

## EUROPEAN GC CLUBS LEAGUE – IKSKILE HEAT

JUNE 1-2, 2024

Teams: Ikskile (host), Tolkis (Finland), El Tiro (Spain), Zuerich B (Switzerland)

The event started on Saturday morning with a small opening ceremony where all four captains were asked to come forward and each open a bottle of an ice cold Prosecco for their teams.



What can be better than a glass of cold drink together with friends at 9am under blue sky, sunshine and 25 degrees.



First game of the event – the doubles between El Tiro and Ikskile.



On Saturday, the two stronger teams (Tolkis and Ikskile) examined both the Zurich B and El Tiro. Although some of the games were quite exciting, the final results of the four matches were rather unusual – all four matches ended at 10-0. Afternoon matches were broken for an hour by a thunderstorm that flooded the lawns. Luckily they were playable again soon after.

One of the shots was so strong and precise that the center peg was broken in two pieces.



The evening programme consisted of a barbecue dinner in the club.



The Sunday matches between Tolkis and Ikskile, and between Zurich B and El Tiro were expected to be rather levelled. The day started again with blue sky and bright sun.

The first 4 singles between Tolkis and Ikskile produced a draw of 2-2, but then both doubles went to Ikskile, producing a 4-2 lead for the hosts. Next two singles games started with a strong thunderstorm approaching from across the river, and had to be interrupted soon after as the pouring rain started.



As the lawns had already suffered from the flooding the day before, this time it took more than two hours before they were playable again. As the Tolkis team had to leave not later than 3.30pm, it was just time enough to finish the games that were started, and they had to surrender the remaining two games. The result of 5-3 and hoops 50-40 appeared to be the final result of the match, and **Ikskile Team has won the heat and received a place in the Grand Final in October in Madrid.**

Henri Hagelberg from Tolkis was the only player of the event who won all his 6 singles games. Tolkis team captain Lars Boman received a prize from the hosts for the best visiting club.



After the Finns left, the match between El Tiro and Zurich B continued for another 2 hours. Although El Tiro was 5-3 up, the ladies of Zurich B produced a last minute comeback to equalize the score to 5-5. With all numbers of wins being equal, the winner of the match was decided by a narrow margin of net hoops 60-57 in favour of El Tiro.

Time for another round of refreshments and enjoyment.



### Final results of the Ikskile Heat

	Zuerich B	Ikskile	El Tiro	Tolkis	Matches (points)	games	place
Zuerich B		0 (0-10)	1 (5-5)	0 (0-10)	1	5-25	4
Ikskile	2 (10-0)		2 (10-0)	2 (5-3)	6	25-3	1
El Tiro	1 (5-5)	0 (0-10)		0 (0-10)	1	5-25	3
Tolkis	2 (10-0)	0 (3-5)	2 (10-0)		4	23-5	2