

Encon's 11th Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, August 20th, gate, door and access control distributor, Encon Electronics, hosted its 11th annual golf tournament at Shadow Lakes Golf Club in Brentwood, California. Over 100 participants comprised of installing dealers, Encon employees and manufacturers attended the event.

Encon's general manager Jeff Harris said, "Encon hosts this annual event to thank our dealers and manufacturers for their support throughout the year. Without their participation and the incredibly generous donations from our vendors, we would not be able to coordinate a tournament of this magnitude and caliber."

A total of 18 manufacturers sponsored the event including: Aerotech, All-O-Matic, American Access Systems, Ameriline, Apollo, BD Loops, DAC Industries, DoorKing Access Solutions, EDI, FAAC, HySecurity, LiftMaster Linear Corporation, MillerEdge, Remote Control Systems (RCS), Reno A&E, Sirit and Viking Access Systems.

This year the tournament revolved around a sports theme and attendees were welcomed with custom baseball cards featuring all 10 of Encon's technical support staff. Then, those up for the challenge participated in the "Field Goal Pitching Contest" sponsored by gate operator manufacturer, FAAC.

Next, it was off to the links where 22 groups played in a best ball scramble tournament. Players had the opportunity to win raffle tickets by competing in the sports themed contests.

LiftMaster rep, Kevin Taylor, worked one of the more popular contest holes labeled the "Nascar Hole". The team who completed this par 3 with the quickest time of 31 seconds consisted of two Encon employees and two manufacturer representatives: Billy Kennedy, Zach Eichenberger, Bearge Miller (MillerEdge) and Dusty Beeding (Doorking). LiftMaster also sponsored all of the beverages provided at the tournament.

Additional contest holes included the "Old School Golf Hole" where teams were required to use the old, wooden clubs provided on the course, the "Home Run Hole" lead by Remote Control Systems (RCS) representative, Ben Scanlan and a "Swim Meet" closest to the pin contest sponsored by MillerEdge.

According to event organizer and attendee Nelson Call, "The GOAL! Hole required the most strategy." Teams had to decide whether or not they wanted to shoot for the soccer goal placed 150 yards on the fairway or play the hole. A "goal" meant the team could automatically advance to the green. "For our group, shooting for the soccer net was an easy choice considering it was long par 5," said Call.

A&D Automatic Gate of Redwood City, Calif. was the hands down winner of the day. After a sudden death playoff victory against Central California Ornamental Iron (CCOI), they took home first place honors with a 9 under par. CCOI of Hollister, Calif. held their own against A&D Automatic Gate but ultimately took second place after a putt off between the two teams.

Participants enjoyed a gourmet Mexican themed dinner courtesy of MillerEdge, DoorKing and RCS. A raffle ceremony featuring lavish gifts from the tournament sponsors followed dinner.

Twenty different Encon dealers won extravagant raffle prizes including: a \$200 MLB card, a 50" and a 40" flat screen TV, an iPad, a navy seal watch, 2 GPS systems, 2 designer golf bags, a custom pull cart, a family game package, a stainless steel BBQ, a laptop, a Wii game system, a DeWalt Tool Kit, numerous gift cards, an 80 GB iPod. According to Encon President and CEO, Betty Mullin said, "Whether you won a raffle prize or not, attendees couldn't say enough about this year's tournament."

"I believe I speak for all the golfers in our group that Betty and all your employees sure know how to put together one Rockin' Good Golf Tourney! I want to personally thank you for making my golf experience memorable," James Ahl of Automatic Door Systems in San Carlos, Calif.

“The loyal support of our dealers and vendors makes this event extremely valuable to Encon. It is one opportunity where we can interact with our customers while having a great time on the golf course. You couldn’t ask for a better setting for developing customer relationships and networking,” Mullin said.

FAAC rep., Robert Kempton agreed “It was a very well organized event, a lot of fun and a great opportunity to meet people and customers. “The golf tournament was a tremendous amount of fun. I have to thank Encon for organizing such a wonderful event,” added Jim Littlejohn of HySecurity.

All Encon dealers are eligible to participate in the tournament. To learn more about Encon’s annual golf tournament or if you are interested in becoming a dealer, contact Encon toll-free at 800-782-5598 or visit www.enconelectronics.com.