

## KONINGSDAG SOCIAL 2024

The King's day 'social' on Saturday 27 April saw the inaugural competition on the new 'parallel' Par 3 course played from Orange tees on all holes. Those tees on holes 1,4,5,7,8 and 9 are synonymous with red, those on 2,3 and 6 are placed some distance forward to largely nullify the ponds; in principle an easier course.

Thirty-one members signed up to play on a grey day with a few spots of rain, sometimes some sunshine, little or no wind but a bit wet underfoot given the overnight rain.

The playing format was a 'Scramble' with 27 players sorted into teams of four (one of three) such that the average playing handicaps of the teams, $\sim 34$, was a close as possible. The shotgun start was at 13:05. The results are tabulated below.

There were prizes for the first and second teams, a prize for a hole-in- 1 on the 90 metre hole 6 (converted to a neary), prizes for teams not losing their orange ball and prizes for the 'best dressed' lady and gentleman players.

|  |  |  |  | Av. Hcp | St. hole | Strokes | vs Par | Birdies |
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| Ton | Barteld | Melanie | Dinah | 34 | 8 | 55 | +1 | 2 |
| Sander | Clare | Hélène | Elco | 33 | 1 | 57 | +3 | 2 |
| Joe | Willem | Ineke | Sarah | 34 | 2 | 58 | +4 | 1 |
| Charles | Hakan | Anneke | Cornelia | 33 | 9 | 59 | +5 | 0 |
| Alex | Francis | John S | Marianne | 36 | 6 | 60 | +6 | 1 |
| Ben | Stephen | John R | Margaret | 35 | 7 | 60 | +6 | 1 |
| Beatrice | Garry | Marga |  | 27 | 3 | 63 | +9 | 1 |

Surprisingly maybe, no team broke par and only eight birdies were made. Congratulations to Ton, Barteld, Melanie and Dinah with a clear win by two strokes. The neary on hole 6 was won by Sander whose ball was $\sim 1$ metre past the flag.

The 'missing' four players including the 'walking wounded', Christine, Marja, Rod and Brian, played just nine holes in the gap between flights.

The Check Inn was decked in orange for the day by Joe and Clare. Many 'orange' edibles were brought along by the participants while the Club sourced the liquid prizes and liquid refreshments consumed après golf (some during?) at the Check Inn in a very convivial atmosphere. The 'best dressed' players were judged to be Margaret and Joe.


NB. Other 'Socials' are planned for May and June. Watch out for the announcements.


