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Winner of the 2011 Diners Club NZ Labour Day Tournament & Diners Club NZ representative in the 2011 Diners Club International Pro-Am Tournament in Mauritius

“You’re a Winner”

With these words still ringing in my ears, I was winging my way from Christchurch to Auckland to meet up with the other two winners of the draw to go to Mauritius for the Diners Club International Pro Am 2011 courtesy of Diners Club New Zealand.

Ray Smith, Business Development Manager, Diners Club NZ met Peter, Iain and I and sent us on our way via Melbourne and Dubai. Thankfully we had 22 hours and a hotel room in Dubai. My mind was screaming shopping, shopping and more shopping, but out voted in the gender stakes by two to one, it was to be a four hour city bus tour. No regrets, inspiring architecture and oozing dollars.

Amazing, breathtakingly beautiful, heavenly are just some of the superlatives I could use when we arrived at Four Seasons Resort in Mauritius. It was seven star plus luxury with service to match. After settling in and a brief but necessary rest, it was off to a welcome dinner. Thirteen countries each with a nominated professional from one of many northern hemisphere countries were introduced.

Friday was a much needed practice day, as much for jet lagged bodies as for golf course familiarisation, followed by an authentic Mauritian dinner and entertainment on the beach.

On Saturday morning we jet boated to Le Touessrok Island Golf Course, no inhabitants, just club house, pro shop and restaurant and “wow” just fantastic. The course was very difficult, often driving over huge hazards, water inlets, volcanic ruins etc. but exceptionally beautiful with tees, fairways and greens leading down to white sandy beaches with sailing boats, para-gliding, fishing and swimming all around us. It was very difficult to stay focused on golf.

Not surprisingly, it was a master class with our pro Adam at the end of the day.

On Sunday morning, Peter and Iain were on the driving range at 6.30am filled with new ideas and excited at the prospect of playing the final round at Anahijta, Four Seasons golf course. Wise me decided to pace myself and have a breakfast and then head off to the driving range. Another fantastic day of golf on a truly amazing Ernie Els course followed by another master class. In the evening, we attended a gala dinner and prize giving with traditional entertainment and food. Diners Club International was incredible, nothing was forgotten. We were treated like royalty and the detail in the organisation was indescribable.

None of us were looking forward to the long flight home but with warm hearts and fantastic memories that will be with us forever, we reluctantly left this island paradise and headed back to New Zealand. What an experience.

Come on New Zealanders (Diners Club Golf Card Holders) mark this event in your diary as a “must do” for 2012. You never know where you will be jetting off to, courtesy of Diners Club International.



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