

LONDON TAXI BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION CHARITY GOLF MATCH *by Derek Leone*

On Monday 30th June 2008 the third annual charity golf match in aid of The London Taxi Benevolent Association for War Disabled took place at The Woolston Hall Manor Golf Club, Abridge Road, Essex. The day began with drivers arriving at about 8-30am and making their way to the bar to register with John Rowland and to take advantage of the endless supply of coffee and bacon baguettes. The match commenced at approximately 11-00am with 96 players organised into teams of four going round the course with a hospitality tent with water and cold drinks available supplied by Westminster and Tradex Insurance.

The LTDA sponsored the 17th tee with a new taxi up for grabs to anyone who was able to get a hole in one, John Rowland's partners for the day were Bill Wells and Simon Rich of Westminster Tradex Insurance and Mark Lawrence, Bill Wells was very close with his ball stopping about a foot from the hole, with Mark Lawrence also getting within six feet of the hole. At about



6-30 pm the last of the teams completed the course and eventually make their way to the dining room where a three course meal had been prepared.



After the meal a comedian Mr Russ Williams entertained us and it was one of the funniest forty five minutes, it was then time for the prize giving. Tony Walker won first, with thirty eight points and winning LTBAWD Stapleford trophy, a set of Mizuno irons and a golf bag. In second place was Lenny Davis with thirty seven points and third place was Mark Andrews. The Doug Sherry Scratch Trophy was won by Barry Rowan with a score

of seventy seven he also won a Sony flat screen television kindly donated by Doug Sherry M.B.E. The other prize winners were John Rowlands, Lennie Pryor, Bill Wells, Lloyd Baliakaski, and Jason Leonard – congratulations to them and thanks to all the players that participated.



After the prize giving there was an auction with signed photos of John Terry, Gazza, Ricky Hutton seats in the box at Millwall Football Golf Day at Royal Blackheath and a day at Sundridge Park Golf Club. During the evening Terry Ward (Barking Bill) organised a raffle with a large numbers of prizes being won and not many people left without something. And so ended the third charity golf match in aid of The London Taxi Benevolent Association for War Disabled, next year a change of venue we will be at The Sundridge Park Golf Club. The President Chairman and Committee would like to express our heartfelt thanks to John Rowland for all his hard work in organising this year's golf match



and we would like to thank the following sponsors. John Thomas LTDA, Mr. Doug Sherry M.B.E. Bill Wells Westminster Tradex Insurance, Dave Levy (Daves Cabs), H.A.L.T Joe Vaughan, Dial-a-Cab, Piccolo Bar, Hexagons, Josephs G.S. L.C.D.C Mann & Overton, Tony Shaloo

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'THE SEYHAN ALI MEMORIAL CUP GAMES'

Charity Football Match No 1

Sunday, 27th July, 2008

Bank of England Ground

'The Academy'

Langston Road

Loughton

Essex IG10 3TQ

Home Team: Fairway Vets

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Away Team: The Cab Trade All Stars

KICK OFF 3.00pm

Charity Football Match No 2

Sunday, 10th August, 2008

Holmesdale Football Club

Oakley Road

Bromley

Kent BR2 8HG

Home Team: Fairway Vets

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Away Team: Blackheath Wanderers

KICK OFF 1.00pm

London Cab driver, Stephen Powell, has organised a football match for the last four years in aid of a young boy, Seyhan Ali, who sadly never recovered from his courageous fight against cancer, but whose memory lives on in these annual charity games. The football matches raise money for two charities that assisted Seyhan in his brave battle

Seyhan was at the tender age of 14 when his brave battle finally came to an end in January 2005. Seyhan's father, Emin, has worked at M & H Taxis (known as Mehmet's) in Chapman St E.1 for over twenty five years. So when Stephen, a regular driver at the garage, heard of Emin, and his wife Sener's tragedy, he decided to raise money for cancer related charities by means of a football match in memory of Seyhan, who I'm told was extremely brave throughout his treatment. Right until the end, Seyhan frequently talked about helping young people and often wished that a better treatment was found for his illness as he and his family planned to raise as much money as they could when he was better. Sadly Seyhan never lived to have his wish, to help others in his situation.

Seyhan is dearly missed by his parents, brothers, family and friends but by helping to raise money for these charities you will be helping to ease the pain in the lives of other children with this life threatening illness and hopefully make their wishes come true so why not come along and watch a bit of football in aid of a great cause.

All proceeds from the match will be divided between 'Cancer Research UK' and 'Make a Wish Foundation UK'.