Royal British Club Golf Society 2022 Newsletter

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including the

Chatham Trophy



Many members of the Society and friends of Richard Evans were able to say farewell to Barbara at a touching remembrance service at the St Pauls's Church in Estoril and to raise a toast at home to the family afterwards.

Mark Dawson led a call on behalf of the Cascais Calamities padel group to raise funds for Ukrainian refugees in Cascais. An amazing €15,000 was raised and members of RBCGS won five of the prizes.

Our membership grew again in March with Dr Shahla Ra joining us. Welcome!

This brings the number of playing members to 79 playing members and 20 social members.

Tournaments

This edition of the Newsletter is a real bumper edition packed with the exploits of members in two big tournaments, which took place on consecutive days:

- Blevins & Franks on the 6th April; and
- The Chatham Trophy on the 7th April, between the British and the Dutch and any willing allies both teams could muster.

The Chatham trophy is the first match play team competition of the year, which will be followed by the RBCGS vs UFE in June; RBCGS vs ABP in July and lastly the RBCGS vs TAGUS & PINGS in September. Dates are all in the Calendar.

The Blevins & Franks Trophy



Our Sponsor

The Blevins & Franks Trophy is sponsored by Matthew Krystman of Blevins & Franks in Cascais.

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Our enormous thanks go to Matthew and to Blevins & Franks for their generosity and continued support of one of our key tournaments in the year.

HOLDER OF THE 2021 TROPHY: Richard Macey

The Tournament



We again opened the tournament to the backdrop of a clear sky and a rising sun. Selwyn's hopes for more sunlight to find the clips than last month were scuppered by the clocks moving forwards. But he didn't have to sidestep the sprinklers.

42 people enrolled for the tournament. We had the great pleasure to welcome Pedro Palmares, the new Vice President of the Estoril Golf Club and Hervé Coiquaud — an Early Birder as guests amongst us. We also welcomed Jenny Byers and Tony Nutt for their first competitions with the RBCGS and Fernando Oliveira made the first of

many appearances this year with us from his home club in Oporto.

However, we did miss Hans Ludolphi with the flu and Mark Dawson, with doctor's instructions to cease and desist from golf until a rib injury gets better and Bruce Dawson, recovering from Covid.

We used all the tee-offs that we had booked with two of the tee-offs taking off from the 17th so that we could all get into lunch at 13:45. We had a nervous moment for the last tee-offs, because roadworks in Cascais meant that a Tesla AWD needed to test its off-road capabilities to arrive before play started.

Captains Mantra

Swing from 4 to
10 and dump
those greasy
sausages off your
club face on the
follow through

The perfect draw

Gordon Young

The results

This month's tournament boasted 12 birdies, with Alistair, Dhru and Pedro landing two birdies each. The current Birdie tally is in the results table at the end of this section.

As for the main results, Jan van Boetzelaer came in at the top of the table with a stunning 42 points and a lot of breathing space between himself and second place Agneta Löventorn on 38. Agneta was just ahead of a closely knit peloton of players: Chris Goulding, Kate Scheier, Bill Buxton and Julie Brown taking the rest of the prizes with scores of 37 and 36. Well done.

The Newstead Prize went to Nick Kirk and Tony Nutt, a new arrival to the RBCGS competitions agonizingly accepted the best prize of all: the Cowbell and an opportunity to check in with Gordon Young. After all, Bill has moved from Cowbell to 5th in 3 tournaments – so there is magic in the Cowbell.

The table of winners' results is shown below:

Position	Player	Out	In	Total
1st	Jan van Boetzelaer	19	23	42
2nd	Agneta Löventorn	18	20	38
3rd	Chris Goulding	16	21	37
4th	Kate Scheier	17	20	37
5th	Bill Buxton	15	21	36
6th	Julie Brown	16	20	36
Newstead	Nick Kirk	14	20	34
Cowbell	Tony Nutt	5	5	10

Kate Scheier and Julie Brown were the two contenders for the Nearest the Pin on the 13th for the ladies with Kate taking the honours. The men's nearest the pin was the 4th, with its evil bunkers protecting the flag. Nevertheless, three blokes stepped up for the challenge with Andre van der Meulen pipping the efforts of Jan Brackels and the indomitable Jan van Boetzelaer, our new winner of the Blevins & Franks Trophy.

It was great also to see Denys Stormont back in the top half of the leaderboard after his fall in the Rawes Trophy.

Our congratulations go to all the winners, who on this occasion were all able to join us for lunch.

Our thanks are also owed to all those who lost a golf ball or three and to Brenda who cheerfully again collected €100.00 for the Golf Society's chosen charity this year. Thanks too, to Brenda and Häkan for teaming up and getting the scores registered and for issuing that important currency of our games — the drinks ticket. Thanks too to Conceição and Miranda for the final results and Eclectic results respectively which I table below.

... and to Lunch

45 people made it to the Blevins & Franks lunch, which was held in the Restaurant. We had the honour of Miguel Soares Franco, the new President of the Estoril Golf Club and Pedro Palmares, the Vice President joining Matthew our Sponsor and Herve our guest at lunch. Miguel had kindly agreed to open the lunch with his hopes and fears for his and Pedro's 3 year term leading the Estoril Golf Club. Amongst others, their top of mind hopes are on building closer relations with the Plage SA (Palacio Hotel), which owns and maintains the club; build up the social credentials of the club encompassing all the groups like RBCGS, Tagus and others that play from Estoril, and improve access via the website. Their task is a tough task – and I hope we can give them all the support we can muster.

After a fine curry put on by Mario, and on a nudge from the Vice Captain, we entered the prize giving itself, with Matthew outlining the activities of Blevins & Franks in Portugal and pointing us to the 19th Edition of their Tax Guide to Portugal, as well as offering a very personal address, commenting that the RBCGS was and has always been a community of friends to him since he took up golf.



Blevins & Franks Trophy *MENU*

Creme de Cenoura com Gengibre Caril de Frango Ananás com gelado de coco

Águas, Vinho Branco ou Tinto da casa

Café.

The Photo Gallery of prize winners in orderly poses is shown below, while the event of handing out prizes was as raucous and boisterous as ever. Heckle on all! Amongst the prize winners, were Pedro and Miguel, both receiving a sleeve of RBCGS golf balls and the RBCGS Fact book for 2021.

Blevins & Franks Trophy Photo Gallery



1st – Richard Keech, Chris Goulding (3rd), Agneta Löventorn (2nd) Jan van Boetzelaer (winner) with Matthew Krystman



4th – Kate Scheier and Ladies Nearest the Pin



5th - Bill Buxton



6th – Julie Brown



Newstead - Nick Kirk



Nearest the Pin Men on 4th Hole – André van der Meulen



Cowbell and most coveted prize - Tony Nutt

Blevins & Franks Results

		Stableford	Net Indi	ividual				
Tournament	Blevins & Franks Trophy				Date	6-abr-22		
Course	Estoril							
Pos	Player	Home Club	HCP WHS	Playing Handicap	Stableford Nett	Front/Back	Prizes	Birdies
1	Jan van Boetzelaer	Estoril (004)	30	29	42	(19:23)	1st	
2	Agneta Löventorn	Estoril (004)	25.2	26	38	(18:20)	2nd	1
3	Chris Goulding	Estoril (004)	21.3	17	37	(16:21)	3rd	1
4	Kate Scheier	Estoril (004)	17.5	18	37	(17:20)	4th NTPL	
5	Bill Buxton	Estoril (004)	36	31	36	(15:21)	5th	
6	Julie Brown	Estoril (004)	20.9	22	36	(16:20)	6th	
7	Ewan Rankin	Estoril (004)	18.5	17	35	(18:17)		1
8	Nick Kirk	Estoril (004)	34.6	34	34	(14:20)	Newstead	_
9	Alistair Ferguson	Estoril (004)	13.2	12	34	(15:19)		2
10	Dhru Thapa	Orizonte (149)	8.4	7	34	(15:19)		2
11	Håkan Karlén	Estoril (004)	29.6	, 29	34	(18:16)		_
12	Jenny Byers	ACP Golfe (103)		38	33	(13:20)		
13	Andrew Jones	Estoril (004)	22.6	22	33	(13:20)		
14	Ian Yarwood	ACP Golfe (103)		24	32			
15	Fernando Oliveira		20.2	19	32	(16:16)		
		Oporto (001)				(17:15)		
16	Selwyn Kennard	Estoril (004)	28.2	27	31	(12:19)		
17	Denys Stormont	ACP Golfe (103)		26	31	(13:18)		
18	Ron Goddard	Estoril (004)	11.5	10	30	(16:14)		1
19	Rüdiger Wrobel	Estoril (004)	16.4	15	30	(17:13)		
20	Yolande Macey	Estoril (004)	32.8	34	29	(11:18)		
21	Steve Deighton	Estoril (004)	23.9	23	29	(16:13)		
22	Pedro Palmares (G)	Estoril (004)	10.9	9	29	(18:11)	Guest	2
23	Kjelle Norling	ACP Golfe (103)		32	28	(12:16)		
24	Eddie Leitao	Estoril (004)	36	31	28	(15:13)		
25	Sally Buxton	Estoril (004)	20.9	22	28	(16:12)		
26	Mats Löventorn	Estoril (004)	23.1	22	27	(11:16)		1
27	David Thomas	Estoril (004)	25	24	27	(16:11)		
28	Jan Brackel	PINGS (011)	23.1	22	26	(14:12)		
29	Matthew Krystman	Estoril (004)	36	36	26	(15:11)		
30	André van der Meulen	Estoril (004)	26.1	25	25	(12:13)	NTPM	
31	Richard Evans	Estoril (004)	27.1	22	25	(13:12)		
32	Tom Scheier	Estoril (004)	33.5	33	23	(9:14)		1
33	Richard Keech	Estoril (004)	22.1	21	23	(11:12)		
34	Richard Macey	Estoril (004)	29.8	29	23	(11:12)		
35	Gillian Goya	Estoril (004)	35.1	37	21	(9:12)		
36	Philip Docherty	Estoril (004)	21.7	21	21	(12:9)		
37	Adi Hüttl	Estoril (004)	36	31	20	(8:12)		
38	David Wright	ACP Golfe (103)	28.4	28	20	(11:9)		
39	Hervé Coiquaud (G)	Estoril (004)	24.5	24	20	(13:7)	Guest	
40	Max Zimmerli	Estoril (004)	36	31	19	(11:8)		
41	Caroline Yarwood	ACP Golfe (103)		38	17	(8:9)		
42	Anthony Nutt	loura-ACGB (16		27	10	(5:5)	Cowbell	
0	Miguel Soares Franco (G)	Estoril (004)	9.8		0	(0:0)	Guest	



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ORDER OF MERIT RANKING

GRO	ROSS NETT ORDER OF MERIT RANKING NUMBER OF BI				RDIES									
NAME	GROSS	NETT	NAME	GROSS	NETT	NAME	PRIZE WINNER POINTS	NAME	WINNER	MATCH WINNER POINTS	NAME	PRIZE WINNER POINTS	MATCH WINNER POINTS	No. OF BIRDIES
Dhru Thapa	69	62	Chris Goulding	76	56	Chris Goulding	9	Chris Goulding	9	14	Dhru Thapa	0	0	4
Ron Goddard	71	63	Kjelle Norling	88	56	Kate Scheier	9	Kate Scheier	9	8	Richard Macey	7	7	3
Alistair Ferguson	74	62	Tom Scheier	89	56	Jan Van Boetzelaer	7	Richard Evans	7	7	Chris Goulding	9	14	2
Chris Goulding	76	56	Håkan Karlén	86	57	Richard Evans	7	Richard Macey	7	7	David Gray	5	4	2
Ewan Rankin	76	59	Kate Scheier	76	58	Richard Macey	7	Jan Van Boetzelaer	7	7	Alistair Ferguson	0	5	2
Kate Scheier	76	58	Richard Macey	87	58	Agneta Löventorn	6	Agneta Löventorn	6	6	Ron Goddard	0	0	2
David Gray	77	71	Steve Deighton	81	58	Nicky Wilton	6	Nicky Wilton	6	6	John Philips	0	0	2
Keith Potter	80	61	Agneta Löventorn	85	59	Steve Deighton	6	Tom Scheier	6	5	Ewan Rankin	0	1	2
Mark Dawson	80	73	Ewan Rankin	76	59	Tom Scheier	6	Kjelle Norling	3	5	Kate Scheier	9	8	1
Duncan Barker	81	64	Richard Evans	86	59	David Gray	5	Alistair Ferguson	0	5	Agneta Löventorn	6	6	1
Steve Deighton	81	58	Jan van Boetzelaer	89	60	Bill Buxton	3	David Gray	5	4	Tom Scheier	6	5	1
Richard Keech	83	62	Jan Van Boetzelaer	89	60	Kjelle Norling	3	Bill Buxton	3	3	Nicky Wilton	6	6	1
Agneta Löventorn	85	59	Eddie Leitao	92	61	Mark Dawson	3	Steve Deighton	6	2	Kjelle Norling	3	5	1
Julie Brown	85	63	Keith Potter	80	61	Duncan Barker	2	Julie Brown	2	2	Håkan Karlén	1	0	1
Werner Langlitz	85	69	Nick Kirk	95	61	Julie Brown	2	Camille Beraud	1	1	Richard Keech	0	0	1
Håkan Karlén	86	57	Alistair Ferguson	74	62	Camille Beraud	1	Ewan Rankin	0	1	Mats Löventorn	0	0	1
Richard Evans	86	59	Dhru Thapa	69	62	Håkan Karlén	1	Mark Dawson	3	0	Gavin Trechman	0	0	1
lan Yarwood	87	63	Richard Keech	83	62	Nick Kirk	1	Duncan Barker	2	0	Richard Evans	7	7	0
Richard Macey	87	58	lan Yarwood	87	63	Adi Hüttl	0	Håkan Karlén	1	0	Jan Van Boetzelaer	7	7	0
Sally Buxton	87	65	Julie Brown	85	63	Alistair Ferguson	0	Nick Kirk	1	0	Steve Deighton	6	2	0
Andrew Jones	88	65	Ron Goddard	71	63	André van der Meulen	0	Elizabeth Barker	0	0	Bill Buxton	3	3	0
Kjelle Norling	88	56	Selwyn Kennard	90	63	Andrew Brown	0	Harley Barnard	0	0	Mark Dawson	3	0	0
Jan van Boetzelaer	89	60	David Wright	92	64	Andrew Jones	0	Thomas Bartelse	0	0	Duncan Barker	2	0	0
Jan Van Boetzelaer	89	60	Duncan Barker	81	64	Anthony Nutt	0	Ludovic Bois	0	0	Julie Brown	2	2	0
Tom Scheier	89	56	Nicky Wilton	97	64	Antonio Vieira	0	Auke Bos	0	0	Camille Beraud	1	1	0
John Philips	90	77	Andrew Jones	88	65	Auke Bos	0	Jan Brackel	0	0	Nick Kirk	1	0	0

The Chatham Trophy



A Bit of History

This competition commemorates an audacious raid by a Dutch Naval force on Chatham Docks in the Medway in 1667. The force sunk a few Royal Navy ships; a trifle embarrassing for the Royal Navy. But we also have to remember that this raid was the culmination of a number of very annoying raids by the Royal Navy, on the Dutch Republic, amongst them Admiral Holmes who created a sizeable bonfire and saw a very large number of the Dutch East India fleet nicely settled on the sea bottom in the North of Holland. There were a few other battles at sea up and down the Dutch coast sinking Naval vessels where they could and over the pond in the Americas, taking over a Dutch colony called New Amsterdam and now New York. It might be fair to say that the Dutch were a little provoked and peeved. Now while King Charles's saw his eponymous flag ship taken as a trophy from Chatham to become a tourist attraction in Rotterdam, King William of Orange (very Dutch) who married into the British Royal family, and reigned over the Netherlands and Great Britain, rebuilt the two navies and split the command 60% British, 40% Dutch. Draw your own conclusions

The Trophy



The coveted trophy is a pewter depiction of the chain that was supposed to have guarded Chatham from attack. However, some Dutch engineering ingenuity saw them lower the chain for the attack.

The competition sees the British keeping the chain raised and holding the trophy if they win and the Dutch lowering the chain and holding the trophy if they win. The tally since the competition's inception was 14 to Britain, 4 to The Netherlands and a couple of draws.

The Tournament



A sea of orange greeted the British first arrivals for the competition. Selwyn, Ron and I thought we were early, but Andre, Jan and Jan had mustered the Dutch to arrive earlier.

The Union Jack, English flag, Royal Naval Ensigns and Dutch Flags went up all over the place. Last minute changes to the teams were made on the spot, with Selwyn

stepping in for Ewan who had to attend to an emergency and the British Competition coordinator (moi) stepping in at 07:15 because Alistair had succumbed to Covid. The Dutch also saw Rüdiger Wrobel and Hakan Rosengren in for amongst other reasons - Covid again. Drama at the last minute

The final teams to take on the challenge of lowering the chain or keeping the chain raised were:

	GREATER BRITAIN THE NOBLE ISLAND	REPUBLIEK DER ZEVEN VERENIGDE NEDERLANDEN						
TIME	PLAYERS	Нср	PLAYERS	Нср				
07.36	Keith Potter	19	Jan Brackel	22				
Take Flags	Sally Buxton	22	Hakan Rosengren	15				
07.44	Ron Goddard	8	Rüdiger Wrobel	15				
	Richard Macey	29	Willem Rijpert	25				
07.52	Kate Scheier	17	Jan van Boetzelaer	29				
	Håkan Karlén	29	Rudolf de Ruiter	26				
08.00	Gavin Trechman	24	Joana van Holthe	27				
	Teresa Negrão	30	Fred Douglas	25				
08.08	lan Yarwood	24	Petra Smeenk	26				
	Yolanda Macey	35	Gerrit Hersevoort	36				
08.16	David Gray	6	Annette Verhaar	15				
	Selwyn Kennard	27	Ben Jacobsen	13				
08.24	Dhru Thapa	7	Marnix Fruitema	25				
	James Readman	14	Christine Vos	12				
08.32	Richard Keech	20	André v.d. Meulen	25				
Bring Flags	Steve Deighton	23	Mark Vrijhoef	18				
LUNCH GUESTS								
Olga Godda Karlén	ard, Jackie Kennard, Maria	Au	ke Bos, Carolien Brackel,					

The format was four-ball, better ball match play based on 100% Stableford. That is to say that the best Stableford score in a team pair was compared to the best Stableford score of the opposing team pair, with the best delivering a point for the hole or a split if drawn. The winner of the round is the pair with most points giving a point for the round or if drawn ½ a point. This seemed the easier to manage even though this format of play has many variations.

The average playing handicaps were 21 for the British to 22 for the Netherlands

The match was intense and colourful. Early leads were cut back to draws, and then recovered or lost. That is the treachery of Estoril. But from my fourball, it became a true team event, with Steve working out from my waywardness whether he needed a controlled response or to go for it. A similar dynamic developed between Andre and Mark. I'm sure all other partnerships worked on the same formula.

As the teams rolled into Bar-19, Ron had his chalkboard out to keep the tally



And the British held onto the trophy with the arrival of the draw of Dhru and Peter against Marnix and Christine.

... and to Lunch

38 people made it a lunch full of ribaldry as was to be expected. Tables were adorned with flags and bunting. Orange, red, white and blue in a variety of



manifestations could be seen on each table. And lan matched Andre's orange attire with a waistcoat and scarf of the Union Jack. Mario and the restaurant had prepared a beautiful looking Arroz a Valenciana.

Both Captains made 'picante' speeches surrounding the historical events that took place

in 1667 – this is the tradition of this event it would seem. The only difference



Chatham Trophy *MENU*

Creme de Coentros Arroz a Valenciana Brownie de Chocolate

Águas, Vinho Branco ou Tinto da casa

Café.

was that Jan's speech was fully understood and in English and Richard's speech in Dutch wasn't understood by either side.

Our thanks go out to Palacio for the green fee package they offered; Mario for the lunch and table preparation; Tom Scheier for being on hand to record the colours of the day in photographs; and all participants for making the event a competitive and fun day.

Chatham Trophy Photo Gallery







Future Activities

Our next tournament will be the Hotel Baia Trophy on 11th May 2022. Drinks and prize giving will be at Bar-19. Registration will be out this week with full details.

On the 1st June we will have a **Platinum Jubilee event** with the RBC Cup in the morning and a dinner at the Miragem Hotel in the evening.

On the 22nd June we will have the inaugural friendly between the Union des Français de l'Etranger with a lunch

The Putting competition is progressing with half the contestants through to the last 16. The deadline for the qualification round is end of April.

Have a great month!

Richard Keech & Håkan Karlen

2022 Captain 2022 Vice Captain

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