

Ray Sherhard claimed his fourth championship at Auchenblae Golf Club after four excellent rounds of 67, 70, 68, & 72. Ray beat Alex Cruickshank who had rounds of 69, 72, 70, & 76. Ray got off to a great start to the first round with a birdie 3 to calm his nerves. Alex started off with bogie but three birdies a long the way meant he was only two shots of the pace. Mike Moir in third place is 4 shots back after his first round 71. Further back on 72 was Neil Frater and on 74 Scott Mitchell.

Conditions for round two were more challenging with a stiff wind blowing north to south. This would make it more of a challenge for the front runners standing dormey on the 13th tee. Ray's Double Bogie 5 may have let Alex back in but four straight pars looked good for the defending champion. Neil's chances of catching Ray and Alex may have gone as the wind continued to blow and the Auchenblae course showed its teeth...

With the front runners going out together in the third round, tension was definitely in the air when Ray Double Bogied the 1st but neither Alex nor Scott could take advantage of this. But with three straight birdies, Ray had that bounce back ability with five birdies on his card.

As the members go into the final round of the club championship, in fantastic golfing conditions with a slight breeze. Current Club Champion Ray Sherhard proved yet again why he has won for the last three years. A final round of 72 was enough to see him claim a fourth title. Alex Cruickshank had to settle for second place again.

In the Cattanach Handicap Championship Auchenblae's newest members claimed the top two places leaving Scott Mitchell in 3rd place. It was a close call as eventual winner, Michael Payne and runner up Liam Smith battled it out between them. With only 4 shots the difference going into the final round it was close all the way to the last hole.

Both Champions are congratulated for their fine winning performance.

Scores

Scratch Championship:

1st – Ray Sherhard 67, 70, 68, 72 -277

2nd –Alex Cruickshank 69, 72, 70, 76 -287

3rd –Paul Sinclair 80, 72, 70, 69,-291

Handicap Championship:

1st –Michael Payne 239

2nd –Liam Smith 244

3rd –Scott Mitchell - 253

