

SENIORS of Five Nations visited OVERIJSE Golf Club – 17th August 2006

Still tired and impressed by the overwhelming participation in the ALPINA Competition of 15th August, a delegation of our senior players assembled in the dark and rainy morning of last Thursday in order to honour the invitation to play at Overijse Golf Club. Although the trip started under gloomy conditions, the closer we came to the Brussels agglomeration, the more the sky cleared up and the more we became optimistic for the rest of the day.

The sun came through just in time for the 'shotgun' departure and suddenly it was obvious that we needed more anti-sunburn cream than rain clothes.

The Overijse Golf Club reputedly seems to be the most difficult 9 hole course of Belgium ... at least that is what the OGC members claim, not without pride!! The good news is, that the course offers an Arboretum-like diversity of beautiful, well-known as well as unknown exotic trees and bushes. This was the great benefit of missing the fairway from the tee-off . Going from one hole to the other we also could admire the great ecological efforts made during the last couple of years...non- accessible areas offering a magnificent view on blooming wild flowers in all colour varieties. The pride of the greenkeeper.

As to the sportive results of the FN delegation we will not go into detail. However, it remains to be said, that we now firmly believe that Overijse indeed is the most difficult 9 hole course of Belgium!! It also has to be mentioned that some of our players have acquired a large amount of arboricultural knowledge and skills in getting back on track from under all sorts of trees, shrubs and hedges. Rumours say that some of our players did not even experience the high quality of all available fairways. They couldn't get enough of the what was growing besides the fairways.

As a consolation, the Overijse Captain offered us a 'boisson amical' to close the beautiful day with the many new experiences one can make on a 9 hole course keeping up its reputation!!

Your humble servant.
Capitaine Séniors