

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2016 saw the second QMS Fairway to Devon Charity Golf Day which was enjoyed on the fabulous Championship Course at Dartmouth Golf and Spa Hotel.

60 players formed 15 teams who each took their place at their starting hole armed with their Bogart Balloons, Frayed Knots and Pink Balls ready for the shotgun start.

Throughout the game, each playing pair took turns to keep their pink ball until the end of the round which obviously proved a little more difficult than anticipated, with only one ball being returned at the end of the round from Chris Hicks and Dennis Emery of Francis Clark Chartered Accountants!

Each of the Par 3 holes had a nearest-the-pin competition together with a cash prize available for sinking a hole-in-one. The show-stopping 194 yard 18<sup>th</sup> hole had an amazing £10,000 up for grabs which although kindly sponsored by Mercedes Benz, sadly nobody secured the win! – Guy Redfern from Torbay Council did get pretty close and secured nearest-the-pin as a consolation to not quite getting the £10k cash!

During the round, players had to battle certain holes by only using one club from the tee to the green and alternating their shots with their playing partner, all whilst trying to keep hold of their pink ball and return a reasonable score.

The course was in fabulous condition and each playing pair were fully equipped in their buggies with their goodie bags, which were stuffed full with various items kindly provided by our sponsors and The Lighthouse Club Charity.

Returning to the club-house on completion, the master of the scorecards input all of the scores from each player to determine the individual and team winners. The playing format for The Fairway to Devon makes it impossible for any team to know who has won until all of the scores have been input into the electronic scorecard.

The overall team winners for 2016 with an amazing 109 points (all four scores on Stroke Index 1 to 6, three scores on 7 to 12 and only two scores on 13 to 18) was Kier Highways from Highways England Area 1, and the individual winner was Trevor Holloway, again from Kier Highways.

With thanks to all of our sponsors who helped make the day possible: Alad, Somerford Equipment, Jet Plant, Morelock Installations, WJ Group, Ennis Flint, Mercedes Benz, Kingfisher Print, Firewatch, Boss Stationers, Totnes Wine and The Royal Seven Stars Hotel.

Thanks also to the local courses who also helped to support the day: Dartmouth, Wrangaton, Stover, Dainton, Thurlestone, Exeter and Woodbury.

Through the generosity of everybody involved a fantastic total of £4,200 was raised for The Lighthouse Construction Industry Charity who provide financial assistance to those individuals and families that are unable to work and are suffering financial hardship through accident, illness or bereavement.

The day was an overwhelming success and the post event feedback has been extremely positive.

- *"I attend 6 corporate golfing events each year and found that this was the most organised one"* – Allison Hulley
- *"I had a great day and really enjoyed everything"* – Pete Rayner
- *"Thank you for an excellent day, impeccable organised, we really enjoyed it and look forward to next year"* – Mike Wilson
- *"All of the work which went into all the preparation, and all the little details and extras, make it the best organised golf day of all (and I've been to a few)"* – Peter Heron
- *"It's one of the best golf days I have been to and I thought the organisation was excellent"* – Kerry Hurley

We are already planning The Fairway to Devon 2017 and look forward to seeing everybody again next year!