



The Chairman's Challenge, Sunday 27 October 2024

The Chairman's Challenge, inaugurated in 1995, is the most unusual competition in the Club's calendar. The playing format is a four-ball, better-ball, Stableford competition. Two 'foxes' go out in front of the pack of 'hounds' to set a new par for the course which the following hounds chase.

Twenty-five players signed-up to play. We were really lucky to have excellent weather: a reasonable temperature, sunshine, a blue sky and only a little wind.

This year, by way of a change, the 'foxes' were transformed into faster 'hares': Wil played with Brian (with his crooked knee) for the front 9 holes and with Piet for the back 9. Against the course par of 58 strokes, their better-ball scores set the 'new' par for the course, shown in the table, at 47 strokes. With the new par, the 'hares' Stableford score would be 36 by definition.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out
New par	2	4	5	2	2	3	1	2	3	24
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In
New par	2	4	4	1	2	3	2	2	3	23

The 'hounds' followed, not knowing the new par until it was announced when they got back to ESCAPE to catch-up with the 'hares'. As usual there was a prolonged head-scratching session as the 'hounds' calculated their new Stableford scores over various snacks, beer and wine.

This year the 'hares' were too fast for the 'hounds' and they escaped unscathed. Closest to them came Beatrice and Janice with Valerie and Alan and Garry and Stephen not far behind.

Prizes of EGC bag towels and wine were awarded to the fastest 'hounds' and balls to the runners-up.

Wil and Brian/Piet	36
Beatrice and Janice	33
Valerie and Alan	31
Garry and Stephen	30
Ignacio and Rafael	30
Clare and Joe	30
Elly and Graeme	28
Gijs and Robert	27
Mavis and Ton	25
Marga and Francis	22
Sander and Willem	22
Cornilia and Hakan	16

