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Dear Honorary Secretary,

I was fortunate enough to play in the 'North of Ireland Championship' for the first time, back in October 2015 at St. Patricks Golf Club.

I would like to convey to you my delight at the welcome we all, as PGA Professionals, received from both the membership and staff of St. Patricks. We were all made feel most welcome and I hope those members and guests who played in the Wednesday pro-am and those who braved the weather to spectate during the tournament were equally delighted with the event.

The club staff were a credit to St. Patricks, from your club Professional Robbie Hutton to the bar and catering and I would ask you to convey my gratitude to all concerned. Visitors and guests to golf clubs always hope to find a comfortable atmosphere and a warm welcome, but in reality, these attributes are not easy to attain but St. Patricks did this with ease and class.

Particular credit should be given to Emmett Curran, your head green keeper, and his staff for the manner in which the course was presented at a time of year that would test any green keeper but in particular those in charge of parkland courses. I have always believed a green keeper doesn't need a CV as their work and experience is on display for all to see 365 days a year, namely, the course. I take my hat off to Emmett and congratulate him whole heartedly for his inspired work and course presentation.

I cannot and would not go any further without mentioning the sponsors Sarah and Rory Scullion. Not just for their financial input which is most generous but for the enthusiasm they bring to the event that is infectious and I look forward to seeing them both and all of you at the 2016 'North of Ireland Championship'.

Best wishes to you all for 2016 and beyond.

Yours sincerely,

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