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Society of One-Armed Golfers

2024 Championship report, author Frank Morrison

Total Number of players: 18

- Scotland 4
- England 9
- Ireland 2
- USA 3

Additionally, there were a number of family and friends supporting our playing members, very much adding to the camaraderie and enjoyment both on and off the course.

On Sunday 14th July the society had a match against the members of Stirling GC, a very competitive set of matches that finished with a very fair draw of 2.5 pts V 2.5 pts. Following the match with the club members we had the Opening Ceremony with Mike Benaim taking on the role of Society President for the next 12 months and Simon Jackson as his Vice President.

Mike welcomed the playing members, their family and friends and made a special welcome to Alan Gentry, Mark Manion and Alexander Gibbs having travelled from the US to attend our championship. He also thanked our Scottish Regional team, Frank and Jim for all their efforts in planning and organising this year's championship, and gave special thanks to Colin Griffin for his excellent support including liaison with Stirling Golf Club.

Day 1 Qualification: 15th July

All 18 players competed in excellent conditions and with some strong scoring coming from Rob Paul and Steven Hutchinson. The overall results from Day 1 was as follows :





Results Sheet

2024 World Championship Day 1

Monday 15th July



Position	Name	Gross	H'Cap	Nett
1	Rob Paul	86	7	79
2	Steve Hutchison	87	11	76
3	Frank Morrison	89	14	75
4	Nick Champness	89	10	79
5	Alexander Gibbs	89	7	82
6	Simon Jackson	90	14	76
7	Stuart Griffin	92	17	75
8	Keith Dewhurst	92	17	75
9	Martin O'Mahoney	96	22	74
10	Mark Manion	97	14	83
11	Darren Masters	98	19	79
12	Rob Jenkins	98	19	79
13	David Bailey	102	26	76
14	Jim Darragh	102	19	83
15	Alan Gentry	106	9	97
16	Hugh Ross	116	28	88
17	Ken Nicholls	120	28	92
18	Mike Benaim	129	34	95

Day 2 Qualification: 16th July

All 18 players competed in a second day of qualification in tougher and wet conditions. Again, we had some strong scoring coming from Steven Hutchinson, Rob Paul and Simon Jackson. The overall results from Day 2 was as follows:



Results Sheet
2024 World Championship Day 2
Tuesday 16th July



Position	Name	Gross	H'Cap	Nett
1	Steve Hutchinson	84	11	73
2	Rob Paul	88	7	81
3	Simon Jackson	88	14	74
4	Frank Morrison	89	14	75
5	Mark Manion	91	13	78
6	Alexander Gibbs	92	7	85
7	Martin O'Mahony	92	22	70
8	Jim Darragh	95	19	76
9	Nick Champness	95	10	85
10	Keith Dewhurst	96	17	79
11	Stuart Griffin	97	17	80
12	Darren Masters	99	19	80
13	Rob Jenkins	101	19	82
14	Alan Gentry	101	9	92
15	David Bailey	102	26	76
16	Hugh Ross	114	27	87
17	Ken Nicholls	118	28	90
18	Mike Benaim	129	34	95

The overall scratch results for the Day 1 and Day 2 qualification are as follows:





2024 SOAG Championship
Scratch Matchplay Qualification Results Sheet
Tuesday 16th July



Position	Name	Gross Day 1	Gross Day 2	Total Gross
1	Steve Hutchinson	87	84	171
2	Rob Paul	86	88	174
3	Simon Jackson	90	88	178
4	Frank Morrison	89	89	178
5	Alexander Gibbs	89	92	181
6	Nick Champness	89	95	184
7	Martin O'Mahony	96	92	188
8	Mark Manion	97	91	188
9	Keith Dewhurst	92	96	188
10	Stuart Griffin	92	97	189
11	Darren Masters	98	99	197
12	Jim Darragh	102	95	197
13	Rob Jenkins	98	101	199
14	David Bailey	102	102	204
15	Alan Gentry	106	101	207
16	Hugh Ross	116	114	230
17	Ken Nicholls	120	118	238
18	Mike Benaim	129	129	258

The top eight players qualified for the Scratch Knock Out match play with the following players seeded in the knock out draw :

- Seed 1 = Steven Hutchinson
- Seed 2 = Rob Paul
- Seed 3 = Simon Jackson
- Seed 4 = Frank Morrison

The remaining 10 players nett scores were then ranked to see what 8 players would qualify for the Handicap Knock out match play. The results of the remaining 10 players nett scores of Day 1 and Day 2 is as follows:



2024 SOAG Championship
Handicap Matchplay Qualification Results Sheet
Tuesday 16th July



Position	Name	Gross Day 1	Gross Day 2	Total Gross	H'Cap	2 Rounds Nett
1	David Bailey	102	102	204	26	152
2	Keith Dewhurst	92	96	188	17	154
3	Stuart Griffin	92	97	189	17	155
4	Jim Darragh	102	95	197	19	159
5	Darren Masters	98	99	197	19	159
6	Rob Jenkins	98	101	199	19	161
7	Hugh Ross	116	114	230	27	176
8	Ken Nicholls	120	118	238	28	182
9	Alan Gentry	106	101	207	9	189
10	Mike Benaim	129	129	258	34	190

The top eight players qualified for the Handicapp Knock Out match play with the following players seeded in the knock out draw :

- Seed 1 = David Bailey
- Seed 2 = Keith Dewhurst
- Seed 3 = Stuart Griffin
- Seed 4 = Jim Darragh

The draw for both the Scratch and Handicap knock out match plays took place on Wednesday 17th July and created the following draws :

Scratch Knock Out Match Play draw :

	Quarter Final (18th July)	Semi Final (18th July)	Final (19th July)
Game 1	Steven Hutchinson V Alexander Gibbs	Steven Hutchinson V	Steven Hutchinson
Game 2	Nick Champness V Frank Morrison	Frank Morrison	V
Game 3	Simon Jackson V Martin O'Mahony	Martin O'Mahony V	Rob Paul
Game 4	Mark Manion V Rob Paul	Rob Paul	

Handicap Knock Out Match Play draw :



	Quarter Final (18th July)	Semi Final (18th July)	Final (19th July)
Game 1	David Bailey V Hugh Ross	David Bailey V	Jim Darragh
Game 2	Ken Nicholls V Jim Darragh	Jim Darragh	V
Game 3	Stuart Griffin V Darren Masters	Stuart Griffin V	Stuart Griffin
Game 4	Rob Jenkins V Keith Dewhurst	Keith Dewhurst	

On the 18th July both the Gross and Handicap knock out match plays commenced and came to a closure on Friday 19th July with the finals of both the Handicap and Scratch match plays. The results for each knock out match play in both the scratch and handicap was as follows :

Scratch Match Play results :



	Quarter Final (18th July)	Semi Final (18th July)	Final (19th July)
Game 1	Steven Hutchinson (5 & 3) V Alexander Gibbs	Steven Hutchinson (5 & 4) V	Steven Hutchinson
Game 2	Nick Champness V Frank Morrison (3 & 2)	Frank Morrison	V
Game 3	Simon Jackson V Martin O'Mahony (1 up - 19th hole)	Martin O'Mahony V	Rob Paul (2 Up)
Game 4	Mark Manion V Rob Paul (5 & 4)	Rob Paul (5 & 4)	

Handicap Match Play results :

	Quarter Final (18th July)	Semi Final (18th July)	Final (19th July)
Game 1	David Bailey (7 & 6) V Hugh Ross	David Bailey V	Jim Darragh
Game 2	Ken Nicholls V Jim Darragh (7 & 6)	Jim Darragh (6 & 5)	
Game 3	Stuart Griffin (3 & 2) V Darren Masters	Stuart Griffin (3 & 2) V	V
Game 4	Rob Jenkins V Keith Dewhurst (1 up - 19th hole)	Keith Dewhurst	Stuart Griffin (5 & 4)

Additional competitions were played on Wednesday 17th July and the 19th July. The results of these competitions :

Wednesday 17th July, Bob Hughes Stableford :



Bob Hughes Results



Wednesday 17th July 2024

Position	Name	Points
1	Mike Benaim	35
2	Keith Dewhurst	34
3	David Bailey	33
4	Steve Hutchinson	32
5	Ron Jenkins	32
6	Martin O'Mahony	32
7	Jim Darragh	29
8	Stuart Griffin	29
9	Alan Gentry	28
10	Rob Paul	27
11	Darren Masters	25
12	Nick Champness	20
13	Ken Nicholls	18
14	Hugh Ross	18

Friday 19th July, Presidents Prize Stableford :



Presidents Prize



Friday 19th July 2024

Position	Name	Points
1	Darren Masters	36
2	Simon Jackson	33
3	Martin O'Mahony	33
4	Keith Dewhurst	31
5	David Bailey	30
6	David Bailey	30
7	Alan Gentry	29
8	Alexander Gibbs	29
9	Mark Manion	25
10	Ken Nicholls	24
11	Nick Champness	24
12	Hugh Ross	17
13	Rob Jenkins	NR

Friday 19th July, Cattnach Cup Stableford :





Cattenach Cup



Thursday 18th July 2024

Position	Name	Points
1	Mike Benaim	43
2	Darren Masters	36
3	Simon Jackson	33
4	Martin O'Mahony	33
5	Keith Dewhurst	31
6	David Bailey	30
7	David Bailey	30
8	Alan Gentry	29
9	Alexander Gibbs	29
10	Mark Manion	25
11	Ken Nicholls	24
12	Nick Champness	24
13	Hugh Ross	17
14	Rob Jenkins	NR

The overall set of results for the week including the additional competitions for Longest drive, chipping, putting and Nearest Pin are as follows:



SOAG Championship PRIZE WINNERS 2024

	Competition	Winner	Trophy
1	Match Play Scratch Champion	Rob Paul (2 Up)	Rowan Cup
2	Match Play Scratch Runner-up	Steve Hutchinson	RD Alexander Memorial
3	Stroke Play Champion	Steve Hutchinson (171)	Thornton Cup
4	Stroke Play Runner-up	Rob Paul (174)	
5	Handicap Match Play Champion	Stuart Griffin (5 & 4)	Dave Mooney Cup
6	Handicap Match Play Runner up	Jim Darragh	
7	Best Nett 2 qualifying rounds	Martin O'Mahony (nett 144)	Sir Ian Hamilton Trophy
8	Best English Nett 2nd qualifying rnd	Steve Hutchinson	Kemsley Cup
9	Best Scottish Nett 2nd qualifying rnd	Frank Morrison	Will Cup
10	Snr Over 60 Nett 2nd qualifying rnd	Martin O'Mahony	Sir David Home Trophy
11	Wednesday Stableford	Mike Benaim (35 points)	Bob Hughes Cup
12	Stapleford for Non Qualifiers	Mike Benaim (43 points)	Cattenach Cup
13	Longest Drive	Darren Masters	Bill Thompson Cup
14	Putting Competition	Darren Masters	David Hughes Cup
15	Chipping Competition	Rob Paul	Ness Cup
16	Presidents Prize	Darren Masters (36 points)	Dave Mooney Trophy
17	Nearest Pin	Nick Champness	

The Championship dinner was held on Friday 19th July at Stirling Golf Club. President Mike thanked Stirling Golf Club for hosting our Championship making reference to the excellent golf course in superb condition and the excellent service we had enjoyed all week from the golf club staff. He congratulated all the winners including 2024 Champion Golfer Robert Paul, thanked all the Society members, family and friends who had attended our 2024 Championship, resulting in another successful week of competitive golf and enjoyable camaraderie both on and off the course.

