

RNUC – Golf Society

Match – Western Club – August 8, 2023

Match Report



RNUC golfers were on the road again, to Scotsraig in Tayport in Fife to take on the Western Club from Glasgow. This was a home match for Western, who kindly chose Scotsraig as a halfway location. RNUC were keen to retain the trophy as it had been on display in the RNUC trophy cabinet since 2015. Alex McKay had to withdraw due to Jury duty commitments, so Gregor Dalrymple was the captain for the day.

The day began with the customary bacon roll and coffee, and everyone was looking forward to playing Scotsraig, an Open qualifier championship course in superb condition. The rough was healthy due to the recent wet weather, but the greens were excellent but slow. The format for the match was a Four Ball Better Ball.

Gregor Dalrymple and Hatem Atta were first out for the RNUC. This match was very close on the front nine, with the lead exchanging hands several times. After an unexpected half on the 8th hole and an unlikely win on the 9th, the RNUC were one up at the turn. After RNUC won the first three holes of the back nine, the Atta and Dalrymple pairing brought the first point for the team.

The next match saw Ian Booth and Alex Cameron take on a tricky Western pairing. The game was an intense affair that no team could break away. The match came down on the 18th and finished in an honourable draw. So the RNUC just needed a half-match to retain the trophy.

The third pairing saw John Craig and Bruce Mackie in action. Craig made his mark early in the round to set this RNUC pairing off to a good start then Mackie came into the match with some excellent pay. The highlights were a birdie on the par three 6th hole and the difficult par four 7th. RNUC comfortably won this match and thus won the trophy.

The final match saw Graham Templeton pairing up with Richard Sutton. They played some great golf but were beaten on the 17th hole by the Western anchor pairing.

Final score..... Western Club 1-1/2, RNUC 2-1/2.



Picture:- Peter Wylie presents the shield to Gregor Dalrymple.

Following the last game, the teams enjoyed an excellent 2-course meal and good Glasgow banter. For the next Western home match, we discussed that this would be played in a Glasgow course, possibly at the two Glasgow Golf Club courses, Killermont and Gail's Links involving an overnight stay.

The RNUC golfers now head to Banchory for an outing on Tuesday, August 15, first tee time of 11.28.

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