



GLASGOW GOLF UNION

End of Season Championship report 2021

The 2021 season was dominated by the weather. Every golfing season in Scotland has this characteristic but this year it was particularly so. We enjoyed a long warm and fairly dry summer but it was marked by some tremendous thunderstorms which were amazing in their intensity. These monsoon like rain downpours resulted in the abandonment of two of our competitions which fortunately we were able to re-schedule to later dates.

The Glasgow Golf Union is responsible for staging a sizeable number of competitions during the season. These competitions cater for both elite and handicap golfers. Most of these are 'closed' competitions for players from our member clubs but The Glasgow Open is a prestigious event for elite golfers from any recognised golf club. These competitions are listed below in chronological order of their playing this year -

- ♦ Seniors Strokeplay Championship
- ♦ Summer Meeting Competition
- ♦ Scratch Strokeplay Championship
- ♦ Scratch Matchplay Championship
- ♦ Junior Strokeplay Championship
- ♦ Champion of Champions
- ♦ Seniors Stableford Championship
- ♦ Club Handicap Trophy
- ♦ The Glasgow Open Amateur Championship

The GGU Order of Merit event runs across the season and consists of points accumulated across a range of 'closed' and 'open' competitions held mostly within the area. The results confirmed after the last qualifying competition of the year. This year it was the Glasgow Open.

SENIOR STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP



The GGU Championship season opened with our traditional showpiece event, the Seniors Strokeplay at Gales Links in early May. This year, as in many past occasions, the weather was idyllic.

This allowed for some good scoring across the range of golfing abilities and age groups. Gales was in fabulous condition with the greens fast and true and was enjoyed by a field of over 130 golfers.

THE PRIZE WINNERS



Stephen Machin of Cowglen took the Scratch prize with a gross 73.

Robert Ewing of Sandyhills won the Handicap prize with a net 68.

There were also prizes for John Leitch, Ian Johnston, Gordon Fuller, James Campbell, Tom Ferguson and Maurice Paterson.

SUMMER MEETING



The Summer Meeting, is a Handicap competition and was held in early July at The Bishopbriggs Golf Club. It was rained off after a monsoon swept over the course at its first playing. The host club generously agreed a quick replay of the event and this time the weather gods were kind to everyone involved.

The Overall winner of the event was Robert Brown of the host club and there were winners in each of the 3 handicap categories.

STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP



The Strokeplay Championship was held at Sandyhills Golf Club in mid-July. The Club presented their challenging course in first class condition and this combined with clement weather allowed some decent scoring.

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THE PRIZE WINNERS



First - Gordon Sangster Cathkin Braes 135 (-5)

Second - Craig Moran Bishopbriggs 137 (-3)

Third - Thomas Martin Sandyhills 141 (+1)

Gordon wins his 1st GGU Strokeplay title.

MATCHPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP



The Matchplay Championship which was held at Ralston Golf Club also in July saw a week of glorious weather and it was matched by the cut and thrust of matchplay golf. There were some great close games with a couple of matches going up the 19th hole in near darkness. The semi finals featured two players from Ralston and two players from Sandyhills and produced a final with one of each. After a week of drama Fraser Grant of the home club emerged as the winner beating a gallant Thomas Martin of Sandyhills in the final.

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THE PRIZE WINNERS



SF1 - Barry Wilson Sandyhills v Fraser Grant Ralston

SF2 - Blair Dalglish Ralston v Thomas Martin

Final - Fraser Grant v Thomas Martin Sandyhills

Winner - Fraser Grant

Fraser wins his 1st GGU Matchplay title

JUNIOR STROKEPLAY CHAMPIONSHIP



The Junior Strokeplay Championship was held at picturesque Douglaston, a stern test of golf demanding strong accurate shot making.

The golf course was presented beautifully and saw the Scratch title being won by Charlie Greaves of Glasgow Golf Club.

There were 2 aged based handicap prizes. The older group Champion was Andrew Corrigan of Haggs Castle and the younger Oliver Greaves of Glasgow Golf Club.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS



The Champion of Champions competition was played throughout the latter part of the summer, with the individual club champions facing each other in a head to head matchplay scenario.

After some tremendous struggles all over the County, the eventual finalists were Lindsay Miller of Cawder Golf Club and Paul Gault of Haggs Castle Golf Club. The competition final was held at Gailes Links.

The course was in great condition and both players commented on the quality of the greens. Unusually for Gailes, it was a calm afternoon, and the players made the most of the conditions.

This was a great match, with a live score update being given from the course every 3 holes. After 15 holes the match was all square, but Paul went 1 up at the 16th after Lindsay's drive found one of the strategically placed bunkers on the course. Paul then closed out the match on the 17th hole with a great birdie 3, despite Lindsay's par 4 after again finding the bunkers. A great match played in great spirit and style by two great players.



Paul Gault Haggs Castle
Champion of Champions 2021

Paul wins his first C of C title

SENIORS STABLEFORD CHAMPIONSHIP



Seniors Stableford Championship in early September saw a good field of higher handicap golfers enjoy a fine day out at the lovely golf course of Cathcart Castle Golf Club.

Again the weather was dry and sunny, and the course and greens in great condition.

THE PRIZE WINNERS

Champion 2021 - Graham Muir Griers Golf Club 42 pts

Age Categories:

55-60 Years - 1st Graham Robertson Cathcart Castle Golf Club 41 pts

61-68 Years - 1st Hamish McFarlane Glasgow Golf Club 38 pts

69 and above - 1st Robert Spinelli The Bishopbriggs Golf Club 42 pts

Stableford scoring system

THE HANDICAP TROPHY



The Handicap Trophy is a 3 man Stableford team event held this year at Cowglen Golf Club. The weather was good and many compliments were made regarding the condition of the course and the speed of the greens.

THE PRIZE WINNERS

1st - Ralston Golf Club

Total = 76 points

Jack McIlvaney - 29 pts

Peter Fee - 30 pts

Mark McLeod - 46 pts

2nd - Cathkin Braes Golf Club

Total = 74 points.

Stevie McLaren - 39 pts

Robert Mitchell - 32 pts

Jamie Mullen - 35 pts



The Prize-winners with the GGU Exec

THE GLASGOW OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP



The Glasgow Open is a long established event for elite golfers. It was originally scheduled for the first week in August at Pollok Golf Club but unfortunately the event was washed away by intense torrential rain which flooded the course.

Pollok kindly agreed to the replaying of our premier event in the last week in September, during which a quality field contested the trophy. On this occasion, the weather was much improved from the earlier date.

A great 36 hole event, the course was as ever, in immaculate condition with fine, fast, true greens.

THE PRIZE WINNERS



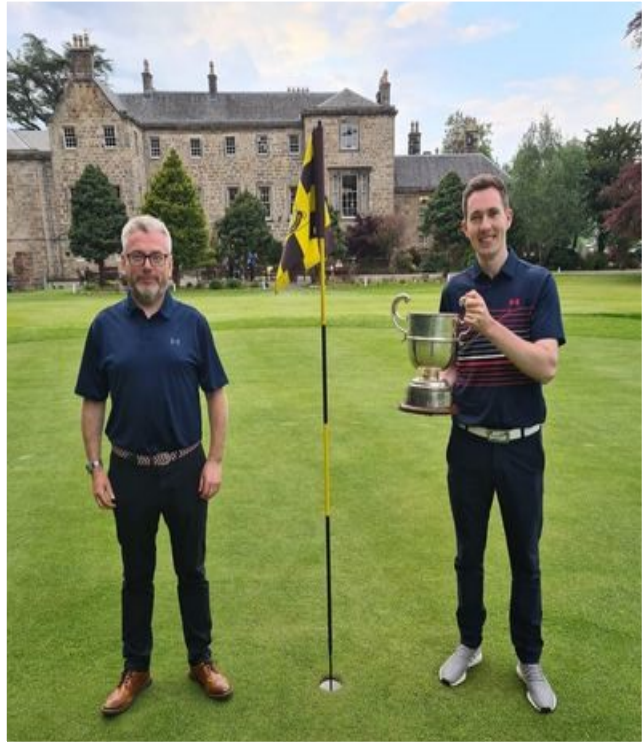
Glasgow Open Champion - Lindsay Miller

1st - Lindsay Miller Cawder Golf Club 137

2nd - Craig Chalmers Western Gailes 140

3rd - Stephen Machin Cowglen Golf Club 140

ORDER OF MERIT



Order of Merit in a normal year this is a 10 event competition but due to Covid-19 the season opener (The Edward Trophy) was cancelled.

The other counting events were -

- ♦ The McKinnon Wood at Cawder Golf Club
- ♦ The Ralston Rose-bowl at Ralston Golf Club
- ♦ The Tennant Cup at Glasgow Golf Club
- ♦ The Cameron Corbett at Haggs Castle Golf Club
- ♦ The GGU Strokeplay at Sandyhills Golf Club
- ♦ The GGU Matchplay at Ralston Golf Club
- ♦ The Scottish Amateur at Murcar & Porthlethen
- ♦ The Parlane McFarlane at Cathcart Castle Golf Club
- ♦ The Glasgow Open Championship at Pollok Golf Club

Fraser Grant of Ralston Golf Club was an emphatic winner with 695 points, well ahead of Scott Wearing of Bishopbriggs Golf Club who achieved 390 points and followed by Thomas Martin of Sandyhills Golf Club with 360 points.

SUMMARY

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Looking at the season as a whole the Championship sub-committee of the Glasgow Golf Union, and indeed the Union, is very grateful to all of the Member clubs for the courtesy of their courses to host these events.

It would not be possible to stage these competitions without the support of the many players who took part, and to them we also offer our thanks.

Next year in 2022, we will continue with another full programme, and look forward to a successful year.

You can view all the results, news reports, and photo albums from our championship competitions this year, by visiting our website.

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Championship Sub-Committee, October 2021

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