



EGC 'Away Day'
Sluispolder, 8 July 2021



First, some history. Starting in 1986, the *Derek Perry Memorial Plate* was contested between the EGC and JRC Petten in the ESTEC-Petten Challenge. Sadly, from 2018, Petten have been unable to raise a team but, until then, the Challenge had been played 32 times with honours even with 16 wins each. EGC won the last event so we hold the trophy. Originally the Challenge was played on a home and away basis on alternate years but, more latterly, we always played at Petten's home course of Sluispolder.

Since 2018 we have maintained the event in the EGC calendar as an opportunity to play on an 'outside' course with a really good restaurant and atmosphere. Recently, in light of Covid-19, we have also played the Spring Seasonals of 2020 and 2021 at Sluispolder when, otherwise, these events might not have taken place.

We have always found the Sluispolder team very welcoming and attentive, even advertising the 'ESTEC Challenge' in and around the club house.

Ten members signed up to play this year but unfortunately two had to withdraw just beforehand so we were only eight on the day. We had reserved for eighteen originally so the take-up was rather disappointing.

The day remained dry with long intervals of sunshine, with few clouds, a moderate temperature and a light wind. The course itself was in excellent condition this visit, following the fairway sanding for the Spring Seasonal.

Further, the course suffered from heavy flooding after the torrential rain of 20 June but recovered well, though signs of damage were evident.

Everyone scored off his/her exact handicap (no limitation to 36.0). The results were:

Marja Allen	40
Elly Davis	34
Brian Taylor	33
Reno Harboe-S	31
Klaus Ludwig	28
Garry Gould	27
Marga Harboe-S	26
Rod Allen	25

So congratulations to Marja on her score of 40 Stablefords which led to a handicap reduction from 45.5 to 44.7.

There were 2 nearies; on holes 8 (won by Brian) and 15 (no one close).

The average score of the participants was ~ 30 points (thanks in large part to Marja) compared with the Spring Seasonal of ~ 26 points.

The day was finished off with a few drinks and an excellent dinner in the evening sunshine outside on the terrace.

Sluispolder will be happy to see us again next year. Let's do better!