

Saturday the 13th of October tee'd off with the inaugural Annual Autumn Open at Machrihanish Dunes Golf Course

Throughout the day 70 competitors from the UK, Europe and Scandinavia set off on their quest to conquer the 18 holes of the Dunes course. As many of the players stated, the conditions were typical west coast golfing weather, breezy with scattered showers, but nothing that would dampen the spirits of the entrants or the organisers as the day had a real party atmosphere to it.



The overall winner of the event was Dougie Johnson of Invernesshire with Mrs Olsson from Sweden placing second. Local golfers Stephen Kelly and Barry Colville finished third and fourth respectively.

Nearest the pin competitions were won by Mrs Olsson on the 3rd, Iain Gray on the 14th and Jimmy Kidd on the 15th.

The ladies longest drive awards went to Maureen Meek on the 12th with Mrs Olsson, rounding up a successful day, on the 17th.

For the mens longest drive competition prizes were awarded to Peter McLean on the 12th and Wullie Ross on the 17th.

The evening saw the competitors retire to the warmth and hospitality of the Harbourview Grille at the Royal Hotel in Campbeltown, where they enjoyed a delicious 3 course meal and a wee dram, or two.

The evening's entertainment was provided in the form of Jimmy Kidd (former course director at Gleneagles), who as always, proved to be very entertaining.

Overall, a great success from start to finish, with many of the competitors and organising team already looking forward to next year's event.