



2018 Spring Tour.

**Our base for the week
was The Vila Gale
Hotel, Lagos,
Portugal.**



Thursday evening saw the captains reception in a private room with a particularly fine wine & cheese spread. We learn today of our Captains devotion to duty on his 49th wedding anniversary. It was nice to also learn of his devotion to Helen too and thankfully he brought her along for the Tour!



Captains Reception - Some Potential Winners?



Captains Reception - Or Maybe from These?



The 1st at Alamos Golf.

1st Competition Day.

The first of our 3 day competition and at a new course for all of us called Alamos, a fairly short course made longer & harder by the strong winds and water hazards.

Not for all however as Doug Slaughter notched up 35 points closely followed by David Honnor and Gary

Wilson, both with 33.

2nd Competition Day.

Our golf today was at Palmares some 10 minutes away from our hotel. Cloudy and some sunshine but thankfully no rain and none of the strong winds that made our first two rounds so tough. Many good scores, the best of which were Terry Ralph with 39 points and Jim Baynes and Brad Smith both with 37.



View from the Clubhouse at Palmares



Spectacular Sea Views at Palmares Golf



The Terrace at Palmares Golf



More from the Terrace at Palmares Golf



The Final Group, Gary Wilson, Brad Smith, Terry Ralph, Ken Fuller

The Final Day of Competition.

Our final day of competition was held at the sunny and now windless Alamos course. Several of our throng were in a position to win the Ron Kuness Salver and As is customary our draw was in score order.

The final group would provide the top 4 places which saw Brad Smith somehow wrestle the salver on the last hole from a fighting Keith Fuller who was 6 behind at the start of the day. Keith opened with 23 points on the front nine and made the turn an unbelievable 2 points ahead of Brad in the three day competition. Golf however has a way of bestowing us both fortune & misfortune and while Keith never looked like producing anything worse than a bogey, at the back of the 18th for 3 he faced a bad lie and a long slippery 30 ft putt and took 3 to get down. Brad took advantage of the read & made his par to lift the trophy by one point. A best of the day 38 by Keith proved one short of the tie that would have given him victory on count back. Congratulations to Brad however for holding out on the onslaught while giving many shots to the field off his 6 handicap. 4th places Gary Wilson was also unlucky to loose 3rd spot to Terry Ralph on count-back having started the day 1 point ahead. Ray Dyckhoff notched up 36 with R Williams 35 in other notable scores.



The Winner of The Ron Kunes Salver Brad Smith, with The Captain



Nic Morrison

The Secretaries Plate Competition.

This is the event to allow our more senior members a chance to gain some silverware. It is open to all over 70 years of age and holding a minimum 19 handicap. It is played in the same format as the Ron Kunes Salver and on the same days. The final day is also drawn in score order with the winner emerging conclusively from the final group. Our congratulations to Nic Morrison with 94 points followed by Mike Odd 2nd on count back with 90 and David Blackman also on 90 in 3rd spot.



Julie Wilson collects The Ladies Prize.

The Ladies Competition

is held for those partners attending and this year saw Julie Wilson earn 1st spot with 95 points From Sandra Dyckhoff 94, Sheila Fullager 92 & Heather Baynes 91.



All The Winners with The Captain

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