

The fourth event of the 2016 Colin Rolls Trophy sequence, the Foursome, was played on Sunday 19th June 2016 at the EGC course at ESTEC.

The weather was kind: sunny, 21C and little wind. The course was and is in very good condition, giving an impression of a professionally managed course, which of course it is.


The sequence of CRT “events” proceeds from the sublimely easy “Texas Scramble” to the friendly “Greensome”, through the challenging Betterball” to the fearsome “Foursome”. A difficult format whose only advantage is that it is played relatively swiftly, reducing the pain.

Before the Foursome the “Mulligans” (2015’s winners) were a clear 8 points ahead of their nearest rivals “The Babes and the Boys”. It looked a foregone conclusion, but wait, the Babes made a tremendous surge which overwhelmed the poor old Mulligans leaving the overall winners for 2016 the Babes and the Boys (318 points) with the Mulligans 6 points behind on 312. The followers were the “Andy Caps” on 300 points and trailing on 295 “Fridays Men” (2014 winners).

Individual scores of note for the Babes were EGC captain Erik van Ginkel and his partner-in-crime Clive Edwards who kicked into touch with 39 Stableford points, followed by the B&B captain Clare (Biggles) Bingham partnered by Salim Ansari with a credible 35 Stableford points. It was this combination of scores which put paid to the Mulligans, who were not allowed a Mulligan on this occasion. The Mulligans, overall 2nd for 2016 could only deliver 31 points (Helma Nollen and Nely Borst) and Wil Spangenberg with Beena Chaturverdi delivering 29 points. For the Andy Caps Anna and Kjeld Hjortnaes produced a lively 33 points with fellow team mates Alex Jeanes and David Lumb hitting 31 points. “Fridays Men” have had a lack-lustre year remaining in 4th place throughout. On this occasion Carel Haakman and Ton Remmen slid home with 33 points backed by Klaus Ludwig and Rod Allen with 32 points. Reasonable scores but not enough to catch up with the rest.

A suggestion for the future could be to replace the Foursome with a less fearsome competition. Most of our novice players voted with their feet this last event. A suggestion could be a double team Stableford competition which with it’s potentially high score(s), could really leave the result to the last minute open together with heightened expectations and possibilities. Also the format could appeal more to the newcomers (only 33 players played in the last event).

The final leaderboard for the CRT 2016 is shown below:



<u>Colin Rolls Trophy -</u> <u>2016 – Final Result</u>		
1	Babes and the Boys	318
2	Mulligans	312
3	Andy Caps	300
4	Friday's Men	295

Prizes were given by Alex Jeanes in ESCAPE to the winners of the individual events. Last year’s winners captain (Marja Allen of the Mulligans) presented the very attractive Waterford bowl to this years’ winners The Babes and the Boys represented by their captain Clare Bingham.

(embedded pix attached)

The whole event is kindly organized by Alex Jeanes of Aurora Technology who also generously sponsor the event. Thanks go to him and Aurora for their efforts and support. This is the 17th year of the EGTEC / CRT. I think this speaks for itself. Long may it continue!

Finally let us give a moments' thought to Colin Rolls, the originator of the EGTEC / CRT event sequence, sadly no longer with us.

Rod Allen

