

RNUC – Golf Society

Banchory Outing – August 15, 2023.



The RNUC golfers played their latest outing at Banchory Golf Course on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Due to a couple of last-minute call-offs, the group was reduced to eight players.

The group met for the customary bacon rolls and coffee beforehand and concluded that the weather would be ideal for good scoring and that the course looked in good condition.

Alex McKay and Bruce Mackie were the lead pairing. Alex, who had missed the last few events, was keen to get going but found the first few holes challenging. Alex overcame that disappointing start and played much better for the rest of the round. On the other hand, Bruce seems to have mastered the tight fairways and small greens. He played pretty steady and knew he was in contention for the competition as he played ultra-safe on the 18th hole by playing down the 17th fairway to avoid the out-of-bounds on the right. A canny move from an educated golfer saw Bruce posted 35 points, which would be a hard target for the rest of the field to beat.

The next flight was a power flight of John, Craig, Rob Buchan, and Alex Cameron. They all play at the Deeside Golf Club, just down the river, so they are familiar with the parkland environment. Sadly, Rob had one of these days to forget. He had bunker trouble, driving trouble, putting issues and water issues. This was a lethal combination that generated little reward in Stableford numbers, but Rob did have some good holes, which will see him back challenging at the next RNUC event. Alex Cameron had one of these nearly days that saw him finish in the middle of the pack. Alex is one of our steady golfers who is usually in or around the prizes. John Craig certainly would have won the prize for the best-dressed golfer with a pair of dapper shorts ideal for the sunny conditions in Banchory. John played well and recorded 32 points with a much-improved back nine.



**Top:- Our best-dressed golfer, John Craig, powering a drive.
Bottom left:- Graham Templeton seems happy with his shot.
Bottom right:- Banchory 16th hole.**

The final group consisted of Graham Templeton, Hatten Atta and Gregor Dalrymple. Graham started the round with an easy par on the first hole. He must have thought that Banchory was going to be his day. Sadly, this was not to be, and his challenge melted away in the Deeside heat early on the back nine, and he failed to amass points despite hitting the ball well off the tee. Hatten, on the other hand, started slowly, and they had a storming back nine. He hit the shot of the tournament on the difficult short 12th hole by threading his ball between a narrow gap to access a difficult pin located just over a treacherous burn to six feet. Sadly, he missed the putt, but it could have been an expensive hole for Hatten as the ball rifled toward the pin. Hatten ended the round with 32 points to edge John for third spot. The first hole summarized Gregor's round. Drive down the middle, next shot out of bounds, his fourth shot on the green and in for five. He was too inconsistent, and his challenge ended on the par five 10th hole, where he found his drive deep in rough and a hack out into more trouble, resulting in a lost ball. Anyway, some good holes helped his score, and remarkably, he ended with 33 points to hold second place.



**Right:- 12th Green, where John is holing out, watched by Rob and Alex C.
Left:- Hatten is taken aim with medical precision.**

Final Results

Winner:- Bruce Mackie – 35 points
Runner up:- Gregor Dalrymple – 33 points
Third Place:- Hattem Atta – 32 pints (better inward half)



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Our next event is an Outing to Edzell on Tuesday, September 5, 2023. Edzell is reported to be in excellent condition, and since this is our last outing and golfing event of the 2023 season, we are opening it up for guests. If you have yet to subscribe, there is still time.

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