



## RGBB Golf Society Great turnout for inaugural event.

The RGBB ran its inaugural monthly medal at Dirab Golf course on Friday July 10<sup>th</sup>. Despite the 5.45am meeting time being too early for some, more than 80 people from numerous countries around the world "teed it up" for the event. After a refreshing breakfast and a quick group photo the players headed to the tee boxes for the 6am shotgun start.

In spite of the heat the scoring on the course was excellent, with numerous players matching their handicaps on this challenging PGA accredited course. The course was in fantastic condition, especially considering the searing heat, this contributed to the excellent scoring.

The nearest the pin competition on the tough 7<sup>th</sup> hole was won by John Walley, whilst Richard Davis was nearest to the pin on the tricky downhill 11<sup>th</sup> hole. The Ladies longest drive was won by Mitsuyo Saito, whilst Eric Liquigan won the men's prize.

Third in the ladies division was Mami Tgukuda with a score of 77; Gudrun Barnden was runner up with a 76; whilst Flore Bouzanne was the delighted winner of the Ladies championship shooting a creditable 2 under par 70. I am sure that Dirab professional Bouchaib Al Jaidaini's comments of cutting her 2 strokes were only in jest.

The men's third division was a close affair with only 3 shots separating the top 3 players. Third was Moiz Ahmed who shot 70, he only lost on a card playoff to John Morris who shot also shot 70, whilst the winner was Richard Davis who shot a fantastic 5 Under par 67.

Third place in the men's second division was Chris Cowburn who shot 73, second was John Freel with a 71 whilst the surprised winner was Michel Joly with a 3 under par score of 69. The men's First division was extremely close with first and second place tied. Third place went to Sam Montgomery with a 74, whilst second place went to Mark Campbell who shot a 73. Winning on a card play off (count back from the shots taken on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole) was a delighted Eric Liquigan.

The lowest Gross score of the day went to Michael Sykes who shot an incredible 1 under par 71 before his handicap was deducted. Being a 9 handicap he shot a 62. However as he was a guest of the RGBB his official handicap at Dirab will be scratch for future events (a great achievement).

The RGBB would like to thank Bouchaib and all of the staff at Dirab golf course for running the event so well and preparing the course so nicely for us.

