

# Dutch Aviation Open Golf 2011

## Sunny day good for high scores and winner Grégory Jamet

This year's summer had been one of the wettest in recent history. So the participants of the 13<sup>th</sup> VZM Dutch Aviation Open golf tournament were anxious about the weather. The forecast talked about the possibility of a rain shower, but fortunately not one the whole day this time. It turned out to be a splendid day with sunshine and a very nice temperature. The rain came only after all guests were gone home.

The weather certainly helped for the match players to score much higher points than the year before: the average was up more than 4 points! The first time participants were also boosting the score, with three out of four ending in the top ten. One of them, Grégory Jamet of Transavia France, declared he played reasonably, but to his own surprise was the 2011 winner of the Hans Minnee Challenge Trophy. He had beaten Leo van Rijn and the winner of 2009 Onno Pietersma, both having their highest score since playing in Nunspeet.



The *Nearest to the Centerline* competition turned out to be the most challenging ever. The marshals had overestimated the group's golf talent and modified it into a combination of longest drive and straightest shot.

Most of the balls that came far enough landed at the edge or in the woods far from the centerline. The winner's drive was still meters short of the ribbon, but very straight. It was winner of ten years ago, Tjapko van Wijk who had produced this drive and went home with the F16 model donated as always by Steve Netto.

This year's clinic was tough for two of the five participants Leo Staats and Vincent van Campen. The other three turned out to be somewhat more experienced players, having played in one or more matches before. It was therefore impossible to win this year's clinic competition.



Fortunately there was a consolation price for the better of the two: Leo Staats, who promised to start golf lessons before next year's edition. The clinic competition winner was Marc Wittingen, participant in 2009 match. Although he had bad memories about that day's playing he was advised to participate in the 18-hole competition again next year.

With 37 participants slightly fewer people than the last few years attended this year's edition. The very nice weather and positive reactions are an encouragement of all loyal participants to attend the 14<sup>th</sup> event next year.

Name	Score
<b>Jamet, Gregory</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Pietersma, Onno</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Rijn, Leo van</b>	<b>36</b>
Werff, Arian van der	35
Kooper, Hans	31
Wall, Kevin	31
Williams, Steven	31
Netto, Steve	30
Duijn, Jan van	29
Meelis, Cees	29
Leys, Cees	28
Loonen, Peter	28
Deursen, Ton van	26
Kleinendorst, Ruud	26
Puffelen, Hendrik- Jan van	26
Gerrits, Jan	25
Meulen, Ron van der	24
Zuidema, Hans	24
Koning, Jan de	23
Rosman, Jan	23
Ruys, Paul	23
Wijk, Tjapko van	23
Bläser, Eddo	18
Houting, Luuk	18
Spek, Ron	18
Lemmers, Louis	17
Hermans, Theo	14
Klerk, Jacco	14
Nyberg Samuelsson, Leif	12
Kalman, Rene	5
Besselink, Lex	DNF

### Block September 11, 2012 in your agenda

Traditionally the VZM *Dutch Aviation Open* is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of September. So that is **September 11** next year!

