

Chaturvedi Veterans Tournament 2017.

The fifth Chaturvedi Veterans Tournament was held over two days, Tuesday 6 and Thursday 8 June, on the ESTEC course. As usual the format was medal stroke play with handicap adjustment, the winner scoring the lowest net total over the 36 holes. Fourteen players competed over both rounds, but the field this year was lower than usual due to injury, illness or other unforeseen events.

The weather Gods were certainly unkind on the first day with a near gale-force wind though the expected rain didn't materialise. Thankfully the weather on day two was much kinder with largely blue skies and a moderate breeze. The average of the players' Stableford points was up 3.5 compared with day one.

Given the conditions, Peter Behrmann scored a magnificent net 55 strokes (39 Stb points) on day one and went into day two with a lead of eight strokes over his nearest challenger Tony van Rosmalen. Wil Spangenberg led the charge on day two scoring net 58 (36 Stb points). However the final result was hardly in doubt, Peter winning with a total of 117 strokes. Second was Tony with 129 strokes and third Wil with 131 strokes. Other scores below:

| Name | Strokes | 06-Jun | | 08-Jun | | Total |
|----------------------|---------|--------|-----|--------|-----|-------|
| | | Netto | Stb | Netto | Stb | |
| Peter Behrmann | 15 | 55 | 39 | 62 | 34 | 117 |
| Tony Rosmalen | 13 | 63 | 31 | 66 | 30 | 129 |
| Wil Spangenberg | 17 | 73 | 25 | 58 | 36 | 131 |
| Henk Wapstra | 12 | 74 | 24 | 60 | 34 | 134 |
| Helma Nollen | 16 | 65 | 30 | 70 | 29 | 135 |
| Geoffrey Beckwith | 12 | 70 | 30 | 66 | 28 | 136 |
| Reno Harboe Sorensen | 21 | 71 | 23 | 67 | 27 | 138 |
| Nely Borst | 18 | 75 | 22 | 65 | 32 | 140 |
| Hanna Jones | 11 | 74 | 23 | 67 | 27 | 141 |
| Dinesh Chaturvedi | 13 | 73 | 24 | 68 | 26 | 141 |
| Gijs Tan | 20 | 73 | 22 | 72 | 25 | 145 |
| Carel Haakman | 16 | 70 | 26 | 76 | 22 | 146 |
| Clare Bingham | 19 | 73 | 23 | 74 | 26 | 147 |
| John Reddy | 22 | 82 | 15 | 73 | 24 | 155 |
| Jan van Haarlem | 21 | 74 | 22 | | | |
| Jenny Reddy | 25 | NR | NR | | 15 | |
| Brian Taylor | 14 | | | | 27 | |
| Ingrid Behrmann | 29 | | | | 29 | |

My thanks to Reno for managing Proware and for his interpretation of some very messy scorecards (one almost unreadable). Note that, given the conditions on the first day, the round was declared non-qualifying.

After this fifth competition it might be appropriate to note the previous winners: 2013 - Dave Collins with 124 net strokes, 2014 - Hanna Jones with 114, 2015 - Dave Collins with 121 and 2016 - Joe Pereira with 121. One should also congratulate Tony on being second 3 times, third once and ninth once: "always the bridesmaid, never the bride."

Our grateful thanks again go to Beena and Dinesh for providing nibbles and drinks on both afternoons in the Check-In and for the organization (together with Wil) of the tournament dinner and presentation at the Rozenstein Golf Club on Thursday 8 June, including the provision of the Prosecco and the first wine.

Beena announced that she and Dinesh, after this fifth competition, would 'retire' from the organisation of the event. We should thank them for suggesting a Veterans Tournament in the first place, for providing the Trophy and 'keepers' and supporting the event so exceptionally in these first five years.



Brian Taylor, 12 June 2017