



The Chesterfield Golf Club

e-Bulletin
17th - 30th June 2017

Date:	Sat 17th	Sun 18th	Mon 19th	Tues 20th	Wed 21st	Thurs 22nd	Fri 23rd
Event:	Men's Open 4 BBB 9.00 - 4.00	Ladies Medal 11.32 - 12.52 Mixed Match 1.00 - 2.00	Bronze Match 1.00 - 2.00 SUGC 4Somes 5.00 - 5.20 EGM at ProAct @ 7.00 pm	Vets Match 9.32 - 10.28	Medal Closed to 10.00	Derbyshire Captains 1.00 - 2.30 Captain's Match 3.00 - 4.00	Belper GS 1.32 - 2.28 Friday Mixed Fun Night
Date:	Sat 24th	Sun 25th	Mon 26th	Tues 27th	Wed 28th	Thurs 29th	Fri 30th
Event:	Mixed Foursome Cup 1.30 - 3.00	Scratch Cup 7.30 - 8.30 & 12.00 - 1.15 Captain/Lady Captain Match 2.00 - 3.00	Derbyshire Police 1.32 - 2.28	Ladies Medal 9.00 - 11.32	Mens Match 11.00 - 12.00 Wortley GC 2.00 - 2.30	Pro-Am 9.00 - 10.30 & 12.30 - 3.00	No Bookings

CAPTAINS CORNER

Hello again,

I took part in a very enjoyable mixed friendly against Abbeydale on Sunday May 28th. I have not played a great deal of mixed golf in the past and am finding it really enjoyable. The following day I headed down to Surrey with Vice-Captain Martin Bonyngue to play in a charity event at New Zealand Golf Club which is one of the prettiest courses in the country. It is a course you can only play with members other than in charity events and having lived close by for over 20 years and having never played it, it was an ambition achieved. We played as a team of 4 with a couple of mates from the South and managed to finish 3rd. On the way down, Martin and I played at Rothley Park in Leicestershire and dinner with my elder daughter, Dominique in Woking on the evening made it a very enjoyable trip.

The rest of the week was incredibly busy golf-wise with a good win in the Captain's friendly away at Tapton on Wednesday, playing in the ladies' invitation to men on Thursday, the Captain's Exchange to Willesley Park on Friday and the June Medal on Saturday. The game at Tapton was great fun and Shane and I managed to defeat their Captain and Pro 3 and 1 on the 17th with

a birdie from Shane. Shane as usual played well, I managed to come in on a few holes with a bit of good fortune and some missed putts from the Tapton Pro made the difference.

The captain's exchange to Willesley was great, a really nice course and a great meal afterwards. There were teams of three with two to score on each hole and my team playing with Alan Ridley and Martin Page managed to come in in first place, much to the derision of the rest of the players! The monthly medal on the Saturday looked promising until the 9th but a disastrous back nine saw me slip way down the field.

The social on Saturday 10th was a terrific affair with over a hundred enjoying a nice meal provided by Neil and the team and a full dance floor dancing to Johnny and the Moondogs, a Beatles tribute band. We booked them because, having engaged them in the past, they are really good and they even let me join in and play drums with them on "Ticket to Ride" which was great fun. My thanks to Peter Copley who makes all the arrangements with the various agencies for booking the bands.

After such a busy week of golf, the next week was very quiet golf wise with a few work assignments and only one game, the Captain's Friendly versus

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Matlock. Another keenly fought affair that ended in a 3.5 to 2.5 win after which, as ever, the meal served up by Neil was excellent. My thanks to all the players who supported me by playing in both Captain's Friendlies and, as I have said in the past, participation in these games is open to all members.

The only real disappointment was having to abandon the Am-Am on Saturday 10th due to the downpour overnight and on the morning which rendered the greens unplayable. This will be rearranged when it can be fitted into the busy schedule.

Lastly, I had lunch at the Golf Club on Sunday 11th with George and Val Masson and a few of their friends. They are leaving to live in Sussex closer to their children. They have both been great servants at the club in many ways, serving on committees and being part of the club infrastructure and will be sorely missed. My thanks to them, both personally and on behalf of the club, for everything they have contributed over the years and my/our best wishes for the future.

Best wishes as ever,

Chris Lightfoot
Captain

Message from the Lady Captain

This year the Captain and Lady Captain have introduced some nine hole mixed competitions on Sunday afternoons. The first one was held after the Captains' Drive In and the second one was held last Sunday. While very enjoyable occasions the Captains would like to see

more of our members joining in the fun, especially as the decision to organise these competitions stems from the desire expressed in the survey by many members for more mixed competitions! The next nine hole Captain and Lady Captain fixture is on Sunday June 25th. There will be a signing sheet on the board in the lobby and Neil has agreed to provide food afterwards in the form of nibbles including sausage rolls, small pasties and chicken bites. As the tee time is a little later at 2pm the competition will be a Canadian Greensomes.

Competition Results

Silver Division

Many congratulations to our ladies who succeeded brilliantly at Chevin on Thursday 8th June in very challenging



conditions. The team won 3½ to 1½. The team was Marie Watson, Carol Gladwin, Ann Lomas, Lynn East and Pat Taylor. It was a magnificent achievement.

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Bronze Division

Many congratulations to our Bronze team who played Chatsworth at home on Monday 5th June winning by 4-1.

The weather was awful initially and they did well getting round, however all returned in a good frame of mind and enjoyed the lovely meal Neil had prepared, especially the rhubarb syllabub with wine & cream!

The course withstood the rain and the greens remained fast.

Monday 12th June, the Bronze Team were at home to Chevin which proved to be a very tight match ending with a draw 2½ to 2½.

Well done everyone, we are still in the running to win!

Fifty Shades of Pink!

The ladies held their annual Jean Ballingall Day on Tuesday June 13th. There was a good turn out of very pink ladies who enjoyed good weather and even better craic. The meal was most enjoyable – pink food too – and the winners on the day were Liz Outram and Barbara Sims.

Lady Captain Liz used the occasion to bid a very fond farewell to Val Masson who will be leaving us very shortly to move to Haywards Heath to be closer to her family. We wish her and George all the very best as they enter this new and exciting phase in their lives. Both Val and George will be greatly missed.

Ladies Open Am-Am

We held a wonderfully organised Ladies Open Am-Am on Thursday, 15th June. Our thanks to Joan Bywater for her organisation and to all our helpers on the desk, starters on the 1st tee and helpers in the Halfway House.

The results are as follows:

1st with 84 points, Sian Mansey, Kay Kearton and Carol Simpson from Horsley Lodge with Mary Anable from Matlock;

2nd with 78 points, Annette Linell from Hallamshire together with Ann Riley, Kath Mowforth and Pat Roberts, all from Beauchief;

3rd with 76 points, 39 on the back 9, Sue Ratcliffe and Jan Jones from Chester, Barbara Sims from Chesterfield and Daphne Spencer from Chatsworth;

4th also with 76 points, 38 on the back 9 and 27 on the last 6, Di Gillatt from Chesterfield, Val Hutchinson and Kathy Jex from Lingdale and Julie Pickford from Lees Hall;

And in 5th, also with 76 points and 38 on the back 9 but 25 on the last 6, Jayne Brown, Lindsey Gil, Jane Kemp and Sue Ketteringham from Hallamshire.

Congratulations to all!

Course Report

Once again, the British weather is playing havoc with the Chesterfield golfing calendar!! Persistent rain on Saturday morning meant the competition had to be cancelled due to waterlogged greens but thankfully they drained well once the rain stopped.

The growth has continued to thicken all areas of the course so all the mowers are running continuously. The greens are starting to finally fill in from the winter disease scars and we are planning another top dressing when convenient.

It has been brought to my attention that the three R's are currently being ignored, Replace all divots, Repair all pitch marks, Rake bunkers. Can I please add that divots can be filled in using the divot bags as well.

Finally, you will notice that Hope House on the 1st tee is receiving a makeover. It will become an open

shelter without any doors so that it has access to everyone and so that the 1st hole becomes more visible.

Nick Miles

Course Manager

Junior News

Again it gives great pleasure to include the report on the juniors from Mike Barker who is doing an excellent job with his team on encouraging Junior Golf.

Membership

The second series of cadet coaching started on the 13th - our numbers have been sustained with two more joining the existing twenty cadets.

Handicaps

We now have eight cadets who have qualified to play on the main course for six holes from 150 yd; six played on Tuesday night - qualifying Festival rounds are played at 6pm on Tuesdays and 4pm on alternate Sundays accompanied by an adult. Those cadets who have yet to achieve the qualifying handicap will play qualifying rounds on the cadet course at the same time.

Junior Golf Passport

The club has now formally joined the Golf Foundation Junior Golf Passport. All of our cadets have been added to the Passport scheme to give them a structured programme of development that Shane will take them through giving them Playing, Personal and Physical skills.

Next Festival Date

Sunday 18th June

EGM Reminder

Please don't forget the EGM is on Monday 19th June at the ProAct Stadium at 7:00 p.m.