

# Dutch Aviation Open Golf 2024

## Simon Spoor wins despite threats of thunderstorms

The day started with a forecast of lots of rain and a possibility of thunderstorms. The Marshall was consulted to agree how to manage the competition in case of lightning. However, only in 5 of the 24 editions of the VZM Dutch Aviation Open golf tournament did it rain, of which twice only heavily. And so, once more the weather turned out to be better than expected, with only a few short periods of rain. The heavy rain came after the match, forcing the barbecue being served inside.



Winner Simon Spoor

With a score of 38 Stableford points, Simon Spoor managed to beat his thirty opponents in the 18-hole match and became the winner of the

Hans Minnee challenge trophy. Rookie Anthony Ramyad was identified as "top talent" by pro Koos Veltman, which made him the winner of the clinic.



Clinic winner Anthony Ramyad

This year three new participants were welcomed, further enlarging the group of people who have attended this event. Observing the participants and their animated conversations, it is clear that this tournament is a popular opportunity to network and meeting old friends.



Next year will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Dutch Aviation Open. Based on its popularity it could become a limited edition, meaning participants need to register early to ensure they will be able to participate.

Rank	Name	Score
1	Spoor, Simon	38
2	Holm, Heiko	35
3	Walschot, Frank	34
4	Werff, Arian van der	34
5	Loonen, Peter	32
6	Wareman, Hans	32
7	Rijnsburger, Robert	31
8	Puffelen, Hendrik-Jan van	31
9	Kleinendorst, Ruud	31
10	Spek, Ron	31
11	Leys, Cees	30
12	Emmerik, Jaap van	30
13	Meelis, Cees	30
14	Groot, Tom de	29
15	Rijn, Leo van	28
16	Rosman, Jan	26
17	Wall, Kevin	25
18	Deursen, Ton van	25
19	Pietersma, Onno	24
20	Williams, Steve	23
21	Besselink, Lex	22
22	Nyberg Samuelsson, Leif	22
23	Houting, Luuk	22
24	Dieke, Han	21
25	Meulen, Ron van der	21
26	Klerk, Jacco	21
27	Jong, Martin de	19
28	Wijk, Tjapko van	18
29	Gerrits, Jan	18
30	Blom, Ron	17
31	Chün, Paul	7

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2024 participants



## The Hans Minnee Challenge Trophy

The Dutch Aviation Open Challenge Trophy is a sculpture made by Gary Price. The trophy is named after Hans Minnee, co-founder of VZM Management Services, who passed away unexpectedly in April 2003. Hans was the driving force behind the start of the golf tournament and discovered the sculpture himself during a business trip to the US.



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