



2023 Spring Tour.

A report by our Secretary.

Our 2023 Overseas Spring Tour took place in April this year to the popular resort of Belek in Turkey,

For this year's event we went to Gloria Golf as the Gloria Serenity hotel was undertaking extensive refurbishment. The Gloria Golf resort went out of their way to make us welcome. We had 6 new travellers this year all of whom I am sure will support our future tours.

We enjoyed glorious weather, a hotel that offered us excellent service, delightful food a quality all-inclusive package and staff that were attentive and helpful. The general feeling was that Gloria Golf was an excellent alternative to Gloria Serenity and one we would certainly return to.

The Ron Kunes Salver.

We could only run two competitions this year, the Ron Kunes Salver, and the Ladies Overseas Tour competition. Unfortunately, The Secretaries Plate was not contested this year through lack of suitably qualified players.

The Ron Kunes Salver was contested by 21 players. The final round of the Ron Kunes Salver was closely contested over two rounds with Mike Stephens 68pts leading closely followed by Brad Smith 66pts, Tony Negal 66pts John Hubbard 65pts and Bob Harris 63pts with the final round finely poised.



Brad Smith with The Vice Captain & President

However, **Brad Smith's** steady play saw him eventually pull away from the rest of the field posting a score of 36pts which gave him a winning score of 102pts, **Mike Stephens** was runner up on 95pts with one of the new travellers, **John Hubbard** third with 92pts.



Mike Stephens with the Vice Captain



John Hubbard with the Vice Captain



*Ladies Winner Helen Albery with
The President*

The Ladies.

The Ladies Overseas Competition was contested by 12 ladies. After two rounds the defending champion **Frances Henderson** was leading with an impressive 71pts followed by **Helen Albery** 68pts, **Heather Baynes** 64pts and **Maggie Weeks** on 62pts. Unfortunately, Frances Henderson was unwell and had to pull out of the final round.

The final round was closely contested with **Maggie Weeks** posting a score of 32 to claim runners up spot with a total of 94pts, and **Liz Stephens** coming out of the pack with an impressive score of 37pts to claim third spot. with a total of 92pts. However, **Helen Albery** kept her nerve to post a total score of 95pts to win by one point and become the Ladies

Overseas Tour Champion for 2023.

I can confirm that the Vice-captain's choice of destination for the 2024 Spring Tour will be the newly refurbished Gloria Serenity.

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