Griffith wins new Benz in golf tournament

THE chance of a holein-one in golf is one in 10 000, but Mercedes Benz owner, Peter Griffith, was able to achieve that at the **Mercedes Trophy golf** tournament held recently at Royal Westmoreland, winning the first brand new Mercedes-Benz C180 Kompressor **BlueEFFICIENCY** on the island.

Although Griffith's win caused him the temporary loss of his amateur status, he says he can live with that: "I have a beautiful new Mercedes-Benz and it is totally worth it! I will also cherish this golf ball forever. It is a Titeliest Pro V1, and it has the MercedesTrophy emblem on it. I got all my playing partners to sign it".

Playing partner, Jimmy Serrao commented: "In all my years of playing golf, this is the first time I have witnessed a hole in one. It was a tremendous feeling".

Similarly thrilled were tournament competitors, banker Michael Dohaney and retired PriceWaterhouse partner, Tony Ellis, who remarked: "We could scarcely believe our eyes".

The momentous score occurred on the third hole with a yardage of 165, in the tournament which is part of an annual global Mercedes event and where Mercedes customers from all over the world participate.

Brand manager of Mercedes at Simpson Motors, Penny Johnson congratulated Griffith on his win, explaining that the vehicle is completely fuel efficient and with several dynamic features.

"With a combination of a completely re-designed engine, aerodynamics and tyre thread, this car will keep driving for an incredible average of 985 kilometres from a full tank. This, however, does not mean any compromise on performance because the new engine has tremendous output and the car has the same level of safety and comfort that is synonymous with the name Mercedes-Benz", Johnson said.

Other big winners at the MercedesTrophy tournament were Chris DeCaires. Kathleen Gordon and James Gardiner, who won in each of their handicap categories and will be representing Barbados at the Regional final of the MercedesTrophy in the Dominican Republic in early August. The World Finals will be held in Stuttgart in September.



(From left) Golfing partners Michael Dohaney, Anthony Ellis, and Philip E. (Jimmy) Serrao, (right) pose with Peter Griffith and his prize car, the Mercedes BlueEFFICIENCY at the MercedesTrophy Golf Tournament.