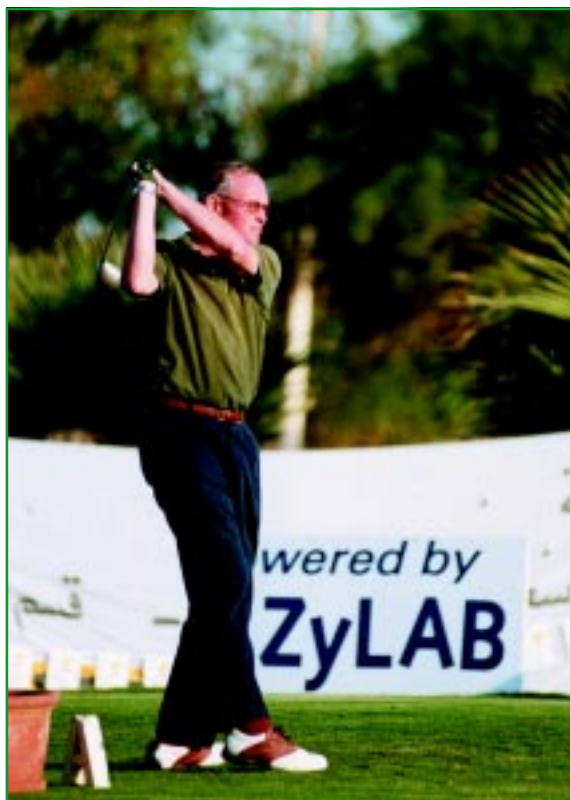


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The Dirab Golf & Recreation Centre was the venue for the third annual British Community Charity Golf Tournament that took place on Thursday 10th October 2002. The main beneficiary, once again this year, being the Disabled Children's Association of Riyadh (DCA) under the patronage of His Royal Highness Prince Sultan bin Salman bin AbdulAziz .

Under the supervision of Mr Jim Christie - Dirab General Manager & PGA Master Golf Professional - a full field of some of Riyadh's finest expatriate golfing community, including some exceptional upcoming Saudi youth hotly contested this year's event. With the temperatures starting to cool and with the course looking in tremendous shape (under the careful guidance of Head Green Keeper Mr Bushaib) some absolutely wonderful golf was played in a four ball Texas Scramble format.



The event was attended by the visiting Right Honourable Mr Rhodri Morgan, First Minister of the Welsh Assembly, who also officially opened the Tournament by hitting a great tee shot off the tenth tee box.

The grounds staff had been out bright and early fixing all the corporate banners to ensure that the course looked extremely colourful for the event and sincere thanks must go to main sponsors without whom so much could not have been achieved.

Sponsors included: Paul Dhami, Sales Manager Central Province for British Airways, who provided two return air tickets to UK, Alex Radaelli F & B Manager from the Intercontinental Hotel Riyadh, who provided some super raffle prizes and excellent cuisine at the ceremonial dinner that evening. Graham Turner, Regional Manager from Zahid Tractor and Mr. Terry Indge of Wallen Establishment who put up very expensive motor vehicles for anyone lucky enough to achieve a hole in one at any of the four par three's (unfortunately nobody quite managed this). David Hodgkinson of Saudi British Bank, Gordon Blackwood, General Manager for Group 4 Nesma Security, Rob Wood, General Manager of Exi Telecommunications, Frank Lynch of GlaxoSmithKline, Paul Bevan of Ernst & Young and finally Mr. Mick Brown of A. S Bugshan & Bros.

A note of special appreciation has to go to Sheikh Khalid Abunayyen the owner of the Dirab Golf & Recreation Centre who for the second consecutive year provided his entire facility free of charge to the organising committee.

The ceremonial dinner was held that evening at the British Embassy with the Guest of honour, His Excellency Sir Derek Plumbly KCMG, providing his gardens for the guests that proved to be the most perfect of settings for the evening.

There were over a hundred raffle prizes presented on the evening also awards in the male and female categories for longest drive, most accurate drive and closest to the pin at the par three.