

2001 Buchanan Castle Golf Club

Buchanan Castle, with its magnificent trees and backdrop of the Loch Lomond hills, was enhanced by perfect June weather. Ever popular the teams were now eighteen a side, with Sir Roddy MacSween as Captain of Glasgow. Douglas Bell was Captain of Edinburgh. Douglas confided that Edinburgh had had a team warm-up the previous evening involving a get-together in some hostelry or other, followed by hands-on toning of the muscles by Swedish masseurs (or possibly masseuses). Subsequent events suggested that these initiatives had been counter-productive, as after a close start to the contest with Glasgow leading 3 – 2, the home tail wagged strongly with all 4 matches ending in home wins. Glasgow retained the Cup with a win of 7 games to 2. Clearly with all the water hazards, having six urologists and a nephrologist in the Glasgow team had been crucial.

After the usual refreshments, photographs and commiserations the company dispersed, having enjoyed a splendid day's sport and companionship with renewal of friendships on the ever-welcoming links. Despite demonstrating what John Updike frequently describes as ' a golfing mediocrity fashioned on the sloping dog-leg of decrepitude.'

Andy Graham

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