



GEORGE HERIOTS FP GOLF CLUB

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The club's 2023 golf season has drawn to a close with all the knockout competitions, except the Summer Foursomes, completed. The Winter Foursomes draw is on the Club website.

The agm will be held on Monday 15th January 2024. We will look at returning to a face to face meeting and will notify details in December.

OUTINGS

Autumn Triennial Tour to Northumberland

The triennial tour took place at the end of September with three rounds played over Goswick, Alnmouth and Dunstanburgh Castle Golf Clubs.

Good news for the attendees was that Dave Campbell was, unfortunately, unable to go on tour so that left the door open for others over the weekend!

Innes Christie, playing some excellent golf, took full advantage. On another very blustery day at Goswick, Innes Christie won with a fine score of 36 stableford points winning by two points from Ron "The Legend" Bradley.

Innes followed this up on Saturday at Dunstanburgh Castle with a 74 to win the Tawse Medal for the best scratch score. Gregor MacDonald, fortified by beans with his Full English breakfast, got back in the golfing groove with an excellent 41 points to win the Centenary Trophy.

A well-attended Charity Walk from Bamburgh Castle to Dunstanburgh Castle took place on the Saturday along both sides of the course and provided amusement and annoyance in equal measure on a day that will be fondly remembered by all. Who knew that Roman soldiers could be so much fun!

Sunday took us to Alnmouth where, on a glorious day, Grahame Clarke won the Smithy Salver with 36 stableford points, one ahead of Innes Christie.

Innes, with his scores at Goswick and Dunstanburgh won the Tantallon 1995 Cup for the best two aggregate scores.

The House competition, played over the three days, was won by Castle 2 with 279 stableford points, one point ahead of Castle 1. The other scores were Lauriston 268, Greyfriars 267 and Raeburn 232. The winning team was Innes Christie, not so ably supported by, Graham Hunt and Graham Tait.

Innes also won the Rosenbloom Cup and the Sivewright Trophy for the Aggregate Spring & Autumn handicap and scratch score at Lundin Links and Dunstanburgh Castle.

A thoroughly good weekend, made even better by the Ryder Cup result. Our thanks go to Grahame Clarke for organising the tour.

MATCHES

Our final two matches of the season against the Present Pupils and Caermount were both postponed will now be played early next year.

External Tournaments

We successfully defended the Edinburgh Trophy at Prestonfield. The winning team was Brian Rooney, Iain Crichton, Peter Hill, Peter Williamson, Fraser Smith and Grahame Clarke. Brian, out last, got up and down from a greenside bunker to seal victory by one shot over Watsonians.

The under 35's competition was not played this year.

We were defeated in the quarter-finals of the Queen Elizabeth Trophy by Crieff and in the semi-finals of the Grafton Morrish Trophy by eventual winners, Birkenhead.

Annual Dinner

The dinner and prize giving were held at Goldenacre on Friday 28th October with 90 attendees. An excellent evening was had by all.

The main speaker this year was Iain McSparran KC, with John Archibald doing the toast the guests and Harry Crombie (SMFPGC) doing the reply.

Club Merchandise

The club has a range of merchandise with the club logo (round neck, V-neck and Zip neck sweaters, polo shirts, slipovers, ProVI golf balls, ties and bow ties) available for purchase at cost price.

If you would like to purchase any of the above merchandise, you can do so on the Club Web Site by logging on to your account in the “Member’s Zone” and clicking on “View merchandise” and selecting the items that you wish to purchase.