



Veterans' Section 2017

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Open to those Chesterfield Golf Club Members
who have reached the age of 60.



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Veterans' Voice

Newsletter of Chesterfield Golf Club Veterans' Section.
The place to post news and air your views.

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Chairman's introduction:

Hi everyone,

Tuesday 26th September saw our last Vets friendly fixture. This was against Lees Hall away which we lost 5 – 3 which is the same result that we beat them at ours in May. Lees Hall was in very good condition, they have a relatively new head green keeper who is steadily improving the course. The meal was also a very good standard.

Unfortunately our match with the Ladies was cancelled due to lack of support from the Ladies section, I can't help thinking it may be they do not want to play with us "old lads".

As I mentioned last month a lightning strike damaged our door entry system at the club. The damaged circuit board has fortunately been repaired at modest cost and the system is now operating as normal.

We have a new member of staff in the office. This is Kate Elliot, Kate replaces Tracy who has left us to work in the education system. Welcome Kate, we hope you are happy at C.G.C. Another new face at our club is our new assistant professional Ethan Rockley. Ethan, who plays of 2 has come to us from Breadsall Priory, again welcome Ethan we hope you too are happy at C.G.C.

As you will be aware our bar re vamp is now complete. We have an extra hand pull or "trad" bitter on offer. You will now normally have a choice of a "blond or amber" bitter, although we may just have to drop back to one if demand falls through the winter months. Stongbow cider has been replaced with Aspalls which has been well received by our cider drinkers and Guinness replaced with Titanic stout which comes to us in 30 litre kegs compared with the 50 litre Guinness ones which we were unable to sell fast enough to keep the product in good condition. The cost of the installation including 9 new beer lines and the 2 new tee bars has been paid for by our local beer supplier Huttons.

Some of you will have seen the blue markers on our course. This is not just for our junior members but is to be a shorter course for members who would like or need to play a shorter course. These are properly marked out and will be included on our future cards.

On the social side we have "Therapy" playing for us on the 14th October. This is a Captains charity fund raiser and they are a 60s band made up of doctors from the Royal Hospital who give their services free for charity events. The sheet for this event is almost full but you might just squeeze in on the odd table.

On the 11th November we have our Dinner Dance with "Chequers" to entertain us. These are a class act who often play on cruise liners.

On the 24th November our Captain Chris. has organised a "Pub night" it will be a Pie & Peas supper with no reserved tables. The entertainment is a seriously good pianist and singer Steve (big man) Clayton who sings and plays Boogie and Blues. Cost £10 or £5 without food.

Regards everyone

Peter Copley

Secretary's Notes

As usual the weather featured very heavily in our golf activities during the last few weeks and one of the casualties was the Silver Anniversary Cup due to be played on Monday 11th September. As this cancellation came at the last minute on the advice of club officials we tried to alert anyone who had not already arrived at the club of this decision. Our apologies to anyone we missed. The new date for this competition is

Can you help to fill this space ?

Why not give your Summer Golf Shoes a treat ready for their Winter Rest?

Dave Roach
is continuing
with his
shoe cleaning
service –

Proceeds to the
Captains'
Charity
for
2017

From this:



Golf Shoe Service

Shoes cleaned and
polished to the highest
standard possible.

Unchanged minimum
charge of £3.00 per pair

All proceeds to our new Captain
and Lady Captain's Charities.

Contact Dave Roach on:

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To this:



Be smart on your
feet all for a
worthy cause !

Veterans' Voice is an informal newsletter of the Veterans' Section of the Chesterfield Golf Club. We're happy to continue with Veterans' Voice for the time being but it would be so much nicer if we were to receive contributions from members.

Please email your article / joke / news to nick.roberts@bcs.org

Thursday 19th October with a Tee closure of 9:30 to 11:30 (please note different tee times from original date).

Our Vet's matches are now complete and our thanks to Alan Moore who despite being injured to the point of not being able to walk very well, still organised the teams.

The Away Day at Wortley proved very successful and thanks go to the committee particularly Peter Copley for running the day in my absence.

What a pleasure it's been this year to have our club Captain participate in our matches and activities which I'm sure we've all enjoyed his warmth and sense of humour.

The Ladies with Vet's match was called off due to lack of entrants from the Ladies section.

Regards

Secretary: *Les Spencer*

October birthdays

Happy Birthdays in October to :- Chris Allen. Graham Barnes. Simon Costello. Ron Enock. Garry Sims. Lynn Thomas.

The Summer Diary – Competitions

Congratulation to John Orchard who, in his first season with us, has won the singles knock-out, beating Harry Lee in the final.

The pairs final is still to be completed at the time of writing

German Trucks (8 and final)



Winter Events for your Diary

Thursday 21st December
Friday 19th January
Monday 5th February

Christmas comp & Lunch
Annual Dinner
Golf - Lunch - AGM

2017 Remaining Veterans Fixtures

October		
Mon 19 th	Re-arranged Silver Anniversary Cup	Home 9:30 – 11:30

If you weren't able to participate on the original scheduled date, please add your name to the list on the veterans' noticeboard.

Les will put the sheet with the teams and start times in due course.

Veterans Away Days

There will be a Vets Away Days event next year, the venue and month will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The month will probably be June 2018 and it will be a Sunday Driver, hopefully avoiding all national holidays and other trips which may have been arranged by other members.

If anyone has any suggestions as to where they would like to go, bearing in mind the distance from Chesterfield to the chosen venue, then please let me, Paul Broadhead, paul@fallows-end.co.uk know.

Remember we try and keep the journey time to around 90 minutes.

Is everyone happy with a price tag of up to £120, because keeping it under £100 is becoming more and more difficult?

Aldwarke Manor, York, The Abbey, Redditch, Whychwood Park, Crewe, Shrigley Hall and Mottram Hall, Cheshire, Hollins Hall, Bradford, Forest Pines Scunthorpe and Belton Woods, Grantham are all known venues and are under consideration.

Have you any other preferences.

Best Wishes
Paul

Understanding Engineers

Two engineering students were biking across a university campus when one said, "Where did you get such a great bike?" The second engineer replied, "Well, I was walking along yesterday, minding my own business, when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike, threw it to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, "Take what you want." The first engineer nodded approvingly and said, "Good choice: The clothes probably wouldn't have fit you anyway."

To the optimist, the glass is half-full. To the pessimist, the glass is half-empty. To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!" The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!" The priest said, "Here comes the greens-keeper. Let's have a word with him." He said, "Hello George, What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?" The greens-keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime!" The group fell silent for a moment. The priest said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight" The doctor said, "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if here's anything she can do for them." The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

What is the difference between mechanical engineers and civil engineers? Mechanical engineers build weapons. Civil engineers build targets.

The graduate with a science degree asks, "Why does it work?" The graduate with an engineering degree asks, "How does it work?" The graduate with an accounting degree asks, "How much will it cost?" The graduate with an arts degree asks, "Do you want fries with that?"

Three engineering students were gathered together discussing who must have designed the human body. One said, "It was a mechanical engineer. Just look at all the joints." Another said, "No, it was an electrical engineer. The nervous system has many thousands of electrical connections." The last one said, "No, actually it had to have been a civil engineer. Who else would run a toxic waste pipeline through a recreational area?"

Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it. Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features yet.

An engineer was crossing a road one day, when a frog called out to him and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn into a beautiful princess." He bent over, picked up the frog, and put it in his pocket. The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me, I'll turn back into a beautiful princess and stay with you for one week." The engineer took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it and returned it to the pocket. The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want." Again, the engineer took the frog out, smiled at it and put it back into his pocket. Finally, the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess and that I'll stay with you for one week and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?" The engineer said, "Look, I'm an engineer. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog - now that's cool."

And Finally

Two engineers were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking at its top. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing. "We're supposed to find the height of this flagpole," said Sven, "but we don't have a ladder." The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole down on the ground. Then she took a tape measure from her pocketbook, took a measurement, announced, "Twenty one feet, six inches," and walked away. One engineer shook his head and laughed, "A lot of good that does us. We ask for the height and she gives us the length!" Both engineers have since quit their engineering jobs and are currently serving as elected members of parliament.

Veterans Section Membership

The number of paid-up members is lower than previous years Perhaps we should all try to extol the virtues of the vets section and encourage others to join the fold. Our funds are currently healthy but since they are mainly dependent upon the membership subscriptions it is inevitable that over time they will diminish. *Garry*