

## Charity Golf Day – Saturday 8th October 2022



## Our Third charity Golf Day Raises Over 3,400€

After an interruption of two years due to COVID, the third golf event in Almerimar to raise funds for children and families living with Dravet Syndrome was held on the 8th October at Club de Golf Almerimar.

The day dawned fair and the conditions were perfect for golf. A truly international field of 54 golfers from England, Scotland, Ireland, Holland, Sweden, Germany, Italy and Spain competed for the Dravet Syndrome Trophy.



The day didn't disappoint. The weather was beautiful and golfers played against a backdrop with a dusting of snow on the mountains. The course was in excellent condition with fast, challenging, greens.

Refreshments were served at the halfway house run by Debbie, Ellen and Chris. A trio of three sausage rolls were on offer (made by Debbie) and golfers enjoyed beer, wine and soft drinks to help them on their way round the course. At the end of the day, golfers enjoyed a final drink at the half-way house before the evening festivities.

Golfers and guests gathered at Restaurante El Espigon in the evening. After a welcome drink, John Andrew, our Master of Ceremonies, called everyone to the table. He welcomed the golfers and guests and then introduced Lawrence who said a few words about Dravet Syndrome.

So far, the golfers of Almerimar have raised over 9,000€ and Lawrence explained where that money has gone. It has provided emotional counselling to parents with a Dravet child, alarms and cameras to monitor vital signs while children are sleeping and it has funded research into the development of specific drugs to treat the condition.

With the speeches over, Manola and his staff at El Espigon served a wonderful 3-course meal before John Flynn conducted the auction. This year there were over 20 items up for bidding, including green fees at various course, paintings, a driver, golf bag and several restaurant vouchers.

The last item on the evening agenda was the prize giving. Prizes were awarded to the following:

**Fifth Place** – Mick C. & Bill

**Fourth Place** – Ger & Ger

**Third Place** – Rudolph & Maria

**Second Place** – Des & Elaine

**The Winners of the Dravet Trophy** – Mike & Avril



*L to R Mike, Chris , Avril and Lawrence*

Mike & Avril received a round at La Envía, 50€ voucher for golf clothing and a 50€ voucher for Mamma Mia Restaurant. Well done both and very well deserved.

With the prize giving over, the dancing began and went late into the night, particularly with the girls on the dance floor!! Manolo at El Espigon was a great host and it was an evening to remember. Great food, great music and the company of great friends.

Many people were involved in this event and thanks go to Juan Parron and his staff for his co-operation in organising the day. Manolo and his staff at El Espigon for a wonderful dinner and for making the evening run so smoothly. Debbie, Ellen, Michelle and Roisin for the running the halfway house and the raffle. John Andrew as MC, John Flynn as the auctioneer and Larry for photography. It is thanks to all participants, contributors and sponsors that the event was such a success.

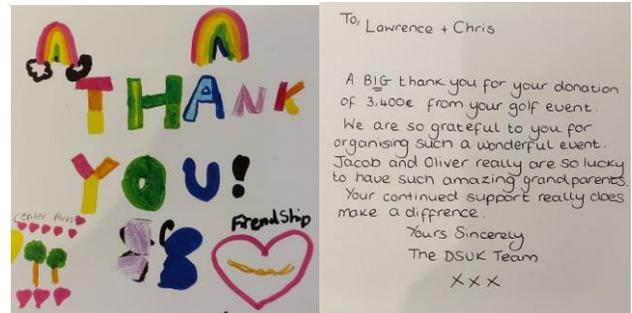
We raised an amazing 3,400€ on the day and, again, the figure could not have been achieved without donations. We would like to thank all those who made private donations and wish to remain anonymous. Our grateful thanks.

Golf clubs in the area supported us again this year and donated green fees. Thank you to Los Mariscos, La Envía, Valle del Este, Alboran, Playa Serena and Club de Golf Almerimar.

Our thanks also to Bob & Diane, Cynthia, Paul, Hans, Gerard & Geraldine, Maria & Rudolph, Ingrid & Richard for your kind donations to the raffle and auction.

After the lean times experienced during COVID, we did not expect so many donations from businesses and restaurants this year but we were wrong. Our thanks go to Bonnie & Clyde, La Plaza, Almadraba, El Espigon, Mamma Mia, Tavernetta, Gula, Ralph Puerto, Zarzuela Puerto, Flamingo, D'Bar and Mario's for their generous donations.

As always, a big thank you to you, the golfers of Almerimar who made the day so memorable.



We hope to see you all next year so please put Saturday 7th October in your diary.

Many thanks

Chris & Lawrence