

Farnham Lions Golf Day supports Cancer Care.

When asked what The Fountain centre is, many readers wouldn't know. Some would find out the hard way, but most readers have no idea that they have this wonderful facility on hand when they need it most. The centre is a special place within the St Luke's Cancer centre at The Royal Surrey County Hospital in Guildford, providing information support, counselling and a wide range of complementary therapies to cancer patients, their carers, relatives and friends, those bereaved and hospital staff.

When Gerry Marvel, the Lady Captain at Hindhead Golf Club, proposed the centre for this year's Farnham Lions' Charity Golf Day, it was warmly supported by the Lions. And so it was that, on a dank Thursday morning at the end of August, 90 golfers in 30 teams of three met to play some golf and raise much needed funds to help the centre. Its annual funding requirement is about £18,000 a year to keep going, which is why support from the local community and organisations like Farnham Lions is so very important.

The funds raised by this year's golf day will provide modern, colourful information boards spread around the Royal Surrey informing everyone of the location and purpose of the Fountain Centre.

The tournament itself was played, as usual, on the beautiful Hindhead course, where Steve Holmes and his team always produce a magnificent setting for the day; even the heather looked inviting!

Many of the participants recalled that it wasn't easy to score, as the overnight rain took the run off the ball, nonetheless, Paul Sopp came in with a very creditable 40 points to win the individual prize, from Lee Harding in 2nd place with 37 points and R Rowlett 3rd with 36 points.

The team prize went to Tres Miserables (S Bradley, N Berridge and R Rowlett) with 83 points after countback, in 2nd place were the Fat End of the Wedge (Howard Taylor, Lee Harding and M Williams) and Thomas the Shank Engine (S Marvell, A Grose and P Feibusch) in 3rd place. The Ladies Prize went to Gill Jeal, The Best Front Nine to D Johnson and the Best Back Nine to P Feibusch.

The putting prize of a Jaguar for the weekend was won by Kevin Jarman who kindly then donated it into the auction.

The event was again sponsored by Wise & Co, local Accountants and Business Advisers who also put up a £1000 prize to be shared amongst those getting a hole in one; sadly it was not awarded this year.

Mark Head conducted a most amusing cabaret/auction raising a superb £2500, the highlights of which was an original watercolour painting by celebrated local artist Charles Bone and a tennis racket signed by Serena Williams. The watercolour painting depicted a scene on the 18th green at Hinhead with Sir Arthur Conan Doyle about to play his approach shot. The winning bidder then generously donated the painting to the Hindhead Club.

It is hoped that a sum of approaching £7,500 will be raised this year.

Farnham Lions would like to thank everyone associated with making the day such a success

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