

Rain does NOT stop play at NTDA Tyre Industry Golf Day!

On Tuesday 25th June, 60 golfers from tyre manufacturing, wholesale, distribution and the associated aftermarket, braved the wet and windy weather in North Yorkshire to compete in the annual NTDA Tyre Industry Golf Day on the spectacular Hawtree Course at Rudding Park, Harrogate.

Despite the weather, players had a fantastic day on the stunning 18-hole par-72 Martin Hawtree designed course that runs mostly through the original 18th century designed Rudding Park grounds which were originally part of the Forest of Knaresborough and still retain some of the ancient forest oak trees.

In the evening, the players were joined for dinner by additional guests in the Repton Room at Rudding Park Hotel, which is in the original section of the Grade I listed Regency-style country house.



Some of the players and guests gathered on the original Rudding Park House staircase before dinner

Thanks to the generosity of NTDA supplier members Bridgestone UK Ltd, Continental Tyre Group Ltd, Hankook Tyre UK Ltd, Trelleborg Wheel Systems UK Ltd and Yokohama HPT Ltd, who all donated prizes to the charity raffle, and, of course, the guests who bought tickets on the night, £840 was raised.

The golf winners on the day, (based on score and countback), were as follows:

Stanley Gorrill Trophy - Best NTDA Member:

Les Amiss Bowl – Division 1 (scratch to 12 Handicap):

Harold Fulwood Bowl – Division 2 (13-18 Handicap):

Bill Godsell Cup – Division 3 (18 plus Handicap):

Best round by a guest:

Best overall player on the day:

John Tarbox Team Trophy:

Longest Drive:

Nearest the pin:

Nearest the pin in 2

Tony Neil, National Tyre and Autocare (37)

Gary Oliver, Group Tyre Wholesale Ltd (37)

Martin Parkinson, TyreSure Ltd (35)

Tony Neil, National Tyre and Autocare (37)

Simon King, Guest of Autogem Invicta (38)

Simon King, Guest of Autogem Invicta (38)

Team 10 – Andy Cotton - BG Products GB,

Stuart Parry - The Parts Alliance,

Simon King - Guest and Keith Tabram -

Kwikfit (GB) Ltd

Ian Stephenson, Euro Car Parts

Martin Parkinson, TyreSure Ltd

Ian Smith, TyreSure Ltd

Commenting on the day, NTDA Chief Executive Stefan Hay said: *“The weather this year was certainly in stark contrast to the baking heat at the Mere in 2018, but our golfers were undeterred and great fun was had by all! Rudding Park is a truly outstanding venue, the networking was excellent, the food and service was exceptional and, once again, we raised a very generous amount for our charity. I’m sure that many people are already looking forward to the 2020 event.”*

Association Welcomes Four New Members

In June, **Buckley Tyre Service** in Buckley Flintshire joined the NTDA. Founded in 1974, it is an independent tyre distribution business owned and run by father and son team John and Michael Atkin. According to its website, Buckley Tyre Service prides itself on honest advice with a fantastic reputation for quality, reliability and value for money and states that any service it provides is carried out efficiently and to the satisfaction of customers by a team of skilled and experienced technicians and this is all supported by excellent trade references!



Commenting on the latest new member, NTDA Membership Secretary Alison Keitch said: *“We are really pleased to have Buckley Tyre Service join us. Over the last year, the NTDA has attracted a number of smaller, quality, family run independent tyre distribution businesses in to membership from right across the UK. In addition to Buckley we’ve had similar tyre distributors join in Clitheroe, Erith, Lerwick, Morecambe, Paisley, Peterborough, St Helens and Stranraer. Of course, it doesn’t end there, as we’ve also attracted lots of supplier members from the automotive aftercare market too!”*

Speaking of the automotive aftermarket, the other three members to have recently joined the NTDA are: **Techni Ltd** in Telford which is a market leader in offering vehicle mounted mobile air compressor systems for both mobile PCR and TBR fitting, **Mobiletron UK** in Preston a leader in aftermarket automotive electronics manufacturing specialising in components for the automotive industry including Tyre Pressure Monitoring Systems, Ignition Coils, Charging Systems and Sensors and **ISN Europe Ltd** with a group operation now including Hofmann Megaplan, Tyre Bay Direct, J&S Products, Tool Truck Online and AMN Garage Services.

Responsible Retailing – Leading the Way



On Tuesday 18th June, Stefan Hay was invited to speak at the TRA Recycling Day Forum at the Ardencote Manor Hotel. The event, which attracted a record number of delegates from both the recovery sector and the tyre trade, proved to be an excellent opportunity to highlight the work the NTDA has done, since its formation in 1930, to raise standards across the tyre industry, specifically in the areas of tyre technician training, licensing and apprenticeships. He explained that close to 6000 commercial tyre technicians now held a REACT Licence to Work Safely at the Roadside and over 500 had been trained, assessed as competent and issued with a Commercial Tyre Technician licence. He also stressed that the NTDA fully supports the TRA’s Responsible Recycler and Responsible Retailer schemes and that the Association remains 100% committed to

supporting UK based retreading which he said: *“Should and must be protected and promoted as an essential component of a successful circular economy, both in environmental and employment terms.”*