

Clydeside Tour

August 24th/25th 2021

August 24th 2021 – Cardross Golf Club

We were blessed with superb weather as we met at the clubhouse for sandwiches and chips prior to play at Cardross Golf Club.

A healthy turnout comprising of Alison and Peter Stanbrook, Bette and Bill Maitland, Sandy Farquharson, John Rankin, George Ross, Paul Jones and the Captain, had the additional pre-play treat of meeting up with Marjorie Mackie and Fiona Collins (James Braid's granddaughter and great granddaughter respectively).

Marjorie and Fiona both live in Cardross, and while they kindly brought along some James Braid memorabilia to the clubhouse, an open invitation was extended to the members to visit their home and see more memorabilia over a cup of tea. This invitation was taken up by a number of our members over the course of the 2 days we were in the area.

Following photographs with Marjorie and Fiona on the 1st tee, the day's golf began with a 3-person team stableford competition, with the 2 best scores counting on each hole.

The course which was redesigned by Braid in 1921, was found to be in excellent condition and deceptively long due to the undulating nature of the course.

Everyone reported positively on the course which finished with a panoramic view of the Clyde from the elevated 18th tee and a welcome drink on the clubhouse patio following an enjoyable if somewhat strenuous round in very hot conditions.

Good scores were recorded by all teams, but the days spoils went to Alison Stanbrook, John Rankin and George Ross, with an excellent 78 points.

August 25th 2021 – Helensburgh Golf Club

For the 2nd day of the Clydebank Tour, we were once again greeted by glorious weather.

A good turnout again supported the visit, with Alison and Peter Stanbrook, Bette and Bill Maitland, John Rankin, George Ross, Bill Stephens, Paul Jones and the Captain in attendance.

Following coffee and biscuits, members made their way to the 1st tee to tackle the Helensburgh course, which was established as a 9-hole course in 1893, extended to 18 holes in 1903, before Braid visited in the 1920s to make alterations, of which many still remain today.

Individual stableford was the format for the day, and society members were lucky enough to soak in superb vistas of Loch Lomond and the River Clyde in the best of weather conditions.

Once again, an undulating terrain, made for a deceptively longer course than the scorecard indicated, but this did not detract from a very enjoyable golf course.

Some good scores were recorded with Paul Jones taking the honours with a very respectable 37 points edging out our immediate Past Captain Peter Stanbrook.

Overall, a very successful trip and thanks go to all the JBGS members who attended.

Special thanks must go to our Members' Secretary Alison Stanbrook, whose coordination of the visits to the clubs, the attendance of Marjorie Mackie and Fiona Collins and last but not least the superb weather we enjoyed, should not go unrecognised.

Regards,

Barrie.