

2014 Tournament

30th September & 1st October 2014

Old Thorns Manor Hotel Golf & Country Estate

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For 26 years, the Peter Alliss Masters golf tournament was staged at the Golf House Club Elie in the Kingdom of Fife. However 2014 saw a fundamental change as the event moved to the Old Thorns Manor Hotel Golf and Country Estate in Liphook Hampshire.

Quite a few participants played a practice round on the Tuesday but proceedings proper got under way on that evening with a reception followed by dinner. **Monique Kalkman**, two times Paralympic champion (at Table Tennis then Lawn Tennis) gave an eloquent and moving talk about her sporting life. This was the second time Monique had been with us, the first being at our 2012 event. **Keith O'Keefe**, a renowned comedian and after dinner speaker, then entertained the assembled guests.

The move south enabled quite a few participants to join the golf event just for the day of the tournament, including **Bob Anderson**, former darts world champion, **Chris Villiers**, well known actor and **Tiff Needell**, former racing driver and erstwhile presenter of Top Gear. In all they swelled the numbers to 72 players from 30 clubs. Unlike previous Peter Alliss Masters, play got underway with a shotgun start at 11:00am. Historically **Peter Alliss** has always seen participants tee off the first but instead he met everyone for the traditional photograph as they came through either the 9th or 18th greens. The event was played in glorious autumn weather. The course, designed by Peter and the late Dave Thomas, offered a stiff challenge with the Ladies prize being won by **Penny Ainsworth** from Helsby GC with 33 points on count back from Liz Jennings of Tytherington GC. In the Gents competition, Steve Cuniffe from Helsby GC took 4th place, behind Bob Anderson and Derry Hanratty (Moseley GC) both with 35 points. The winner with 36 points was **Derek Silk** from Ferndown GC.

The shotgun start meant all participants finished at about the same time and enabled everyone to attend the powered wheelchair presentation at 5:00pm. The fine weather enabled this to take place outside and as ever it was the highlight of the day with seven children receiving chairs (*details below*).

That evening saw the usual Presentation when the worthy winners received their prizes, with Derek receiving his Green Jacket along with the traditional Quaich (Scottish drinking Cup) that he will keep for a year. After dinner Keith O'Keefe, took on the role of auctioneer to sell off a host of items that people had generously donated – this along with the perennial £20 sweep raised over £6,000. Additional income from sponsorship – see '[Our Supporters](#)' – the sale of places in the event, the challenge on the 10th hole, and the sale of merchandise plus a number of kind donations meant that the charity's coffers were swelled to a tune of just short of **£10,000**. All of this will go to the provision of yet more powered wheelchairs.

The charity committee believes the move to Old Thorns has been a resounding success with so many more people from the south able to participate. It is firmly believed that the event, and through that the Charity, will go from strength to strength as we seek to build on this move to a new "home" for the Peter Alliss Masters.

POWERED WHEELCHAIR PRESENTATION

Ferndown Golf Club & Salterns Alliss Merlo presented to:

- Ben Bridges, aged 17 who lives in Poole
- James Sargent, aged 17 from Wool near Wareham
- Louis Meddleton, aged 12 who lives near Christchurch



- Kaitlin Moors, aged 9 from Corfe Mullen

Cooden Beach Golf Club presented to:

- Lucas Christer, a member of the St Georges Knights wheelchair football team
- Dylan Kelsall, also a member of the St Georges Knights wheelchair football team

RMS (Rehabilitation Manufacturing Services) presented to:

- Leonardo Marco Zen, aged 3

**** [Also, check out the report on Keith O’Neil’s epic 270-mile Cheshire to Hampshire bike ride in support of the charity](#) ****



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