

## **ESTEC - JRC Petten (non) Challenge**

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## Sluispolder, 18 July 2019

Unfortunately, and for the second year in succession, 'The Challenge', instituted in 1986 between ESTEC and the Joint Research Centre, Petten was not consummated. The event had been maintained in the EGC Calendar in 2019, in the hope of resurrection but this was not to be.

For the last six years, some ten or so EGC members made the annual, hour-long trek up to De Noordhollandse Golfelub, Sluispolder, near Alkmaar. This year only six survived, given some late drop-outs and failure of some to consult the EGC Calendar.

As it transpired, the golfing conditions were excellent: a temperature of 18C, cloudy with sunny intervals and a light breeze. In addition, the course was in excellent condition with, apparently, a lot of work and investment having been implemented since the start of the year.

A sign of the times: we had all players in buggies with 3 flights of two players. Cutting to the results: Klaus Ludwig won with 35 Stableford points followed by Peter Behrmann 34, Brian Taylor 33, Jan van Haarlem 28, Angela Glatston 25 and Ingrid Behrmann 19.

The four par three holes featured nearies with Peter claiming hole 8 and Brian hole 10. The greens of holes 5 and 15 were not threatened.

The day was finished with an excellent á la carte menu featuring mussels and tournedos. Once again the staff at the course were extremely welcoming and attentive.

Next year?