



## RANKIN BROTHERS & SONS TROPHY 2023

This year's Trophy was contested by 41 participants – a great turn-out. After last year's washout at Lisbon Sports Club, and heavy October rains all participants were happy to play on a dry day. The soggy course made for challenging conditions but there was much at stake – not only the Rankin Brothers & Sons Trophy but also the Silver Jubilee Plate. At the start of play there were a dozen participants separated by less than 7 points and vying for the Silver Plate.

The overall quality of play was quite good with approx. half the participants scoring 30+ points. The pin positions were testing which meant that birdies were hard to come by, yet there were 14 in total with Michael Deignan scoring two!



### Results: Nearest the Pin:

**Hole #2: Gentlemen:** This green is readily accessible to most of the field but the flag position on the right-side front made it a big challenge – and the hole gave up only one birdie on the day.

Nearest the Pin – Yellow tees– DAVID WRIGHT



Nearest the Pin – Red tee – RICHARD EVANS



### Hole #4 Ladies from the Red Tees

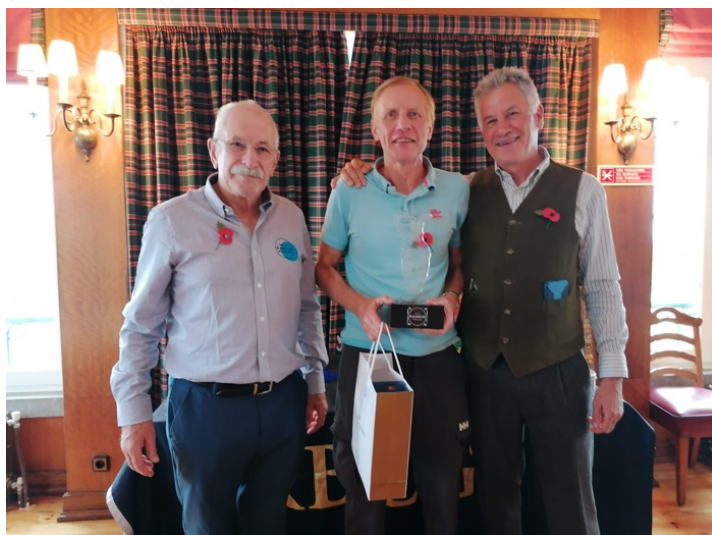
This is challenging hole on most days – but with the pin position on the back left it is devilishly difficult and there were no birdies on the day.

Nearest the Pin -Ladies - JULIE BROWN





Winner - RANKIN BROTHERS & SONS TROPHY: NICK KIRK



There were several outstanding performances on the day but none like that of **Nick Kirk** - scoring a whopping 42 points!! Nick played solid golf all day scoring 21 points on both front and back nines to capture the Rankin Brothers and Sons Trophy. Congratulations Nick.

Coming in close behind Nick was another outstanding performer -**Julie Brown** – whose scored a total of 40 points – with 21 on the front and 19 on the back. Well played Julie!



Second Place: **JULIE BROWN**

There was very healthy competition for the remaining places with:

Third Place: **FANGFANG CHAN** – 37 PTS



Fourth Place: **RUDIGER WROBEL** – 35 PTS



Fifth Place: **ANDREW JONES** – 34 PTS

Sixth Place: **THERESA NEGRAO** – 33 PTS



NEWSTEAD TROPHY: **JAN BRACKEL**





There were many wonderful moments during the lunch and the prize ceremony, and everyone seemed to be thoroughly enjoying themselves. The presentation of the COWBELL was a particularly special moment. Ewan looked absolutely delighted to award this special prize to his sister Carol Mason – and Carol was equally delighted to make a show of it! Thank you both for making the day special. To Carol for bringing the extra special prize of homemade marmalade and to Ewan for his continued generous sponsorship of the tournament.



Winner of the COWBELL: CAROL MASON

### SILVER JUBILEE PLATE 2023

A wonderful competition for this special prize which is awarded for the cumulative results of two longstanding tournaments – The PETER DAWSON BOWL and the RANKIN BROS AND SONS TROPHY. There was very strong competition for the Silver Plate – but in the end **Nick Kirk's**



outstanding performance and 42 points on the day was enough to win him the 2023 Plate. Nick scored a total of 74 points over the two days. Congratulations! The winner of the DAWSON BOWL – and leader entering the day - was **Andrew Jones**. He performed very well again on the day but was ultimately eclipsed by Nick over the final nine holes. Andrew came in a strong second place with 71 points overall. Well done, Andrew.

WINNER OF THE SILVER JUBILEE PLATE: NICK KIRK

### Special Thanks

To **RANKIN BROTHERS & SONS**, who have generously supported the RBCGS over many years.  
To **Selwyn Kennard** for his ongoing commitment to rising early and raising the RBCGS flag.  
To **Tom Sheier** for his well-crafted photographs.  
To **Mario Pinto** and his team for their excellent service, fine food and drink.  
And to all the participants for making the tournament competitive, fun, and successful.