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Ryden Cup Winning Team

On 28 September 2004 the second annual NRDC-IT Ryder Cup Golf tournament was played on the Golf course Le Robinie, just in front of Ugo Mara Barracks. The NRDC-IT Ryder cup Golf tournament is a copy of the professional Ryder Cup event played between world's best golf players from Europe against US. Like its namesake, the NRDC-IT Ryder Cup Golf tournament is played by 6 selected US Golf players against 6 selected European Golf players from the HQ Staff.



The Ryder Cup is played during one day with a team (2 US versus 2 European) round of golf in the morning and an individual (1 US versus 1 European) match in the afternoon. Thus there are 9 points available: 3 in the team matches in the morning and 6 in

the individual matches in the afternoon. The team with the most points wins the Ryder Cup. Last year Europe won the first NRDC-IT Ryder Cup Golf tournament convincingly, so this year the US team was eager to restore their pride. US players were seen on the course already weeks before, training and getting familiar with the beautiful Golf course Le Robinie. On 28 September, a beautiful day, we started at 08:00 with a briefing by this year's organiser Sgt Fouth (US) and at 08:45 the first team teed off. Already in the morning competition it was clear that Europe would have a challenge to retain the Cup. Indeed one of the morning team matches was so close that it was decided on the the 18<sup>th</sup> and last hole of the course. After the morning round US took the lead 2 to 1. After a delicious spaghetti lunch and with new energy we started the afternoon with the individual matches. The team captain of the European team, LTC Jos OUWERLING, tried to inspire the European team with some last tips and tricks and it was amazing to see how well again both teams played this afternoon. A lot of pars and even 2 birdies were played during the afternoon matches. At the end of the afternoon it was all clear; in spite of all European tips and tricks, the US had won 4 of the 6 individual matches. This afternoon result made a final score for the Ryder Cup 2004: US 6 points and Europe 3 points, a deserved and resounding victory for our North American colleagues. Congratulations. Hopefully we will have next year the third version of the NRDC-IT Ryder Cup Golf tournament.



# Tournament

**Ugo Mara Barracks International Golf Tournament (UMBIGT)** is an annual individual golf competition. After already 4 very successful and pleasant NRDC-IT Golf Tournaments, on **14<sup>th</sup> December 2004**, the **5<sup>th</sup> UMBIGT** was played locally at the Golf Club "Le Robinie" with players from the NRDC-IT HQs Staff representing five countries. It was an unseasonably warm, sunny day that assisted in producing a heated competition. Using a handicap scoring system, a novice player, Maj IT Corrado CARLINI won the tournament. Although he deserves our congratulations for his outstanding performance, the most important result of the "Golf 's

entertainment", was the fine spirit of the players during the tournament. It was hard-fought contest in keeping with golf's highest traditions. All participants hope that additional NRDC-IT golf players will participate in future golfing events in the coming year.

## FINAL RESULTS OF NRDC-IT 5<sup>th</sup> UMBIGT 2004:

Ser.	Rank / Name
1 <sup>st</sup> place	MAJ Corrado CARLINI (IT)
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	WO2 Carl MAGIN (UK)
3 <sup>rd</sup> place	COL Hans Peter GRUNEBACH (GE)



*UMBIGT Winner*

