



# Colin Robinson

## Memorial Golf Tournament

Colin Robinson died of CJD on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009 aged 51. He was married with 2 boys, aged 12 and 14. He was a keen golfer, as are his family and many of his friends, and so it seems appropriate to remember Colin by playing the game that he loved.

CJD or Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease is a degenerative neurological disorder (brain disease), incurable, and invariably fatal. It is the most common among the types of transmissible spongiform encephalopathy found in humans. CJD is very rare, occurring in about one out of every one million people every year. The first symptom of CJD is rapidly progressive dementia, leading to memory loss. This is accompanied by physical problems such as speech impairment, jerky movements, balance and coordination dysfunction, changes in gait and seizures. The duration of the disease varies greatly, but it can be fatal within months or even weeks.

The CJD Support Network is a patient support group providing help and support for people with all strains of CJD, their carers and concerned professionals. It was established in 1994 by relatives of people with CJD and is now recognised as the leading charity for all forms of CJD. It provides various services including:

- Provides practical and emotional support to individuals affected by CJD and their families.
- Supports families in financial need through caring grants
- Links families with similar experiences of CJD, for mutual support
- Runs a national helpline giving information on all forms of CJD.

The Colin Robinson Memorial Golf Tournament will both remember Colin and raise money for the CJD Support Network. It will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at Warrington Golf Club, Colin's home course. Entry will cost £100 per adult and £50 per junior which covers the cost of the round of golf, three course dinner and a donation to charity; reduced rates are available for members of the golf club. We are hoping to raise as much money as we can for the CJD Support Network.

Entries can be made by contacting [tim.gibbons2@btinternet.com](mailto:tim.gibbons2@btinternet.com). We are also looking for sponsorship for various items required for the day so if you are able to offer this, please contact Tim. If you know of someone else who would be interested in playing, please feel free to pass on this invitation to them.

