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## **Fairwood Park Newsletter, Q3, 2009**

### **Boxing Clever**

During the summer former Welsh boxing hero and current 8 handicap player, Nicky Piper was spotted on several occasions at Fairwood Park promoting his new charity, the Joshua Foundation for children's cancer - [www.thejoshuafoundation.co.uk](http://www.thejoshuafoundation.co.uk). Nicky hopes to set up an event at the Club next year in support of the Foundation, but in the meantime, Fairwood's Assistant Professional, John Hopkins, is pictured on the receiving end of one of Nicky's famous upper cuts.



### **Your chance to win a pair of Ryder Cup Tickets!!**

Tenovus are the nominated charity of this year's Club Captain, Steve Darnell, and on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October, a huge number of clubs around Wales will be holding a *shotgun start* competition off all tees in an attempt to set a Guinness World Record for the most number of people playing in the same charity competition at the same time. Fairwood Park are one of the clubs participating in this world record attempt which tees off at 10am in groups of 4, and is a singles format event with individual scores counting. The proceeds from the day will be going to Tenovus and the prize for the winner is one well worth competing for - a pair of tickets to the 2010 Ryder Cup at Celtic Manor.

### **Vice-President celebrates 40 years of membership**

On July 21<sup>st</sup> the Club's Vice-President, Alun Richards, celebrated his 40<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of membership at Fairwood Park Golf Club, thereby becoming the first member of the Club to achieve his own 'Ruby Anniversary' in the Club's 40<sup>th</sup> year of existence. Congratulations Alun!



### **Mark Hinder – Fairwood Park 2009 Club Champion**

Congratulations to Mark Hinder on becoming Fairwood Park's 2009 Club Champion. The 36 hole event, played over 2 days in August, went right down to the wire as Mark holed a superb putt from distance on the 18<sup>th</sup>, to win the title

outright and avoid a play-off with current champion, James Honey. At the beginning of September, Mark then went on to play at Cradoc Golf Club at the 'Welsh Club Champion of Champions' event, putting in a very creditable performance representing the Club.

### **Fairwood mourns the passing of Mal Beavis**

It was with great sadness that the former Handicap Secretary, Mr Mal Beavis, passed away at the start of the season, following a long battle against illness. Despite facing such challenging circumstances, Mal had been incredibly stoical, positive, and up-beat about his recuperation, and his demeanour in the face of this adversity was quite remarkable. He will be sorely missed by all his friends at Fairwood Park, a place Mal loved as much as Bristol Rovers Football Club!

### **And finally ... a message of thanks from the Head Greenkeeper**

The Head Greenkeeper, Mr Phil Willaimson, has passed on his thanks to all members in light of the praise he has received for the condition of the course this season. Phil and his team are very grateful for the messages of support and take pride from the fact that Fairwood Park has been in such superb condition this summer, a fact that has not gone unnoticed by many a visiting golfer.

