



Leith Rules Golf Society 1744



The Society was honoured to be asked to participate in this historic event, celebrating 350 years of continuous golf at Musselburgh Old. The format was a 4 player team, handicap Texas scramble.

A total of 19 teams took part. As well as many local clubs, teams included the R&A, Royal Troon, Royal Portrush, St George's, the Stephen Gallagher Foundation and Team Jane Connachan, perhaps the finest golfer East Lothian has ever produced.

Our representatives were Brian Graham, Alison MacDonald, John Dixon and Alastair Chalmers, playing off a combined handicap of 5.5.





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The weather was dry, but blowing what we call a “hooley”.

Our gross score was 36, made up of 7 pars and 2 bogey 4s; one of the latter was at the 240 yard 8th played into the teeth of the gale! We only holed one longish putt, missing out very narrowly with a few others, so, as usual, it was a case of “if only”!

The winning team was from Musselburgh Old itself, an astonishing gross score of 29 off a 4.4 handicap! Runners up were Musselburgh Old Ladies (that refers to the course name of course and not to the actual players!) with a net 28.2. As the latter team played immediately behind us, we felt that they drew inspiration from watching what was unfolding ahead of them!

The scores were secondary to the event itself, it was an honour to be asked to be part of such an historic occasion, so a massive “thank you” to Musselburgh for allowing us to participate.

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