



PRESS RELEASE

## Westlake Tyres sponsors the Westlake NTDA Golf Day

- Westlake Tyres provided the event's winning cup, flown in from the UAE
- The event took place at The Oxfordshire Golf Club
- The charity event raised £420 for BEN, the automotive charity

**London, 20 September, 2011.**– Westlake Tyres, manufactured by ZC Rubber –the world's 10<sup>th</sup> largest tyre maker and China's biggest producer of rubber products– sponsored the NTDA's Annual Golf Day last 15 September, at the Oxfordshire Golf Club. The event was labelled as “one of the best golf days ever!”, by John Tarbox, Honorary Captain of the NTDA Golf Society and ex Chairman of the NTDA, during the prize giving ceremony held after the official dinner at the Golf Club.

The event was attended by various members of the NTDA, of the automotive charity BEN, which managed to raise £420 on the night, as well as by Surender Kandhari, Chairman of the Al Dobowi Group, Harjeev Kandhari, Executive Director of Al Dobowi, and Jorge Crespo, European Sales Manager for Eskay Tyres.

Mr. Surender Kandhari, who flew all the way from the UAE to participate at the “one-day event”, said that it was “an honour” to sponsor the NTDA and thanked the NTDA's members for the opportunity “to sponsor” the event. “We believe in giving back to society, and, as a family, we are committed to the tyre industry. We believe in motion, and the tyre industry's future is in motion”, he said. In reference to Westlake's future Golf events Mr. Kandhari said that “we hope to be here year after year”.





For his part, Mr. Jorge Crespo said that the whole day had been a success and was very glad that Westlake had been able to make so many people happy on the golf course. “We really enjoyed meeting and playing with the other members. All in all, it has been a great day out and we really look forward to strengthening our partnership with this particular trade association in the UK”, he further stated.

One of the participants, Mr. Peter Harries, Group Executive Director for Axle Group Holdings Ltd., said that the day’s events had been a “fantastic success” and further stated that “this was surely the best attended golf day for many years. It was great to meet up with so many friends from the industry and we all appreciated Westlake’s generosity in sponsoring the day. It is very exciting that Surrender Kandhari pledged to sponsor the event for a few years. The trophies were magnificent, and I believe these are copies of those won at the Emirates!”

He further stated that he was “looking forward to next year’s event because it promises to be even better attended”, and mentioned that although there were about 60 people playing this year, another “40 or 50 tried to get a game but couldn't get a place. Next year will be huge!”

Westlake provided a unique trophy –especially flown in all the way from Dubai– that will henceforth be played for every year, and which this year’s overall winner, Mr. Steve Taylor, got to keep a copy of to take home. Upon winning, Mr. Taylor stated that it had been a “superb day and venue”. “I want to thank all my teammates, and thank you Westlake!” he added.





The nights other winners were:

In the Nearest of Pin competition, Hole 5, Angela Cole.

In the Nearest of Pin in 2, Hole 14, Dene Arnold.

For the Longest Drive, Hole 11, Richard Hayward

For the Beat the Pro competition, Hole 2, the winners were Gary Oliver, Clive Mansfield, John Chappel, Steve Taylor and Paul Glencross.

The Team Prize went to Team E (Bits), made up by Brian Jenkins, John Chappel, John Sipson and Steve Taylor.

In Division 3, the Godsall Cup went to Brian Sprott (with 36 points), with Philip Hodges finishing second (35 points) and Martin Rowland, third with 33 points.

In Division 2, the Fullwood Cup went to Adit Chopra (with 36 points), followed by Martin Irwin (34 points) and John Chappell (33 points).

In Division 1, the Les Amiss Bowl went to Gary Oliver (40 points), followed in second place by Grant Willman (39 points) and John Sipson in third place with 37 points.

Finally, Mr. Tarbox thanked all present, including the NTDA's director, Mr. Richard Edy, and Ms. Lynne Smith, Mr. Edy's PA -who helped to organise the event- and stated that: "Change is a great thing, and the NTDA has changed, and Westlake has made that change possible. The NTDA has become a part of our life because the tyre industry is fundamental for the economy of this country, and many other countries".





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