

CHATHAM TROPHY 2023

The Chatham Trophy took place on Monday, 5th of June at the Estoril Golf Club. It was a beautiful day, the early birds were singing and the mood of play was promising.

The English captain was Kate Scheier and the captain on the Dutch side was Jan Boetzelaer. Unfortunately Jan was unable to play having recently undergone hip surgery.

Tee 1 was colourfully festooned with both country flags , and jolly encouragement cries were addressed at the players of both teams, who went off to try their best.

Jan trooped over to the halfway house overlooking the 12th tee to make sure that the players took some refreshment , as well as to have an idea on how the games were progressing....

Flags awaited the incoming players on the 18th, as well as the anxious captains and supporters eager to hear the results.

Flights one, two and three had lost to their Dutch opponents, but then slowly the tide changed and the English took flights four, five, six AND seven. We were one up and very nervous until the last group came in hand in hand with a draw.

The English team had won $4 \frac{1}{2} - 3 \frac{1}{2}$

A convivial lunch was held on the terrace upstairs. On the menu gazpacho, chicken curry and chocolate mousse. Quite delicious!!

Prizes were handed out to the winning groups as well as to the winner of the Nearest to the Pin – Sakiko Takeda and Hakan Karlén. The Longest Drives went to Liz Dale and Geertjan Wesseling.

Next year's captain for the English team will be Richard Macey, while Jan Boetzelaer will continue to head the Dutch team.

We wish them well!!