

Bruntsfield Links Golfing Society versus Edinburgh Sports Club, 8th July 2026



Dave, Aan, Ian and Sean



Colin, Charles, Harry and Kai



Dave, Lovat, Tom and Ken



Cameron, Simon, Dave and Jordan



Paul, Peter, Tim and Hamish



Nick, Alastair, Willie and Gavin

Match Reports

Dave and Alan versus Sean and Iain

Sean Gadsby wrote - To say we got off to a poor start would be an understatement. (Orange ball lucky to be in play after the first) Iain and I, and particularly myself, struggled early doors and found ourselves chasing the match almost immediately. Credit to Iain though he kept us in it while I searched for a golf swing. Holing some key long putts for halves on the front nine! From there it became a proper contest, with holes being traded back and forth until we stood 2 down with 4 to play. The 17th was absolute chaos. Everyone found trouble from the tee, but somehow ESC players produced brilliant recovery shots from the trees to leave straightforward up-and-downs. The golfing gods, however, had other ideas we both just failed. So, it all came down to the 18th. I found one of my best drives of the day, but with a devilishly tucked pin I couldn't convert the birdie chance we needed to match Dave and Allan, who held their nerve to close the match out

Charles and Kai versus Colin and Harry

The amusement in this match was Hole 1 as the first shot by Harry - the orange ball - went left into the thick undergrowth never to be seen again. Kai calmed the home team's nerves by rolling in a monster putt to record the first birdie of the day. Scrambling play from Colin secured a half at the second hole. Short putts were missed at the 3rd so home team went 2 up. By now Harry's wonky radar fully readjusted itself and Colin settled down to play just incredibly steady golf... Kai birdied 16 but no need to mention that or the fact that between the players all the par 3s had been birdied. So, to the last - the home team needed a win to halve the match. Kai ended up scrambling an amazing par with a difficult third being hit close. A horribly difficult birdie putt for 'sartorially inelegant' went nowhere near. Colin, the world's steadiest golfer had 2 putts from 10 feet to win the match. The first came up short by 2 feet - which was immediately conceded. What a match though, great company, some fantastic scrambling golf and just some really excellent golf with roughly half the holes being birdied.

Lovat and Ken versus Dave and Tom

Another Titanic battle fought over the Bruntsfield battle field which ebbed and flowed throughout the day. Ken PB and Lovat Brownlee

Result: Bruntsfield 5 - ESC 1

BLGS

Dave Rennie and Alan Murray	1 Up
Charles Robertson and Kai Murray	1 up
Loyal Brownlee and Ken Paterson Brown	1 Up
Cameron Rennie and Simon Boughton	2&1
Tim Bunker and Paul Dolman	2&1
Nick Kemp and Alastair Allanach	5&4

ESC

Sean Gadsby and Iain Clark
Colin Grant and Harry Barron
Dave Borthwick and Tom Clark
Dave Myers and Jordan Amaral
Hamish Reid and Peter Macari
Gavin Morton and Willie Porter

Prize Winners

Best dressed golfer	Alan Murray
Nearest the pin at the 10th	Alastair Allanach
Longest drive at the 4 th	Iain Clark
Worst Shot	Sean Gadsby
Best Shot	Harry Barron
Most balls in the pond	Not awarded
Individual Stableford	Tim Bunker
Winners (LAAGD) Trophy	BLGS

came head-to-head with a determined Dave Borthwick and the power house of Tom Clark - never more than one hole between the teams and each player playing their part. Too many notable shots to mention but Tom's drives on several holes went further than I normally go on my holidays. Despite Dave having few (and ancient) clubs, he handled them extremely well. Standing on the 17th tee the match was level and local knowledge then prevailed when both Dave and Tom had tree trouble down the right and the Members avoided the same, KPB and Lovat going up the 18th now one up and knowing that a par would probably be enough, and despite some heroic efforts from ESC the match was won by BLGS with the final putts. A close match played in the sporting and friendly manner we have become accustomed to over the years.

Cameron and Simon versus Dave and Jordan

After Simon's opening tee shot sailed straight out of bounds with the orange ball, I thought we were in for a comfortable morning. However, some early play from young Cameron soon had BLGS firmly in control of the match. With Dave and I becoming rather too well acquainted with the trees on holes 2, 3 and 4, we found ourselves a couple down early on. We battled back well though, and got into good positions on 7, 8 and 9 to reach the turn just one down. Unfortunately, we missed opportunities on 10 and 11 which proved costly, and we never really recovered. At some point around the 10th or 11th tee, a certain alcoholic refreshment made an appearance. It helped settle the nerves, although it did little for the quality of the ESC golf. Whenever we looked set to take control, Simon produced another heroic shot to halve or win a hole. In the end we lost 2&1, but it was a thoroughly enjoyable match and great company throughout.

Tim and Paul versus Hamish and Peter

Some memorable moments from the day include the ever-changing curse of the orange ball. Through its first rotation appeared to be a curse, it then went on to score 13 points in 4 holes. Another amazing moment was Hamish's miraculous up and down from the bunker, plugged and on the edge, there appeared to be no shot however a super chip to about 12ft and an almost better put secured the half of the hole. par 3 Tim warned us on the par three tenth tee that this hole separates the men from the boys, and ironically all 4 players hit brilliant tee shots onto the green. We lost the tie 2 down with 1 to play.

Gavin and Willie versus Nick and Alastair

It was just as well that team BLGS was not relying on the final match to secure another victory. Alastair and Nick shot out of the starting blocks on a mission and were 3up after 3 holes. The round proved to be a real education for the BLGS team of Willie and Gavin. Not only in terms of watching Alastair and Nick hit shot after shot down the middle of the fairway, but also learning more of the Club's history from Alastair. who, for example, knew that the well on the 9th has been preserved as it marks the line of a main gas pipe running under the fairway! The match was over by the time we reached the part of the course which had been a market garden in the 1960s (now the 14th and 15th holes); the ESC team having won 5&4.