

The First Finna Golf Invitational



Former Tee Set Vice President, Simon Reynolds, is now General Manager of Finna Golf and Country Club, halfway between Surabaya and Malang in East Java. A number of Tee Setters have enjoyed rounds at Finna, with its fresh air, beautiful trees and sounds of the forest. Simon has ensured the greens are fast and true and that the rough is cut to a level where players don't spend all day looking for balls. It's a great clubhouse with excellent service and top rate accommodation.



We played the first Finna Invitational as an experiment, with the idea of sharing it with others in Tee Set and elsewhere in future, at a date that suited the calendar given other events. The format was a two round eclectic event, with the lowest net eclectic being declared the winner. After the first day, scores were level – both on net 70, Simon playing off 5 and me off 15.

Plenty of beers, pool and good food with some Finna regulars on Saturday night created an extra challenge for Sunday's round but the good form continued, as the battle went hole for hole. My birdie on the par 3 ninth for a net 1 provided a huge boost to my score by 3 and Simon's birdie on the last hole provided a strong finish.

Alas, it was not quite enough. The former President trumped (no pun intended) the former Vice by 62 to 64 to claim the improvised trophy (table ornament).

While not as spectacular as Merapi, the course is probably in better condition, especially the greens and I would recommend a group trip – through Surabaya or Malang – if the GM can get us some good rates, as he promised.