

*Royal British Club
Golfing Society*

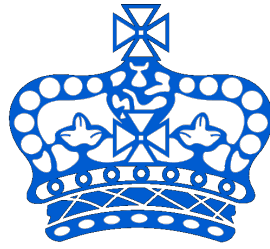
THE ROYAL BRITISH CLUB

**GOLFING SOCIETY
(Portugal)**

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CAPTAIN

Richard Keech

A SHORT HISTORY

The Royal British Club Golfing Society owes its origin to the wish in 1973 of the Club's Honorary Treasurer d'Arcy Orders to increase Club activities and thereby augment its income. He wrote to a fellow Committee member Alan Jones, knowing he was a dedicated golfer, and suggested the formation of a Club Golfing Society. Such a Society could then hold social functions at the Royal British Club's (R.B.C.'s) premises in Lisbon.

Alan Jones immediately supported the idea, offered to arrange for his company, Cel-Cat to donate a trophy and d'Arcy agreed to provide a cup himself. (Both these original trophies continue to be played for to this day). Alan and d'Arcy elected themselves Captain and Honorary Secretary/Treasurer respectively! They decided that membership would be open to all members of the R.B.C. and that to encourage golfers of all standards to join, all competitions would be Stableford.

The Inaugural Meeting was held at Estoril Golf Club on 4th April, 1974. Twenty-two members – including one lady member- competed for the Cel-Cat Cup and it is interesting to note that the green fee was Esc. 150 and the dinner afterwards cost Esc. 120 per head including wines and coffee. The Society even made a small profit on the evening. Three weeks later the 25th April Revolution occurred which led to a period of political upheaval and uncertainty in Portugal.

Despite this the d'Arcy Orders Cup was played for later in 1974, and in 1975 both original trophies were competed for. But from 1976 the political situation became even more unsettled, and many expatriates left Portugal. Some of those remaining felt it inadvisable to be seen indulging in the capitalist pastime of golf, particularly when it was played in office hours so on occasions there were insufficient competitors. Winners, therefore, did not always receive the trophies as it was agreed that unless a minimum of eight competed, none would be awarded.

By 1982, the political situation had improved. Members discarded their inhibitions, returned to the golf course, and persuaded their companies to donate trophies. As a result, it became possible to hold nine meetings per annum, later increased to ten. Also, in 1982 the Committee of the R.B.C. offered to pass over the Peter Dawson Bowl, previously the Club's Billiard Trophy. This was most appropriate as Peter Dawson, OBE, had been Portuguese Amateur Golf Champion in 1951. This large solid silver bowl has been keenly played for each year since its presentation.

But returning to the past, other trophies were added: Newstead & Porter gave a cup to be competed for by those with handicaps of 19 and over, the winner holding the cup until the next meeting. In 1983 Alan Jones donated a cup for an annual Eclectic and in 1989 the Society put up a Grand Prix Shield for the member with the most points achieved in competitions during the year, based on 7 points for the first place, 6 for second, 5 for third etc. The latter two are all still competed for, the Newstead & Porter Cup has been replaced by The Ron Newstead Cup.

Over the years of course, some trophies have been discontinued when the member connected with the donor company left Portugal or the companies themselves did not want to continue with their sponsorship. But these have always been replaced by individuals or organisations wishing to be linked with the Society. (Past and current sponsors can be deduced from the list of prizes awarded included in this booklet).

In 2015, golf professional Gordon Young generously suggested that he sponsor a "Master Class" and a knock-out Putting Competition for the Gordon Young Putter Trophy. In addition, he kindly offered a free golf lesson to each "winner" of the monthly Cow Bell prize to allow members to enhance their golf skills.

On the social side of things, in the Society's infancy, lunch preceded each meeting, thus allowing working members to spend the morning in their office. This then changed to lunch after each meeting at different hostelrys chosen by the Captain. Early in 1984, in a circular, members were invited "to bring wives, preferably your own, to the post competition lunch". As this proved a very enjoyable occasion, in June a special Ladies Luncheon was arranged. This time the circular read: "It is hoped that members will bring their ladies – one each – to the venue to be announced." Gradually, the Society attracted more and more lady golfers, nowadays about a third of its playing members are ladies and others are members in the non-playing spouse category.

During 1985 a rule was introduced as follows: "to prevent Alan Jones winning all the Cups, the handicap of a member winning a competition shall be reduced by 2 at the next meeting at which he competes." Alan Jones had won seven cups in the space of three years and received numerous prizes as runner-up. (Today with a much larger membership and proper regulation of handicaps by the authorities at Estoril Golf Club this rule is no longer enforced.)

Also, in 1985 it appeared that mid-week meetings were not convenient for some working members and the experiment of holding some of the meetings on

Saturday mornings was tried. Members would play their normal Saturday morning golf, not necessarily with other members of the Society, and hand in a signed card by 12 noon. This arrangement endured for a year or so and was then discontinued.

In 1986 non-members of the R.B.C. were permitted to join the Society and numbers soon rose to nearly fifty. In 1992 pressure began to be applied from the RBC that membership of its Golfing Society should again be restricted to members of the Club. In 1996 therefore, the rule was re-introduced that all Society members should also be members of the R.B.C with a new proviso that numbers should be limited to c60 Playing Members. This continues to be the case and the fact that nowadays the R.B.C has members of so many different nationalities is reflected in the Society's multinational membership.

Every society worth its salt has a society tie and the R.B.C.G.S. is no exception. Such things are expensive to produce but once again in 1988 d'Arcy came to the rescue. A friend of his manufactured ties and had about a hundred in stock that he could not sell. They had been made for The Brigade of Gurkhas but unfortunately the order of the green, black and red stripes was incorrect. These rejects were snapped up cheaply by the Society but by 2000 supplies were exhausted.

On the administrative front, from 1974 until 1986 d'Arcy acted as Honorary Secretary/Treasurer, but from 1987 each Captain assumed all responsibilities and when necessary, asked for help from members. In 1999 it was decided to appoint an official Vice-Captain –since then one has been appointed yearly, the serving Captain having consulted the Past Captains as to suitable future candidates. The Vice-Captain's principal duty is to check the cards at the end of each competition as well as offering moral support to his Captain!

Over the years the Society has issued invitations or received challenges from other groups of golfers. One such was in March 1985 when H.M. Queen Elizabeth came to Portugal for her second official visit. To commemorate this, members of the Society invited fifteen golfers from the Royal Yacht Britannia to play in a match which the R.B.C.G.S. managed to win. In 1988 the Society received a challenge from the Association of Barmen of Portugal through the then Captain Reg Rochford. This was played annually for some years, the fixture then fell into abeyance, but is now very much part of the Society's calendar. The Barmen have some excellent players, and the Society is usually hard pushed to win as can be seen in the Winners List! Various British golf clubs have been opponents, in the

1990s Ron Newstead organised matches against The Bath Overseas Golfing Society, in 2001 & 2002 the Society took on members of Witney Lakes and in 2003 managed to defeat a team from The Berkshire.

In 1996 the Society Captain presented a trophy to be competed for between R.B.C.G.S. members, Tagus Golf Society members and Pings (Portugal Iberlant Nato Golf Society). Since then, this has usually taken place most years. 12 players represent each society, the eight best scores from each group are normally used to ascertain who is the winner. (A list of who won which year can also be found included in the booklet)

In 1999 the Society celebrated its Silver Jubilee. That year's Captain decided that this merited special celebrations and a special competition, the Silver Jubilee Plate. For the first time members "went away" for two days of golf at Marvão. The Stableford scores over the two days were taken into account for an Eclectic competition that determined the winner of this new trophy. Since then, it has been played for once a year and has become a popular Society fixture. After two years away at Marvão other venues have included Montebelo, Benamor and Quinta do Peru Golf Clubs but for some years now it has been played at Estoril and the best scores from the Peter Dawson Bowl and Rankin Brothers & Sons trophy are combined to ascertain who is the winner.

In 2003 the Captain introduced a Wet Ball fund whereby each player who lost a ball in the water was asked to put one euro into a tin, the money collected at the end of the year going to a charity of the Captain's choice. This was expanded into the Lost Ball fund and many worthy local charities have benefited from the donations.

But as in the beginning, nowadays normal Society meetings take place at Estoril. These are generally followed by a convivial lunch and prize-giving in the clubhouse. Playing members are often joined by their spouses and guests are always welcome, both at lunch and to play in the competition beforehand, space permitting. A few sponsors prefer to have an evening meal or lunch elsewhere and most members enjoy the occasional change of scene.

Captains communicate via email and survey software forms for subscriptions and tournament sign-ups, where members pay via online banking or Multibanco. During their term of office each Captain is invited to attend meetings of the RBC's Executive Committee and in particular the AGM in the year following their captaincy. The Captain is required to prepare a short report on competitions

played throughout the year. He/She also reports on the state of the Golfing Society's membership and finances to Past Captains and for inclusion in the RBC's Annual Report of Accounts.

The early history of the Society as described here is based entirely on d'Arcy Orders' account published in 1994. I have merely endeavoured to bring it up to date.

Carol Rankin Mason – December 2020

CAPTAINS

1974/84	Alan E Jones	2016	David Wright
1985	Cooper Hodge	2017	David Thomas, OBE
1986/89	Reginald L. Rochford	2018	Bruce Dawson, OBE
1990/91	Anthony Hobbs	2019	Kate Scheier
1992	Brian P Hughes	2020	Keith Potter
1993	Denys Stormont	2021	Sally Buxton
1994	Graham Paine	2022	Richard Keech
1995	Eric J Fairley	2023	Håkan Karlén (current)
1996	Francisco Leite Monteiro		
1997	Patricia Potier, MBE		
1998	Ewan N Rankin		
1999	Victor Ferreira de Campos		
2000	Auke Bos		
2001	Eddie King		
2002	Margot Zimmerli		
2003	Peter R Mason		
2004	David Jackson, MBE		
2005	Edward Robbins		
2006	Richard Evans		
2007	Graciete Gibbon		
2008	Ewan N. Rankin		
2009	James Gray		
2010	Ronald Goddard		
2011	William Buxton		
2012	Derek W. McIvor		
2013	Selwyn Kennard		
2014	Eduardo Leitão		
2015	Andrew B. Jones		

2022 TOURNAMENTS

During 2022 we managed to return to the more traditional tournament calendar. In addition, the Berets & Bowler Competition entered into the annual schedule

2nd February	Ponto Verde Trophy
2nd March	Rawes Trophy
6th April	Blevins & Franks Trophy
11th May	Hotel Baía Trophy
1st June	Royal British Club Platinum Jubilee Cup
6th July	The Victoria Seguro's Cup
3rd August	The Solóptica Texas Scramble Trophy
7th September	E Y Trophy
12th October	The Peter Dawson Bowl
8th November	Rankin Brothers and Sons Trophy at Lisbon Sports Club
23rd November	Gordon Young Putter FINAL
7th December	President's Baffy & d'Arcy Orders Cup

2022 COMPETITIONS

Likewise, during 2022 we returned to play our traditional competitions as well as a new competition against the Union des Français de L'Étranger in the form of the Berets & Bowler Competition.

7th April	Chatham Trophy
22nd June	Beret and Bowler Competition
14th July	Associação Barmen de Portugal
26th October	TRISOC

MEMBERS 2022

PLAYING MEMBERS			
Duncan Barker	Philip Docherty	Werner Langlitz	Tom Scheier
Elizabeth Barker	Richard Evans	Eddie Leitao	Gerard Sheridan
Harley Barnard	Ormond Fannon	Agneta Löventorn	Subhash Shukla
Thomas Bartelse	Alistair Ferguson	Mats Löventorn	Denys Stormont
Camille Béraud	Ron Goddard	Hans Ludolphi	Sakiko Takeda
Ludovic Bois	Chris Goulding	Richard Macey	Dhru Thapa
Auke Bos	Gillian Goya	Yolande Macey	David Thomas
Jan Brackel	David Gray	Carol Rankin Mason	Miranda Thomas
Andrew Brown	Paul Guérault	Derek Mclvor	Christine Tibble-Requet
Julie Brown	Adi Hüttl	Teresa Negrão	Gavin Trechman
Bill Buxton	Gabie Hüttl	Kjelle Norling	Jan Van Boetzelaer
Sally Buxton	John Hughes	Anthony Nutt	Eduard van der Geest
Jenny Byers	Josina Jakeman	Fernando Oliveira	André van der Meulen
Hervé Coiquaud	Simon Jakeman	John Philips	Antonio Vieira
Nicki Colledge	Andrew Jones	Keith Potter	Nicky Wilton
Julia Colman	Håkan Karlén	Ewan Rankin	David Wright
Bruce Dawson	Richard Keech	Shahla Rah	Rüdiger Wrobel
Giles Dawson	Selwyn Kennard	Per Ronning	Caroline Yarwood
Mark Dawson	Nick Kirk	Lars Ryberg	Ian Yarwood
Steve Deighton	Matthew Krystman	Kate Scheier	Max Zimmerli

SOCIAL MEMBERS			
Caroline Brackel	Gael Hughes	Brenda Leitao	Alice Potter
Fernanda Coiquaud	Joanne Jones	Nicky Mclvor	Thomas Wilton
Olivia Dawson	Maria Karlen	Isabel Nygren	Margot Zimmerli
Olga Goddard	Rachel Keech	Lars Nygren	
Alice Goulding	Jackie Kennard	Maria Luzia Oliveira	
Paula Gray	Ann Kirk	Florence Philips	

GUESTS			
Lars Ryberg (G)	Brij Goel (G)	Peter Taylor (G)	Willi Stork (G)
Enrique Almasque (G)	Ed Robbins (G)	Alan Beaney (G)	Iskandar Udin (G)
Bruce Dawson Jr (G)	David Evans (G)	Peter Readman (G)	Pedro Palmares (G)
Alan Dawson (G)	Hugh Houghton (G)	Joaquim Ribeiro (G)	Miguel Soares Franco (G)
Rosemary Ellvers (G)	Fred Woodhouse (G)	João Roquette (G)	

COMPETITION & TROPHY WINNERS

CURRENT

ALAN JONES TROPHY

(Best Net Eclectic Score for Year – Estoril Golf Course)

1983	T R Bilton	1984	G R Paine
1985	D G P Evans	1986	W H Woolston/J Jeffries
1987	R I Rochford	1988	R I Rochford
1989	R Andersson	1990	D J Stormont
1991	D J Stormont	1992	B P Hughes
1993	U Hagenfeldt/B P Hughes	1994	E F F R Leitão
1995	J Brandon	1996	D Mclvor
1997	Jan Sargison	1998	E A King
1999	V F de Campos	2000	J Brandon
2001	P Costeloe	2001	J Gray
2003	D C S Jackson	2004	E N Rankin/D J Stormont
2005	J Brandon	2006	R Evans
2007	S Buxton	2008	E F F R Leitão
2009	E F F R Leitão	2010	D Jackson
2011	H.Muhlenbeck	2012	D Mclvor
2013	H Muhlenbeck	2014	A Hüttl
2015	D Wright	2016	D Wright
2017	E F F R Leitão	2018	E Herter
2019	D Stormont	2020	A van der Meulen
2021	I Yarwood	2022	Kjelle Norling

DAI EVANS TROPHY

(Best Gross Eclectic Score for Year – Estoril Course)

2005	R Goddard	2006	R Goddard
2007	R Goddard	2008	D Gray
2009	R Goddard	2010	R Goddard
2011	R Goddard	2012	R Goddard
2013	R Goddard	2014	R Goddard
2015	R Goddard	2016	R Goddard
2017	D Gray	2018	R Goddard
2019	M Dawson	2020	R Goddard
2021	M Dawson	2022	Dhru Thapa

GRAHAM PAINE MEMORIAL TROPHY

(Order of Merit for the Year)

2009	D J Stormont	2010	E N Rankin
2011	C Goulding	2012	R Goddard
2013	R Goddard	2014	R Goddard
2015	R Goddard	2016	D J Stormont
2017	D J Stormont	2018	E Herter
2019	D J Stormont	2020	R Goddard
2021	M Dawson	2022	Chris Goulding

GORDON YOUNG PUTTER

2015	M Höglund	2016	R Goddard
2017	P Laporte	2018	A Jones
2017	P Guérault	2020	M Koerfer
2021	M Dawson	2022	S. Deighton

PONTO VERDE RESTAURANT

2018	E Herter	2019	Kate Scheier
2020	H Ludolphi	2021	Carol Mason
2022	R. Macey		

RAWES TROPHY

2018	E Rankin	2019	D Stormont
2020	M Koerfer	2021	Ian Yarwood
2022	Jan van Boetzelaer		

ROYAL BRITISH CLUB CUP

2005	A Beselin	2006	A Itzig Heine
2007	D Gray	2008	D Gray
2009	C Goulding	2010	W D Buxton
2011	G Dewar	2012	C Goulding
2013	H Muhlenbeck	2014	Kate Scheier
2015	D V Thomas	2016	Kate Scheier
2017	D V Thomas	2018	C de Roos
2019	G Sheridan	2020	R Goddard
2021	I Yarwood	2022	S Deighton (9 holes)

BLEVINS FRANKS TROPHY

(Formerly Blackstone Franks Trophy)

1999	E F F R Leitão	2000	J Brandon
2001	F P Leite Monteiro	2002	A Costa
2003	E H Robbins	2004	P Gardner
2005	Kate Scheier	2006	D Mclvor
2007	D J Stormont	2008	R Goddard
2015	E F F R Leitão	2016	E H Robbins
2017	A R Bos	2018	B Dawson
2019	Kate Scheier	2020	Not Played (Covid 19)
2021	Richard Macey	2022	Jan Van Boetzelaer

HOTEL BAÍA TROPHY

2001	F P Leite Monteiro	2002	E N Rankin
2003	R Goddard	2004	R Goddard
2005	R Goddard	2006	E Robbins
2007	T Muhlenbeck	2008	D J Stormont
2009	R Goddard	2010	D Jackson
2011	H Ludolphi	2012	E Rankin
2013	J Dunsmore	2014	Sally Buxton
2015	E F F R Leitão	2016	S E Kennard
2017	L Ryberg	2018	R Evans
2019	H Ludolphi	2020	C-19 Not Played
2021	Mark Dawson	2022	E F F R Leitão

VICTORIA SEGUROS CUP

(Formerly Commercial Union Cup)

2004	P Costeloe	2005	J Brandon
2006	E Robbins	2007	D Mclvor
2008	P Rydin	2009	D Stormont
2010	R Evans	2011	R Evans
2012	R Goddard	2013	E F F Leitão
2014	Sakiko Takeda	2015	M Dawson
2016	E F F R Leitão	2017	D J Stormont
2018	E F F R Leitão	2019	D J Stormont
2020	E F F R Leitão	2021	P Guérault
2022	C. Goulding		

SOLÓPTICA (SUMMER TEXAS SCRAMBLE)

2019	Liesbeth & E Herter, O Fannon, Sunil Bowry
2020	K Potter, A Ferguson, D Stormont, C Yarwood
2021	G Price, Elizabeth Barker, D Mclvor, I Yarwood
2022	M. Dawson, B. Dawson, B. Dawson Jr, Alan Dawson

ERNST & YOUNG SHIELD / EY TROPHY

2013	E Rankin	2014	A Vieira
2015	C Goulding	2016	H Ludolphi
2017	R Goddard	2018	E Herter
2019	M Dawson	2020	A Ferguson
2021	M Dawson	2022	Camille Béraud

RANKIN BROTHERS & SONS TROPHY

1997	A Beselin	1998	G Dewar
1999	V Lucas	2000	R Newstead
2001	A R Bos	2002	E N Rankin
2003	Graciete Gibbon	2004	E N Rankin
2005	E N Rankin	2006	E N Rankin
2007	Miranda Thomas	2008	E N Rankin
2009	A R Bos	2010	R Goddard
2011	R Evans	2012	D Gray
2013	H Ludolphi	2014	E N Rankin
2015	A B Jones	2016	D J Stormont
2017	E F F R Leitão	2018	R Goddard
2019	D Mclvor	2020	Not Played (Covid 19)
2021	Sakiko Takeda	2022	Not awarded (rained off)

PETER DAWSON BOWL

1982	A E Jones	1983	A E Jones
1984	T R Bilton	1985	G A Plummer
1986	R Soares Franco	1987	R A Newstead
1988	U Hagenfeldt	1989	G R Paine
1990	R Andersson	1991	I Libo
1992	I Libo	1993	A Piteira
1994	A Piteira	1995	D J Stormont
1996	J Alves	1997	J Duff
1998	J S Gray	1999	R Evans
2000	H Vaandrager	2002	M Dawson
2001	B E Dawson	2003	M Dawson

2004	J Brandon	2005	Kate Scheier
2006	M Dawson	2007	E Robbins
2008	R Goddard	2009	D Stormont
2010	C Goulding	2011	Teresa Negrão
2012	D Mclvor	2013	D Mclvor
2014	A B Jones	2015	R Goddard
2016	E F F R Leitão	2017	R Goddard
2018	K Potter	2019	M Dawson
2020	W Langlitz	2021	Sally Buxton
2022	M. Dawson		

SILVER JUBILEE PLATE

(Best Aggregate of the Peter Dawson Bowl & the Rankin Bros. & Sons Trophy)

1999	Carol Mason	2000	A Vieira
2001	E A King	2002	E N Rankin
2003	M Dawson	2004	P Gardner
2005	A Beselin	2006	D Gray
2007	R O Evans	2008	R Goddard
2009	M Dawson	2010	C Goulding
2011	R Evans	2012	D Mclvor
2013	Teresa Negrao	2014	R Goddard
2015	R Goddard	2016	D J Stormont
2017	R Goddard	2018	R Goddard
2019	R Goddard	2020	Not Awarded (Covid19)
2021	Sakiko Takeda	2022	R Goddard*

*Based on the Highest Aggregate Stableford of the Peter Dawson Bowl and the President's Baffy and D'Arcy Orders Competition

PRESIDENT'S BAFFY

1982	W H Woolston	1983	P S Wainwright
1984	R O Evans	1985	T B Coombe
1986	G R Paine	1987	P S Wainwright
1988	Varda Derwig	1989	-
1990	Bodil Libo	1991	E F F R Leitão
1992	A B Hobbs	1993	Bodil Libo
1994	H Itzig Heine	1995	G R Paine
1996	D J Stormont	1997	C Judd
1998	E F F R Leitão	1999	H Ludolphi
2000	N Kittila	2001	Pat Potier
2002.	V Lucas	2003	K Raftery
2004	F Hagenfeldt	2005	E H Robbins
2006	R Goddard	2007	P Rydin
2008	Kate Scheier	2009	R Goddard
2010	R Goddard	2011	D V Thomas
2012	R Goddard	2013	F Oliveira
2015	Teresa Negrão	2016	R Goddard
2017	F P Oliveira	2018	G Dawson
2019	R Goddard	2020	D Wright
2021	Not Played (Covid 19)	2022	R. Goddard

D'ARCY ORDERS CUP

1974	A G Battle	1975	G A Ash
1976	W H Woolston	1977	-
1978	-	1979	F H Cook
1980	-	1981	-
1982	R Wills	1983	W Quirk
1984	R A Jowitt	1985	A E Jones
1986	N Kittila	1987	P S Wainwright
1988	I Libo	1989	R Andersson
1990	D J Stormont	1991	G R Paine
1992	B P Hughes	1993	M Simpson
1994	U Hagenfeldt	1995	M Zimmerli
1996	M Rotherham	1997	H Sanches

From 1998 this was played as best gross score in President's Baffy
(Played in 2003 in Hotel Baia Trophy and 2007 in the Rankin Bros & Sons Trophy)

D'ARCY ORDERS CUP CONT...

1998	A Piteira	1999	D J Stormont
2000	D J Stormont	2001	K Raftery
2002	K Raftery	2003	R Goddard
2004	R Goddard	2005	R Goddard
2006	R Goddard	2007	R Goddard
2008	R Goddard	2009	R Goddard
2010	R Goddard	2011	R Goddard
2012	R Goddard	2013	R Goddard
2014	M Dawson	2015	R Goddard
2016	R Goddard	2017	R Goddard
2018	G Dawson	2019	R Goddard
2020	D Gray	2021	Not Played (Covid 19)
2022	R. Goddard		

MOST SUCCESSFUL PLAYERS

(Most wins in Monthly Stableford Tournaments)

D J Stormont	47
R Goddard	31
E F F R Leitão	22
E N Rankin	19
G R Paine	19
R Evans	11
M Dawson	10
A Bos	10

No other players in double figures.

CHATHAM TROPHY (TO BE UPDATED)

British vs Dutch

1988	Tie	1998	Dutch	2008		2018	
1989	British	1999	British	2009		2019	
1990	British	2000	British	2010		2020	
1991	Dutch	2001	Dutch	2011		2021	
1992		2002	British	2012		2022	British
1993		2003		2013		2023	
1994	British	2004		2014			
1995		2005		2015			
1996	British	2006	British	2016			
1997	Dutch	2007	British	2017			

BERET & BOWLER COMPETITION

RBCGS vs UFECS (Union des Français de L'Étranger)

2022

RBCGS

TRI-SOCIETY

RBCGS vs PINGS vs TAGUS GS

1996	PINGS
1997	RBCGS
1998	PINGS
1999	PINGS
2000	RBCGS
2001	TAGUS
2002	PINGS
2003	TAGUS
2004	TAGUS
2005	RBCGS
2006	PINGS
2007	PINGS
2008	PINGS
2009	PINGS
2010	PINGS

2011	PINGS
2012	RBCGS
2013	PINGS
2014	Not Played
2015	PINGS
2016	PINGS
2017	PINGS
2018	TAGUS
2019	RBCGS
2020	RBCGS
2021	TAGUS
2022	RBCGS

14 Wins to PINGS; 7 to RBCGS; and 5 to TAGUS

RBCGS vs ASSOCIAÇÃO BARMEN DE PORTUGAL

1988	ABP	1989	ABP
1990	ABP	1991	ABP
1992	RBCGS	1993	ABP
1994	ABP	1995	ABP
1996	ABP	1997	ABP
1998	RBCGS	1999	RBCGS
2000	ABP	2001	ABP
2002	RBCGS	2003	ABP
2004	ABP	2005	RBCGS
2006	ABP	2007	RBCGS
2008	Draw	2009	ABP
2010	ABP	2011	ABP
2012	RBCGS	2013	RBCGS
2014	Draw	2015	RBCGS
2016	RBCGS	2017	RBCGS
2018	RBCGS	2019	RBCGS
2020	RBCGS	2021	DRAW
2022	RBCGS		

**17 Wins to ABP and 14 to RBCGS
2 Draws**

COMPETITION & TROPHY WINNERS

ARCHIVED

ANGLOINFO CUP

2013	Teresa Negrao	2014	E N Rankin
2015	Kate Scheier	2016	D J Stormont
2017	D J Stormont		

ARGENT INTERNATIONAL

2009	C Goulding	2010	Washed Out
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AXA SEGUROS CUP

(Formerly Royal Exchange Trophy)

1999	R Evans	2000	D J Stormont
2001	R Evans	2002	K Raftery
2003	B Hughes	2004	E F F R Leitão

BEEFEATER CUP

2002	M K Zimmerli	2003	A Vieira
2004	D J Stormont	2005	E Rankin
2006	R Evans	2007	D J Stormont
2008	P Rydin	2009	D J Stormont
2010	E F F R Leitão		

BLACKSTONE FRANKS TROPHY

1995	D J Stormont	1996	D J Stormont
1997	D J Stormont	1998	P Mason

CEL-CAT CUP

1974	W Germon	1975	E J Fairley
1976	-	1977	P E Dawson
1978	-	1979	-
1980	-	1981	-
1982	T B Coombe	1983	R A Jowit
1984	R Chrystie	1985	G R Paine
1986	Teresa Lindemann	1987	B Coombe
1988	G R Paine	1989	R Andersson
1990	D J Stormont	1991	G R Paine
1992	D J Stormont	1993	D J Stormont
1994	D J Stormont	1995	J Brandon
1996	D J Stormont	1997	R Cawthorne
1998	-	1999	A Piteira
2000	T B Coombe	2001	B Hermanson
2002	D J Stormont	2003	Carol Mason

CENTENNIAL TROPHY **(Anglo-Portuguese News)**

1988	A C Potier	1989	N Kittila
1990	A B Hobbs	1991	R A Newstead
1992	M K Zimmerli	1993	G R Paine
1994	A R Bos	1995	E F F R Leitão
1996	S Wilks	1997	D J Stormont
1998	A Piteira	1999	V Lucas
2000	Pat Potier	2001	D V Thomas
2002	D J Stormont	2003	A R Bos

COMMERCIAL UNION CUP

1990	T Westhead	1991	D J Stormont
1992	F P Leite Monteiro	1993	D J Stormont
1994	A R Bos	1995	A R Bos
1996	Nancy Frangenheim	1997	A R Bos
1998	Lesley Cawthorne	1999	D J Stormont
2000	E N Rankin	2002	K Raftery
2001	D Mclvor	2003	D J Stormont

DECCA TROPHY

1982	D Browning	1983	A E Jones
1984	T R Bilton	1985	Bunty Hodge
1986	G R Paine	1987	Estelle Kittila
1988	G R Paine	1989	Joyce Hobbs

ERICSSON TROPHY

1994	M Simpson	1995	D J Stormont
1996	D Mclvor		

FOUNDERS INN TROPHY

1982	W Quirk	1983	G Shannon
1984	T B Coombe	1985	D G P Evans
1986	T B Coombe	1987	R Andersson
1988	R Andersson	1989	U Hagenfeldt
1990	A B Hobbs	1991	B B Muscott
1992	Bodil Libo	1993	G R Paine

GARY RUSH PUTTER

1982	M Phillips	1983	M Phillips
1984	D Browning	1985	D G P Evans
1986	N Kittila	1987	D G P Evans

GRAND PRIX SHIELD

1989	G R Paine	1990	R Andersson/G R Paine
1991	G R Paine	1992	G R Paine/D J Stormont
1993	G R Paine/D J Stormont	1994	D J Stormont
1995	D J Stormont	1996	D J Stormont
1997	D J Stormont	1998	Lesley Cawthorne
1999	D J Stormont	2001	B Hermanson
2003	R Goddard	2000	D J Stormont
2002	D J Stormont	2004	R Goddard
2005	R Goddard	2006	E R Rankin
2007	P Rydin	2008	R Goddard

INCONGRESS TROPHY

2002	R Goddard	2003	Antonia Leitão
2004	D V Thomas	2005	H I Heine

IMPERIUS ASSET MANAGEMENT CUP

2011	C Goulding	2012	R Goddard
2013	E F F R Leitão		

JOHN BULL RESTAURANTE CUP

2011	R Evans	2012	H Barnard
2013	E Rankin	2014	S E Kennard
2015	S E Kennard	2016	D J Stormont
2017	D Wright		

LENNOX TROPHY

1991	D J P Evans	1992	J Curly
1993	U Hagenfeldt	1994	Estelle Kittila
1995	A R Bos	1996	A C Potier
1997	Jan Sargison	1998	D Mclvor
1999	J Duff	2000	M Dawson

LUSITANIA SEGUROS TROPHY

2007	T Muhlenbeck	2008	R Goddard
2009	M Dawson	2010	Teresa Negrão
2011	A Vieira	2012	Teresa Negrão

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TROPHY

2004	D J Stormont	2005	R Goddard
2006	Graciete Gibbon	2007	P Rydin
2008	P Rydin	2009	J Gray
2010	Kate Scheier	2011	C Goulding
2012	E F F Leitão		

MICROSOFT PLATE

2000	E F F R Leitão	2001	B Hermanson
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PORTUCALESTONE

1996	M Rotherham	1997	H Sanches
1998	D J Stormont	1999	Pat Potier
2000	A R Bos	2001	H Ludolphi
2002	E N Rankin	2003	E N Rankin
2004	R Goddard	2005	R Goddard
2006	D Mclvor	2007	R Goddard
2008	R Evans	2009	O Fannon
2010	E N Rankin	2011	V Wright

ROYAL EXCHANGE TROPHY

1982	A E Jones	1983	D G P Evans
1984	D G P Evans	1985	A E Jones
1986	D G P Evans	1987	U Hagenfeldt
1988	W H Woolston	1989	I Cochrane
1990	D G P Evans	1991	D J Stormont
1992	G R Paine	1993	A Piteira
1994	R Newstead	1995	U Hagenfeldt
1996	D J Stormont	1997	R Betts
1998	J Brandon		

STEWART WRIGHTSON TROPHY

1982	Gil Shannon	1983	A E Jones
1984	T R Bilton	1985	D G P Evans
1986	T B Coombe	1987	B P Hughes
1988	R I Rochford	1989	G R Paine

VIGIA INDIVIDUAL PRIZE

2006	E F F R Leitão	2007	A Itzig Heine
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VIGIA PAIRS TROPHY

2006	A Itzig Heine /AVieira	2007	M Zimmerli/E Robbins
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WILLIS FABER TROPHY

(Formerly Stewart Wrightson)

1990	R Andersson	1991	G R Paine
1992	E F F R Leitão	1993	D Turner
1994	D J Stormont	1995	-
1996	E F F R Leitão		

WILLIS CORROON TROPHY

(Formerly Willis Faber)

1997	F Al Khadra	1998	E N Rankin
1999	E F F R Leitão	2000	F P Leite Monteiro



*Royal British Club
Golfing Society*

RBCGS – ANNUAL REPORT SUMMARY

2022

1 MEMBERSHIP

The RBCGS had 101 paid up members through 2022: 81 playing members (21 ladies and 60 men); and 20 non-playing partners. 15 new players joined in 2022, while 10 players were unable to make any of the competitions. 19 guests participated in the tournaments, 4 of whom have joined the RBCGS.

2 SPONSORS

Our 2022 tournaments were generously sponsored by:

- a. Rawes Turismo
- b. Blevins & Franks
- c. Royal British Club
- d. Ernst and Young
- e. Solóptica
- f. Victoria Seguros
- g. Garland
- h. Rankin Brothers and Sons
- i. Gordon Young (Estoril Golf Pro)

In addition, the Ponto Verde Restaurant, Hotel Baía, Hotel Cascais Miragem, Lisbon Sports Club and Estoril Golf Club provided generous rates for all lunches and dinners held throughout the year.

Our sincerest thanks go to all sponsors, hotels, and restaurants for their generous support of our annual events and to the RBC for helping administer sponsor contributions.

3 TOURNAMENTS, COMPETITIONS & SPECIAL AWARDS

11 tournaments and 4 competitions were scheduled and played in 2022 with 564 players involved.

3.1 Competitions

Four inter-society competitions were hosted and played under the umbrella of the RBCGS with *RBCGS achieving a grand slam.*

1. Chatham Trophy – a British team vs a Dutch team - RBCGS win 5 ½ to 2 ½ points
2. RBCGS vs UFE (Union des Français de l'Étranger) – RBCGS win 8 ½ to 3 ½ points
3. RBCGS vs ABP (Associação Barman do Portugal) – RBCGS win 5 to 2 points
4. TRISOC (RBCGS vs Tagus vs PINGS) – RBCGS win 253 to 243 to 235 points.

3.2 Tournaments

All 10 tournaments played were well supported. The average participation was 40, with the Peter Dawson Bowl fielding 52 players while the Victoria Seguros fielded 31.

The tournament winners were:

Ponto Verde Trophy	Richard Macey
Rawes Trophy	Richard Evans
Royal British Club Cup – Platinum Jubilee*	Steve Deighton
Blevin & Franks Trophy	Jan van Boetzelaer
Hotel Baia Trophy	E F F R Leitão
Soloptica Texas Scramble Trophy	Mark Dawson, Bruce Dawson, Bruce Dawson (Jr), Alan Dawson
Victoria Seguros Trophy	Chris Goulding
Ernst & Young Trophy	Camille Béraud
Peter Dawson Bowl	Mark Dawson
<i>Rankin Brothers & Sons Trophy**</i>	Steve Deighton
President's Baffly and D'Arcy Order	Ron Goddard (Net)/ Ron Goddard (Gross)
<i>Silver Jubilee Plate (Garland and Rankin Brothers & Sons joint trophy)</i>	Ron Goddard
Gordon Young Putting Competition	Steve Deighton

*Tournament played over 9 holes due to weather

** Trophy not awarded due to poor weather conditions

3.3 Annual and Special Achievement Awards

Annual awards are made for special achievements throughout the year

Order of Merit	Chris Goulding	28 points
Eclectic Gross	Dhru Thapa	61 points
Eclectic Net	Kjelle Norling	47 points
Hole in One	Sakiko Takeda	
Most Birdies	Dhru Thapa	13 birdies

4 CHARITY DONATION

Throughout the year, a collection, called the Wet Ball Fund, of €1.00 per lost ball is made to be given to charity. A total of €620 was collected and combined with a donation from the Sunrisers Golf Group led by Bruce Dawson and donated to the Cheshire Homes.

5 WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

Finally, a comprehensive new golf section to the new RBC website, covering membership and event management of participation and fees of the RBC Golfing Society activities, went live a month after the soft launch of the RBC website itself. Development continues in parallel to the RBC website developments.

6 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the year ended 31st December 2022 (Amounts Expressed in Euros)

The Golfing Society's income and expenses and assets and liabilities in 2022, which are not incorporated in the main club accounts as it is a self-financing activity, can be summarised as follows:

INCOME	
Membership Fees	€3,210.00
Sponsorship	€3,262.50
Tournament fees from members	€26,111.50
Accrued for Miragem 2022 gala cancelations	€205.00 <i>Can be used for dinner for 2 in a raffle</i>
Total Income	€32,789.00
EXPENDITURE	
Prizes, gifts and permanent stock	(€5,722.37)
Restaurant Meals and Tips (net Miragem 2021 prepayment)	(€25,650.00)
Other expenses (buses, green fees, etc)	(€1,434.78)
Bank Charges	(€89.80)
Total Expenditure	(€32,896.95)
Net Cash Surplus/Deficit for 2022	(€107.95)
MEMBERS ACCOUNT AS OF 31/12/2022	
Cash Statement	
Cash Account at 1st January 2022	€2,828.89
Operating Surplus/Deficit Cash position	(€107.95)
Less pre payment to Miragem	(€205.00)
Cash on account on 31/12/2022	€2,515.94 <i>Amount transferred to 2023 Captain</i>
Stock Statement	
Vista Alegre Glasses	€1,338.77
Whisky and Wine	€130.05
98 Golf Ball sleeves	€433.94
Bags and Birdie prizes	€224.77
New permanent stock (Whiteboard, wine racks, flag poles, flags and bunting)	€775.82
Stock value as of 31/12/2022	€2,903.35 <i>Amount transferred to 2023 Captain</i>
Members Cash and Stock as of 31/12/2022	€5,419.29

RBCGS – EXTENDED CAPTAIN’S REPORT

2022

1 OVERVIEW

COVID restrictions on group activities were not a feature of 2022 as they were for 2020 and 2021.

My purpose for the year was to provide competitive golf and appealing social engagements for both existing and new members. The society is aging and appealing to a younger cadre of members was key for me this year, while retaining the traditions and friendships enjoyed over many previous years by the existing membership. I also set out to ensure broader age and gender diversity in our competition teams and broaden our stakeholder base with a new competition against the Union des Français de l’Étranger.

2 MEMBERSHIP

We have 100 paid up members of which 80 are playing members: 21 ladies and 60 men, and 20 are non-playing partners. 15 new players joined this year. 19 guests participated in the tournaments, 4 of whom have joined or are joining next year.

Fortunately, there is currently no waiting list.

3 SPONSORS

We have retained all our financial sponsors this year:

- j. Rawes Turismo
- k. Blevins & Franks
- l. Royal British Club
- m. Ernst and Young
- n. Solóptica
- o. Victoria Seguros
- p. Garland
- q. Rankin Brothers and Sons

Sadly, apart from our autumn signature tournaments: Peter Dawson Bowl and Rankin Brothers and Sons Trophy, no representatives of the sponsors were able to join their sponsored competitions nor lunch to hand out the prizes.

We received favourable group rates for lunches at:

1. Ponto Verde restaurant
2. Hotel Baía

for their respective tournaments. Da. Judith was also on hand to hand out the prizes. But it has also to be said, that given the proxy of sponsorship of the Hotel Baia and the Ponto Verde restaurant, the Palacio (Estoril Golf Club) has provided attractive lunch rates for the year for 11 lunches and seamless support to me to get things organised.

The inter society competitions including prizes, drinks vouchers and lunch were largely self-funding. Permanent stock: flags, table flags, poles and a whiteboard were acquired for these, and future inter society competitions.

4 TOURNAMENTS & COMPETITIONS

4.1 Calendar

A total of 15 tournaments and competitions have been scheduled and played in 2022. The tournament and competition calendar, presented at last year's Previous Captains Meeting saw the following changes:

- a. The Blevin Franks Trophy moved from the 11th May 2022 to the Royal British Club Cup slot on the 6th April 2022;
- b. The Royal British Cup moved to the 1st June 2022 with a gala dinner at the Cascais Miragem Hotel to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee celebrations of the late Queen;
- c. The Chatham Trophy was played on the 7th April 2022;
- d. The Hotel Baia Trophy was played on the 11th May 2022 with dinner at the hotel.
- e. The new annual **Beret and Bowler** Competition took place on the 22nd June 2022
- f. The ABP Competition took place on the 14th July 2022
- g. The Rankin Brothers and Sons Trophy moved to the 8th November at Lisbon Sports Club
- h. TRISOC, at PINGS request, moved from the 28th September 2022 to the Rankin Brothers and Sons slot on 26th October 2022.

The Rankin Brothers & Sons was played at Lisbon Sports Club with mutual agreement from the sponsor:

1. to rekindle old traditions of the RBCGS to play some tournaments away from our home club.
2. because the date change request did not receive a timely response from Plage SA;
3. due to concern about the construction work that was originally expected on the course by the date of the tournament, which has not yet occurred.

4.2 Registrations

4.2.1 Google Forms

Google forms has been successfully used throughout the year. I did add complexity wwhich didn't always work. It is important to note that all the information goes directly into the RBCGS tournament spreadsheet as submitted, to help define the draw, record lunch participation, and validate payments to the bank and is therefore used. The FPG member number is necessary, to facilitate handicap searches on the FPG site.

4.2.2 Preferred Tee-off time requests

Preferred Tee-off times were re-introduced this year without providing any additional encumbrance on making the draw.

4.3 Handicaps

4.3.1 WHS Handicap system

THE WHS handicap approach is now understood amongst the players, but the ubiquity of the changes to individuals' handicaps has led to challenges in submitted scores at the end of tournaments. In any tournament, up to 5 cards have Stableford calculation mistakes. The clear benefit of the WHS system has been enjoyed by the over 80 year old players being able to play off the red tees with a fair handicap and enjoy their golf more

4.3.2 Scorecards

The recommendation from Håkan from the Ernst and Young tournament was that Gross scores only are marked on the tournament scorecard, with the player on the left column and marker on the right and that tournament scores will be based on the RBCGS tournament spreadsheet results backed by Conceição's FPG submission. This improves clarity in the number written down and helped speed up the process of transferring the results into Data Golf by Conceição and by Håkan and myself onto the RBCGS system. Where this protocol was not followed, we have had awkward and incorrect distribution of prizes.

4.3.3 95% and 90% Handicap allowance

The USGA and Estoril Golf Club Technical Committee recommend that tournaments follow the USGA guidance on handicap allowances. This means that for individuals a 95% allowance is used and for a team competition where two player team up, a 90% allowance is used. These allowances help ensure that every player, low or high handicapper, has an equal chance of success in the competition.

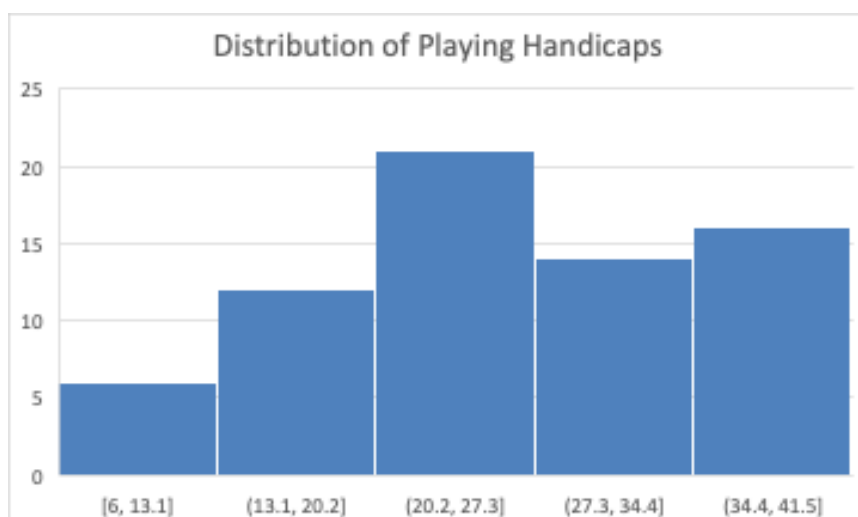
These recommendations have been fully encompassed into the competitions. Qualitatively, the results section below show more of the lower handicap players entering the prize zone in the second half of the year when I adopted the 95% more broadly.

Apart from the Chatham trophy, which used a 100% allowance, all other 4BBBMP competitions were played off a 90% allowance and the TRISOC off 95%.

4.3.4 Membership Handicap Profiles

The average WHS handicap at the beginning of the season was 26.5 reducing to 26.2 as of this report. 28 players saw their handicaps improve, with mention going to: Agneta Loventorn (4.6), Camille Béraud (2.5), Yolanda Macey (2.5), Duncan Barker (2.3), Andrew Jones (2.3) and Elizabeth Barker (2.0). 15 players handicaps remained unchanged and 38 went down.

The WHS handicap profile of the society is shown below. 18 players (22%) play with handicaps lower than 20; the remainder are above.



4.4 Competitions

Four inter-society competitions were played this year under the umbrella of the RBCGS.

5. Chatham Trophy – a British team vs a Dutch team
6. Beret & Bowler Competition – RBCGS vs UFE (Union des Français de l'Étranger)
7. Barman's Trophy
8. TRISOC

The Chatham Trophy, Beret and Bowler and the Barman's were 4 ball better ball match play competitions, using Net Stableford for the first 2 and net for the ABP match with the lowest handicapper of the flight playing off scratch and the remainder playing off the difference in their handicap and the lowest handicap.

The TRISOC was based on the aggregate Stableford net of the best 8 or 12 players per team. **RBCGS achieved a grand slam this year winning all the competition trophies. All the results have been reported in the respective monthly Newsletter.**

4.4.1 4BBBMP Competitions

Chatham	RBCGS	5 ½	2 ½	DUTCH
Bowler and Beret	RBCGS	8 ½	3 ½	UFE
ABP	RBCGS	5	2	ABP

4.4.2 Aggregate Stableford Competition

	RBCGS	Tagus	PINGS
Top 8 Aggregate	253	243	235
Full Team Aggregate	358	342	325

Current standings are: PINGS 14; RBCGS 7 and TAGUS 5.

4.5 Tournaments

All 10 tournaments played were well supported. The average participation was 37 (46% of membership, with six tournaments exceeding 40 players. The Peter Dawson Bowl fielded 52 players while the Victoria Seguros fielded 31. The President's Baffy and d'Arcy Orders registrations sit at 40, but we will likely see a final flurry on the Last Call on the 30th November 2022.

5 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

5.1 Tournament winners

The tournament winners, their handicap, gross and net Stableford scores are shown in the table:

Tournament	Player	Tee		PHC	Net Stb	Gross STB	Notes
Ponto Verde	Richard Macey	Y	100%	29	36	12	
Rawes	Richard Evans	R	100%	27	41	16	
Royal British Club	Steve Deighton	Y	95%	23	22	11	9 holes/wet
Blevin & Franks	Jan van Boetzelaer	Y	100%	29	42	16	
Hotel Baia	E F F R Leitão	R	100%	31	40	12	
Victoria Seguros	Chris Goulding	R	100%	16	38	22	
Ernst & Young	Camille Béraud	R	95%	27	37	12	
Peter Dawson Bowl	Mark Dawson	Y	95%	7	36	29	
Rankin Brothers & Sons	Steve Deighton	Y	100%	25	37	13	Wet, trophy not awarded
Preseident's Baffy and D'Arcy Order	Ron Goddard	Y	95%	10	38	28	

5.2 Performance of Low Handicap Players

The low handicap players (<18) in the top six positions for all the tournaments played to date are shown in the following table

Tournament	Player	Tee		PHC	Net Stb	Gross STB	Posn
Ponto Verde	David Gray	Y	100%	6	34	29	4th
Rawes	Alistair Ferguson	Y	100%	12	37	25	3rd
	Kate Scheier	R	100%	18	36	19	4th
Royal British Club	Chris Goulding	R	95%	16	19	11	3rd
Blevin & Franks	Chris Goulding	R	100%	16	37	21	3rd
	Kate Scheier	R	100%	18	37	21	4th
Hotel Baia	Ewan Rankin	Y	100%	17	35	21	5th
Victoria Seguros	Rudiger Wrobel	Y	100%	15	37	22	2nd
	Dhru Thapa	Y	100%	6	36	30	5th
Ernst & Young	Ewan Rankin	Y	95%	16	36	23	2nd
	Dhru Thapa	Y	95%	6	36	30	3rd
	Kate Scheier	R	95%	18	35	18	5th
Peter Dawson Bowl	Mark Dawson	Y	95%	7	36	29	1st
	Alistair Ferguson	Y	95%	11	36	26	3rd
	Fernando Oliveira	Y	95%	17	34	18	4th
	Ron Goddard	Y	95%	9	34	25	6th
Rankin Brothers & Sons	Dhru Thapa	Y	100%	7	30	23	4th
	Mark Dawson	Y	100%	8	30	22	5th
President's Baffy and D'Arcy Order	Ron Goddard	Y	95%	10	38	28	1st

The low handicap players (22%) of the society members are winning 22% of the first prizes and around 33% of the top six prizes.

5.2.1 Trophy awards

All trophies of the tournaments and competitions played to date were awarded, except for the Rankin Brothers and Sons, where rain and a deluge reduced the number of finishers to half the field. Prizes were given to those who held out.

Exceptionally the Silver Plate was agreed by the sponsors to be awarded on the aggregate Stableford score of the Peter Dawson Bowl and the President's Baffly Trophy sponsors.

5.2.2 Eclectic Scores

The Eclectic Scores are produced both by the society spreadsheet which I have set-up and has been used for all tournaments and by Miranda Thomas, to validate the results. Current leader for the Eclectic Gross is Dhru Thapa. The Eclectic Net is currently shared by 4 players: Richard Keech, Håkan Karlen, Eddie Leitão and Kjelle Norling. Richard Keech leads on the back of the lowest Gross score. Kjelle Norling pipped the other players to the Trophy in the last game.

The Eclectic scores have been published via the Newsletter

5.2.3 Order of Merit

The Order of Merit this year will be awarded to the player who has been in the top 6 positions regardless of his/her presence at the lunch or dinner. This is a society related award and not associated with a particular sponsor. The current leader by a long way is Chris Goulding with 28 points having been in the top 6 in 6 out of the 9 tournaments of which 4 were in the top 3. The Order of Merit (and the Order of Prizes) scores have been published via the Newsletter.

5.2.4 Special Achievements

A new prize has been introduced this year for players. A birdie or two in a match, wins a model bird, and for each set of 5 birdies, a bottle of wine.

A total of 72 birdies have been achieved in the year with Dhru Thapa leading with 13, followed by Alistair with 6, John Philips with 5 and Ewan Rankin with 5.

Four eagles were made by Richard Macey, David Gray, Joao Roquette and Suni Bowri.

Sakiko Takeda provided a highlight of the year with a Hole in One on Hole 2.

5.2.5 Individual Prizes

Most of our 80+ year old players have accepted the Tee-off adjustment made last year and played off the Red Tee. A Nearest the Pin Prize was awarded for Ladies, Men and Men over 80.

The most successful Ladies Nearest the Pin was Kate Scheier; the Men over 80 Nearest the Pin was Bruce Dawson. Men The Nearest the Pin was shared between several players.

5.2.6 Observations on the WHS Handicaps

The WHS handicap system and recommendations of the USGA on tournament allowances appear fair and appropriate.

The minimal movement in handicaps over the year however does suggest that many players only use the opportunity of the tournaments to have their cards submitted to the FPG. In the spirit of the WHS approach, players should submit and be encouraged to submit their cards more often. There are clubs and federations around the world that strengthen this obligation on players if they wish to use course facilities.

5.3 Lunches and Dinners

5.3.1 Post-game drinks

Drinks vouchers have been used all year for a post-game drink and appreciated by the players. I have charged a €5.00-€7.00 supplement to all players staying for lunch to make this approach work.

5.3.2 Lunches

Estoril Golf Club have hosted 11 lunches on the veranda or in the restaurant. The support offered by Mario for these events has been outstanding.

5.3.3 Dinners

The Society has held 3 dinner events:

1. Hotel Baia for the Hotel Baía Trophy
2. Cascais Miragem for:
 - a. the RBC Platinum Jubilee; and
 - b. President's Baffy and D'Arcy Order Tournament and the end of year gala

5.3.4 Gala Night/End of Year Event 2022

This was programmed for Wednesday 7th December 2022 at the Hotel Miragem and was enjoyed by 62 members, spouses, and partners.

5.4 Prizegiving

5.4.1 Play and Stay for the Prize

The Play and Stay Rule was maintained for the year. However, the end of year trophies were awarded on performance.

5.5 RBCGS Administration

5.5.1 Governance

The management of the society exclusively by the captain has worked very well and is fun. It is a lot of work particularly with €40,000 passing through the accounts. As the exiting captain, I do see scope for a stronger informal governance group to spread the organisational, recording and treasury load of the society. As the outgoing captain, I will provide whatever additional support Håkan and the Vice Captain need.

5.5.2 RBCGS Tournament Spreadsheet

A comprehensive RBCGS spreadsheet has been developed for the tournaments of 2022 to:

1. receive registration data from Google Forms;
2. calculate playing handicaps per tournament;
3. generate Gross and Nett results;
4. generate gross and nett Stableford scores; Stableford Gross and Nett & Gross,
5. identify birdies;
6. generate maintain the annual record of the results including:
 - a. Gross Eclectic (supplemented by Miranda Thomas's work)
 - b. Nett Eclectic (supplemented by Miranda Thomas's work); and
 - c. Order of Merit results
7. Import and monitor bank movements;

8. maintain stock records (inventory, prices and value).

The 2023 spreadsheet is ready to go.

5.5.3 2022 Newsletter

A newsletter and material for the club board, which was replaced this year, have been produced for all competitions so far this year. However, submissions to PortugalConexxions have not been made regularly.

5.5.4 RBC Website

The information side of the RBCGS website is now live. Membership and event management is ready to go live once we solve capacity restrictions. Access can be achieved through: <https://royalbritishclub.pt>

5.5.5 Wet Ball fund

Brenda Leitão has been a great support for all the tournaments both in helping to get scores recorded and in collecting for the Wet Ball Charity fund. We have so far collected €620.00 (see below), which should increase further in the last tournament and from any voluntary donation made at the door of the gala dinner.

The designated charity for 2022 funds is the Cheshire Homes, jointly with the Sunrisers contributions.

6 CAPTAIN'S END OF YEAR TRIBUTES

I would like to extend the warmest of thanks to the following who members who have supported me through the year:

- Tom Scheier who has always been on hand to record our golfing memories in photographs
- Brenda Leitão for collecting contributions for the Wet Ball fund and for supporting Håkan in recording the scores.
- Selwyn, always the 1st on scene to raise the flag
- Sally for answering all my questions and doubts
- Dhru for being ready to step in and help with the scoring alongside Brenda
- Miranda for running the eclectic scores
- Conceição for providing final tournament scores
- Hakan and Maria for stepping in when I was away and for his guidance in some of the presentation sessions
- The Estoril Golf Club reception for managing the bookings,
- Mario and Rui and their teams for quenching our thirst and satiating our hunger after most tournaments

And last but not least all Society members for making the year fun and delivering a grand slam.

