

Beyond The Green November 2010



Nos somos os Campos

Or, **we are the champions** in Portuguese.

Denis & Kate Thompson took Bedale GC onto the European stage and won the greensome Bader Cup in Portugal earlier this month, by the wide margin of four points. Kate & Denis won our heat in the summer and then qualified for the Portuguese jaunt by winning the Yorkshire regional final.



Thanks to helpful staff at Monarch Airlines, one of the Bader Cup sponsors, Kate & Denis were able to re-schedule their flight out a week early to take part in a gala event. This included a

round at Los Alamos, the venue for the Bader Cup Final. This tactic could have been crucial as they had an extra round to familiarise themselves with the course.

Denis takes up the story. 'We just ground it out in the Final – straight drive, decent approach and then hole the putts on the difficult greens. It was Kate's driving that was really the key to the win. The ladies' tees were so far forward that I was often left with just a wedge to the pin.

'As we came off the 18th Kate said to me: "If we win with 45pts I'll make the speech." When the time came at the gala dinner I went up to the lectern, told the group of Kate's offer, and said to her "Over

to you" and paused just long enough to frighten her!' Eventually Denis did the decent thing and thanked the organisers and sponsors on their joint behalf.

'All in all, we had a fabulous time – all expenses paid, with full board at the excellent four star Tivoli Hotel,' said Denis, who encourages all Bedale's mixed pairings to enter for the 2011 Bader Cup. Whoever wins the regional heat, they'll be up against Denis & Kate again as they automatically qualify for the Final next year.



Lady Bader adds: 'I know that in this, Douglas's centenary year, he would be so delighted that golfers throughout the UK do so much to help his charity continue the inspirational work that he started himself, supporting the disabled community in whatever way he was able.' The Bader Cup makes a contribution towards the charity's work of around £20,000pa.