

BURGESS HILL GOLF CENTRE'S 'HOLE IN ONE' COMPETITION RAISES £3,000 FOR ST. PETER & ST. JAMES CARE HOSPICE



Wet and windy conditions did not deter the one hundred and thirty golfers who took part in Burgess Hill Golf Centres Charity Hole 'n One Competition on Saturday 26th October 2013. The main attraction was an incredible opportunity to win a brand new Land Rover Freelander 2 if one of the golfers hit a hole in one at the 1st hole.

This incredible prize was made possible by Patrick Lake from **Harwoods Land Rover Croydon**. This challenge was made harder by a stiff breeze, yet many relished the opportunity! Many a good shot was struck but no one found the magical target. Stuart Cambridge was the nearest to the pin out of the whole field hitting the 165 yards shot to just 10 feet.



There were also fantastic hole in one prizes on the 5th, 6th, and 7th holes with Nigel Addison missing out by just an inch on the 200yard sixth hole which would of won him a holiday to Portugal!. Local business's ParkCameras, Headmasters Barbers, Keymer Glazing, Morris Leslie, HiQ, Alexander Rose and CJ Rumsey helped support the cause via Nearest the pin prizes on each of the nine par 3 holes.

These prizes were also rather special with the 9th hole nearest the pin winner receiving a £699 Solid Oak Bench supplied by Borge Leth of **Alexander Rose finest garden furniture**. Tim Terry, (Pyecombe Golfer) hit the winning shot to claim the prize which was well deserved especially as Mr Terry made a very generous donation at the start of the day.



Prizes were also awarded for the best pairs score over the 9 holes which was convincingly won by Ifield Golf Clubs Lady members Natasha McDonald and Karen Gravells. An astonishing collection of 4 nett eagles over the 9 holes gave them a clear victory margin of 4 shots!

Money was raised off of the course as well as on it with David Massey (Golf Instructor at Burgess Hill) who was offering a short game chipping competition which alone raised £185 for charity.

Owner of Burgess Hill Golf Centre, Mr Chris Collins seemed to be pleased with the day..

'Apart from the weather man, everyone has really chipped in to help this good cause! Bruce Whalley (manager at the centre) has spent a lot of time and effort organising this special day and I know it is not easy as people change their plans constantly which means a lot of messing around with the start sheet! I know that St Peter & St James is a very important charity that relies on voluntary fund raising so I feel I need to do my bit.'

These golfing events can only be made possible by the unsung hero's that are the greenkeeping staff. Luke Standing, James Radford and HeadGreenkeeper, Damon Roberts who were out of bed early (in the dark!) preparing the golf course for the day ahead. Extra thanks to Damon who also donated generously to the cause. By the end of a busy day shooting for hole in ones, the day raised £3,000 for the charity, St. Peter & St. James Care Hospice

