

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shockwave therapist offers golfers new lease of life

A leading osteopath in Surrey is aiming to get golfers that suffer with debilitating knee, heel, elbow and shoulder pain back on the move after bringing a revolutionary new treatment to the region that is used by various Premier League football teams and was widely used by athletes at the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

Paul Morrissey runs the Osteopathic Clinic of Physical Medicine near Croydon, and has just become the first person in the area to take delivery of a Swiss DolorClast Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy device that draws on revolutionary medical technology to treat various conditions.

Low-energy, extracorporeal shockwave therapy is a relatively new technology, but the National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) recently issued guidance that it is a safe treatment option for numerous conditions, including inflamed Achilles tendon, tennis elbow and calcific tendonitis of the shoulder.

Shockwave therapy is applied at the point of the pain's origin via a hand-held device that emits high-intensity sound waves, and is an attractive alternative to conventional surgery because the patient doesn't have to be



Shockwave therapy is an effective way of treating many sporting injuries without the need for surgery



Paul Morrissey

admitted to hospital, there is no need to have an anaesthetic, and the patient doesn't face a lengthy spell of rehabilitation and possible immobility. It also takes just a few

minutes to administer and allows the patient to lead an otherwise normal life.

The results achieved by the Swiss DolorClast have been so impressive that a number of Premier League football teams use the device before, during and after matches, and it is also used by a many world-class professional golfers, including Solheim Cup star Suzann Pettersen.

"The Swiss DolorClast has been tested vigorously and all of the research and recommendations have been extremely impressive," says Paul Morrissey. "I have been

using the device since 2004 to treat my patients and some of the results have been quite outstanding. I am seeing clinical results that I have never seen before."

The Osteopathic Clinic of Physical Medicine is treating patients privately and offers a range of affordable treatment packages. Many of the major medical insurance companies have approved the treatment method and will reimburse payments accordingly, but patients are urged to check with their insurer before commencing treatment.

Morrissey added: "Low-energy shockwave therapy is considered a real breakthrough in medical technology, and the fact that it's just been approved by NICE means it is completely safe. There is a clinical need for the treatment in Surrey and the Swiss DolorClast will play a leading role in getting local people from every walk of life back on the move and relieving troublesome pain that can be extremely distressing to live with."

For more information about the Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy treatment available at the Osteopathic Clinic of Physical Medicine, visit www.shockwave-therapy.co.uk or call 0208 662 1155.

EATON TEAM BOOK PLACE IN FOURBALL FINAL

Eaton Golf Club's Mark Allen sealed a place in the Golfbreaks.com PGA Fourball Championship despite being forced into a last minute change of partner. The Norwich pro had intended to play the qualifying event at Bush Hill in Middlesex with Sam Cubitt. But Cubitt was recovering from a bout of pneumonia and could not play. That meant Allen calling in Eaton assistant Michael Skipper as a late stand in, but the pair gelled well to finish with an eight-under-par 62, and book a place in the £35,000 grand final, which is being held at Carden Park between August 12-14.

ED RICHARDSON CLAIMS SUSSEX AMATEUR TITLE

Edward Richardson from Rye captured the 2015 Sussex Amateur Championship after beating Tom Bailey (Chartham Park) 3&2 in the final held at West Sussex Golf Club on June 7. Richardson beat Nathan Longley (Worthing) 7&5 to reach the final, while Bailey overcame Jack Floyd (Haywards Heath) 2&1.

Shock as Mentmore G&CC closes without notice

There was shock and anger among the membership at Mentmore Golf & Country Club in Bedfordshire last month, when the club was shut down without any notice.

The Leighton Buzzard-based club, which first opened in 1992, was shut down on June 7, with the 50 staff who worked at the club given

one day's notice of the termination of their employment. The club's website was closed on the same day, offering a phone number for enquiries. The club, which offered two 18-hole courses, the Rothschild and the Rosebery, was understood to have had several hundred members at the time of the closure, many

of whom returned to the site after hearing about the closure in order to collect personal belongings from their lockers. A number of people who had booked the site for golf days, weddings or other events, which have now been cancelled, have complained that they have been unable to contact the club.

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