

# Bruntsfield Links Golfing Society versus Edinburgh Sports Club, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024



On the balcony



Gavin, Gordon, Chris and Kirsty



Ross, Lovat, Jack and Mattie



Ken, Peter, Tony and Jordan



Neil, Casey, Adrian and Stewart



Scott, Alastair, Ken and Simon

## Result: Bruntsfield 4 - ESC 2

BLGS		ESC
Ken Paterson-Brown and Alastair Allanach	3&2	<b>Scott Thomson and Simon Boughton</b>
Lovat Brownlee and Jack Duthie	3&1	<b>Mattie Mackenzie and Ross McHoul</b>
<b>Gordon McIntyre and Gavin Morton</b>	4&3	Chris Leiper and Kirsty Lobban
<b>Neil Blake and Casey Stewart</b>	2&1	Adrian Richmond and Stewart Brown
<b>Ken Drew and Peter Davie</b>	2&1	Tony Hadden and Jordan Amaral
<b>Charlie Robertson and Backer Mackenzie</b>	4&3	Alan Murray and Dave Borthwick

## Match Reports

### Ken and Alastair versus Scott and Simon

Two down after two is seldom a good byword for underdogs. They however managed to sneak away with just a 3&2 loss, thus salvaging some respect. Alastair's trusty ancient short stick kept them in the match in the first half, with his longer stick ensuring every drive ended up on the short stuff. That habit was sabotaged however by Simon's welcome production of four splendid G&T tins on the 10<sup>th</sup> tee, following which Alastair sent his next drive into the boondocks. Ken kept them in game by netting a birdie on the 16<sup>th</sup> green - after Scott discarded all but his driver and a couple of wedges, turning Brunters into a pitch and putt course.

### Gordon and Gavin versus Chris and Kirsty

Surprisingly, unlike the normal BLGS Thursday group games there was no handicap haggling or sledging on the first tee..... Gavin and I, were pleased to see that we were all playing off the red / blue tees, as Kirsty out drove the chaps on many of the holes. Clearly, Chris had the potential to out drive us all, but his keenness to take the scenic route to the greens was his Achilles heel. The score of 4&3 in favour of BLGS didn't represent the true game, it was much closer in reality. Thanks to Ken PB for coordinating and presenting the prizes. As always, an interesting affair, which usually benefits Ken PB; in the Stableford event one golf ball was awarded to each of the winners, with three balls to each of the players in 3rd place ... guess who was in the 3rd place team? A very enjoyable day".

### Lovat and Jack versus Mattie and Ross

Of course, the Lovat, Jack, Ross and Mattie combo mutually agreed on the first tee that the 'yellow ball' event carried significantly more importance than the team match. Lovat and Jack adjusted their game plan accordingly!! As an aside, we did lose to Ross and Mattie. A different interpretation of our game could be that we were hammered. Ross and Mattie dovetailed well throughout. With DeChambeau 'esque' driving on display by both Ross and Mattie, the unrelenting pressure we were under began to tell. There was a glimmer of hope on a couple of holes on the back 9,

## Prize Winners

Nearest the pin at the 10th Charlie Robertson  
 Longest drive at the 4th Chris Leiper  
 Losing team Captain Ross McHoul  
**Winners (LAAGD) Trophy BLGS**

when both our opponents' balls left Midlothian air space, but of course, we blew it with poor chips and/or 3 putts. Anyway, who's brilliant idea was it to play off the Blue tees?! Well done, Ross and Mattie.

### Neil and Casey versus Adrian and Stewart

Neil and Casey were clearly dwarfed by the heights of Stewart and Adrian, both of whom looked like they were in their sporting prime (something that was only a distant memory for the BLGS two). The ESC pair claimed not to have played recently, so there was no surprise when Adrian's drive went about 200m further than either Neil or Casey's, although not in the intended direction. Team morale dipped at the second, when the yellow ball was lost off the tee, but between the four, a highly creditable 34 Stableford strokes were achieved. BLGS won on the 17th to help keep the trophy in its rightful home.

### Ken and Peter versus Tony and Jordan

After a quick start with Tony sinking a 40 foot putt on the first for a net eagle we went on to win the first 2 holes. We were surprised to be all square at the turn where Tony and Jordan were fighting to stay in the match with Ken having played some beautiful golf well below his handicap. By the 16<sup>th</sup> hole we found ourselves 2 down and having to play out of our skin to try and halve the match. On the 17<sup>th</sup> Jordan was 60 yards out and hit a brilliant shot striking the pin which finished in another net eagle. We thought we would take things to the final hole. However, in line with the rest of the match, Peter stepped up as Ken was uncharacteristically wayward. Peter hit a shot and put it 2 feet from the pin which he also net eagled..... and the match finished there. A thoroughly enjoyable way to spend a morning and the Bruntsfield team were deserved winners with a combined net round at least five or six under par. (Tony and Jordan – now you know what it is to be geriatrically nutmegged)

### Charlie and Backer versus Alan and Dave

There was high confusion about who was playing with who in the Murray & Borthwick vs McKenzie & Robertson match. This confusion lasted until the middle of the 4th fairway, but even then, it was more like the 6th tee before everyone knew for sure. By that time, we had to reflect on who played the yellow ball and what that meant for the team's overall score. With more strokes than the entire cast of Cocoon, McKenzie was knocking in pars for net birdies all over the place, meaning that Murray & Robertson were 3 down after 6. Robertson was getting through the Benson & Hedges, talking about Cheddar Gorge a lot, and holing some magnificent putts. McKenzie was so focused, he couldn't hear anything, which was just as well, as Borthwick's chat was pretty lame at times. At least it was until he showed us the photo of the ex-Scotland number one squash player we all know and love, after his recent accident caused by inspecting a pavement very closely. Anyway, we hope to see Raymond back in the team at the next event, so we can take the piss personally. Murray was level par for holes 5 through 12, but this wasn't enough and the handshakes came not long afterwards. Congratulations to Borthwick and Robertson. McKenzie wangled a fine yellow-ball par at the last enabling us to claim the team prize. A great match, played in fine spirit.