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Monty's Ryder Cup Club Car raises £55,000 for charity at Olé Seve! auction

(Brussels, Belgium – May 15, 2011) The golf car used by Colin Montgomerie during last year's momentous Ryder Cup at Celtic Manor raised £50,000 for charity at the Olé Seve! invitational event at Wentworth Club on May 23.

The European Team Captain's distinctive blue car, supplied by Club Car, was snapped up by an anonymous bidder during an auction that raised more than £600,000 for the Seve Ballesteros Foundation, supporting Cancer Research UK.

Colin Montgomerie himself was on hand to sign the customised Precedent car, in which he patrolled the fairways of The Celtic Manor Resort en route to an historic European victory.

Kevin Hart, National Accounts Manager for Club Car in Europe, the Middle East and Africa, said: "The car proved one of the most popular lots at the auction and it is outstanding that it raised so much money for the Seve Ballesteros Foundation and Cancer Research UK."

Among other items auctioned were a Rolex wristwatch once owned by Ballesteros, which fetched £65,000, plus a gold replica of the Ping putter used by the Spaniard to win The Open Championship at St Andrews in 1984.

The Club Car vehicle had originally been bought by Club Car's West of England and Wales distributor – Tractor Hire, part of the Ted Hopkins Group – which managed the supply of Club Car vehicles to the Ryder Cup.

Chris Hopkins of the Ted Hopkins Group said: "We bought the European Team Captain's Club Car with a view to it being auctioned for charity after the Ryder Cup, so the Olé Seve! invitational was a fitting opportunity.

"It was marvellous that the car sold for £50,000 and it was a very generous gesture on the part of the buyer."

Mr Hopkins added: "We still have the US Team Captain's car, and we'd like to find a suitable charitable outlet for this, too."

David Park, who looks after charity fund raising for the European Tour, said: "The whole event was a tremendous success and the turn-out demonstrated the affection in which Seve Ballesteros, an iconic figure on the European Tour, was held. We would like to thank all the companies involved for supplying an outstanding collection of items for auction."

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Image caption: Colin Montgomerie signs the Ryder Cup European Team Captain's Club Car that raised £50,000 for the Seve Ballesteros Foundation supporting Cancer Research UK.

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