

Gents Section Report 🏌️

Orkney Golf Club held its Club Championship over four rounds this past week. The club would like to thank Andrew Sinclair Ltd for their continued sponsorship of this event, which is very much appreciated.

Weather wise it was a mixed bag. Starting on Monday with lovely weather throughout the day, while Wednesday's second round started in reasonable if breezy conditions but ended in torrential rain and a westerly gale. Friday proved none better, with more heavy rain and westerly winds. The final round on Saturday had heavy showers throughout the day and a strong south westerly. All in all, it was a pretty horrible week of weather for one of the clubs most prestigious competitions.

But that's enough of Orkneys summer weather!!

The Golf itself started well enough with defending champion, Steven Rendall, posting a first round gross 67 to set the standard early on. Sam Rendall hit an equally impressive 68 gross to move into second spot while perhaps the pre-competition favourite, Michael Schinkel, on 69 had him sitting handily in third spot. Wayne Monkman and Scott Walls posted 70's and another five players were within five shots off the leader.

In the nett competition Willie Marwick led the way with an excellent 64, just ahead of Sam Rendall on 65 and a further 12 players on 69 or less.

Day two and Michael Schinkel posted another level par round of 69 which, given the conditions, was an exceptionally good score. This allowed him to move three shots clear of Steven Rendall, who's 74 was matched by Barry Reeve and Lee Findlay. Lee and Sam both finished on 146 totals which was 8 shy of second round leader Michael, on 138. Willie Marwick had another excellent round of 66 nett which, although it won him the best nett on the day, didn't improve on his first round 64. Steve Lycett's 67 nett was second on the day.

Onto round three and any hopes of better weather were quickly ruled out as the first group out, including leader Michael Schinkel, faced up to stronger Westerly winds with more torrential rain. This lasted more or less all day and resulted in several NRs throughout both Wednesday and Friday.

Michael shot an impressive two over gross 71 which, given the conditions, was an excellent round. Close behind were Steven Rendall and Lee Findlay with 73's and veteran Stewart Fotheringhame, fourth on 76.

In the nett section there was no improvement on any previous scores, with the best nett scores being 72's going to show how tough the conditions were.

So onto the final round on Saturday. In the stiff south westerly wind, which was accompanied by some heavy showers, scoring was again going to prove pretty tough but thankfully by the time the leaders went out conditions had slightly eased.

Michael had a five shot advantage over Steven, with Lee a further five behind. A steady front nine from Michael had him further ahead, allowing him the luxury of a couple of bogeys on the back nine. Michael closed out his first ever victory in the club championship with rounds of 69, 69, 71, and 71 for a four round total of 280 to win the D G Spence cup.

Steven's final round of 68 adding to his first round 67, saw him close the gap to two shots clinching the Spence cup for the lowest nett over two rounds including Saturdays. Steven, on a total of 135, was just ahead of Sam Rendall on 136 and John Thompson on 137 who's 66 nett was the lowest of the day. This was followed by Martin Fleet on 67.

Lee Findlay shot a gross 68 to claim second gross overall with a total of 287 and Wayne Monkman claimed third spot on 301.

The course itself held up incredibly well given the amount of rain over the week and that's testament to the work of Chris, Laura and the rest of the team.

Club Vice Captain, Derek Robb, thanked the sponsors Andrew Sinclair Ltd for their continued support, along with the bar staff throughout the week and fellow committee members for helping make it a successful competition despite the atrocious weather.

This coming week sees another two internal cups played for, with the Flotilla Cup over two rounds on Wednesday 3rd and Saturday 6th July. This is followed by the Centenary Cup on Sunday 7th and the July medal the on Wednesday the 10th July.

Entry to all the above is through the Handicap master site.

Here's hoping we get some better weather for all the above.

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Club Championship winners



Back row lr: Sam Rendall, Martin Fleet, Lee Findlay, Steve Lycett, Kay Mowat, John Thompson, Willie Marwick.

Front row lr: Derek Robb, Steven Rendall, Michael Schinkel, Shona Croy, Laura Sayer-Hall, Sandra Shearer