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Kelley is the king at Wedmore again

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G&S PGA Captain Daryl Kelley from Filton collected his first Medal victory of the season as he led the way at Isle of Wedmore Golf Club. The G&S PGA have only visited the venue twice for Medals (previously in 2011) and both times Kelley has ended the day as the winner. On this occasion his round of 2 under par 68 was good enough to collect the winner's cheque one shot ahead of Cirencester's Ed Goodwin. Goodwin did however ensure that he would end the season as the Total Triumph Order of Merit Champion as he can now not be caught by Giuseppe Licata with just the Total Triumph Strokeplay Championship to play next Wednesday.

The May sunshine shone on the players throughout the day with just a light wind blowing. The course played very Summer like and keeping control of the golf ball on and around the firm fast greens was to prove difficult for many of the field. Those who did though were rewarded with some good scores.

Wedmore and Kelley obviously are a well matched pair as yet again he produced a solid round of golf with his card showing 3 birdies and just one dropped shot. He opened his round with a birdie 4 at the par 5 first and another was added at the dogleg par 4 7th to see him reach the turn in just 32 strokes. He had many chances to improve his score thanks to some excellent play but had to wait until the last of Wedmore's par 5 trio, the 15th, to notch his next and final gain. His round ended with a disappointing bogey 4 at the last but this was matched by his playing partner and nearest rival Ed Goodwin so didn't prove costly in the end. Goodwin travelled to Somerset to try and secure the Order of Merit title and did just that in some style as he ended the day as runner up. His card was littered with birdies and his collection of 5 secured him the birdie sweep pot. He picked shots at the 1st, 4th and 7th on the front nine and then at the 12th and 15th on his way home. 4 bogies were also marked down, three of them coming at the short holes, so he finished just one under the card.

The closing stretch proved difficult and costly for the other players in the prizemoney. Kelley's Assistant at Filton Matt Carter produced one of his best results of the season but double bogied the last for a 71 and took third place on his own. Naunton Down's Pro Nick Ellis took one more than Carter for a triple bogey at the closing hole to sign for a 72 and a share of 4th place with Henbury's Ross Langdon who himself shed two shots to par at the 17th during his round. All of these players though improved their Order of Merit positions and gave themselves a good chance of qualifying for the Wormald and Partners Matchplay Championship in September. The qualifiers for that event will be finalised after next week's Total Triumph 36 hole Strokeplay Championship which concludes the 2012/13 Winter G&S PGA Season.