



## HOTEL BAIA TROPHY 2024

Our third tournament of 2024, and we were close to postponing it due to the heavy rains. After consulting with the club on Sunday we made the decision to go ahead. We were again fortunate with the weather. Although it was a gloomy start the sun emerged mid-morning and, in combination with light winds, dried the course so that it was in playable condition. 29 golfers teed-off vying for the coveted *Hotel Baia Plate* – a tournament that is enjoying its 24<sup>th</sup> year. Pin positions were challenging on most holes keeping the birdie count to six – Congratulations to Sally Buxton, Raj Tandon, Rudiger Wrobel, Jan vanBoetzelaer, Julie Brown and JanBrackel.



First off the Tee...

### Results: Nearest the Pin:



Nearest the Pin: Hole #2: **Sally Buxton** – beating a great shot by Rudiger Wrobel – Sally hit hers within a metre of the hole – assuring a tap-in birdie!

Nearest the Pin: Hole #5: **Paul Guerault** – the shortest hole on the course gives many golfers *the fits* – not Paul – he hit a beautifully measured shot!

Nearest the Pin: Hole #13: **Andrew Brown** – a great shot into this tricky pin but no birdie this time!

Nearest the Pin: Hole #16: **Hervé Coiquaud** – took advantage of being in the last group of the day just nipping it from Dhru Thapa.



**Best Gross Score: Winner: DHURU THAPA.** The best golfer on the day yet again against the standard scratch score. Dhru got off to a slow start with a double bogey on the first hole and was six over after eight holes – he then reeled off a string of 10 consecutive pars to finish - resulting in a solid round of six over par 75 even without a birdie - Well played Dhru!



**HOTEL BAIA TROPHY Winner: Raj Tandon: 36 Points**



Raj started strong with ten stableford points on the first four holes – he then proceeded to pick up on the next two holes. No problem for Raj – he turned it around quickly with a birdie on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole and never looked back despite losing a ball in the “middle of the fairway” on 12<sup>th</sup> hole! Two pars on the final three holes secured his victory – in only his second tournament as a member of the RBCGS – Congratulations Raj!



**<- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: JOHN PHILIPS 35PTS:**

In the lead on the 12<sup>th</sup> tee – John hit his tee shot into the middle of the fairway – thinking birdie John managed to blob the hole and never regained the lead – maybe next time?

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place: PER RONNING – 34 PTS ->**

Per played a very solid round with 17 pts on both front and back despite a couple of blobs – a strong performance deserved of a podium finish.



Strong performances by all three of our members filling out the top six on the day - with 33 stableford points. Their scores were separated by the slimmest of margins requiring the final positions to be determined by a count-back. Well done to all!

**4<sup>th</sup> Place: FANGFANG CHEN – 33 PTS (14 / 19)**

**5<sup>th</sup> Place: SELWYN KENNARD – 33 PTS (15 / 18)**

**6<sup>th</sup> Place: PHILIP DOCHERTY – 33 PTS (17 / 16)**





NEWSTEAD TROPHY: HERVÉ COIQUAUD



COWBELL: KEITH POTTER ->

Several golfers were positioning themselves early to win what has become a sought-after prize. In the end the winner was determined by a countback. A very deserved winner of the Cowbell for the first time in his RBCGS career - Keith was not to be outdone - with eight blobs during his round and nine stableford points on the back nine – Keith turned in a truly remarkable performance!!



Dinner at the Hotel BAIA:

Many arrived early for drinks to enjoy the afternoon sun streaming into the bar at the hotel. The dining room with filled throughout the evening with the sound of joyous conversation and laughter. Thanks to all of 40 people who attended the dinner for making the evening special one.









## Special Thanks

To our sponsors **Hotel BAIA** for their 24 years of continuous support for the RBCGS and for the beautiful table settings and a delicious (and copious) dinner.

To **Richard Keech** always assisting in the background to keep the website running and posting results

To **Selwyn Kennard** despite the 08:00 start time Selwyn was there at dawn to hoist the RBCGS flag

To **All who contributed to the lost ball fund ! Brenda will be happy we continue the tradition!**



**NEXT TOURNAMENT 8 MAY: Looking forward to seeing you there!!**

