

EGC 3 Club Competition

A new annual competition was introduced into the EGC calendar on Sunday 27 November 2016 - the EGC 3 Club Competition – in which only 3 clubs may be used by each player; a putter being a club. The format is Stableford.

The competition comprises two events in one: an individual and a team competition. The winning individual player receives the new EGC 3 Club Trophy.

The teams are those of the Colin Rolls Trophy in the current year (presently four teams) with unaffiliated players making up a fifth team. So that everyone's score contributes, the team score is the average of all playing in the team.

Nearies play an important role in the result and there is a nearie on every hole:

- in one for all on holes 1,4,5,6 and 9,
- in two for ladies on hole 2,
- in two for men on hole 3,
- closest to a marked fairway centre line on holes 7 and 8.

In case of a tie for first place in the individual competition, the tie is resolved firstly by the number of individual nearies, before the usual back 9 etc.

In the team competition, 1 point is added to the team's average score for each nearie gained to determine the eventual team winner.

The winning team has of course 'bragging rights' and is awarded an appropriate prize, at the discretion of the organiser(s).

The weather on Sunday 27 November 2016 was perfect for golf on the ESTEC course with a temperature of ~10 deg. and with little or no wind. Thirty one players participated – a great turn-out for this inaugural competition. Full results are given in the accompanying table.

Congratulations go to Emmanuel Savourin in winning the individual competition with a magnificent 38 Stableford points. Kjeld Hjortnaes was second with 37 and David Lumb third with 36.

The average score of all 31 participants was a very creditable 28.19 points. Just on the basis of the team average, the 'Andy Caps' were momentarily in the lead, but with the addition of the nearie points the ultimate winner of the team competition was the 'Babes and the Boys' who also won the CRT this year. Well done.

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Brian Taylor, 28/11/2016