

## Reyrevignes Church Benefit - 25<sup>th</sup> October 2008

During the past 3 or 4 years, the hamlet of Reyrevignes and the surrounding area has been regenerated, largely as a result of your club buying in 2002, a parcel of land owned by the commune, a step that enabled an enthusiastic Mayor, at that time, Monsieur Le Blanc, and Mesdames Sylvie Delcamp and Ugette Maury to form an association to get matching government grants to restore the centre of a derelict community.

The degree of appreciation the local French community have for the Club was reflected in their presence at the successful golf tournament dinner on 25<sup>th</sup> October, including the new Mayor, Monsieur Ernest Maury, and his wife Ugette, the previous Mayor of Lachepelle Auzac, Monsieur Le Blanc, the Treasurer of the Church restoration fund, and the new Priest of the church.

The Mayor made a very appreciative speech around the important themes of Friendship, Generosity and Solidarity. The essence of this was the growth of Friendship and the revival of a community around the Souillac Golf and Country Club,-- and a promise to get many more of the local French community to use and appreciate what the club has to offer.

The fundraising golf tournament that was at the heart of this occasion saw a record 76 players tee off as a shotgun start at 12.30 on Saturday afternoon. Susan Evans, and Sylvie Delcamp were the key organisers together with Bill Andrews. We all owe a great vote of thanks to them and their team of helpers which included Sally Vickers, Eileen Atkinson, Mary Luckes, Mme Lecouter and many others.

Your club team under Ludo`s direction were there to provide the venue, food, prizes from the pro shop and they did not fail to deliver. 82 sat down to dinner after a prize giving reception of some 150 people, rather more than had been expected, and the team rose to the occasion.

I was proud of our club, and despite the economic outlook for 2009 believe we have here in Souillac, something that is growing and responding to our participation in the region.

Graham Searle