

# FANMAKERS GOLFING SOCIETY

## *THE DOWGATE CHALLENGE*

When you have reached the top, as we did in 2015, there are limited directions you can go in. Playing conditions were perfect with good sunshine and no wind. The greens were fast but fair and the fairways were still quite firm. To avoid suspense, we admit that we didn't stay at the top. However, we did come second to a very determined Skinners' Team. The way the Challenge works is that you can have a team of up to 8 players but only the best 6 scores count. The Skinners did have a full complement and were able to disregard their two lowest scores. At one stage, we did have 8 players but one had to drop because of a bereavement and Captain-designate David Moroney cried off two days before the event. David is a tough Australian and not easily deterred from his golf so we were alarmed to learn that a temperature of 104 turned into pneumonia involving 10 days in hospital. David – we missed you but glad you are back on your feet. All of this meant that we were down to six players and all scores had to count. All things considered second place wasn't a bad result.



It is becoming traditional for the Master of the previous year's winning Company to attend and present the prizes and we were delighted that our Master was able to preserve the tradition.

Next year will be the tenth Dowgate Challenge so the date is already in the diary and we are fervently hoping we shall field eight players on the day.

Keith Baker, Hon Secretary  
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