

The APIL Charity Golf Day 2011



On a lovely warm sunny day in May, the Charitable Trust was invited to one of the most prestigious golf clubs, The Belfry which is situated in the heart of the West Midlands. I was invited by the Association of Personal Injury Lawyers (APIL) for their Charity Golf Day 2011. This was their 12th annual event and Compass Costs Consultants were the sponsoring their day. APIL had kindly chosen the Mesothelioma UK Charitable Trust as the chosen charity for this event as they are very supportive of the work we do.

After registration at 8.30 am, the teams were served with warm crispy bacon rolls and lots of tea and coffee was slurped and then it was off to their allocated tees with a shotgun start on the beautiful Brabazon Course. With its majestic fairways and carpet-smooth greens and being the spiritual home of the Ryder Cup, the wonderful day had begun...

The teams of four happily posed for their team photo, with their trusty clubs in tow and in good spirits off they went in anticipation, wondering what the day would bring!



After setting up the Mesothelioma UK Charitable Trust stand, Julia Baines our wonderful volunteer and I met with Marlene and Claire from APIL who had organised this most prestigious event and had coffee while waiting for the teams to finish. Twenty five teams had registered to play so there was going to be a lot of hungry golfers return for their 'victory or losers' dinner! At 3.30 we made our way back to the reception room where all the tables were laden with ice cold beer to welcome the players back in after their hard day's play.... On display were the glass trophies with someone or a team's name on waiting to be collected.



Then the noise began, the teams had made their way back, all in high spirits and wondering how their teams had fared. There was a lot of banter and camaraderie as they swapped stories, told jokes and made fun of each other. All this while the trophies sat on the table calling out to be claimed...



The proceedings finally began, having first seen the men settling down to a wonderful feast. Marlene opened with thanks to the sponsors and to all those who had taken part in making this such a successful and enjoyable day... Marlene asked me to say a few words about Mesothelioma UK and about the vital work we do and then it was time for the presentations to begin. The winners were announced and collected their trophies and the applause and cheers filled the room. Pictures were taken to mark the occasion and there were celebrations and commiserations all done in good spirits to what had been a great end to a great day..



It had been a wonderful day, the weather had been kind and between the teams they had raised a fantastic £1,000 which will fund the helpline for one week. I would like to say a BIG thank you to APIL and to Compass Costs Consultants and to all those who took part and made this such a splendid and enjoyable day.

Jill Lemon, Fundraising Manager Mesothelioma UK Charitable Trust.