

TC GULF VICTORIOUS ...FIRST XEROX QUALIFIER

THE first UAE qualifying round of the 10th Xerox Corporate Golf Challenge was held at the Arabian Ranches Golf Club, Dubai on Thursday, October 26. Eighty-two individuals, representing 41 companies, lined up for a two-person best-ball medal utilizing a $\frac{3}{4}$ handicap over 18 holes, commencing at 1pm with a shotgun start.

TC Gulf, represented by Thomas Viallaneix and Keith Evans, proved successful in their efforts to become the first qualifying round winners of the 10th series with a combined net score of 65, won on a count back of the last 9 holes.

The countback relegated close rivals Simon Wills and Steve Hill from Al Laith Scaffolding to second place after also finishing on net 65.

Arabian Ranches Golf Club, renowned for its challenging nature, did not disappoint with slippery double cut and rolled greens and generally superb conditions.

This encouraged extremely tight scoring which was evident from the number of countbacks required to determine the 12 teams qualifying for the grand final to be held at Emirates Golf Club's Majlis Course on April 7, 2007.

The Arabian Rats' Tony Dougherty and Fred Watts required a countback to break a 6-way tie for third place after initially sharing the spot with Hellmann, Pinnacle Trading, NMPJ International, Gasco 1 and Coast FM who each carded team scores of net 67. The 12th team to qualify required a countback of the last hole played after a 4-way tie.

The 10th Xerox Corporate Golf Challenge is sponsored by Dell and HSBC, and is co-sponsored by Khaleej Times, Worldwide Sporting Publications, Crystal Gallery, JW Marriott, Renaissance Dubai Hotel, Ecco and African & Eastern.

Winners were acknowledged by Andrew Hurt, General Manager for Xerox Emirates, who stated during



Thomas Viallaneix and Keith Evans with Andrew Hurt and Ayman Matter of Xerox Middle East

The 12 qualifiers

The 12 teams that can now look forward to the chance of flying to the UK as part of the winners' VIP Invitation to attend the 2007 Wentworth Senior Masters are:

TC Gulf (Thomas Viallaneix and Keith Evans) net 65
 Al Laith Scaffolding (Simon Wills and Steve Hill) net 65
 Arabian Rats (Tony Dougherty and Fred Watts) net 67
 Hellman (Tim Knox and Andrew Lavapierre) net 67
 Pinnacle Trading (Vinay Mehra and Vinod Nair) net 67
 NMPJ International (Anthony Forrester Bennett and Julian Evans) net 67
 Gasco I (Andy Perry and Semih Kutleh) net 67

Coast FM (Dean Hopewell and Mohamed Al Murad) net 67
 Grandsys Computers (Jenny Sim and Ramli Sulaiman) net 68
 Al Masaood Bergum (Steve McConnachie and James Long) net 69
 Speed Cleaning (Terry Vaughan and Gary Frost) net 71
 Moh-Wong (Teck Wong and Huzaiifa Mohamed) net 71

ECCO shoes supported the special prizes division, which were won by:
 Mohamed Al Murad (Nearest to the Pin on hole 2)
 Simon Wills (Nearest to the Pin on hole 17)
 Vinod Nayar (Longest Drive on hole 8)
 Martha Wong (Longest Drive on hole 8)

the prize-ceremony: "It is not only the sponsors that make the event but the loyal players that show up year after year to participate.

"I'm sure everyone would agree that we have witnessed such a high-standard of golf today, especially given the closeness of the scores. Arabian Ranches Golf Club must be congratulated on a job well done for a very

successful first qualifier."

The next Xerox Corporate Golf Challenge qualifier will be the first ever held outside of the UAE in the event's 10 year history and will be hosted by Riffa Golf Club in Bahrain on Saturday, November 25, 2006. For any participant queries, please contact Klaas Boon at The Montgomerie, Dubai on 04-390 5600.