



Leith Rules Golf Society 1744

Return Match v Bruntsfield Short Hole Golf Club at Bruntsfield – 21 July 2022

Covid restrictions in force over the previous two years had meant this fixture at Bruntsfield Links had not been played since 2019. So it was a welcome visit to the links on the evening of Thursday 21 July for the return match against Bruntsfield Short Hole Golf Club. The format was 4 teams a side of two players playing four best ball match play. Tee off was 6.30pm and to help with the speed of play matches 1 and 2 played off the first tee and matches 3 and 4 teed off at the fifth.



The match was played on a balmy evening but the dry summer and lack of rain meant the players were faced with a hard and fast course presenting challenging and tricky conditions. After play, tales were recounted of bad bounces (surprisingly the favourable bounces are never mentioned) and narrowly missed putts but such is the nature of golf.

The Bruntsfield team mastered the playing conditions and the match ended in a 3-1 win for BSHGC. The winning pair for Leith Rules were Jim Scanlon and Ian Hislop playing as first couple. Following the LRGS win in 2019, the handicap allowance of the LRGS visitors had been reduced to six shots over the 27 holes. Two of the losing matches went to the 26th and 27th holes indicating the match was quite close overall.



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This year's match saw another hole in one. Playing in the second couple against John Dixon and Alastair Chalmers, BSHGC player David Halkerston holed his tee shot at the very tricky second hole.



After the match, hospitality was provided by BSHGC in the Golf Tavern where LRGS Secretary Robin Miller presented BSHGC Team Captain David Barron with the Knowles Challenge Club.

LRGS were represented by:

Jim Scanlon and Ian Hislop
Alastair Chalmers and John Dixon
Brian Graham and Alison Macdonald
Robin Miller and Llew Jenkins

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