**JOHN’S CHARITY WHIZZ**

John Hall, Golf Course Manager at Tewkesbury Park Hotel & Country Club, is running a half marathon for charity on October 6.

John’s best friend has a son with Cerebral Palsy and has been helped out by ‘Whizz Kidz’ - a charity who help kids who have mobility issues.

John said: “Seeing the cost of my friend’s son’s chair was simple as that.”

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**NEIL SALUTES 25 YEARS**

Neil Faulkner, Course Manager at East Herts Golf Club, has mastered 25 years at the parcland course and says he’s loved every minute.

Neil joined the club straight from school and served a four year apprenticeship. He continued to work at the course - and his career - before becoming Course Manager ten years ago.

He said: “I used to watch The Masters when I was a kid and marvelled at how fantastic the golf courses looked. I thought ’someone’s got to look after that, what a great job’ and that’s how it all started. “I've loved every minute, the best thing about the job is there is a different challenge every day. Of course it’s very, very hard work and there’s so much to get involved with, for example today I’ve been painting fence posts. But when you get great feedback from golfers it makes it all worthwhile - we recently had a members match versus a local club and the visitors said the course looked superb, which was so satisfying to hear.

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**TORO FINALIST SAM IS RADIO STAR**

Sam Evans, Deputy Head Greenkeeper at Oakland Park Golf Club, appeared on Radio One recently as part of a regular feature called “Here all week.”

Early morning DJ DvE seemed fascinated by Sam’s job and the fact he is a finalist for the Toro Student of the Year 2013.

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**ROUTE 66 WINS SCOTTISH NATIONAL**

This year’s Scottish National Tournament was hosted by Largs Golf Club on Thursday 13 June and drew an excellent 62 competitors from all over Scotland who benefitted from glorious sunshine throughout the day.

A parcland course, it was originally designed as a 9-hole course before becoming a full 18-holer in 1953. Playing to its full length from medal tees it covers some 6150 yards with a par of 70 and a CBS of 71.

This year, we had our own version of Ivan Robson on the first tee to announce each player. John Steddon has worked with the PGA on a number of their events and kindly agreed to participate adding a touch of class to proceedings.

First on tee at 11.15am was a guest, Gordon Clarke from West Kilbride Golf Club. Subsequent guests then took every 9 minutes until the very last guest at 2.15pm comprising in East/ West combination of Gregor Wilson (Turnberry) and Robbie Murdoch (Douglas Park).

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**PRIZE LIST**

**ROGERS CHALLENGE TROPHY (SCRATCH CHAMPION)**

Gordon Sangster  Cathkin Braes  66

**FRIENDSHIP TROPHY (NET CHAMPION)**

Iain McDonald  Large 68  2 66

**RANSONE’S TROPHY – 1st CLASS**

1. Kenneth Mitchell  St Andrews Links  77  5 72

2. Louise McIntosh  Cathkin Braes  77  3 74

3. Gary Tuff  Lothian Grange  73  5 78

**PATTISON TROPHY – 2nd CLASS**

1. Martin Lothian  Turnberry  82 12 70

2. John Watson  Downfield  86 12 74

3. Iain McDonald  Large  85 10 75

**STIRLING TROPHY (ST. IVES JUBILEE) – 3rd CLASS**

1. John Henry  Cardross  90 16 74

2. John Wilson  Irvine Bapodige  94 18 76

3. Michael Moirson  East Kilbarchan 98 22 76

**DICK ATKIN TROPHY – BEST HEAD GREENKEEPER**

Derek Wilson  Irvine Bapodige  81 4 77

**TROPHY – BEST ASSISTANT**

David Simpson  Crieff  71 1 72

**SIGGA TROPHY – BEST VETERAN**

Archie Durnie  Auchterarder  79 5 74

**ST MUNO TROPHY – AYRSHIRE SECTION**

Iain McDonald  Large  66

Martin Lothian  Turnberry  70

David Wilson  Irvine Bapodige  72

Derek Wilson  Large  73

**TOTAL**

281

**QUAICH – TRADE PRIZE**

David Nelson  Nelson Voccius  77 5 72

**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS**

Scotland: Gordon Sangster  Cathkin Braes Golf Club

Net: Iain McDonald, Large Golf Club