

## **2025 Spring Tour:**

This year's Spring Tour saw us return to an old favourite the Gloria Serenity Golf Resort, Belek, Turkey with a party of 65.

We played two immaculately presented courses attached to the hotel The Gloria old & New. The main competition is for the Ron Kunes Salver, and this was eventually won by one of our new travellers Andy Gee (Cherry Lodge) in a closely fought final day. With players going out in 'Order of Merit' Andy was leading by three points (74) with Jeff Barnes (Eltham Warren) second on 71 points and David Collen (Shortlands) third on 70 points and Bob White (Sittingbourne) on 68 points.

As the day unfolded Peter Skipper (St Augustines) made a move up the field and was leader in the clubhouse when he returned a score of 35 points giving him a final total of 102 points which saw him take third place on countback.

This was not the only drama unfolding. Jeff Barnes was quick off the blocks taking the fight to Andy, and by the fourth he was joint leader. However, Jeff could not maintain his momentum with Andy completing a steady round to finish on 106 three shots ahead of runner up Jeff on 103.

The Secretaries Plate which is played for from the Blue Tees for players over 70 years' young and with a handicap of 19 and above was won by the defending champion Jeff Last (Faversham) with a steady three rounds totalling 107 points.

Bert Bowen (Faversham) returning from injury made a late charge scoring 41 points on the final round to take the runner up spot. Mention must be made of Richard Hendersons (Dartford) impressive first round score of 46 and of David Alldred's (Sundridge Park) first round score of 39 points.

The Ladies Competition was won by Maggie Collen (Shortlands) with a final score of 86 points. Maggie Collen (71pts) started the final round 9 points ahead of her nearest rivals Marion Spencer (63pts) & Helen Albery (63pts). However there just 2 points separating 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place after a spirited final round by Marion Spencer with 40pts. Third place went to the defending champion Sue Charnley with a final round of 38pts.

The tour officially ended with a very enjoyable Gala Dinner and the presentation of the prizes.