

Charity the winner as industry swings into action

What better way is there to forget the worries of crumbling roads and budget cuts than slipping on a pastel shirt and dodgy trousers and hitting the hell out of a golf ball?

Certainly none that I could think off wandering around the beautiful Warwickshire Golf and Country Club during the Highways Magazine Charity Golf Day. It was a record turnout this year despite the funding fears surrounding the industry as teams representing 14 highways specialists battled it out for the unofficial "fifth" major. The Warwickshire was a new venue for the competition and it provided a stunning backdrop to a great day of golf. The course has been set-up with the hope of hosting the Ryder Cup which meant it provided a severe test for all handicaps. A few cold beers in the bar after provided the perfect chance to network while the scores were counted. The 2010 champions were Signature Limited who also won last year. Their win made it three victories since the competition started in 1999 and the winning team consisted of Robin Land, Nolan Spicer, Wayne Jones and Dave Moreton. Runners-up were Morelock Signs who also won in 1999 and 2000 and kindly provide the trophy and sponsor the event every year. The team was Eamon Guilmartin, Richard Pearson, Steve Carpenter and Andrew Parker. In third place was Route Signs who also sponsor the event every year. The team consisted of Mike Hope, Len Williams, Trevor Wren and Oliver Bain.

The prize for Longest Drive went to me, Highways Editor Grant Prior. It was a combination of pent-up frustration following a day of wayward drives and the law of averages that I would finally hit one hard in the right direction. It just goes to show that while the pen may be mightier than the sword, it's certainly not mightier than a Calloway Big Bertha 3-Wood in full flow. Nearest the Pin on the tricky 4th hole went to Nolan Spicer of Signature Ltd while Mark Lower of MTS dodged the water on the 17th to put his shot nearest the flag. The event also raised more than £1,000 for the Lighthouse Club Charity. A spirited game of "heads and tails" raised the money alongside a generous donation from Route Signs' Mike Hope which was matched by the publishers of Highways Magazine. The teams this year were from : Morelock, Tennants UK, Route Signs Ltd, Signature Ltd, MTS, Rennicks, TMCA, QMS, JPCS, Forton Supplies, Direct Traffic Management, CA Traffic, Crown Cutting and Highways Magazine. Sponsors were Morelock Signs, Route Signs, Signpost Solutions, TMP, Cortest, Rennicks, MTS, Brintex and Colas who supplied the balls. Next year's event will again be held at The Warwickshire on 1st July 2011. Highways Magazine publisher Neil Levett said: "Everyone had a fantastic day and the event is now established as a highlight of the industry year. It's a great chance to talk business in an informal atmosphere and enjoy a game of golf on one of the country's top courses."

For more details of next year's event contact Carole Beckham at Highways Magazine on 01732 459683.

First Place



The winning team from Signature Limited

Second Place



Runners-up Morelock Signs

Third Place



The third place team from Route Signs



Highways Editor Grant Prior won the longest drive



Signature Ltd's Nolan Spicer won nearest the pin on the 4th