

# Perth and Kinross County Golf Union

## Senior Team Captains Report for 2018



The senior strokeplay was held at Blairgowrie golf club this year and on home soil Tom McLevy won the scratch trophy with a fine 73 in testing conditions, joint runners up were Scott Michie and Stuart McKendrick. Handicap winner was Martin Foster with a nett 74. Thanks go to Blairgowrie for hosting this year's strokeplay event.

The senior matchplay was held later in the year at Dunkeld golf club. The semi-finals were Scott Michie v Charlie Gallagher and Tom McLevy v Bryan Hackney.

In the first semi it was an extremely close match with Scott emerging the winner after the 1st extra hole. In the second semi Tom was always in control and ran out a comfortable 5 and 4 winner.

In a very competitive final Scott's chipping and putting was the decisive factor and he eventually got the better of Tom winning 3 and 2. Congratulations to Scott winning the championship in his first year as a senior!!

In the handicap section the semi-finals were Gary Stronach v Eric Lindsay and Iain Ross v Steve Sullivan. Eric was a comfortable 4&3 winner and Iain edged his semi at the last hole. In the final Iain was always ahead with Eric pegging him back on several occasions before Iain eventually won on the 17<sup>th</sup> green. Many thanks to Dunkeld for hosting the event at short notice.

The 2018 Senior Area Team Championships were held at Stranraer golf club and after the disappointment of last year losing out on a countback P&K were determined to go one better this year!

The following players were selected to represent P & K;

1. Scott Michie
2. Tom McLevy
3. Mark Williamson
4. Dave Logie
5. Norman Dyce
6. Stuart Mckendrick

The team had a practice round the day before the event and the course proved very challenging in windy conditions. With a par of 70 and a standard scratch of 74 this was a tough test of golf and so it proved on the day.

The home County The South got off to a fantastic start when their first two players returned scores of 71 and 72 respectively but this is a team game and with 5 out of the 6 scores counting it was the consistent scoring by Perth and Kinross which proved to be the deciding factor. With 4 of the team scoring 75 and better Perth and Kinross went on to win the event by 4 shots from The South.

The individual scores on the day were;

Scott Michie 80, Tom McLevy 72, Mark Williamson 82 (non-counting), Dave Logie 74, Norman Dyce 75 and

Stuart McKendrick 73

This is the first time Perth and Kinross has won this event and all the players were thrilled to bring home the trophy albeit celebrations were temporarily put on hold as they had to travel straight back to Perth to attend the Barrie Douglas Dinner. (The win was celebrated later that night with some team members letting their hair down more than others!!)

Looking ahead to next year the County are going to form a Seniors Order of Merit for the 2019 season. The criteria for creating this has proved problematic in previous years due to the fact that clubs have varying age restrictions from over 50 and over 55.

In order that any senior player can enter this new competition the executive have decided that any clubs which have an age requirement of 50 and over will form the inaugural Seniors Order of merit. At present this will include the following clubs; Dunkeld, King James, Strathmore, Muthill, Dunning and Craigie Hill. It is hoped that other clubs will join the Order of Merit by reducing their age criteria from 55 to 50 after which they will be added to the rota.

This concludes my senior report for the 2018 season and I look forward to another successful season for P&K in 2019.

Stuart McKendrick - Senior Team Captain