

## The 21st Musselburgh Hickory Challenge, Saturday 2 July 2022

The Society was very honoured to receive an invitation from the Captain of Musselburgh Old Course Golf Club to participate in the 2022 Musselburgh Challenge. The challenge is played with hickory clubs. Invitations had been sent to all clubs with historical connections to Musselburgh Links.

This year thirteen different teams participated including teams from the R & A St Andrews, Prestwick Golf Club and the the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers. The format of the challenge is teams of four players from each club playing a foursomes medal round in pairs with the combined score of both pairs being the team score. No handicaps are involved and the lowest team score determines the winners.





The Leith Rules first pair were Clark Munro and Llew Jenkins (above left) and the second pair were Jim Scanlon and Ian Thompson (above right). The first pairing of Clark and Llew played with Port Seaton Golf Club 2 whilst Jim and Ian were paired with The Honourable Company first pairing, which included the present Club Captain Michael Beamish.



The Leith Rules team posted respectable combined score of 88 in what were tricky conditions - higher scores were posted - but the runaway winners of this year's challenge were Prestwick Golf Club with a 70 (37 and 33). Bearing in mind this was a hickory competition, the winners' score was outstandingly good.

The post-round hospitality provided by Musselburgh Old Course Golf Club was appreciated by all the Leith Rules team who greatly enjoyed the day.

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