

## JRC Petten vs ESTEC Challenge at Sluispolder, Friday 21 July 2017

This year was the 32nd time JRC Petten and ESTEC had contested the *Derek Perry Memorial Plate*. The Challenge, started in 1986 has been won 16 times by Petten, 15 times by ESTEC. This was the year to level the score!

Following a few years of difficulty for Petten in getting a good number of players, Petten were able to field a team of six with bone fide EGA handicaps. ESTEC had a squad of ten players and it was left to yours truly to choose the six to do battle.

The Challenge, at the Sluispolder course just north of Alkmaar, was played in excellent golfing conditions: generally sunny with some cloud cover early on, temperatures above 20 deg and little wind. However some fairway areas had clearly suffered from lack of water earlier in the year.

Individual scores and neary winners are given in the table below. Alan in first place had the outstanding round of the day scoring a magnificent 42 Stableford points. Sadly he was 'on the bench' and not one of the ESTEC 'six'. Congratulations to Miguel (Petten) in second place with 37 points and to our Wil in third place with 36 points (better back 9).

Amazingly the Challenge was tied at 173 points per team so ESTEC retain '*the Plate*'. Interestingly the average score for the ESTEC ten was 28.80, for the Petten six it was 28.83.

ESTEC	Pts	Team	Neary	JRC Petten	Pts	Team	Neary
Alan Thirkettle	42			Miguel Prieto	37	37	Hole 15
Wil Spangenberg	36	36		Joy Prieto	36	36	
Ingrid Behrmann	32	32		Eckhard Penske	27	27	
Helma Nollen	31		Hole 10	Karl-Heinz Cloes	26	26	
Brian Taylor	31	31	Hole 5	Johan Bressers	24	24	
Dave Collins	27	27	Hole 8	Claire Sansen	23	23	
Peter Behrmann	25	25					
Jenny Reddy	25						
Reno Harboe	22	22					
John Reddy	17						

Our thanks to Joy Prieto who has organized and captained the Petten team over the last few years. It's likely that she and Miguel will leave Holland for sunnier climes next year. With declining numbers of players from Petten, we hope the Challenge can continue.

Brian Taylor