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Newsletter





RINKVEN September 22nd, 2025

The Soudal Open was played at Rinkven and having 2 x 18 holes they had plenty of choice to select the finest or toughest holes available for the tour Pro's. We played the North Course which was already difficult enough. Now the first 9 holes were somewhat monotonous but the inbound 9 much more attractive and of course way more interesting and challenging. Fairways were excellent, no placing was allowed nor needed as there were no grassless patches. But the second rough was very unforgiving. High, dense and somewhat humid. Finding the ball was already a big challenge and to get out decently was a hard job. The greens were excellent, pitched very well and needed repair by the players. The putting lines were difficult to see or find. Many players have had problems with this and often read them wrong, earning them a 3 putts punishment. A big issue at Rinkven is that on the course there are no indications to reach the next tee. There are many paths crossing each other between the 36 holes and it could have been straight, left or right... but no sign at all. A Marshal drove very regularly around in his buggy to have a look and had to assist several teams to show the way. One team had it wrong and played a hole twice before noticing their mistake and correcting it. The exact ruling about this is under investigation by our Cpt as it changed with the new rules some years ago.

We saw this Marshal several times during the game... Was it to check and keep an eye on us? Personally, I don't think so because he seemed very concerned about the enjoyment and contentment of our group. I talked many times shortly with him during play and at a certain moment we told him that no signs were available, and he gently replied he would inform the management about this. But I never received any remark from him about slow play or whatsoever (although our flight lost a lot of time searching balls) So that's the way I felt about him, but maybe I'm wrong, he really seemed wanting to take care of us. (why? maybe the name or to have us back next year?)

The committee was reduced because the Welby's were (and still) are on the Queen Elisabeth cruising from Seattle up to Alaska then back through the Panama channel. Must be a magnificent trip. But for JL Bridoux it was another story. His daughter and her friend are living in Portugal. Forest fires destroyed parts of their domain and threatened their house, so he went there to give some help (a lot I guess). We were only 18 present, I guess the distance or the always congested ring highway had frightened many. As we were less than 20 players the green fee climbed to 100€ (iso 95€). As it is a group price, it had to be paid all together, which I did. Mark will repay me. All the present players need to pay 75€ to the SNGG account. NB: a nice gesture from Rinkven was that on Mondays any craftsmen on any golf don't have to pay a green fee, meaning that Jo Matton and Mike Minne (as secretary of Florennes golf) don't need to pay. Highly worthwhile to mention is that the Lady secretary was extremely kind and cooperative. Prizes were offered by SNGG.

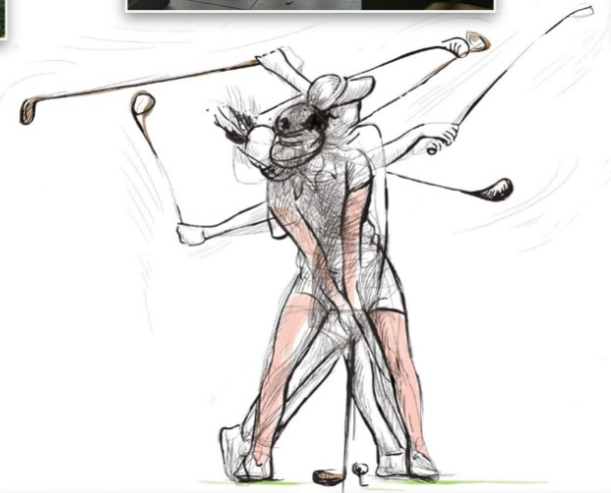
Next competition ?????..... Well, look at the artistic poster of our Vice-Captain JJ. Simons. Note that on 24th of Oct. we hold our last season competition in a "shamble" followed by the "AG", awards and closing dinner. All info will soon be sent to all.

Your devoted President



Patrick Swaelens





The SNGG golf season is already almost over !!

On Friday , October the 3d

we will play our next competition at the Louvain-La-Neuve Golf Club
See you all there.



Important reminder

CASH! Green fee 50€ CASH!



If you wish to stay for dinner
reservation is recommended at the Italian restaurant
La Baïta



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Drève du Golf

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