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Minto makes Waves in Elegant Group Golf tourney

By Michael Phillips

JOHN Minto secured himself a five-night stay at Waves Hotel and Spa among other prizes when he copped the top spot at the end of the 2019 Elegant Hotels Golf Tournament. Coming away with an unassailable 34 at the end of Friday at the Apes Hill course, Minto helped the Waves team to the championship from a field of 35 golfers.

The competition, which is in its fourth year, is open to residents of the group's West Coast hotels and saw participation from the winning teams as well as Colony Club, Crystal Cove, The House and Tamarind Hotel. Minto's performance on the Apes Hill greens was followed closely by Chris Hartwell

and Steve Daborn who both scored 31. However, Hartwell came away with after scoring 16 on the count-back.

Fifth and sixth also had to be decided on the count-back as John Campbell and Jane McPherson both ended on 28 behind fourth-placed Jim Williams (30). McPherson also took home the Best Female Player award from a field of eight women – three of which ended in the top 10.

With the event seeing a small fall off from an over-booked 2018 tournament which fielded 48 golfers, Operations Support Officer Elegant Hotels Group, Khadijah Deshong explained that only 35 of the 40 registered players were able to tee off. "This year we had 35 players in total. We had actually reached our maximum of



Second-placed Chris Hartwell shares a light moment with Colony Club General Manager, Joanna Roterberg (left) and Group Operations Director, Gayle Talma.

40, however, due to a few injuries, some persons had to unfortunately drop out so we had 35 playing today, of which 12 of those were new clientele to Colony Club and the Elegant Hotels group. So that was really great to see. And that means that the majority of the players were repeat guests and many of the people who

were in the tournament this year have played every single year, which is also speaks to the quality of the event," she said.

Noting that the event was conceptualised in 2016 by Group Operations Director, Gayle Talma after she noticed an opportunity for the offering, Deshong said that it

would continue to be a part of the group's experience and expected it to grow from strength to strength. "We are very busy during the festive season and the winter season and it just felt like something right to do to give the guests another experience. We are always seeking to enhance the

guest experience along with all the wonderful inclusions that we have. We just figured that this would be something new and different to appeal to and attract those guests who really do love coming to Barbados for not only the sun, sea and sand, but the amazing golf as well," she said.



Steve Daborn finished third overall. He was presented with his winnings by Tamarind General Manager, Adrian Grant (left).



Jane McPherson finished sixth overall and took away the Best Female Player prize.