



SOLOPTICA TROPHY 2023

This year's Trophy was contested with 31 participants split into 8 teams for the Texas Scramble. 2022 Trophy holders, *Team Dawson*, were again present with three generations of the family including Bruce, Mark, Giles and Alan. The golf course was in close to prime condition and although the early participants teed off in misty rain and light wind, the day quickly exploded into full sunshine and excellent scoring conditions.

There were no 'hole-in-one' fireworks this year - but there were oodles of birdies – 21 in all. Team Dawson got off to a very fast start with 3 birdies in the first five holes and 4 birdies through ten – looking confident to retain the trophy. However, this proved to be a very competitive tournament with a number of other strong team performances which produced a very tight race for the prizes.



Team Results:

Runner-up: Team Thapa (Drhu Thapa, Sally Buxton, Richard Evans, Antonio Viera)

This was a hotly contested battle with four teams in position to capture the prize through 15 holes. When all was said and done *Team Thapa* held off the others for the Runner-Up prize. *Team Gray* finished tied for runner-up on net score but was nipped on the countback despite a very strong performance with birdies on both 17 and 18.



Winners: Team Goddard (Ron Goddard, Keith Potter, Hans Ludolphi, Thomas Sheier)

A solid performance from the winning team including four birdies in the first ten holes and – more importantly - no dropped shots. Congratulations to the team for your winning performance with both lowest Net and lowest Gross score!



Individual results:

Nearest to the Pin – Gentlemen off the yellow tees – Hole #4: Rudiger Wrobel

A challenging pin position on the back right made this a particularly testing shot. Per Ronning loves this hole and going out in the first group set a demanding standard for others to follow. Per's mark was not surpassed until the final group of the day teed off. **Rudiger Wrobel** rose to the challenge and left his shot 'stone-dead' – setting his team up for a tap-in birdie.



Nearest to the Pin – Ladies and Gentlemen off the red tees – Hole #13 – Theresa Negrão

Another very demanding pin position – back right, required a very precise shot to get close. For the Gentlemen – it proved a test too far. All the ladies in the competition – were there or thereabouts with Sally Buxton coming close only to be later surpassed by **Theresa Negrão** who hit a stunning shot to within 3 metres of the flag. Well done Theresa!

Team Results Table

Draw	FPG	HOME	WHS	Tee	Playing	Team HC	Team Score		Net	Rank
							Front 9	Back 9		
Brij Goel	38404	Orizonte (149)	18.7	Y	16	15	35	38	58	6
David Jackson	5566	Estoril (004)	22.6	Y	20					
Ormond Fannon	4569	Seniores (098)	28.3	Y	25					
Per Ronning	50255	Orizonte (149)	30.5	Y	28					
Mark Dawson	1397	Estoril (004)	8	Y	5	10	31	37	58	5
Giles Dawson	38503	Estoril (004)	14.9	Y	12					
Alan Dawson	0	Intl	28	Y	25					
Bruce Dawson OBE	1396	Estoril (004)	31.2	R	25					
Dhruba Thapa	47551	Aroeira (029)	6.8	Y	4	12	35	33	56	2
Sally Buxton	19050	Estoril (004)	21.6	R	21					
Richard Evans	1600	Estoril (004)	28.5	R	22					
Antonio Vieira	2050	Belas (068)	38	Y	35					
David Gray	21717	Estoril (004)	7.1	Y	5	12	34	34	56	3
Enrique Almasque	19335	Estoril (004)	20.8	Y	18					
Teresa Negrão	2485	Estoril (004)	28.3	R	28					
Max Zimmerli	1237	Estoril (004)	36	R	29					
Ronald Goddard	10419	Estoril (004)	10.4	Y	8	11	32	34	55	1
Keith Potter	40643	Estoril (004)	17.7	Y	15					
Hans Ludolphi	1561	Estoril (004)	28.8	R	22					
Thomas Scheier	24238	Estoril (004)	32.9	Y	30					
James Peter Readman	47394	Estoril (004)	15.0	Y	12	11	36	37	62	8
Kathryn Scheier	7605	Estoril (004)	18.2	R	18					
Selwyn Kennard	31409	Estoril (004)	29.8	Y	27					
John Philips	48673	Estoril (004)	15.9	Y	13	12	35	37	60	7
André van der Meulen	44814	Estoril (004)	22.9	Y	20					
Hervé Coiquaud	37726	Estoril (004)	28.5	Y	26					
Rüdiger Wrobel	45273	Estoril (004)	16.5	Y	14	11	31	37	57	4
Richard Keech	41532	Estoril (004)	22.7	Y	20					
Gavin Trechman	143	Estoril (004)	25.6	R	19					

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To **Mario Pinto** and his team for their excellent service, fine food and drink.

To all the participants for making the tournament competitive, fun, and successful.

Future Events

September 6th: EY Trophy - Looking forward to seeing all of you there.

September 13th: TRISOC Competition – where we will compete in matches against PINGS and TAGUS. RBCGS is the current holder of the trophy and looking to retain playing away at Quinta de Beloura.