



2026 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH REPORT

Women's Nett Championship

A game of three thirds with a fast start from Viv, who took advantage of a nervous start from Karen, coupled with her own excellent golf to be 5 up after 5. Once the crowd began to thin, Karen relaxed and good golf followed with the deficit reduced to 1 by the 12th hole. Holes changed hands and following a lovely birdie from Viv at the 16th, she once again went 1up. However, Karen won the 17th with a safe par followed by another par at the last from the greenside bunker, saw her win 1up. A really good game to watch and credit goes to both players.

Men's Nett Championship

Both players started out with intent, setting the tone early. A par at 2 and a raking putt for a birdie 4 at 4 were required by Stephen to stay all square with Alastair's steady play. Stephen, giving 6 shots, then maintained his form, taking 4 holes on the bounce, to stand at an impressive 1 over gross after 9 holes. Using his shots well, Alistair's fight back trimmed this to one on the 14th tee. Another momentum shift left Stephen dormie 3 after the 15th, setting up a nervous finish. Despite a ball in the gorse on 16 and fantastic tee shot on 17 by Alistair, Stephen held his nerve on 18 for a half and the win. Overall, a competitive match played in good spirits and well supported.

Senior's Championship

The 2026 Seniors Final brought together two former champions: Dave Clark and the defending titleholder, David Weir.

Under clear, sunny skies, Dave Clark made an excellent start. The early highlight was a 5-iron that finished six feet from a very difficult pin at the challenging 3rd hole, setting up a birdie. His strong play continued, and he moved into a commanding 4-up lead after six holes.

At the 7th, Dave produced another fine shot, a beautifully flighted fairway wood to the heart of the green, finishing around 15 feet from the pin. David's tee shot finished just short of the putting surface, but he responded brilliantly by chipping in for a two. When Dave's birdie attempt slid by, it felt like the momentum might be shifting.

David then began producing high-quality golf of his own. He navigated the demanding stretch of 11, 12, and 13 in one under par, pulling the match back to all square. Despite the mounting pressure, Dave continued to deliver steady pars and capitalised on a couple of errors from David to restore a 2-up advantage with two to play.

At the 17th, both players missed the green. David played first—and once again holed his chip. Remarkably, the pair were a combined three under par for the par-3s.

With the match finely balanced, both faced testing approach shots into the 18th. David's second shot carried the bushes and finished pin-high, just off the right side of the green. Dave then struck another excellent iron, flying it directly at the flag and stopping some ten feet from the hole. When David—almost uncharacteristically—was unable to hole his greenside chip, the match was decided.

Dave Clark emerged victorious in a highly competitive and sporting final. Congratulations to Dave on his win, and to both players for producing excellent golf throughout the week.

Junior Championship

Leo went 2 up early on and Archie fought back to level things into 2nd nine. They did not half many holes and by the 16th Leo was back to 2 up. After halving the 17th Archie secured the 18th to reduce the lead of Leo to 1 hole after mid-way point. Players and caddies provided 18 holes in the true spirit of the game and a pleasure to referee.

Women's Scratch Championship

A blazing sun welcomed our lady participants as they steeled themselves for thirty-six holes of head-to-head combat, an exhilarating clash of experience against comparative youth, a battle of styles that was keenly anticipated. Against a quite beautiful backdrop of the trophies on offer and a sea of flowers, our contestants set off, blazing their drives asunder against the deep blue sky.

Both ladies probed for an opening early on, hitting an array of exquisite shots, with Hilary using all her guile and experience to snatch an early lead. Katie hit back though, and some thunderous shots round the turn helped her build an impressive lead. Hilary still kept fighting, as she always does, and a great birdie at 14 got her foot back in the door. Katie then holed a good putt for a half at 15 to halt the comeback, perhaps temporarily, but then claimed the 16th and 18th to finish a commanding six holes ahead. Both ladies played exceptionally throughout, and, as always, a few putts here and there could have made a difference. Still all to play for in the afternoon...

The Second round of the ladies Final between Katie Mackenzie and Hilary Laughland began with Katie 6 ahead. Hilary pulled one back at the 3rd only to lose the 4th but hit back again at the 6th. Hilary's putter went cold on the 7th and 8th with both holes going to Katie who made the turn at 7 up. Hilary took the 11th after a wayward drive by Katie. Katie 6 up down the 12th where a birdie sealed the match 7/6

Men's Scratch Championship

The Gents Final between Martin Fitheridge and Alex Main began with both players trading holes before settling down. Several holes were halved but Martin took the 9th to go 1 up. Alex hit back immediately and then several holes were halved. Martin took the 15th before Alex birdied the 16th having hit his tee shot onto the second fairway. All square after 18...

The denouement of the Championship 2026 was tighter than an Aberdonian's wallet, and as the clock struck 14.30, the two combatants, defending champion Martin Fitheridge and Alex

Main, stared each other down over the trophy table as they readied to do battle once more.

Finely poised, those two fine gentlemen knew that nothing but their best would do if they were to clasp the coveted trophy, with its fine list of former winners, in their grasp.

Rapier thrust followed rapier thrust as each player, in turn, fired in shot after shot, many rendering the growing crowd agog, with much oohing and aahing following some of the more exquisitely fashioned approaches. The defending champion was first to forge ahead, and had a slender one-hole lead after the 24th hole. That had been the first of a succession of birdies, indeed, he was inches away from holing his tee shot at the 25th, and quickly followed that with further birdies at the 27th and 29th, though battling hard, Alex followed him in at the 29th before winning the 30th with a conceded eagle.

Alex then fashioned a lovely par at the 31st as the fight back was on, and, when Alex rolled a lovely birdie putt in at the 32nd, the crowd sensed a sensational comeback could be unfolding. There are reasons why Martin is club champion, choosing the right caddy is one of them, but the main one is his ability to fire putts into the hole. He too birdied the 32nd, and gave himself perhaps some leeway by maintaining his two hole lead.

The fifteenth was halved in four before the final act of this year's championship came at the 34th hole, when Martin holed a 30 footer up the hill for a birdie to seal the deal with a repeat championship, as our American friends may say.

A fitting way to end a great game, between two fine players and ambassadors for the club, both players were fantastic and the match was played in the best of spirits and excellently refereed, with no VAR controversies to speak of.