AROUND THE GREEN

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The Turkey Trot took place at Frilford Heath on 2 December, with the following players in the winning frame: 1st John Soones, 40 pts. (The John Deepe Trophy + voucher for £25 from CMF). 2nd Dave Goodchild, 40 pts. 3rd Logan Moore, 35 pts.

Our sincere thanks to secretary Jacques Kleyhans, to the catering staff for a superb meal and, of course, to Dave Heads and his staff for a wonderfully presented course - yet again! In addition, our gratitude to Bernie Wall of Sta-Brite and Roger Bowles of Rigby Taylor for official scoring efficiency and to Richard from Parkers, Mark and his gang from Esbros' Turf and Mike Moss from CMF. The Rigby Taylor Fourball

A normally exciting and enjoyable day at Frilford was marred by the unfortunate involvement of semi-finalists John Teixeira and Peter Austin in a motor accident Luckily they were not seriously hurt, but they were unable to take part in their match. This led to a few headaches for Roger, but as usual he managed to sort things out and the rest of the day progressed with ease.

The semi-finalists were J Nudds & S Horwood, D Childs & D Goodchild, S Edwards and P Wright. J Teixeira and P Austin were called as subs, with the aforementioned accident giving Edwards and Wright automatic victory. In match two Nudds and Horwood won 2/1 against Childs and Goodchild. Thus the final was played: Nudds and Horwood versus Edwards and Wright.

The match itself finished in splendid style with John Nudds producing a fine birdie at the last to win, this after being all square at seven. Everyone present enjoyed another great day of match play and for this our thanks go to Rigby Taylor, our much appreciated and generous sponsors, especially when considering the difficult times experienced at the club. We wish Eric's wife a speedy recovery whenever she steps in at the last minute following Eric Shiel's withdrawal due to his wife's hip injury - it was like having an International player on the 'subs' bench! We wish Eric's wife a speedy recovery and hope that Eric will address the conference but also close the festivities, whilst Sam Ellacott and especially Alasdair McLaren have settled in. Finally, heartfelt thanks to our generous sponsors, M&M Turf Products, CSC Amenities and Scottish Grass Machinery, without their assistance the day would not have been a success.

We welcome our first new member in 1993, Simon Breeke of Breeke Grass Machinery, Alcobath, who joins us as an Associate.

Following an earlier story concerning the new course at Skibo Castle, Alick MacKay has left Boat of Garten and joined Skibo Castle as head greenkeeper - we wish him success, knowing that work on the course is to be resumed in February, with the rest of the fairways being shaped and seeded in the spring and tees and greens to be turfed. In addition, a rabbit protection fence has been installed around the whole perimeter, a must for this area. Alan Dobie, previously assistant at Boat of Garten, was called as head greenkeeper and, like Alick, we wish him success in his new job.

I hope Ian Carson is setting down in marvellous life with him and his wife every good fortune.

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