The second Hayter International Cup proved to be almost as tight as the first - when the Americas won on the final green in the final match. Extended to three days, with a series of foursomes joining the fourball and single matches, the result was in doubt until a handshake on the 16th green in the final match signalled the Americas' second win.

While such a fine victory, by a score of 13.5 -10.5, was the cause for justified jubilation for the home team, losing was not a term which could easily be attached to the Rest of the World team. How could it when the 12 players had enjoyed the opportunity of playing over some of the finest, and most exclusive golf courses in all of America?

Under the non-playing Captaincy of BIGGA Chairman, Gordon Child, the 12 RoW players were drawn from 12 different countries but the way they gelled over the week says much for the power of greening as a bonding agent.

Players from Scotland, England, Ireland, Wales, Spain, France, Sweden, Norway, Switzerland, Finland, Australia and Germany joined the Americas team made up of Americans, Canadians and Argentinians bringing 15 countries together and none of the players were slow to make friends and discuss matters greening.

While the play was serious and keenly contested, events off the course were just as important to the success of the occasion.

In addition to the three courses used for the competition two others were tackled - the exclusive Golf Club of Georgia and Cherokee Country Club which is about to open a wonderful new 18 holes. Also on the schedule were two fine dinners, including the final banquet at the majestic Cherokee Town and Country Club a short distance from the Governor of Georgia's mansion, as well as a traditional southern "cook-out". Fine southern hospitality indeed!

"I cannot recall a more enjoyable five days," said RoW Captain, Gordon Child.

"The golf courses were of the highest possible quality, the golf unforgettable and the friendships formed everlasting. Our very special thanks must go to Hayter, and in particular Tony Bourke and Kim Macie, for making such an event possible," said Gordon.

Those sentiments were echoed by BIGGA's Executive Director, Neil Thomas, who paid tribute to Hayter's contribution.

"Hayter's support of the International Cup, as well as their five year sponsorship of the Hayter Challenge, has ensured many opportunities for BIGGA members and indeed greenkeepers throughout the world to meet, enjoy their golf and experience the true benefits of the fraternity of greening."

"The spirit, the friendship, the golf courses, the competition, the organisation - were all of the highest order. I do hope, and believe, that everyone who participated will have very fond recollections lasting a very long time. I know I certainly will."

The 24 players competed with true professionalism and sportsmanship which enhanced and set the right tone for such an important international event. I thank them all," said Hayter Sales and Marketing Director, Kim Macie.

Day 1

The first day was the fourball event and was played over the Highland Course of the Atlanta Athletic Club - the home club of the great Bobby Jones. A magnificent course, it has hosted the 1963 Ryder Cup, the 1976 US Open, won by Jerry Pate in spectacular fashion, and is shortly to welcome the USPGA Championship.

Andy Sheehan, of England, played the first shot - a fine drive down the middle of a tight fairway - but it was the Americans who were to have the better of the opening exchanges. Americans Al Pomel and Tommy Witt and Argentina's Ricardo de Udaeta and Alejandro Young won the second and third matches comfortably while a slice of luck down the final hole saw Canada's Doug Meyer and Sylvain Alarie edge out Jorma Eriksson, of Finland and Andy Sheehan.

After such disappointing start it was good to see Remy Dorbeau, of France, and Derek Wilson, of Scotland, clinch the fourth match. The last two matches went down the final hole with Eugenio Reorda, of Spain, having played a magnificent 7-iron to eight feet, watched his putt
Above: RoW Captain, Gordon Child ponders his pairings
Right: The Americas Team
Below: The RoW Team

for a win slide agonisingly by.
Martin Sternberg, of Sweden, went one better in the final match when he
did hole a 20 foot to win the match.
Fourball: Americas 3.5 RoW 2.5 Day 2
The second day foursomes were
played at the wonderful Peachtree
Club, one of the most prestigious
clubs in all America and venue for the
1989 Walker Cup. Indeed the
current Chairman of Green is Danny
Yates, next year’s American Walker
Cup Captain and he joined the party
for the post foursomes lunch.
The course was designed by Bobby
Jones and Robert Trent Jones and
there are many similarities to his
other great design a couple of hours
drive away at Augusta.
The RoW had the better of most
of the matches for most of the day but
struggled to win the decisive closing
holes.
Australian Peter Frewin and Nick
Webber, of Ireland, lost the final hole
to halve their game while Remy
Dorbeau and Jorma Eriksson lost it
to go down by two holes. Al Pandol
and Ricardo De Urdaca clinched
their match on the 17th to give the
Americas two and a half points from
the first three games.

Things didn’t look too good for Atle
Hansen, of Norway, and Andy
Sheehan going down the last. One
up, they made heavy weather of the
uphill par four before Andy played a
wedge to 15 feet above the hole to lie
tour. Doug Meyer and Dean Piller
secured their five and Atle was left
with one of the slickest putts on the
course to halve the hole and win the
match.
On line all the way the ball hit the
hole, spun round before stopping,
tantalisingly on the lip for a fraction
of a second before dropping in.
Poor old Atle was faced with the
sight of an elated Andy charging
across the green and Atle had only
designed by Tom Fazio, is a public
golf club at the top end of the
market. It says much for its quality
that following on from the Atlanta
Athletic Club and Peachtree that it
was still listed by some of the players
as the course they’d most enjoyed.
Gordon Child decided he needed a
fast start and he was rewarded with
three big wins in the first four games
from Andreas Kauler (6&4), Martin
Sternberg (5&4) and Andy Sheehan
(3&1).
The Americas were not to be
shaken out of their stride, however,
and with wins in the second game, by
Ken Magnum, and the middle order
they kept their noses in front.
Among the highlights was the battle
between Mike Seuss and Nick
Webber. Nip and tuck all the way
round the quality of golf was
stunning, as highlighted on the
beautiful 15th hole. From a perfect
tee shot Nick played over the water
to three feet before Mike, who had
possibly hit his tee shot a little too
long, found the green. He then holed
his curling 15 foot, to the cheers of
team members who had already
finished, before Nick held his nerve
to halve the hole in birdies. Mike
eventually won the last to win by a
hole a result which ensured at least a
tied match and a retention of the
trophy for the Americas.
Peter Frewin won a nail biter with
Alexandro Young on the final green
and Pierre Ambresas, of Switzerland,
who played superbly throughout won
his game.
The overall match result was sealed
on the 16th green when Doug Meyer
hit a superb approach to two feet to
defeat Derek Wilson after an epic
battle.
Singles: Americas 6.5 RoW 5.5
Overall Result: Americas 13.5, RoW 10.5.

Final Day
White Columns Golf Club,

Andy Sheehan gets rather
excited after foursomes partner
Atle Hansen holes a tricky
downhill on the final green at
Peachtree, to clinch a vital win
Right: The two teams united, but only one has the Cup after three tough days of golf

Below: The match was clinched when Doug Meyer, right, defeated Derek Wilson in the bottom Singles Match at White Columns

Bottom: Americas Captain George Renault presents a dashing Kim Macfie and Tony Bourke of Hayters with a memento of a special occasion

**Full Results**

Fourball (Americas' Names First)

- Meyer & Allie beat Eriksson & Sheehan 1 hole
- Pendel & Witt beat Hansen & Webber 3&2
- de Udastea and Young beat Fearnley & Lewis 5&4
- Fearis and McGinnis lost to Dorbeau & Wilson 3&1
- Pieter & Suesa halved with Kaufer & Rezola
- Baden and Magrum lost to Ambresin & Sternberg 1 hole

**Fouromes**

- Suesa & Magrum halved with Frewin & Webber
- Pendel & de Udastea beat Ambresin & Sternberg 2&1
- Baden & Allie beat Dorbeau & Eriksson 2 holes
- Meyer & Pieter lost to Hansen & Sheehan 1 hole
- McGinnis & Witt beat Wilson & Lewis 3&1
- Fearis & Young lost to Kaufer & Rezola 6&5

**Singles**

- Pieter lost to Kaufer 6&5
- Magrum beat Lewis 2 holes
- Witt lost to Sternberg 5&4
- McGinnis lost to Sheehan 3&1
- Alarie beat Enkikson 8&6
- Baden beat Hensh 3&1
- Pendel beat Dorbeau 8&6
- Suesa beat Webber 1 hole
- Young lost to Frewin 1 hole
- Fearis lost to Ambresin 7&5
- de Udastea halved with Ropito
- Meyer beat Wilson 4&2

The beautiful but deadly 11th hole at The Atlanta Athletic Club, confronted the players in the fourballs