



# DGA

Summer 2019

The Quarterly  
Newsletter  
of the  
Disabled Golf  
Association

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# John Riordan

'Our Man In The North'



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# Summer Is Here, The Golf Sizzling & We Have Red Hot News About The DGA!

## **The Disabled Golf Association is now a Charity!**

We are actively looking for trustees to help move DGA to the next level.

Many of you are aware we had applied to the Charities Commission to convert to a charity.

The good news is that this has now happened and the DGA is a registered charity with Charity Number: 1184422.

We will hold the last board meeting of the old Community Interest Company in August and straight afterwards the first trustee meeting of the new charity.

One thing we will be considering at the first trustee meeting is potential new trustees.

Our new constitution allows us to have up to 12 trustees.

If you have any suggestions or want to be considered as a trustee, please email our current CEO Paul Piercy at:

[Paul.Piercy@pjpcare.co.uk](mailto:Paul.Piercy@pjpcare.co.uk)

As all members have voting rights, our constitution states that any appointments that the board of trustees make will only be valid until the next AGM, scheduled for November 2019.

At this AGM, all appointed trustees will have to be voted in by the membership, as will a third of existing trustees.

All disabled players who have played at least one event this year and members who paid last year are voting members for the current year (1.3.19 - 28.2.20).

Sorry it's a bit technical but the main message is that we are now a charity and this opens up all sorts of possibilities around funding and what we can do to promote disabled golf.

We are looking for additional people to help us develop an already successful organisation that runs over 50 golf events every year.

**Paul Piercy**  
CEO

Disabled Golf Association



## Paul Drives The DGA Message On TeamTalk...

Following the very successful Southern Disabled Open at Poult Wood Golf Centre last Thursday, our CEO, Paul Piercy, was invited to talk about the event and disabled golf in general live on local TV station KMTV. A great opportunity to promote disabled golf!



**Paul Piercy**

Thanks to Poult Wood and tactive for organising the SBO and attracting all the positive publicity. And a big thanks to Paul for his excellent contribution.

View the interview here:

<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/kmtv/video/team-talk-monday-20th-may-2019-25648/>

## Golf Trust Open 2019 The Shire London



**It was a big treat for DGA members to play the most excellent The Shire London, home of the Menai Davies family, at the annual Golf Trust Open.**

The course was in spectacular condition and we were blessed with scorching hot and sunny weather.

No less than 40 players travelled from far and wide to take part in this Open Competition, a major title in the DGA calendar for sure.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to the Menai Davies family and all the staff at The Shire, you were incredible.



**Cai Menai-Davies**

# DGA EVENTS 2019

(**New Events** / **Super Six** / **Majors**)

## APRIL

Thu 18th The Bedfordshire  
Tue 23rd Duxbury Park, Lancashire  
Wed 24th Hockley, Hampshire

## MAY

Thu 2nd Darrington, Yorkshire  
**Fri 3rd Cirencester, Gloucestershire**  
**Tue 7th Rudding Park, Yorkshire**  
Fri 10th West Kent, Kent  
Thu 16th **Southern Disability Open**, Poult Wood, Kent  
Fri 17th Rushcliffe, Nottinghamshire  
**Mon 20th Shrigley Hall, Cheshire**  
**Fri 24th The Drift, Surrey**  
**Thu 30th Stoneleigh Deer Park, Warwickshire**  
Fri 31st Rother Valley, South Yorkshire

## JUNE

Thu 6th The Players (Stranahan), Bristol  
Fri 7th Blackburn Golf Club, Lancashire  
Mon 10th Kingswood Golf Club, South Yorkshire  
**Fri 14th Canons Brook, Essex**  
Mon 17th Styrrup Hall Golf Club, Yorkshire  
Tue 18th Boundary Lakes, Hampshire  
Tue 25th Sand Martins, Berkshire  
Wed 26th Oulton Hall, Yorkshire

## JULY

Mon 1st **North of England Open**, Waterton Park, Yorks  
Wed 3rd Sudbury, Middlesex  
Mon 8th Littlehampton, West Sussex  
16th/17th **Welsh Open**, The Vale, Vale of Glamorgan  
Fri 19th Ramsdale Park, Nottinghamshire  
Tue 23rd Hart Common, Lancashire  
Wed 24th The Bristol, Bristol  
Mon 29th **Golf Trust Open**, The Shire, London  
Wed 31st Whitefield, Manchester

## AUGUST

Tue 6th Bird Hills, Berkshire  
**Tue 6th Hill Valley, Shropshire**  
Wed 14th Willow Valley, Yorkshire  
Fri 16th Cams Hall, Hampshire  
**ENGLAND v WALES CUT OFF**  
Mon 19th Thorne, South Yorkshire  
Mon 19th Waling, West London  
21/22/23 **Disabled British Open**, Stratford Park, Warwicks  
Thu 29th Aldenham, Hertfordshire  
Thu 29th Astbury, Cheshire

## SEPTEMBER

Mon 2nd Haycock Park, Lancashire  
**Fri 6th Harleyford, Oxon**  
**NORTH v SOUTH CUT OFF**  
6th/7th/8th **England Disabled Open**, Stoke-by-Nayland, Essex  
Mon 9th Denton, Manchester  
8th/9th/10th **Scottish Disabled Open**, Dalmahoy, Edinburgh  
15th/16th **England v Wales**, Wychwood Park, Cheshire  
**Fri 20th Mapledurham, Berkshire**  
Wed 25th Castle Eden, Cleveland  
**Fri 27th South Essex, Essex**

## OCTOBER

6th/7th **North v South**, The Belfry, West Midlands  
**Fri 11th Skylark, Hampshire**  
**Mon 28th Super Six Final, Copt Heath, West Midlands**

Events listed in **RED** are newly added, events listed in **BLUE** are the Super Six & events listed in **BOLD** are major events.

*Titleist*  
#1 ball in golf

# Competition Winners

## West Kent

Bobby David (29pts)

## Poult Wood

Andy Jones (39pts)

## Rushcliffe GC

Norman Roberts (32pts)

## Shrigley Hall

Ben Marlow (37pts)



## The Drift

Ashley Harris (31pts)

## Stoneleigh Deer Park

Mike Lincoln (36pts)

## Rother Valley

John Riordan (36pts)

## The Players

Iain Millar (36pts)

## Blackburn Golf Club

Paul Daley (29pts)

## Kingswood

Norman Roberts (34pts)

## Canons Brook

Bobby David (32pts)

## Styrrup Hall

David Kirkham (35pts)



## Boundary Lakes

Stan Bembenek (36pts)

## Sand Martins

Tom Leray-Meyer (33pts)

## Oulton Hall

Alan Orchard (34pts)



## Sudbury

Bernd Hintz (35pts)

## Waterton Park

Kyle Lowman (35pts)



## Low Laites

Neil Patrick (34pts)



## Littlehampton

Andy Gilford (37pts)

## Welsh Open

Jay Penfold 79/80 Gross

## Ramsdale Park

Jane White (33pts)



## Farleigh

Susie Mew (40pts)



## Hart Common

John Smith (35pts)

## The Bristol

Clive Martin (29pts)

## Golf Trust Open

Jay Penfold (39pts)



## Whitefield

Paul Daley (26pts)

**Congratulations  
to all.....**

# John Riordan

Events Coordinator  
And Handicap  
Secretary

Members will probably know John Riordan as the DGA's Northern Events Co-ordinator and Handicap Secretary. They possibly know he has osteoarthritis. They may know he's a former policeman from Dewsbury. They might even know that he is 67, has a partner and is a father of four and grandfather of five.



**Winner... John with David Edwards at Forest Pines**

But they may be surprised to learn that he was once a professional footballer. And that he lived and worked in one of the most exotic places on the planet. Although John played golf "on and off" as a child, it was football that he excelled at - enough to be picked for the England Under-18s team, and then Huddersfield Town, Halifax Town and Wigan Athletic. However, deciding that he would not



**John in the famous Birdcage, Front Street, Hamilton, Bermuda, 1974**

make it to the game's top flight, he switched careers and joined the police force, as a beat officer.

One day, though, he saw an advertisement for police officers in the British Overseas Territory of Bermuda, applied - and got the job. He was there for a year. "It's nice to say I've been," he said. "I'd love to be able to go back, but it's an expensive place."

After 10 years as a police officer, John moved into financial services, advising people on pensions and savings, but then: "I got fed up". That's when he returned to football, this time overseeing rules and regulations in the (amateur) County Football Association for West Riding, a job he did until he retired.

It was only in 2004 that John started to play golf seriously.

Although he joined friends for the occasional tournament, his osteoarthritis meant he struggled to get round a course. Being, he says, "fortunate enough" to be able to buy his own buggy changed all that. "It meant freedom," he explained.



**From birdcage to birdie**

It was while looking round Oulton Hall Golf Club, near Leeds - now his home club - that someone told him about the Disabled Golf Association.

He's now been Events Coordinator and Handicap Secretary for around two years. He's always on the look-out for suitable golfing venues - such as those with a suitable supply of buggies - and he's always on the look-out for new golfers too. He's a Marshall at Oulton Hall, and: "If anyone turns up with a disability, I'll try to get them to come and play with us".

Although he jokes about having to deal with phone calls from members trying to persuade him to increase their handicaps, he says one of the best things is: "seeing someone who has not played golf for years, the look on their face when they hit a golf ball for the first time...there's a degree of satisfaction in helping other people and enjoying a game of golf."

**Alison Winward**  
[alisonwinward.wordpress.com](http://alisonwinward.wordpress.com)

# Big Thanks To Greg Munroe

**Golf Charity Day - 30th August 2019  
PLEASE SHARE....**

We at the DGA are delighted to announce that this year Greg Munroe has selected the DGA as the good cause to benefit from his annual Golf Charity Day.

All of us at the DGA would like to thank Greg for providing us with this opportunity.

Greg still might have a few spaces remaining and the entry fee for each player is £55. However, if you need a buggy unfortunately they are all already booked.

Also, if you would like to become an event sponsor or donate prizes/raffle items please contact Greg to discuss how you can support this event. His contact details are:

**Email: [ornumgerg@aol.com](mailto:ornumgerg@aol.com)  
Mobile: 07784312108**

The event will be held at the excellent Newton Green Golf Course. Here are all the details:

**Date: 30/08/19**  
Location: Newton Green Golf Club Limited,  
Sudbury, Suffolk CO100QN

The other way you can support the event is to use our donations page. Please follow the link:

**[https://www.sponsorme.co.uk/.../  
disabled-golf-association-new...](https://www.sponsorme.co.uk/.../disabled-golf-association-new...)**

All these details are also on our website.  
**[www.disabledgolf.org.uk](http://www.disabledgolf.org.uk)**

**Paul Piercy**  
CEO

Disabled Golf Association



MASTER SCOREBOARD

## Master Scoreboard

### Just a reminder...

Masterscoreboard now has the facility to book online for future DGA events.

You can also view competition results and catch up with the Order of Merit race.

[www.masterscoreboard.co.uk](http://www.masterscoreboard.co.uk)

**John Riordan**  
Northern Organiser

## Don't Quote Me!

### Following an eventful day at Blackburn Golf Club.....

"Nothing was too much trouble for the club staff and even green keepers were on hand to help right the buggy that overturned on the course.

Fortunately no one was injured but our members, naming no names, but their initials were Ian Slowther and Norman Roberts, were grateful for the assistance". Ooops!



## DGA Membership Badges



Looking super smart and great on your golf bag are the new DGA membership badges.

Members have been delighted to receive them and proud to display them on their bags.

**Have you got yours?**

## Probably Best Not To Ask...



## Caddy's Corner

Golfer "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world."

**Caddy "I don't think so sir. That would be too much of a coincidence."**