

Hello to all fellow golfers and actuaries,

Welcome to the September SAI Golf Society Newsletter which provides an update on the 2021 Irish actuarial golfing season and invites you to join me at this year's Captain's Day at Carton House on Thursday October 7th.

Captain's Day 2021

Firstly, I hope you and your families continue to be healthy and safe in these uncertain and unprecedented times. It goes without saying that the COVID-19 global pandemic has been significantly challenging for all.

I am delighted to announce that the 2021 Captain's Day can take place based on current government and Golf Ireland guidelines in relation to gatherings and sporting events.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming golfers back to Captain's Day and having an enjoyable round of golf while adhering to all relevant guidelines. Set out below are the plans for the day.



Date: Thursday, October 7th

Time: Tee is booked from approx. 12:00 to 13:30

Venue: Carton House Golf Club (the O'Meara) Maynooth



The O'Meara Course at Carton House is widely considered to be one of the great parkland courses in Ireland. It is a beautiful setting and the consensus is that the course is a challenging but very fair test of golf. Our Captain's Day was last held there in 2013 when Thomas Farrell was the Captain.

It would be great to see as many of you as possible on the day. Your support for this event will be greatly appreciated.

I've always liked the 'tradition unlike any other' of how the Masters golf tournament formally invite each professional golfer to play in their event each year by way of written invite. Not to be outdone, your formal invite for Captain's Day 2021 is shown here...! ----->



The SAI Golf Society Captain

cordially invites you

to participate in the

2021 SAI Golf Society Captain's Day Tournament

to be held at

The O'Meara Golf Course

at Carton House Golf Club in Maynooth, Co. Kildare on the afternoon of Thursday 7 October 2021.

> Kevin Begley SAI Golf Society Captain 2020/2021

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Captain's Day 2021



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The October 7th date will give us all something to look forward to once the 'back to school' rush has died down! I'm sure Neil Guinan is looking forward to defending his title at this year's event.

Golfers of all abilities are welcome to take part in the Captain's Day event. As in prior years I can guarantee that the Captain's Day will be a fun, yet competitive social event. The one thing I can't guarantee however is the weather on the day.

Current restriction levels dictate that the traditional post golf dinner (with speeches and prizegiving) that evening in the clubhouse will not be possible. We will hold the prizegiving ceremony over Zoom later that evening where the winners will be announced. The collection/delivery of prizes will then be taken care of at a later date.

Captain's Day 2021 can be booked online here.

To make the necessary arrangements please can you book in as soon as possible and no later than September 24th.

The entry fee of \in 80 per golfer includes the golf green fee and a 'grab & go' burger and cold drink at the 10th tee.

As in previous years, members are more than welcome to invite guests. If doing so, please state their name(s) when entering online.

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Piers Segrave-Daly Matchplay

The Piers Segrave-Daly Matchplay competition which commenced on 11 June is now in full swing with the matches at the business end of the competition now been played. I am sure each of the twenty seven golfers who played in this competition enjoyed doing so and I hope you managed to be lucky enough to play in some of the great summer weather we had this year (at times!).

The current situation with the Matchplay competition is as follows:

 In the top half of the draw Ciaran Long awaits his opponent for the first semi-final – Dun Robertson & Piers Segrave-Daly will battle it out for the honour of playing Ciaran.
In the bottom half of the draw Frank Downey faces Dermot O'Hara in the second semi-final.

The champion of the Matchplay competition for 2021 will be known next month. You can catch up with the latest standings in the Matchplay competition <u>here</u>.

Best of luck to all those remaining in the competition – may the best/luckiest golfer win. Many thanks to Catherine in the Society offices for her assistance ensuring that this competition stayed on schedule.

Society vs Faculty Match

Holding the annual Irish Society versus Scottish Faculty golf match is a much more difficult task given the current status of the pandemic in terms of travel restrictions etc. Not too unlike what happened with the Ryder Cup, and while not yet decided upon, I suspect this year's Irish Society versus Scottish Faculty golf match may need to be deferred to Spring 2022. This will however be kept under review in conjunction with our Scottish counterparts who are due to travel to Ireland for this next instalment of this match.

Rest assured I will take good care of the Quaich trophy and I very much look forward to leading the Society team in our defence of the Quaich as soon as restrictions permit the match to take place.

I wish you all well for the rest of the 2021 golfing season. If there is another actuary, friend of colleague you know who may be interested in playing in the Captain's Day please do pass these details on to them. Best of luck with all your golfing practice ahead of Captain's Day. Remember the more you practise the luckier you will get!

I look forward to meeting all of you at Carton House in person on Thursday October 7th. I hope you and your loved ones stay safe and well.



If you would like more information on any of the events in the Golf Society Calendar, please email info@actuaries.ie

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