

Reigning G&S PGA Strokeplay Champion Daryl Kelley from Filton faced a tricky decision as the final Medal of 2010 at Cleeve Hill approached. Did he play at a course he rates amongst his favourites or should he stay close to home where his wife is due to give birth to their first child at any time? Luckily for him he chose the former as he claimed victory with an excellent round of 68, 4 under par and then returned home to continue the wait for Kelley junior's arrival with some funds to buy some nappies!

Kelley requested an early start time so he could make it back to Bristol in a hurry if he got the call and decided he may as well take as few shots as possible to help the situation. The early morning frost caused play to be delayed for around ½ hour but when that had gone it left a very rare occurrence at Cleeve Hill, a calm day! The players took full advantage of the benign weather and the good course conditions as over a third of the field broke par. Kelley parred the opening eight holes with the exception of birdies at the two par five holes (1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>). His solitary bogey of the round came at the ninth but he immediately repaired the damage with a 3 at the tenth. On the homeward run he collected two more birdies at the 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> to set the target of 68 which wasn't to be beaten.

Sharing second spot was Gloucester's Ross Langdon and Cirencester's Ed Goodwin on 69. Langdon continued his consistent form that now sees him sit on top of the Order of Merit going into the Christmas break. His card showed birdies at the 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> along with a disappointing bogey 6 at the par 5 13<sup>th</sup>. Goodwin didn't really look as though he was going to threaten the leaders for much of the day until an explosive finish to his round saw him surge up the leaderboard. With 6 holes to go he was 1 over the card but a run of 4 birdies over the remaining stretch saw him reach -3. He birdied the long 13<sup>th</sup> before a brace of two's at the par 3's that are the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> was followed by another birdie at the closing hole. This late run was also good enough for him to share the Birdie sweep with Kelley.

Sharing fourth spot were Long Ashton's Roy Holland, home player Russ Berry and Somerset Amateur soon to be Professional Luke Collins on 2 under par 70.

The G&S PGA would like to thank Cleeve Hill GC for their hospitality and look forward to returning again next season. With the Medals now complete for 2010 the focus turns to the Pairs Championship played over the Channel Course at Burnham and Berrow in two weeks time.