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**Experienced duo lead the way**

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The planned G&S PGA Medal at Forest Hills was a victim of the cold frosty weather after a severe overnight freeze had left the course rock solid and it was decided that it would be unfair to attempt to play the usual format in those conditions. With that being the case the happiest man on the day was sat at The Belfry. Ross Langdon was unable to play this week due to being on his PGA Training Residential in the Midlands but still maintained his 5 point lead at the top of the Total Triumph Order of Merit.

A communication breakdown on the morning of the event saw the 22 competitors make the journey into the Forest so as the sun was shining the G&S PGA Chairman David Haines decided a nine hole fun scramble event would be the order of the day. It proved to be a wise decision as the course provided some comedy moments with the unpredictable bounces served up and extreme front pin positions in play. Partners were drawn at random and the players headed to the first tee for nine holes of two man scramble golf.

The draw paired two Pauls together in the form of Barrington and Gravell. In recent days they have been requesting an 'Seniors' Order of Merit be setup to run along side the current one to encourage those of advancing years. On this form the experienced pair won't need it as they won the shortened event by virtue of being the only one's to break par with a nine hole score of 35. They finished in style with birdies at the final two holes, the two at the short eighth was particularly impressive considering the conditions.

With the shortened round an expected logjam formed behind them as no less than 6 pairs tied for second on level par.

Thanks go to Forest Hills for accommodating the changed format and the G&S PGA hope to return firstly for their Pro Am in April and then again in early 2013 for another Medal. Next week hopefully the weather will allow the Medal at Thornbury to go ahead as planned.