

The 10th Annual PYA Golf Tournament – One for the History Books!

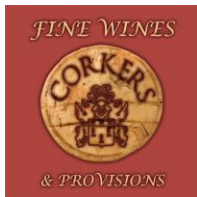


It's hard to conceive that after nine years of organising annual golf tournaments, the PYA aided by volunteers and sponsors pulled off a 10th one to remember. From the not-too-warm, not-too-cool weather, all the way through a streamlined lunch and riotous prize-giving, players old and new thoroughly enjoyed a long day of golf, links high-jinks, and fellowship. It was held as always at the scenic La Grande Bastide Golf Course on 28th May. Over seventy golfers representing numerous yachts and businesses from the yachting industry competed for a huge array of prizes, all creatively attired in the days' Mad Hatter theme.



The day began with a breakfast offered by long-time leading sponsor International Paint. Riviera Yacht Support, Geoffrey's of London, EGP and Freedom Maritime as usual supplied the popular drinks buggies, stocked with plenty of sensible beverages, and augmented by a judicious quantity of Heineken and Mount Gay. New this year and supplied by Shore Solutions UK were 'snack bags' to take out on the course packed with cream cheese and salmon bagels and other goodies giving the players extra sustenance to keep them going until lunch and proved very popular.





The days' play rounded off with aperitifs provided by Corkers, a delicious lunch generously hosted by Best Team winners from International Technic Marine, wine offered by Burger Boats and digestifs offered by Arradamenti Porto, Genoa - resulting in an anniversary celebration appreciated by one and all.



The elated winners included PYA Golf Tournament veterans "Team Scally", led by Capt. Murray Tomkins bringing in the Best Yacht Team honors; John Tindle and Agnes Smith with Best Individual Net Scores for Men and Women respectively; Longest Drive for Men and then Women going to Jimmy Cartwright and Gilly Theed; Nearest to the pin was won by Peter Carmichael winning a wonderful eengraved ham support and Spanish ham donated by new sponsor, Varador 2000

The hotly contested best Team Hat was awarded to Team White Rose of Drachs, led by PYA's own fearless President Capt. Andrew Schofield; with the Individual Best Hat going the Mad Hatter himself, Nik Cutelle with runners up Rory Carville and Mal Green.



Generous prize donations and contributions came from many local restaurants, including La Daurade, La Forge, and MC's elegant Maya Bay, provided by OnlyYacht Superyacht Insurance; an Acer mini-laptop from H.E.M./Yes; golf lessons, balls and gear from Rob Kay at Blevins Franks, Camper & Nicholsons

Marinas, Joey September, Le Provençal Golf, Bluewater Yachting and The Crew Coach; marine gear donated by Smallwoods Yachtwear and Sea Design; while gastronomic delights in the form of cases of local rosé wine, champagne, and gourmet baskets were generously supplied by Riviera Yacht Support/Dovaston Crew, Antibes Ship Supply, IconConnect, Sturge International, and Froggy Gourmet, Gourmet Deliveries and Luxe Wine and Spirits.



All in all, the 10th Anniversary PYA Golf Tournament was celebrated in grand style – which can only be topped by next years 11th annual edition! So until we see you again on the links next year – a big Thanks and Merci to all our players, supporters, volunteers, and organizers.

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