



Duff House Royal Golf Club

*91st Gents Five Day Open Tournament
Monday, 3rd August to Friday, 7th August 2026*



LIST OF PREVIOUS WINNERS

1927	W.R. Mitchell, Monifieth	1988	I.Angus, Duff House Royal
1928	J.K. Meechan, Scotsraig	1989	D.A.S Corstorphine, Crail
1929	G.W. Smith, Duff House Royal	1990	I.Angus, Duff House Royal
1930	J. Jamieson, Sandyhills	1991	G.N. Hemsley, Royal Montrose
1931	J. Scott Riddell, Duff House Royal	1992	G.D. Malcolm, Duff House Royal
1932	J. Glennie, Peterhead	1993	N.Urquhart, Glenrothes
1933	J. Brodlie, Forfar	1994	R. Wallace, Canmore
1934	J. Scott Riddell, Aberdeen University	1995	I.Angus, Duff House Royal
1935	J. Brodlie, Forfar	1996	J.A. Kennedy, Carnoustie
1936	J.C. More, Glasgow University	1997	G.D. Malcolm, Duff House Royal
1937	J. Brodlie, Duff House Royal	1998	D. Oates, Glenbervie
1938	T.G. Smith, Peterhead	1999	W. Thomas, Greenburn
1939	J. Presslie, Fraserburgh	2000	R.W. Malcolm, Dunfermline
1940]	No tournament played	2001	N. Urquhart, Glenrothes
1948]	during these years	2002	I.Angus, Duff House Royal
1949	J. Paterson, Spey Bay	2003	J. McWilliams, West Linton
1950	A..Cordiner, Murcar	2004	G. Corrigan, Greenburn
1951	J.F. Morgan, Spey Bay	2005	I.Angus, Duff House Royal
1952	H.A. Perry, Murcar	2006	D. Oates, Stirling
1953	W.R. Hope, Luffenham Heath	2007	R. Forgan, Nairn
1954	J.W. Booth, Murcar	2008	R. McConnachie, Moray
1955	G.P. Wilson, Duff House Royal	2009	R. McAuslin, Duff House Royal
1956	W.R. Mearns, Duff House Royal	2010	C. Malcolm, Dunfermline
1957	I.A.R. Thomson, Dumbarton	2011	I.Angus, Duff House Royal
1958	I.G.K. Phillips, Murcar	2012	D. Morrison, Duff House Royal
1959	R.A.N. Stephen, Deeside	2013	R. McAuslin, Duff House Royal
1960	C.J. McLeod, Moray	2014	J. Sleigh, Duff House Royal
1961	R. Jamieson, Cawder	2015	D. Morrison, Duff House Royal
1962	C.J. McLeod, Moray	2016	C. Bruce, Duff House Royal
1963	A.G. Young, Duff House Royal	2017	J. MacKay, Duff House Royal
1964	W.R. Mearns, Leamington Spa	2018	C. Bruce, Duff House Royal
1965	I.A.D. McPherson, Royal Tarlair	2019	C. Bruce, Duff House Royal
1966	G. Banks, Turriff	2020	Not played (Covid)
1967	C.J. McLeod, Moray	2021	R. McAuslin, Duff House Royal
1968	H.D.S. Adam, Hazlehead	2022	E. Gray, Duff House Royal
1969	H.D.S. Adam, Hazlehead	2023	S. Riddoch, Duff House Royal
1970	J. Cooper, Peterhead	2024	J. McLardy, Duff House Royal
1971	J. Thomson, Kirkhill	2025	G. Still, Duff House Royal
1972	G. Banks, Caledonian		
1973	C. Ross, Forfar		
1974	W. Livingston, Peterhead		
1975	S.L. Wood, Duff House Royal		
1976	W. Livingston, Peterhead		
1977	G. Banks, Turriff		
1978	H. Livingston, Cuden Bay		
1979	S.L. Wood, Duff House Royal		
1980	G. Banks, Turriff		
1981	R.W. Zammitt, Glenrothes		
1982	D. Jamieson, Nigg Bay		
1983	G.J. Webster, Oldmeldrum		
1984	G.J. Webster, Caledonian		
1985	D. Maxwell, Turriff		
1986	W.D. Sim, Caledonian		
1987	G.B. Ritchie, Glenrothes		

Welcome to Duff House Royal Golf Club and the Gents 5 Day Tournament



As Captain of **Duff House Royal Golf Club**, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all here to the 91st year of our Five Day Gents Open Tournament.

Over the last year and a half, we have been investing heavily in the course. This has seen several significant improvements across agronomy, machinery and course improvements.

You will remember the introduction of our robot mowers last year, which continue to allow the “Greens Team” to focus on all other parts of the course. A significant amount of their time has been spent working on the Greens Programme alongside our Agronomist David Cheape from Greentech to help improve quality, speed and trueness of the greens which will be one of the defining features and biggest takeaways. The “Greens Team” do a remarkable job when you consider the size is equivalent to 36 holes compared to a standard 18 holes.

It was brought to our attention by the members at our A.G.M. that first impressions were highly important. With this in mind, we have made significant changes to the first tee area and landscaped areas around the Club with the addition of crushed slate and flowers. I hope you agree that this is befitting of the Club's ambitions. On the course the tree felling programme continues which you will notice is mostly near the 8th green area which has been opened up giving better views and allowing the greens condition to improve with more light and air circulation. The re-design of the 18th hole was also undertaken for Insurance purposes. The Club have started with filling in the bunker and planting trees along the out of bounds fenceline. In the off season we plan to add bunkers to the right side of the fairway to help with focusing people away from the road. You'll now have more space on the left with a reworked fairway and removed bunker but watch out for the staked trees and rough on the right.

In the Clubhouse we continue to make improvements to meet increased demand. adding to the ambience and overall offering to members and visitors. We are confident that you will have a very enjoyable time off the course as well as on. The in-house team are ready to pull all those pints!

It is customary to support a charity during the Gents 5 Day and this year the chosen charity is again Prostate Cancer U.K. We kindly ask you all to support the charity by wearing blue on Tuesday. We are grateful to our sponsors - Associated Seafoods, Belhaven, Macduff Distillery and Premier, Whitehills.

Enjoy your week at Duff House Royal - it is a pleasure for us to welcome you to our course.

Barry Bertram
Captain

GOLF PROGRAMME

We will endeavour to keep to times advised but all are subject to change

Monday

6.58 a.m. **Qualifying - Round 1**

Tuesday

Blue Day in aid of Prostate Cancer charity

6.58 a.m. **Qualifying - Round 2**
12.00 noon Putting Platter entry opens – sheet on foyer noticeboard
Approx. 10.00 p.m. Draw for Matchplay in Clubhouse – 96 qualifiers
(32 each – Scratch, Low & High Handicap)
10.30 p.m. Consolation Stableford tee times posted (draw done by tournament committee)

Course closed after last competitors tee off

Wednesday

6.58 a.m. First round **high handicap matchplay**
9.06 a.m. First round **low handicap matchplay**
10.00 a.m. Entry for Thursday's 3 Ball Texas Scramble opens – choose own tee time.
Sheet on foyer noticeboard.
10.30 a.m. **Putting Platter** – first 32 entries received before 10.00 a.m. will go into the draw
11.14 a.m. First round **scratch matchplay**
1.30 p.m. Consolation **Stableford** commences

Thursday

6.58 a.m. Second round **low handicap matchplay**
8.02 a.m. Second round **high handicap matchplay**
9.06 a.m. Second round **scratch matchplay**
10.00 a.m. Entry for Friday's Foursomes open – choose own tee time.
Sheet on foyer noticeboard
10.18 a.m. **3 Ball Texas Scramble** commences
12.58 p.m. Third round **low handicap matchplay**
1.30 p.m. Third round **high handicap matchplay**
2.02 p.m. Third round **scratch matchplay**
2.50 p.m. **3 Ball Texas Scramble** continues

Course closed after last competitors tee off

Friday

8.02 a.m. Semi-final **high handicap matchplay**
8.18 a.m. Semi-final **low handicap matchplay**
8.34 a.m. Semi-final **scratch matchplay**
8.58 a.m. Foursomes commences
1.00 p.m. Final **high handicap matchplay**
1.15 p.m. Final **low handicap matchplay**
1.30 p.m. Final **scratch matchplay**

Approx. 5.30 p.m. **Prize giving presentation**

TOURNAMENT FORMAT & RULES

The decision of the Tournament Committee in all matters relating to the tournament is final.

- Maximum handicap for the tournament is 20 (playing and course).
- Age Limit – 16 years and over.
- Competitors should report to the desk at least 20 minutes before their tee-off time each time they are playing
- **A sweep for Twos** will be held for the 2 qualifying rounds – entry optional, cost £2 to be paid when checking in
- **Score Cards** to be handed in to the Tournament Office.

All competitors will play two qualifying rounds, one on Monday and one on Tuesday, the tee times will be the same on both days. In the event of loss of qualifying days due to bad weather, qualifying may be extended to Wednesday with the number of qualifiers in each section reduced as required. A decision will be made by the Tournament Committee.

- **The 2 qualifying rounds will be based on Playing Handicap** (handicap allowance 95%, as per Scottish Golf).
- The sections will be - 5 to 11 and 12 to 20.
- The leading 32 aggregate scores in each section (scratch, low & high handicap) will proceed to match play. Whatever section you play in for qualifying, you remain in for matchplay.
- In all match play ties, **full difference of Course Handicap** will apply (course handicap not to exceed section maximum).
- **Matchplay Finals** – In the event of a tie after 18 holes, proceed to extra holes until there is a winner. Handicap: holes 1,2,3,4, etc. Scratch: 1 & 18 will be played until there is a winner.

The match play draws will take place in the Clubhouse **at approximately 10.00 pm on Tuesday evening.**

Any player who knows he will be unable to compete in the Matchplay must put his name on the notice board in the foyer no later than 6.00 pm on Tuesday.

All non-qualifiers from the qualifying rounds will automatically be entered into the consolation Stableford on Wednesday unless they write on the notice on the foyer notice board that they do not wish to play. The draw will be posted after the match play draw.

All non-qualifiers together with those defeated in the first round of match play may enter the consolation competition on Thursday (3 Ball Texas Scramble). **Note:** Those beaten in Thursday morning match play are **not** eligible to play in the consolation in the afternoon.

Entry sheets will be posted on Wednesday morning from 10.00 am. Choose own tee time.

A two-ball foursomes will be played on Friday between 9.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon. The entry sheet will be posted at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday. Choose own tee time.

During the match play stages all match play ties will take priority. The Committee will make every effort to keep to schedule but cannot accept responsibility for delays in consolation competitions.

Handicap revision will take place as follows:

Handicaps will be revised automatically each day. Any changes will apply for subsequent rounds. Aggregate of qualifying rounds will be based on Round 1 Handicap.

Please note all ditches are out of bounds.

GENTS FIVE DAY 2026 - PRIZE LIST

<u>Qualifying Round</u>	<u>Scratch</u>	<u>Low Handicap (0-11)</u>	<u>High Handicap (12-20)</u>
Leading Qualifier (Plus Trophies)	£100	£100	£100
1st Rd Lowest Score (If not Leading Qualifiers)	£50	£50	£50
2nd Rd Lowest Score (If not Leading Qualifiers)	£50	£50	£50

<u>Matchplay</u>	<u>Scratch</u>	<u>Low Section</u>	<u>High Section</u>
2 nd Round	£60	£60	£60
Quarter Finalist	£90	£90	£90
Semi Finalist	£140	£140	£140
Runner Up	£200	£200	£200
Winner	£300	£300	£300

<u>Consolation Wednesday Stableford</u>	<u>Low Handicap 0-11</u>	<u>High Handicap 12-20</u>
First	£60	£60
Second	£50	£50
Third	£40	£40
Fourth	£30	£30

<u>Consolation Thursday 3 Ball Texas Scramble</u>	
First	£50 each
Second	£40 each
Third	£30 each

<u>Consolation Friday 2 Ball Foursomes</u>	
First (each)	£50 each
Second (each)	£40 each
Third (each)	£30 each

<u>Putting Platter</u>	
(Plus Trophy)	£40 Voucher

LIST OF SPECIAL PRIZES

We are very grateful to our sponsors for their continued generous support.

Hole-in-One Prizes (All Week)

First Hole-in-One at:

6 th	£100 Voucher	MV Endeavour V BF 515
9 th	Free entry for 2027	Duff House Royal
11 th	£100 worth of golf equipment	James Calam, D.H.R.
13 th	£100 Voucher	MV Venture III BF 326
16 th	Fourball Voucher	Duff House Royal

Nearest to 18th Hole in 2 shots

Monday Qual. Round	Bottle of Grey Goose	Macduff Distillery
Tuesday Qual. Round	Bottle of Grey Goose	Macduff Distillery

Longest drive on fairway at 7th

Monday Qual. Round – Low & High	Bottle of Deveron 10	Macduff Distillery
Tuesday Qual. Round – Low & High	Bottle of Deveron 10	Macduff Distillery

Nearest the Pin at 9th hole

Monday Qual. Round	Bottle of William Lawson's	Macduff Distillery
Tuesday Qual. Round	Bottle of William Lawson's	Macduff Distillery

Nearest the Pin at 13th hole

Monday Qualifying	Bottle of William Lawson's	Macduff Distillery
Tuesday Qualifying	Bottle of William Lawson's	Macduff Distillery

Eagles

Any Eagles qualifying rounds	Sleeve of balls	Duff House Royal
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Matchplay Winners

Bottle of Deveron 12	Macduff Distillery
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Consolation Wednesday & Thursday

6 th nearest the pin	Bottle of William Lawson's	Macduff Distillery
13 th nearest the pin	Bottle of William Lawson's	Macduff Distillery

Thursday

9 th nearest the pin	Bottle of Brandy	In memory of Charlie Shanks
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Prizes could change subject to availability

2027 TOURNAMENT

Dates for the 2027 Tournament are
Monday, 2nd to Friday, 6th August
Fees are: Members: £85.00 Non-Members: £135.00
Open to Gents – 16 years and over

BOOKING FORMAT FOR 2027

- Players will be given a booking slip at tournament registration for next year's entry.
 - These must be returned by 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday along with payment.
 - Online booking will open at 6.00 p.m. on Thursday for remaining tee times.
 - A waiting list will be started once all times have been sold.

Online booking will be on HDID and found at the following link.

<https://www.duffhouseroyal.com/bookgolf>

and then Open Competitions

Practice Round : All competitors are entitled to a free practice round on the Sunday before the Gents 5 Day. If you wish to have an additional round, this will be charged at the full price unless playing with a member as a member's guest.

Bar & Kitchen Opening Hours for Gents 5 Day Week

Bar: 9.00 a.m.
(Alcohol from 9.00 a.m. – Midnight (last orders 11.30 p.m.)
Outside Area: 11.00 a.m. – 10.00 p.m. (Alcohol Permitted)

Kitchen: Open from 7.00 a.m.

TOURNAMENT WINNERS 2025



Gavin Still, Duff House Royal
(Scratch Winner)

Arran Golias, Duff House Royal
(High Handicap Section Winner)

Brian Thomas, Greenburn
(Low Handicap Section Winner)

PREVIOUS QUALIFYING SCORES

YEAR	SCRATCH	HANDICAP
2008	149	144
2009	154	147
2010	150	145
2011	155	145
2012	152	146
2013	151	144
2014	152	148
2015	155	148
2016	154	149
2017	155	148.
2018	154	Low 148 High 145
2019	154	Low 146 High 148
2020		No Tournament
2021	151	147
2022	156	Low 153 High 149
2023	158	Low 152 High 151
2024	152	Low 144 High 143
2025	152	Low 144 High 145



BLUE TUESDAY

Prostate Cancer Charity Day

Prostate cancer is a type of cancer that begins in the prostate gland, a small gland in males located below the bladder and in front of the rectum. It's a common cancer, particularly in older men, and while some forms grow slowly and may not require treatment, others can be aggressive and spread to other parts of the body.

On the Tuesday you can enter the 2's for £5.00

£3.00 will go to Charity

All those donating will be given a goody bag.

Please wear blue to show your support.

Lucky Squares will be on sale from Monday to Wednesday with the first prize being a **Fourball for Gleneagles**, various other fourballs, a selection of hampers and mystery bags. Please give generously as all the money will be going to the charity. The raffle will be drawn on Thursday morning.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME

Saturday, 2nd

Live music from 9 Lives.
From 8.30 p.m.

Sunday, 3rd

Family Fun Day

From 2.00 p.m.
Bouncy Castle. Outdoor Beer Garden. Face Painting &
Glitter Tattoos. "Dotty about Balloons" – Balloon Entertainer.
"Safari" Themed Photo Back Drop with Balloon Arch.
Sweetie Table.

Monday 4th

Poker Night.

7.30 p.m. £10.00 entry fee. (Limited spaces)
The 19th Tea – Fish Night

Tuesday 5th

Play your Cards Right hosted by Gary Mutch

From 7.30 p.m.

Pool Competition

7.30 p.m. £50.00 bar tab for winner.

Matchplay Draw

Approx. 10.00 p.m.

The 19th Tea – Basket suppers – evening only

Normal menu throughout the day

Wednesday 6th

Quiz Night hosted by Gary Mutch

From 7.30 p.m.

The 19th Tea – Chef's Specials

Followed by the Jakioke.

Thursday 7th

Live music from Joyful

From 9.00 p.m.

The 19th Tea – Tex-Mex Night

Friday 8th

Prizegiving

Approx. 5.00 p.m.

Some timings may be altered to suit tournament schedule
and any unexpected delays

ON COURSE CLOSURE

The decision to close the course will be taken by the Tournament Committee and Head Greenkeeper.

Play Suspended	Two short blasts of Klaxon Mark ball or complete the hole being played
Play Resumed	One long blast of Klaxon
Vacate the Course	Three short blasts repeated



LIGHTNING

It can be extremely scary being caught far from the Clubhouse when a thunderstorm strikes. Here are some tips on how to minimise the danger:

1. BE AWARE—Be alert to the signs of changing weather, such as darkening skies, a sudden wind shift or drop in temperature. **Do not ignore instructions to get to safety.**

2. PLAN AHEAD—Plan your evacuation and safety measures in advance. Lightning often precedes rain, so do not wait for the rain to begin before suspending activities.

3. SEEK SAFETY—Use the 30-30 rule: at the very latest, seek safety when thunder and lightning are separated by 30 seconds (when the storm will be 5-6 miles away), and do not resume activities for 30 minutes after the last observed lightning or thunder (when the storm has passed 10-15 miles away).

4. IF CAUGHT OUTDOORS - Avoid water. Avoid high ground. Avoid open spaces. Put down your Clubs, and avoid contact with anything that contains metal, including golf bags, golf carts, umbrellas, electric wires or fences. Open golf carts do not afford safety.

5. AVOID TREES—Do not stand underneath a natural lightning rod such as an isolated tree. Move away from any tree to a distance that is twice the height of the tree.

6. IF LIGHTNING IS STRIKING NEARBY when you are outside, you should:

- Crouch down with your feet together. **Do not lie down.**
- Place your hands over ears to minimise hearing damage from thunder.
- Avoid proximity to other people - keep at least 15 feet apart.
- Do not huddle together.

Pro Shop Gents 5 Day



20% off all Nike clothing and Nike shoes

The 19th Tea



*The 19th Tea will be open daily from 7.00 a.m.
There will be the Main Menu running all week
together with Daily Specials.*

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MACDUFF DISTILLERY



A modern distillery, Macduff (whose whisky is bottled by its owner as either Glen Deveron or The Deveron; Macduff is only used by independent bottlers) was built in 1960 to tap into the post-war whisky boom. In recent years, the William Lawson blend has become a huge seller in Russia, but that hasn't stopped Dewar's plans to relaunch the single malt as Deveron.

PREMIER, WHITEHILLS



Open: Monday to Saturday 6.00am – 8.00pm; Sunday 8.00am – 8.00pm

Popular village store who sell a wide variety of goods including fresh food, selection of home-made meals, confectionery, alcohol, cigarettes, lottery, newspapers and magazines. Post Office open all hours the shop is open with free cash withdrawals on most type of bank cards. Friendly local staff who will go the extra mile for their customers.

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