

Rennicks takes top spot

Open winner Darren Clarke was not the only golfing great this summer to dodge the gym and take a more relaxed approach to sporting fitness.

Many of the players taking part in the Highways/IHE Industry Charity Golf Day in July were just as keen on the social side of the event and enjoyed a few drinks in the warm afternoon sun with Clarke-like gusto. But before hitting the bar and an enjoyable prize-giving dinner there was the serious matter of racking-up a decent score round the testing Warwickshire Golf and Country Club. The course was in great nick and scoring was a challenge on the quicksilver greens and their tough pin positions.

Fourteen teams took part in the day – the largest amount of entries in the event’s 13-year history. The four ball Stableford system meant only the best two scores counted on each hole and Rennicks were a worthy winner with an impressive haul of 90 points. In second place were Velocity with 85 points and Lafarge came third with 80 points. Longest drive on the testing 10th was Dave McMahon from Bellstan while nearest the pin on the 4th went to Roger Bayliss from Fortons and the best second shot on the 9th to a very tough par 4 was hit by Martin Durbridge of Velocity.

Henry Wanchoo of Highways UK sponsored the nearest the pin prize on the 9th then won the same award on the 17th himself with a stunning strike. Highways UK also kindly provided sponsored balls for the teams. Other sponsors on the day were Morelock, Route Signs and Traffex and new teams taking part this year came from Telents, Velocity, Bellstan, Highways UK Et Lafarge. Route Signs has a proud record in this event but unusually finished last this time round. Team captain Mike Hope graciously declined to blame the result on the last minute decision to invite Highways Editor Grant Prior to make up the fourball. Charity was the other winner on the day with £700 raised for the Lighthouse Club.

Next year’s Golf Day will be held at the same venue on Friday July 6.

Nearest Pin 9th (in 2)



Martin Durbridge – Velocity (left) presented with prize by Henry Wanchoo of Highways UK

Last



Finishing last Route Signs

First Place



The winning team from Rennicks

Second Place



Runners-up Velocity

Third Place



The third place team from Lafarge

Longest Drive 10th

Dave McMahon from Bellstan

Nearest the Pin 4th

Roger Bayliss from Fortons