



## **RBCGS PLAYS THE PETER DAWSON BOWL at Estoril Golf Club - Wednesday, 6th October 2021**

Some time ago I said to the wife of a fellow player: 'have you never been tempted to play golf?' She laughed heartily and replied, 'Absolutely not! Watch, I'll show you!' I didn't know what she meant, but as the next three golfers walked in off the 18th and handed in their scorecards, she asked brightly 'Have a good round?' Each in turn said something like: 'absolutely dreadful, couldn't hit the ball. Or, I was in every bunker; a nightmare. Or, I just couldn't putt! It was awful'. 'There you are', she said. 'Why would I want to play golf when you all have such a dreadful time'.

But as every golfer know, there are so many reasons why.

On Wednesday 6th October - a gorgeous sunny day - 39 golfers played the **Peter Dawson Bowl, generously sponsored since 1982 by Garland Laidley**. Mark Dawson, fellow golfer and CEO & President of Garland, was with us playing his usual immaculate golf, and we were very happy that Mané, his wife, was able to join us for lunch and kindly presented the prizes.

There were some terrific scores and, playing with Mark Dawson, I was lucky enough to witness a couple of shots worthy of 'Seve Ballesteros'. One, where from kneeling on the grass, Mark artfully struck his ball, lodged in an impossible position in a bunker, and launched it straight onto the green! The second, also from Mark, from out of the trees, guarded by tree stumps, when he played left-handed using his usual club turned round the other way. How could you not be inspired to play this game?

### **THE RESULTS OF THE DAY?**

We welcomed three **guest players** and it was Ben Hudson who won the guest prize with 29 points, playing off 16. **Nearest the Pin** prizes went to **Julie Brown** for the Ladies and **Alistair Ferguson** for the Men. **The Cowbell**, was awarded to Caroline Yarwood. Last month Caroline asked me what she had to do to win a prize. I replied: 'there are 2 options: play better or play worse!' Caroline was thrilled to be a prize winner and tells me she'll use her free lesson with the Pro to learn to chip. **The Newstead Cup** was awarded to Nicky Wilton - with 34 points. **In 6th place was Mats Loventorn** with 35 points (21/14 - back 6 of 9); **5th went to Keith Potter** also with 35 points (21/14 - back 6 of 11); **4th was Mark Dawson** with 36 points; **3rd place was Nick Kirk** with 39 points; **2nd to Sakiko** with 40 points.

But our **WINNER** was..... well, **it was me, Sally Buxton with 42 points**, which came from heaven knows where, but those golfing gods were certainly a part of it.

And this, friends, is why we play golf. Not for the constant disappointment, but for the rare successes, that we'll never forget, and we'll likely not repeat for a very, very long time..... even though we're absolutely convinced we've 'GOT IT' now and nothing can go wrong. I'm afraid disappointment lurks just around the corner.

**Our next event** is the Rankin Brothers and Sons Trophy, Part 2 of the Silver Jubilee Plate, to be played on the 27th October at Estoril as usual.

*By Sally Buxton - Captain of RBCGS for 2021*

