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ROYAL EASTBOURNE GC, 16 AUGUST 2019, REPORT BY NEIL HARDWICK

The August meeting saw the Society continue their tour round golf courses in the South East counties; following visits this year to courses in Essex, Middlesex, Kent and Surrey – this month it was East Sussex and Royal Eastbourne.

Royal Eastbourne was founded in 1887 and Queen Victoria agreed that the club could use the 'Royal' prefix the same year. It is believed that no other club has obtained its 'Royal' title so soon after it was founded.

The Society has visited Royal Eastbourne on 3 occasions, the last time being 2013.

As on some previous visits, an advance party travelled down the evening before to sample some of the town's hospitality – only to find that Eastbourne was largely 'closed' on a Thursday night. Fortunately, the advance party consisted of seasoned campaigners who were well able to look after themselves – and being men of initiative, apparently the evening was eventually rescued, and a good time was had by all.

With no-one having been left behind, the advance guard were thus at full strength when they rendezvoused with the main body who had played it safe by journeying down to Eastbourne on the morning of the meeting.

Assembling at the golf club at noon for (excellent) bacon rolls and coffee, there was plenty of time for a chat before we set off on the main (Devonshire) course at 1pm in competition for the Jeffery Goblet.

After the first hole, the next 7 holes were on the other side of the road from the clubhouse and a few were quite tight demanding accuracy from the tee, although the course opened up a bit more when the road was re-crossed after the 8th.

With the first few holes also being on the high side, it afforded us all good views of the Eastbourne Air show which was taking place on the same day. Dave ‘Wingco’ Britton was particularly excited by a spectacular display from a Mark 9 Spitfire.

As bad weather has dogged the Society for most of this year, the fact the field were all on their second 9 before the forecast rain arrived was probably something of a result although try telling that to the last grouping (including your correspondent) who had to play the last four holes in a heavy downpour.

One member of the last group who didn’t seem to mind the deteriorating weather though was John Knight who finished strongly – finding his putting touch on the greens in the pouring rain having previously struggled to get his range when the weather was dry.

We were all glad to see the clubhouse though and take the chance to dry off. A nice meal was then served to us in a private Dining Room with Dennis as Master of Ceremonies and prizes presented by Vice Captain Justin standing in for Captain Perry.

Dave Slaney won the Jeffery Goblet with a fine score of 40 points – just seeing off Anton Williams who was second only a point behind.

Len Cleveland won the Longest Drive competition with a monster drive on the 12th hole. Neil Hardwick took the ‘Nearest to the Pin’ prize on the 15th.

Singles Stableford for the Jeffery Goblet

1 st	Dave Slaney	40 pts		Cut 2 for 5 Meetings
2 nd	Anton Williams	39 pts		Cut 1 for 3 meetings
3 rd	Trevor Cain	36 pts		
4 th	Len Cleveland	34 pts		
5 th	Dave Stallard	30 pts	Last 9 16 pts	
6 th	Neil Hardwick	30 pts	Last 9 14 pts	
7 th	Dave Britton	29 pts		
8 th	Justin Sutton	28 pts	Last 9 15 pts	
9 th	George Thorne	28 pts	Last 9 13 pts	
10 th	John Knight	27 pts	Last 9 15 pts	
11 th	Dom Cleveland	27 pts	Last 9 13 pts	
12 th	Paul Selwyn	19 pts		
13 th	Dennis Lomas	14 pts		

Nearest to the Pin - Neil Hardwick

Longest Drive - Len Cleveland