



RBCGS PLAYS THE PONTO VERDE TROPHY at Estoril Golf Club - Wednesday, 4th August, 2021

Most of us know the saying: 'the best laid plans' and what can happen to them!

In this case they were somewhat scuppered by a hat-trick of disappointments: The weather booked for the day didn't come through – it was an unusual mix of cloud, sun, wind, the finest rain you can imagine and rather humid; despite being promised that our scores would count for handicap, in the end they did not – due to ongoing works on the 18th hole; and... despite the arrival of some rather fabulous new umbrellas for the garden area at our Club, none, unfortunately, were hoisted; meaning there was insufficient shade for all the members to enjoy. Although, one very strong and fit member, aided by a couple of others – did manage to put one up – it was quite a feat – but these latest additions to the garden are truly magnificent and we will surely enjoy them in the future.

These were, however, minor distractions for our 43 golfers. We have all grown used to last minute changes and none detracted from the enjoyment of the day. Our usual beautifully tended golf course offered up some extremely tricky pin positions. Putts that were literally about to drop, stopped..... and slowly rolled back down the slope, sometimes a metre or more; enough to wipe the smile of anyone's face. However, there was joy for Mark Dawson as he made an Eagle on the temporarily shortened 18th hole!

SO NOW FOR THE SCORES:

The Cowbell – awarded to the person who had the most challenging of days – went to new member Kjelle Norling – don't worry Kjelle, better days are ahead.

Nearest the Pin – for the **Ladies**: Sally Buxton, your very own Captain; and for the **Men**: Mark Dawson.

The Newstead Cup – was won by Ian Yarwood, to cries of 'not another cup!' – but Ian is surely and steadily lowering his handicap with each and every week. So well done Ian.

6th, 5th, 4th and 3rd places came down to a countback on the back 9 and were as follows: 6th – Kate Scheier 35 pts (20/15); **5th** – André Van der Meulen 35pts (18/17) **4th** – David Thomas 35 pts (15/20); **3rd** Ewan Rankin 35 pts (13/22)

In 2nd place was Gavin Trechman, who having 'only just landed back in Portugal' clearly fell straight back into the ways of Estoril Golf course. And although just pipped at the post by the winner, on a countback of the back six, scored an excellent 36 pts (16/20 – back six 14).



The Winner of the Ponto Verde Trophy was Carol Mason, with 36 points (16/20 – back six 15).

Our next event is on Wed. 1st September, followed up quickly by the TRI-SOCIETY competition, when RBCGS plays against TAGUS and PINGS, at Estoril on Wed. 8th September.

Sally Buxton – RBCGS Captain 2021