

The Glasgow Golf Union

Boys Strokeplay/Matchplay

July 24th, 26th and 28th 2023

at Bishopbriggs G.C

Due to the encouragement, organisation and hard work from Mark Reilly our convener, we were able to have a field of 22 boys competing for the two trophies, the number is the best we have had for a few years and hopefully this will continue to grow.

The weather again was kind to us for the week and Bishopbriggs G.C was in beautiful condition. The winner of the 18-hole strokeplay was Sam Somerville from Glasgow G.C with a scratch score of 73, which was good enough to win the trophy, so onto the match play, with the best eight scratch scores 79 and better competing for a trophy which was donated by the late past captain of Bishopbriggs G.C and secretary of the Glasgow Golf Union, Mr Bert Maxwell.

The head-to-head games were very competitive with good putting deciding the winners, Sam Somerville having won the strokeplay trophy was looking to add the match play to his collection, and continued his good form from earlier in the week to reach the final, where he would play Tobey Mathers from Pollok G.C, this his first time playing in the tournament, and was improving as the week went on, having to play the 19th hole in the semi final match against Reece Coyle of Ralston G.C before sealing his place in the final.

Sam having played the first 8 holes in 2-under par, found himself 4up, but Tobey with an under-par score over the next 4 holes got back into the game and was now only 2 down, Sam however on the closing holes, played steady and birdied the 16th hole to secure a 4-3 win, and joined only a few names, on holding both trophies in the same year.