



## **RBCGS PLAYS THE BLEVINS FRANKS TROPHY At Estoril Golf Club - Wednesday, 23rd June, 2021**

Well, what a marvellous day it was. Once again, we were a 'full house' with 43 players all keen and raring to play the **BLEVINS FRANKS TROPHY**. But, boy, oh boy, was it windy! The Captain had ordered sunshine, which did deliver, but the wind - or was that a howling gale - was not in the programme. However, it didn't seem to faze too many, as there were plenty of good scores.

There were many challenges too. Putting was but one, with the wind often whisking that carefully putted ball from one side of the green, right to the other. And then there were the golf balls that just disappeared. Our sponsor, Matthew Krystman, hit the most perfect, straight, and very long drive, right down the centre of the 14th fairway; we were thrilled! But could any of us find that little white ball? It left us all totally bemused. Such was the desire to find it, our forensic search may have delayed the group behind. But if anyone by any chance found a small, white, Titleist, Blevins Franks ball - No.2, I believe.....well you know who it belongs to!

However, that was the least of it. Little did we know of the dramas that had unfolded on the 5th hole, where the trolley of one of our players decided to roll itself into the lake. (As we know in golf: position and direction are everything!) Josie, however, promptly removed her shoes and socks and climbed in to retrieve it and assess the damage. She then battled on to arrive at the 18th with a smile and a story to tell.

### **And now to our winners:**

- **The Cowbell** went to Derek McIvor
- **Nearest the Pin:** The ladies unfortunately failed to hit the green. **The men** however, had better success, and it was **Andrew Jones** who took the prize.
- **The Newstead Cup** was won by **Yolande Macey with 34 points**. Her husband, Richard won it last time, so the Cup returns to their mantelpiece for a little longer.
- **6th Place went to Andrew Jones** with 35 points; **5th to Keith Potter** with 36 points, who was beaten on a count back of the last 6 by **Sakiko Takeda, who took 4th place**.
- In **3rd position was Alistair Ferguson**, with 37 points; **Simon Jakeman took second place with an extremely healthy 38**, having been pipped at the post, by **Richard Macey, our winner of the Blevins Franks Trophy, who also had 38 points**, but won on a countback of the back 6 holes.



**LtoR - Matthew Krystman (Blevins Franks), Richard Macey (Winner) Sally Buxton (Captain) Simon Jakeman (2nd place). Unfortunately, our 3rd place was not available for the photo**

Our very grateful thanks go to Matthew Krystman, partner at **BLEVINS FRANKS** for their very generous and continued sponsorship, and for making our day such a success. We look forward to seeing more of you on the golf course Matthew - we certainly had a fun round!

The next event on the Calendar is the annual battle between our **RBCGS Team of 14 and those of The Barmen of Portugal, which takes place on Thursday, 1st July**. We wish them good luck!

Our next stableford event is on **Wednesday, 7th July - The Hotel Baía Trophy**, followed, on this occasion, by lunch at our very own golf Club