



Duff House Royal Golf Club

90th Gents Five Day Open Tournament
Monday, 4th August to Friday, 8th August, 2025



LIST OF PREVIOUS WINNERS

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

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 90th year of our Five Day Gents Open Tournament.

The course is once again coming together nicely for the highlight of the year after an extremely dry season like so many other clubs.

The Pro Shop has been totally refurbished this year and we are sure you'll agree this is stunning and an excellent first impression of Duff House Royal. We're also sure that you'll see better quality greens this year as we've had a Greens Consultant onboard to take them to the next level and that has involved some in season less intrusive maintenance. Over the winter we've also removed a number of trees and installed some paths to tidy up some of the worse areas.

This year we've had a significant investment in our green keeping equipment with the introduction of 5 robot mowers and these have been doing an amazing job with the course now seeing superb definition on the fairways, semi and approaches to the greens. There are some new rules from the R&A which are covered in this booklet so please familiarise yourself.

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 and Macduff Distillery.

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 **low handicap matchplay**

9.06 a.m. First round **high 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 **high handicap matchplay**

8.02 a.m. Second round **low 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 **high handicap matchplay**

1.30 p.m. Third round **low 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).
- Competitors should report to the desk at least 20 minutes before their tee-off time each time they are playing
- **All players must enter their score on completion of rounds** using the screen in the locker rooms corridor or in the main lounge, excluding those playing in Match Play. Scorecards to be put in box under lounge screen.
- **A sweep for Twos** will be held for the 2 qualifying rounds – entry optional, cost £2 to be paid when checking in
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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 will be extended to Wednesday with the number of qualifiers in each section reduced as required.

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

Any player who knows he will be unable to compete in the Matchplay must put his name on the notice on the board in the foyer no later than 8.00 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 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.

GENTS FIVE DAY 2025 - 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

Consolation Wednesday

<u>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

Consolation Thursday

3 Ball Texas Scramble

First	£50 each
Second	£40 each
Third	£30 each

Consolation Friday

2 Ball Foursomes

First (each)	£50 each
Second (each)	£40 each
Third (each)	£30 each

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:

6th	£100 Voucher	MV Endeavour V BF 515
9th	Free entry for 2025	Duff House Royal
11th	£100 worth of golf equipment	James Calam, D.H.R.
13th	£100 Voucher	MV Venture III BF 326
16 th	Fourball Voucher	

Nearest to 18th Hole in 2 shots

Monday Qual. Round	Bottle	Macduff Distillery
Tuesday Qual. Round	Bottle	Macduff Distillery

Longest drive on fairway at 7th

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

Nearest the Pin at 9th hole

Monday Qual. Round	Bottle	Macduff Distillery
Tuesday Qual. Round	Bottle	Macduff Distillery

Nearest the Pin at 13th hole

Monday Qualifying	Bottle	Macduff Distillery
Tuesday Qualifying	Bottle	Macduff Distillery

Eagles

Any Eagles qualifying rounds – sleeve of balls		Duff House Royal
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Matchplay Winners

Bottle	Macduff Distillery
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Consolation Wednesday & Thursday

6 th nearest the pin	Bottle	Duff House Royal
13 th nearest the pin	Bottle	Duff House Royal

Thursday

9 th nearest the pin	Bottle of Brandy	In memory of Charlie Shanks
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Putting Platter

Trophy & £40 Voucher	Duff House Royal
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Prizes could change subject to availability

ROBOTS

Duff House Royal would like to introduce players this week to the newest members of the greenkeeping team, our Husqvarna robots (see picture below). You will see these on the course from time to time before, during and after play.



LOCAL RULES and ADVICE RECEIVED from the R. & A

Q - What do you do if your ball is run over?

A - Mark and replace ball to the nearest point of relief without penalty (its original position)

Q - What is the consequence of hitting a mower (ball going out of bounds etc)?

A - Ball should be played where it comes to rest or replayed under usual penalty if out of bounds

Q - How are the GPS masts treated?

A - These are marked as GUR - Free relief may be taken if the mast is interfering with your swing but no relief will be given for line of sight.

Q - What to do if my ball is in the docking station area at right of 8th tee?

A - This area is marked/classed as GUR. **Note** - The docking station located in the practice area is within the existing out of bounds area. No change.

Note:-

Mower cable trench down left of 15 has now been repaired and relief is no longer available. Exception will be within the white lines which are clearly visible near 6th green.

Bunker Rakes:-

Please replace all bunker rakes **inside the bunkers** after use as the robots can become beached.

Please report any stranded robots however the greenstaff should be notified by mobile phone notification directly from the robots.

2026 TOURNAMENT

Dates for the 2026 Tournament are
Monday, 3rd to Friday, 7th August

Fees are: Members: £75.00 Non Members: £125.00
Open to Gents – 16 years and over

BOOKING FORMAT FOR 2026

- 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 2024



James McLardy, Duff House Royal
(Scratch Winner)

Rory McDermott, Duff House Royal
(High Handicap Section Winner)

Scott Cameron, Newmachar
(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.



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.

Raffle tickets will be sold throughout the week with the money going towards the charity. Prizes: Fourball vouchers, bottles etc.

ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME

Saturday, 2nd

Live music from Chris Henderson
From 9.00 p.m.

Sunday, 3rd

Family Funday
From 2.00 p.m
Bouncy Castle. Outdoor Beer Garden. Face Painting & Glitter Tattoos. "Dotty about Balloons" – Balloon Entertainer. Giant Bubbles. Pirates & Mermaids Theme - Fancy Dress Optional with Prizes for the Best Two. Photo Back Drop with Balloon Arch. Sweetie Bags. Portsoy Ice Cream.

Get your entries in for the Pool Competition.

Monday 4th

Pool Competition.
7.30 p.m. £50.00 bar tab for winner.

Tuesday 5th

Quiz Night hosted by Gary Mutch
From 7.30 p.m.

Matchplay Draw
Approx. 10.00 p.m.

Wednesday 6th

Play your Cards Right hosted by Gary Mutch
From 7.30 p.m.

Spacehopper Race
In the Clubhouse.

Followed by the Jakioke

Thursday 7th

Live music from Catriona Molver
From 9:00 p.m.

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 clothing

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.*

*Special Deal for the week of the Gents 5 Day:
4 oz Steak Burger for £5.00*

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