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President's Message

Royal Zoute

June 16th, 2025



First a very nice welcome to 27 members at Le Zoute which is a good attendance for a distant course, although many years ago we had on certain occasions up to 63 players!! Of course, our advantages were much better then, when Earl Leopold Lippens and Jean Croo were still amongst us. Actually, it couldn't last forever, and we may still be happy that a visitor's green fee is applied again to our group. Let's hope this can last many more years.

Some words about the wonderful weather. It couldn't have been any better. 22°c in the shade and a welcome light breeze depict the ideal conditions for a round of golf. For the players present last year, they will remember the terrible wind and conditions we endured!! It was close to horrible, although the worst we ever had was at "Royal Ostend", many years ago, in such a storm that the ball nearly moved only by the wind We played but not all completed the 18 holes. At Le Zoute this year it was really ideal.

During all the previous years no guest was allowed but as our super advantages have changed we can now allow MAX 3 guests to be invited at Le Zoute and with the principle of "first come first served". Course condition was super. The high rough had been cut a few weeks before, so no problems there. The greens were superfast and truly challenging (as a championship course should be) and I learned it was the same on the executive. So just wonderful for all of us. However, I must add a little remark: some local members behind us weren't very happy with our pace of play, over 5 hours!!! So, let's all keep in mind that we must indeed avoid this.



A big applause was given to Jacques Drappier who celebrated his birthday two days ago and he offered the aperitif (like the previous year) to all present, a very appreciated care. I also thanked him for the organisation at Le Zoute. I must have been a pain in the ass with all the mails I sent to him about different questions. I should have remembered that with all his experience, and not only in golf, he knows all about it.

So, Jacques sorry but "thanks again".

Sponsors were the Swaelens Family and of course the wonderful Jacqueline Joannon, part of the family. Unfortunately, Lorraine felt sick and couldn't attend. Her husband Timothy replaced her. Kevin was flying in the Acores and couldn't be here too. So just me, Alexander (our bomber) Timothy (on the way bomber), and Jacqueline offering like each year very appreciated typical Ladies prizes.

A little note now for the veterans of SNGG: we had the company in the evening of Alain Morel former SNGG secretary who wishes to stay informed about our coming at Le Zoute. Two bottles of Champagne were offered in name of SNGG to the manager and starter, which is a nice investment specially as some clubs ask 5€/card to prepare our score cards.

During prize giving, Yves started with a nice joke about a book he bought "How to reduce by 50% your bad shots " and jockingly added he bought two of them !!! but didn't read the second one completely yet.

22 players stayed for the traditional "gamba's" or menu on the terrace as the weather was still superb.

Next competition at L'Empereur on the 30th of June with a BBQ .



Patrick Swaelens



LEADERS

SN GOLF GROUP

LADIES

- 1 ARYS A. 40
- 2 DE SMET N. 31
- 3 SMISSAERT C. 29

MEN 1

- 1 ESCH X. 38
- 2 WELBY M. 35
- 3 MATTON J. 33

MEN 2

- 1 MERTENS G. 34
- 2 SIMONS JJ. 32
- 3 FONTEYNE G. 30



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