

1997 Inaugural Match at Old Prestwick

The inaugural match for the Fergus Hewat Cup took place on the famous links of Old Prestwick Golf club on 3rd June 1997.

Enjoying an excellent lunch in the delightful dining room. John Dall, standing in for Sir Donald Campbell as non-playing Captain, welcomed the Edinburgh team to this prestigious occasion. With Dr Fergus Hewat being very much an Edinburgh man, John speculated on how this Cup came to lie in the Glasgow College, for almost 70 years, until discovered by Sir Donald Campbell. In an entertaining talk, Dr Dall suggested that Fergus Hewat, after winning this RAMC cup, returned North by train on the West coast line. Forever late Fergus missed his Edinburgh connection and stayed with his Uncle Andrew [Dr Freeland Fergus] then Visitor to the Glasgow College. Next morning Fergus inadvertently left the Cup in the Glasgow College. In reply Professor John Richmond welcomed the occasion and the opportunity of closer contact amongst the Scottish Colleges, although he had doubts about Dr Dall's story. Suitably refreshed and fortified, the Fellows were ready for the afternoon fray!

Glasgow		Edinburgh	
Ronnie Still/Wallace Barr	v	John Loudon/Alan Smith	
George McKelvie/Jake Davidson	v	Iain MacLeod/George Beveridge	
Archie Hutchison/Roy Millar	v	Jim Scott/Douglas Bell	
Jimmy Kerr/Alec Reid	v	Alastair Masson/David Haig	

On a gorgeous day, we enjoyed excellent golf. Playing 'four ball better ball', the result was an amicable draw and the Fergus Hewat Cup remained in the Glasgow College until next year's match in the East.



Fergus Hewat - inaugural match, Old Prestwick, 1997.
Alan Smith (Captain), John Richmond, John Dall, Jake Davidson (Captain)