Golf members, whether straight donations, your entry for Captains Day or even monthly direct debits. Along with Gift Aid this now has so far totalled just over

£65,000

Thank you so much, we really appreciate your continued support at this difficult time.

Our goal since the 20th March, was to try To raise £100,000 before we are able to get back to running events, so we are getting there!

If you would like to help us reach our goal by making a donation you can do so either by sending us a cheque, making a BACS payment or simply by 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

VARIETY GOLF'S FIRST MONTHLY "100 CLUB PRIZE DRAW"

We had a great response to our first Monthly Prize Draw with 75 members signed up – and still coming in.

Hopefully, you all saw the prize draw in the video – all very proper and above board! If not, just go to our website at: www.varietygolf.org.uk

Well done to the four May Prize Draw winners:

1st Michael Budgen (I-Pad), 2nd Matt Hurren (Golf Lesson at Moor Park), 3rd Dave Bassett (Variety Clothing), 4th Barry Root (Dozen Titliest golf balls)

Great News for the June Prize Draw! Roger Riggs will be sponsoring it and has kindly donated £500 cash for the 1st Prize. Thank you so much, Roger!

So, June's Prize Draw entry deadline will be the 1st June and I will pick out the monthly winners again by video on the 2nd June. If you haven't already entered and set up your payment, you still have plenty of time to do so - and any problems please give me a call or drop me an email to enter!

We are asking for a £20 donation/entry fee each month and there will be four prize winners drawn out. You can of course enter twice to double your chances, which quite a few members have done already!



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



VARIETY GOLF DONATES HUNDREDS OF SENSORY KITS TO FAMILIES IN NEED

We are delighted to have now provided Sensory Kits to 500 families with disabled and special needs children to help them cope better whilst having to look after their children at home during enforced home isolation. The provision of this tangible equipment is not being provided by any other charities at present.

Sensory Toys help children to relax, focus and calm down to a particular scenario or event and enable them to play more easily. The kits include items such as: Glow Gloves, Space Blanket, Ear Defenders and Sensory Stress Balls and many more. The packs were also accompanied by information offering parents practical ideas for how to turn everyday household items into sensory objects.

All 500 families have received their sensory packs and we have had some amazing feedback from both the children and families and have been sent some lovely photos of the children using them. Here's a picture below of 10 year-old Harry who suffers with autism, ADHD and lung problems which means he has to shield indoors to protect from the Corona Virus.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY SOME VARIETY GOLF MERCHANDISE!

With every chance of things getting back to normal in the not too distant future, now's the time to invest in our new logoed clothing and golf balls. So, if you haven't already done so, make sure you don't miss out on your correct size by calling me now and I can get your order sent out next day delivery. Apart from looking great on the course, it's another great way to support Variety Golf and the kids who need our help.



The clothing is all manufactured by Footjoy and is all great quality. The sweaters cost £65 and the shirts £40 – very competitive to golf shop prices. Sweaters are available in grey or black and the shirts come in in navy blue, white and black.

The new logoed golf balls are available in Titliest PROV1 or Titliest PROV1X for £40 per dozen and Titliest Tour Soft at £30 per dozen. Please just drop me an email or phone call with your order and I will get it despatched within a few days.

As always you can pay by bank transfer (ac/no: 96808640 sort code: 60-18-20) or by card over the phone (07801 098101)



OUR NEW WEBSITE IS A HIT!

It is very pleasing when a lot of time and effort goes in and people respond with enthusiasm. Anyone who has been involved in putting together a website knows what a labour of love it can be – and the new Variety Golf site was no different!

Still, it appears to have been worthwhile as members call up and say how good it is. Apart from some glorious panoramic shots of the courses we play, the new site has some really useful new features. For example, when our events are up and running again, you will be able to book and pay for your place online - no need in future to send cheques or bring your credit card to the event.

If you like history, there is a section all about the origins of Variety Golf as well as some historic pictures and videos. You'll find our corporate supporters are included, together with brief descriptions of their businesses - and we have not forgotten our sponsors and major donors. They are all there, too.

If you haven't checked it out yet, go to www.varietygolf.org.uk. You won't be disappointed.



Please do stay in touch with us during this difficult time. It is very encouraging to hear from you as we continue to make every possible effort to raise funds for our very special children and their families who are suffering just as much – if not more – than we are. They need us and our help now as much as ever. As always, thank you for support.

