

March 2009 Newsletter



Dear Friends

On the golf course things can often be deceiving. How often have you hit a beautiful 8-iron only to see the ball land a long way short of the target? Or a glorious 5-iron that sails over the green? The way the hole appears is quite often not what is really there but we are deceived and get caught out.

Of course the answer to these sorts of deceptions is to trust what has been written down for us in our course planners. Whatever appears to be the case, they tell us exactly how it really is. How often things deceive us in life, not least in our Christian walk.

It sometimes appears that God is not sovereign; it sometimes appears that the ungodly succeed. We can be deceived into thinking that the Lord will not return.

The answer, of course, is to go back to our course planner – the Bible, God's Word, which says: Do not be deceived – God reigns over all His creation; He has provided a way for us to be forgiven, all who trust in Jesus will be saved. He is with His people even through the toughest times.

Whether the particular part of the course that we are playing at the moment is easy or difficult, whatever we do we must not discard our course planner but trust it completely. It has proved true and reliable before and will do so again, because the One who spoke it always speaks the truth.

As we seek to serve the Lord Jesus in the world of golf let us make sure that we are not put off or deceived and so come up short of the target.

With warm Christian greetings

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Mark Pinney
Director

Pros' Conference - 27th April 2009

This year's venue is being held at Frilford Heath Golf Club, Abingdon, near Oxford. Please put the date in your diary now and do plan to join us. The day will consist of 18 holes of golf followed by lunch, guest speaker and concluding with tea and cake.

Have you returned your entry form yet? If not then please do so as soon as possible. Further details and entry forms can be obtained from the office or on the website.

Church Challenge Regional Golf Tournament 2009

Following on from the success of last year's tournament, we have now finalised the dates for this year's events. The purpose of these is for Christian golfers to meet, hear about golf ministry and be challenged to use their golf for the Gospel. There are six Regional Church Challenge Days, with the winning pair from each region being the guests of Logos Golf Ministries at the national final at the Marriott, Forest of Arden Hotel and Country Club on the 20th and 21st of September.

Please enter in teams of two if possible, although individuals entering will be put into a team. You may enter as many regional golf days as you wish. More than one team can be entered from a church or organisation.

The dates and venues are as follows:

18th May – Pine Ridge Golf Club, Frimley, Surrey

1st June – Warrenpoint Golf Club, Co Down, Northern Ireland

15th June - Worsley Golf Club, Eccles, Manchester

22nd June – Deer Park Golf & Country Club, Livingston, Scotland

26th June – Peterstone Lakes Golf Club, Wentloog, Cardiff

29th June – Ramside Hall Hotel & Golf Club, Carville, Durham

Please put these dates in your diaries – entry forms and further details can be obtained from the office or on the website. Do plan to join us and send in your entry forms as soon as possible, as spaces are limited.

Golf Ministry Weekend 20th - 21st September

While the Church Challenge Regional Golf Tournament finalists will be our guests at the Marriott Forest of Arden, Hotel and Country Club, there is opportunity for others to join us for the weekend at their own expense and participate in their own golf competition. You would be very welcome.

Please contact the office to obtain further details if you are interested.

Please continue to pray for:

- The appointment of a non-executive chairman
- Effective evangelism at the many church golf days that are being organised throughout the UK
- Finances to fund the necessary activities that are planned for this year
- Our being able to find and appoint suitable chaplains to serve Tour players
- The witness of Christian Tour players and Club Professionals