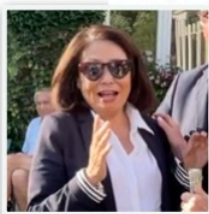




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President's word



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August 28th, 2023

We had to start with a minute of silence after the disappearance of Jean Croonenberghs (our starter since many years at Le Zoute). A special newsletter will be published in the near future with anecdotes and pictures.

Only 20 players at the competition in excellent and mostly sunny weather (thank you cute little Buddha). The course was in superb condition with very fast hard greens... wow, the professionals would have liked them, some players said they were pitching nicely... I couldn't share their opinion and the reason is I only pitched decently the 1st & 18th greens!!!

The same for the excellent fairways I honestly can't write a lot about it as I rarely played on them but can write a long story about the rough!!! I must have been in nearly all of them, on each hole I think, it was very hard to play in or out (as you prefer). Billions of clovers in a dense wet grass, extremely hard to play especially as the ball was mostly completely embedded each time. That gives you the picture of my day and score. Luckily for me my fellow players were very sympathetic. Enough talking about me.

Our Captain Yves mentioned that hole 11, a PAR 4, is horribly designed. A 200m long hedge prevents you from reaching the green in regulation with the 90° right dogleg. So only the long hitters have a chance to reach the green in two, moreover it has the index 18? The easiest hole? Understand who can..... anyway we don't. This course must also be one of the rarest to have a PAR 5 as index 1, the most difficult of all, but it deserves it, a long left dogleg and very well defended by strategically placed bunkers. The latter were all in a horrible state, unplayable due to the heavy rain the days before and not taken care off or repaired. Common sense allowed to drop somewhere inside where a shot would be feasible.

Our sponsors Trang & Fabian offered very nicely presented prizes to the winners and exceptionally the rules were broken as for the number allocated to each category because their prizes were original. Many thanks to this wonderful couple. The longest drive Ladies which couldn't have been given at La Bruyère the last time (because of a small bug in our Captain's human pc) was distributed that afternoon, and it went to Nadia De Smet.

Next LLN on the 15th of September sponsored by Clo & Anne. After two days the starter list was full.



Patrick Swaelens

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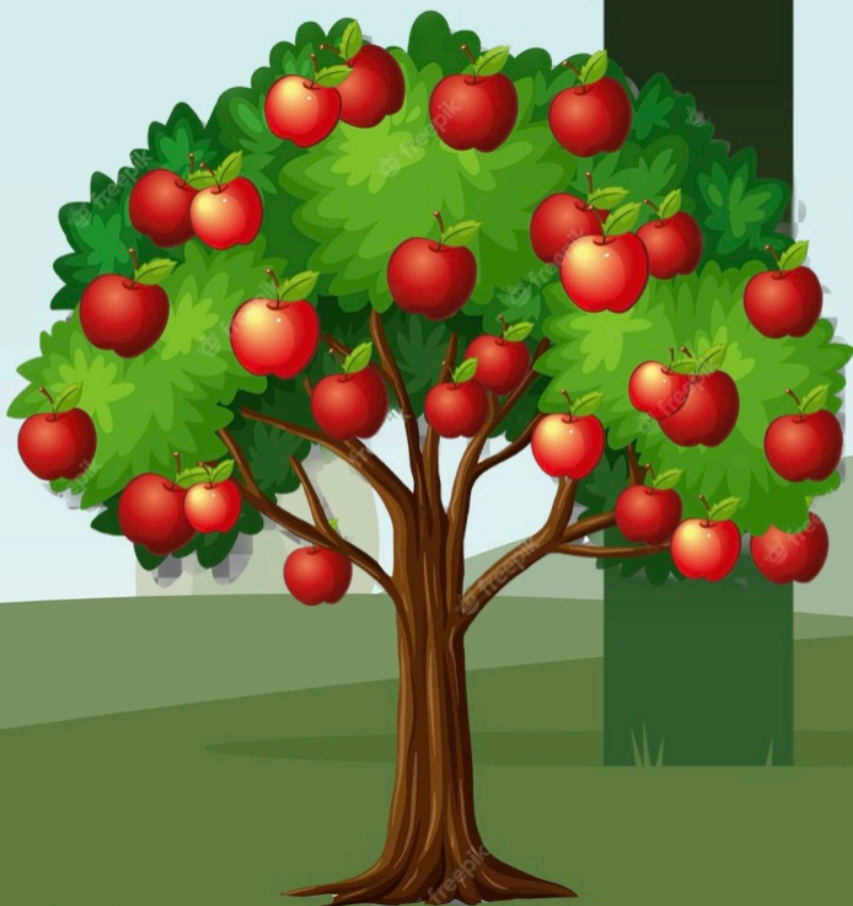
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MEN 1

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MEN 2

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The ZEN CORNER

3 shots to practice:

The chip from the edge of the green.

The flop shot from farther off the putting green.

The sand explosion 2m ~ 6m.

Practice 100m shots :

different shots, pitch & runs, knockdowns, different trajectories,
always have small target.

• Short shots around greens save par.

Longer shots 50-100 m make birdies.

Last action at the practice after short game :

spend it practicing with the club,

any club that you will use when you absolutely have to put the ball
into the fairway.

The End

