

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY GOLF

Newsletter No 1

FULL STEAM AHEAD FOR THE MERGER

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On Tuesday 12th September 2017, at Chevin Golf Club, the Presidents of the Derbyshire Union of Golf Clubs (DUGC) and the Derbyshire Ladies County Golf Association (DLCGA) signed the merger agreement between the two bodies.

The merger will take place on 1st November 2017 and Clubs are now being asked to affiliate to the new merged body.

**IT IS TIME TO DRIVE GOLF IN
DERBYSHIRE FORWARD. WE
NEED TO SUPPORT OUR CLUBS
AND INCREASE MEMBERSHIP!**

Our Mission Statement is "To promote golf and develop golfers throughout the County, to support our membership and to make **Derbyshire Stronger** in terms of both Club Members and Elite Players"

County Vacancies

To get the new Company started, eight Directors were appointed to positions on the Board. Previously elected by the DUGC or DLCGA, these eight have worked on the merger process from the beginning.

Three further Directorships will be elected at the first AGM at the end of February 2018 following an open recruitment process. All nominations will be posted at the first General Meeting of the DCG in November 2017.

Volunteers are also required to help on the Competitions Committee.

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New CSO for Derbyshire

Sadly Alice Lowe has left her position with England Golf as Club Support Officer (CSO) to Derbyshire. The recruitment process is now underway to find her replacement and we are pleased to report that England Golf have invited Derbyshire onto the interview panel.

**Working together for
Derbyshire**



Presidents Tony Broadhurst & Maggie Wylde signing the Merger Agreement

COUNTY VACANCIES

Directorships/ Board Positions to be filled:

- **Marketing Director**
- **Northern Clubs' Representative**
- **Southern Clubs' Representative**

The North/South Club Representatives will be Directors on the Board and will also sit on the Marketing Committee.

The aim of this committee is to work with Golf Clubs and the CSO:

- To help promote Club recruitment
- To promote Golf in Derbyshire through local/ national & social media
- To assist Clubs with developing new players

GET MORE INFORMATION

Job Roles and Committee Terms of Reference are available for download on the website.

For more information contact Sharon Elliott, County Secretary by email: secretary@dscgolf.co.uk

Running a competition



Other Vacancies:

- Working on the **Competitions' Committee** to assist with the running of competitions
- Working on the **Competitions' Committee** to help oversee Inter-Club fixtures
- **County Welfare Officer**—to ensure the safeguarding of adults and children
- General offers of help always welcome!

YOU can help make Derbyshire Stronger!

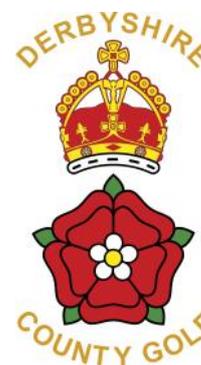
The 'County' is not just for elite players.

We are involved with getting more juniors into playing: e.g. **The Futures Tour**—Sunday afternoon comps for young/new players—help always welcome at these events!

Coaching Programmes: not just for juniors and elite—we also offer coaching for Club Members who are looking to reduce their handicaps and take part in more competitive golf

Golf Clubs: we want to work with Clubs more to help them grow, offer advice, share Best Practice etc

Help is welcome from anyone who has time to offer, it could be a couple of a hours a month helping with the website, or you may have a business skill which could be useful to Golf Clubs. Maybe you want to become a PGA Referee—there are so many ways to help. Please contact Sharon Elliott if you have been inspired - **together we can make it work!**



DOWN TO BUSINESS!

The DCG Board

We have been working together for over a year and with a combined secretary since April this year.

There is still much to be sorted but the Board feel that progress has definitely been made and that working together has proved to be worthwhile.



*Sharon Elliott, John Rawson, Cynthia Machent, Paul Longden, Pat Holloway, Roger Jewell
Tony Broadhurst & Maggie Wylde*



Business Plans & Budgets

The Business Plan is available to view on the website. This will provide our overall direction and will work with the County Action Plan which provides detailed targets. Each Committee will have its own budget and targets to manage and report back to the Board on a monthly basis.

Our immediate aims are to reduce expenditure and to look at equalising income and expenditure for male and females. There are some elements that will take many years to become fully equal, for example in competitions: ladies pay a £10 entry fee and have a maximum prize of £30, whilst men pay £25 and have a variable prize pot based on competition income. Early indications suggest that each party is happy with this as objectives are different.

Our 2017/18 Focus

In the first official merged year, we need to get all the people in place, the right people for the right role.

We need to compile policies & procedures that work for both men and women.

We are looking at all Competitions to try and increase participation. This will involve looking formats, dates and publicity of events. We are planning to survey the membership to assist with this—after all it's the membership who play (or not) in these events and we need to understand what the modern golfer wants in terms of social & competitive golf.

Business as Usual?

For many Club members it will be Business as usual. A great many golfers are not interested in County matters, and that is fine and we hope that for those people they do not notice a change—at least not one in a negative sense.

To those who are interested, this is a time of change, to come into the 21st century by working together. We acknowledge that we will not get it right first time every time, and would ask that if you think something is wrong or could be better—work with us, talk to us, **help us to make Derbyshire stronger!**

Thanks to those who took part



A few of the 2017 winners

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