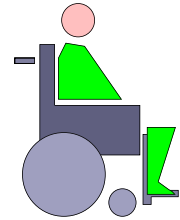




Helsby Golf Club Powered Wheelchair Appeal



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Letter from our Chairman

Dear Supporters

Although we have been experiencing an unseasonable cool and wet end to our summer, I'm delighted to say, it has not dampened your enthusiasm, generosity and continued support for our charity.

The highlight was undoubtedly **'The Wheelchair Classic'** raising over **£20,000 !!**

Together we have donated **337** Powered Wheelchairs to Children with **special needs** and improved that precious gift, their **independence**.

We now have **350 PWC's** clearly in our sights.....and with **two** of our committee members, Penny and Steve, becoming our **2016 Club Captains**, I know they are relishing the **Challenge!!**

Please see the back page for the dates of our next 12 months of fund-raising events.

Finally, since the last Newsletter, I'm delighted to welcome Roddy Snedden onto the Powered Wheelchair Appeal Committee.

Thanks again for your **Continued Support**

Alan Lee MBE
Chairman

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What have we achieved?

- 337 powered wheelchairs for deserving youngsters
- Fundraising for 32 years
- 7 wheelchairs presented so far in 2015
- £21,030 spent on wheelchairs so far in 2015

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33rd Wheelchair Classic



This year's Classic was held on Thursday 11th June.

Powered wheelchairs were presented to 4 local children with special needs. The President and our Captains Colin Ford and Marjorie Trow were joined for the presentation by special guests Stuart Pearson, past Manchester United player and Chris Lindley, MD of Jigsaw Law who sponsored this year's Classic.

The youngsters who received chairs were Ben Callender from Penketh who has won medals at wheelchair racing and hopes to compete in the Paralympics, Jake Hesp from Nantwich, Danny Griffiths from Holmes Chapel, a Botcher player and Jason Weaver from Sandbach, who is studying History at Manchester University—his new powered chair is going to make a huge difference to his life on campus.

160 players entered the tournament in great weather.

The winners of the men's trophy were Ryan Edghill and John Butler with a score of 45 points and the ladies' trophy was collected by Jackie Eve & Ruth Metcalfe with 41 points, in a card playoff.

In the evening, the auction was a very lively affair conducted by Keiran McCabe and Steve Cunniffe. The star prize was a Golf Package in Aberdeen with Dinner in a local Country House. Our thanks go to Mrs Armour for donating the Golf & Accommodation and especially to Mrs Paton for the use of her house for the Dinner.

Thanks go to Helsby's talented members, Bill Smith, who donated another of his beautiful paintings and Brian West, who donated one of his occasional tables for the auction.

YOU RAISED £20,000



Gents Trophy Winners
Ryan Edgehill & John Butler



Ladies Trophy Winners
Jackie Eve & Ruth Metcalfe

Our thanks go to all of the following; without you we would not be able to raise the money to help so many youngsters with special needs

- Helsby Golf Club for the use of the course and the facilities.
- Chris Lindley, Managing Director of Jigsaw Law, this year's event sponsors.
- Ed Palmer for providing the top prizes, as he has done for many years.
- All members of Helsby Golf Club.

- All our supporters who played in the competition and brought bottles for the tombola and prizes for the auction & raffle.

- All those who helped on the day, especially Dave Nagle and Keith Ainsworth, as well as the committee members.

- And last but not least, all the following local and not so local businesses that provided prizes for the competitions, the raffles and the auction.

FDL Group, Haydock	Tesco Stores, Helsby	Boodles, Chester
Jigsaw Law, Ellesmere Port	Serenity for Beauty, Helsby	Jigsaw, Chester
Palmers Jewellers, Widnes	Forresters, Kingsley	Grove Fisheries
Thwaites Brewery	The Golf House Club Elle	Everton Football Club
Electrod UK Ltd, Runcorn	Old Thorns Hotel, Liphook	Footjoy
Forest Hills Hotel, Frodsham	Vauxhalls, Ellesmere Port	Titlist
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Frodsham Brewery, Frodsham	Charles John, Frodsham	HE Coward, Frodsham
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Chris Cousins Golf, HGC	Dave Brinkley Catering,, HGC	Burnley FC
Perfect Floors & Interiors, Frodsham	Crown Carpet Warehouse, Widnes	

Spring Dance

This year's Spring Dance was held on Saturday 14th March and, as it was close to St. Patrick's Day, the delicious meal and the entertainment had an Irish theme.

The evening started with the presentation of our 331st wheelchair to Megan Allmark from Ellesmere Port who attended with her parents Beverley & John. Also attending with Megan was her friend, Taylor Farr, who received a chair from us in 2010. Taylor is the daughter of Tommy, a member at Helsby, and Jackie. They all stayed for the meal and entertainment and had a very enjoyable evening.

The evening was a great success with the entertainment being provided by vocalist Robbie Elliot.



Weaver Valley WI Choir

Last year, Lyn Woodward, wife of our President Ken, kindly offered to arrange a concert by the Weaver Valley WI Choir to raise funds for the Appeal. As they are so busy performing, especially as this year is the Centenary of the formation of the WI, the event could not be organised until 5th June this year.

Helsby Methodist Church was the venue and our thanks go to the Minister, Steve Santry and his team for the excellent organisation.

The evening began with the presentation of a wheelchair to a very excited May Bloom Russell by the President & Lady Captain of HGC and Lyn Woodward & Joyce Kirkpatrick of the Weaver Valley WI Choir. May lives in Helsby and attends Dee Banks Special School in Chester. May loves to be outside and her new chair will enable her to participate in more outdoor activities.

The choir performed a variety of songs and humorous interludes, ranging across 'Music from the Shows' and a 'Last Night of the Proms' finale with much audience participation and flag waving.

Our thanks go to the ladies of the choir, their Musical Director Joyce Kirkpatrick, accompanist Alan Woodcock and especially Lyn Woodward.

Lyn presented a cheque for £710 at the Wheelchair Classic a week later.



MEGA Day



MEGA Trophy Winners

Our 14th Mega Day took place on Wednesday 5th August.

The highlight of the day was the presentation of a wheelchair to Jonny Barber from Lymm who is studying for his A levels at Altrincham High School and hopes to go to University to study Maths. He is pictured with Captain, Colin Ford, President, Ken Woodward and Lady Captain, Marjorie Trow with some of the MEGA players who joined us for the day.

In the competition, the winners of the trophy were Hugo and Rachel Steven, Hazel Jones and MEGA player, Joe Wall with 84 points

Nearest the pin was Alex Walker and nearest the line (actually on the line) was Sid Edwards from MEGA.

We would like to thank David Syddall of Optimum Costs Consultants for donating the prizes.

In the evening, the clubhouse was packed with members and supporters who enjoyed a lovely meal followed by the great entertainment provided by the MEGA Stars.

Vocalist Eddie Daley compered the show, which included the superb vocalist Louise Rogan, the comedian Denny Waters and "Mr Rod Stewart", Bryan Kramer.

Thank you to all our supporters who helped raise £2,000 for the Appeal.

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Powered Wheelchair Appeal

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Forthcoming Events

Black & White Evening – Saturday 5th December 2015.

Chinese Banquet — January 2016 (date to be confirmed)

Annual General Meeting — Thursday 3rd March 2016

Spring Dance — Saturday 30th April 2016

34th Wheelchair Classic — Thursday 9th June 2016

15th MEGA Day — Wednesday 3rd August 2016

We are on the Helsby Golf Club
Website—visit the Powered Wheelchair
pages on www.helsbygolfclub.org

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Lions Presentation



The Ellesmere Port & District Lions have supported the Appeal for a number of years. In June, Judy Stewart and Margaret Marsh presented a cheque for £500 to Bert Dyson and Penny Ainsworth, past and present secretaries of the Appeal. Judy, as a social member at the golf club, has raised funds for the Appeal and in the past has helped on the committee. She also started a local branch of the Lions which has been amalgamated with Ellesmere Port. Our thanks go to Judy for all her help. Also to David Rattey, Margaret and the other Lions for their many years of support.

In Memory



In 1992, Trevor Rushton was Captain of Helsby Golf Club. He was a great supporter of the Powered Wheelchair Appeal and is pictured presenting chairs at the Classic in that year. Sadly, Trevor passed away a few years ago but left a wife Alma and children, Julie Bacon, Mrs Arnold and Lindsay Rushton.

In May this year, Alma died and the family asked that all donations in her memory be given to the Powered Wheelchair Appeal as it had been so close to Trevor's heart.

We would like to thank the family for their generosity and offer our condolences at this sad time.

Thank You



Once again, the Merseyside Electrical Traders Association has very generously donated the proceeds of their Charity Golf Day to the Appeal. We received a cheque for £3,000 bringing their total donations over the last few years to £18,000. Our thanks go to Roddy Snedden and his Associates.



Thanks also to Neville Wellings, Managing Director of Bromborough Paints for his £1,000 donation. Although he is not a golfer, Neville has continued to support our Appeal since his father Harry passed away. Harry was one of the first to play in the Wheelchair Classic and continued to do so, making many donations to the cause over the years.