



Leith Rules Golf Society 1744

Challenge Match v Musselburgh Old Golf Club at Leith Links - 6 July 2022

A Leith Rules team of eight players assembled on Leith Links on the evening of 6 July to play the return match against Musselburgh Old Golf Club. The match was played in foursomes format with hickory clubs over ten holes- twice round the five-hole layout. A strong south westerly wind was blowing making conditions difficult but had the benefit of fewer walkers on the links. Charles Urquhart, Pat Denzler and David Kay all carrying large red flags acted as marshals ensuring the safety of walkers and the smooth running of the matches.

The four games all teed off at 6.30pm with a shotgun start which meant all matches finished at the same time.

The match resulted in a 3-1 win for Musselburgh. The winning pair for LRGS were Alastair Chalmers playing with new member Liam Maguire. The LRGS team also included two other new members Kevin Wilson and Hugh Ferguson. All the new members are a very welcome addition to the LRGS team. Also playing for LRGS were John Dixon, Ian Hislop, Jim Scanlon and Robin Miller. Robin was paired with Kevin Wilson. Both are originally from Dumfries, but sadly on this occasion the Doonhamers did not prevail.



After the golf the players and marshals enjoyed pie and beans at Seafield Bowling Club who again had kindly agreed to LRGS using their clubhouse during the golf week.



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LRGS Secretary Robin Miller presented Musselburgh team captain Billy Finnigan with the Knowles Challenge Trophy. Robin commented that it had been a very busy period for Musselburgh Old Golf Club with the Musselburgh Challenge and a 350th celebratory Texas scramble having been played in the past few days. LRGS had been invited to play in both events which was greatly appreciated.



In reply Billy said that the Musselburgh team always enjoyed the encounters with Leith Rules and this match was no exception. Having lost the initial match in May, the win meant his reputation as team captain had been restored and he very much looked forward to continuing future encounters. A sentiment that was echoed by all.