

FUNDRAISING

Annual events are critical to the FTBA with new ideas and organisers always welcome!

2008 brought us mixed success – our annual clay pigeon shoot or ‘Big Shots’ day pulled in more money than ever before, as did our national golf tournament. But our karting championship had to be cancelled – and our sailing and fishing events need more support. **So spread the word: The FTBA Needs You!**

Here’s a look at some of the fun had during 2008... and dates for your diary for 2009:



BEST EVER BIG SHOTS

Hot shots at the FTBA’s annual Big Shots competition ensured another all-time fundraising record for the event, raising a whopping £37,000.

It brings the total donated to the charity over the 14 years that Big Shots has been running to a phenomenal £370,000.

Some 38 teams turned out to support the June event at the Holland & Holland shooting ground, helping organisers David Langford, David Imrie and Nigel Blake to smash the 2007 record of £33,000.

Said Nigel Blake: *“It was an incredible result and a demonstration of what can be achieved when the industry really puts its support behind an event.”*

THIS YEAR BIG SHOTS IS ON THURSDAY JUNE 11 2009 AT THE HOLLAND & HOLLAND SHOOTING GROUNDS, MIDDLESEX.
Contact David Langford on 01367 240 000 to book.

FTBA Golf Championship RAISES RECORD AMOUNT

Industry golfers also raised a record amount at the FTBA 2008 National Golf Championship in September with a best-ever sum of £13,000. Around 60 players took part in the championships at the prestigious PGA National Course at The Belfry.

THE 2009 NATIONAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP IS AT THE BELFRY, WEST MIDLANDS, ON THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 17.

Contact the FTBA (see page 8) for details.

The full golfing calendar for 2009 is included in the list of FTBA events given opposite.



FUNDRAISERS take to the water for the FTBA

Fundraisers made a splash when they took to the water for the FTBA Sailing Challenge and Fishing Challenge which together raised more than £2,500.

Prima Foam (Bedford) and Vitafoam sponsored the fourth Fishing Challenge which raised a whopping £2,205.

“It was a fantastic day, there was a good turnout and the weather really topped it off,” said Andy Corbett who organised the event on behalf of Prima Foam. *“We would like to say a huge thank you to those who took part and to all the sponsors.”* The 2009 event is set for Saturday June 20 at Meadowlands, Coventry. Contact Andy on 01234 213 121 to book.

The annual Sailing Challenge, organised by Ruddimans and Britannia Events, was a two-day adventure on the south coast, where teams set sail in Beneteau 40.7 boats in the single class regatta.

THE SAILING EVENT HAS A WHOLE NEW LOOK.

All the excitement takes place on one day at Port Hamble Marina on Thursday May 21. The price of chartering a boat has been reduced and the event opened to those who own their own yacht.

The £1,695 + VAT cost includes a charter Beneteau yacht and accommodation for up to six guests; a professional skipper and first mate; full training and race itinerary; racing lunch; regatta dinner and prize-giving, plus all moorings and fuel. Those who own yachts can take part for a private entry fee of £350 plus VAT per yacht. Contact Jess Lang on 023 8045 8900 to enter.

FTBA EVENTS 2009

DATE	FUNCTION AND VENUE
6 May	Kent Golf – Faversham Golf Club
12–13 May	Kidderminster Carpet Manufacturers’ National Golf Tournament in aid of the FTBA Kidderminster Golf Club
19 May	Annual General Meeting – Furniture Makers’ Hall
21 May	FTBA Sailing Challenge – Port Hamble Marina
11 June	FTBA Big Shots Clay Pigeon Shoot Holland & Holland Shooting Grounds, Middlesex
17 June	The Somnus Trophy Golf Tournament Sand Moor Golf Club
19 June	East Anglian and FTBA Golf Day Bury St Edmunds Golf Club
20 June	National Fishing Day – Meadowlands, Coventry
24 June	Plymouth and South West Area FTBA Charity Golf Day Launceston Golf Club
12 Aug	Teesside Golf – Catterick Golf Course
2 Sep	Premier Golf Tournament – Fairhaven Golf Club
4 Sep	Midlands Furniture Golf Society – Olton Golf Club
17 Sep	FTBA National Golf Championship and Dinner The Belfry, Wishaw

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Thank you to last year’s sponsors and those who have already come forward for 2009. We would particularly like to mention **K3** and **GE Money (now Santander)** for their support of the regional and national golf tournaments, and **Furniture Village** for organising and financially supporting Big Shots.

We have also benefited from the financial support of **The Worshipful Company of Furniture Makers**. Thanks also to the numerous other companies and individuals who contribute to the Christmas Card Scheme (see page 8), donate raffle and auction prizes, organise and support our events, sponsor holes at golf events and stands at Big Shots.

There are many opportunities to support us. Contact the FTBA (see page 8) to get involved.

REGIONAL GOLF EVENTS A DRIVING FORCE

In 2008, FTBA golf events raised a total of more than £43,000. Here’s how they did:

East Anglia	£3,900
Kent	£1,250
Kidderminster	£11,750
Leeds and Bradford	£2,000
Midlands	£200
Plymouth and South West	£3,500
Teesside	£7,500
The National Championship	£13,000

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