

Manson shows outstanding form in all-action weekend at Durness

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DURNESS Golf Club held its Ladies and Mixed weekend on Saturday and Sunday 11th-12th July.

Entry numbers may have been average and weather conditions could have been better but there were some outstanding performances.

Thurso's Eileen Manson once again won best gross in the Ladies Open on Saturday with a fine 77 which has rarely been beaten by anyone around the course.

The record stands at 75, set by English visitor Karen Goodall in 1998, but there is no written evidence or memory of any other score less than 78.

Local woman Mary McCowan won the Handicap prize with a very fine 84 (nett 68). She continued this fine form into Sunday's mixed competition, playing with her father Alisdair.

The pair won both scratch and handicap with 76 (nett 63.5), which again is one of the top scores recorded for a mixed at Durness.

Full results

Ladies Open

Scratch - 1 Eileen Manson, Thurso, (77); 2. Mary McCowan, Durness, (84); 3 Fiona Hampton, Royal Dornoch, (88).

Handicap - 1 Mary McCowan 88(68); 2 Eileen Manson 77(70); 3 Jane Grant, Thurso 97(73).

Mixed Foursomes

Scratch - 1 Alisdair and Mary McCowan, Durness, 76; 2 Neil and Fiona Hampton, Royal Dornoch, 80; 3 Jim and Margaret Seatter, Royal Dornoch, 90.

Handicap - 1 Alasdair and Mary McCowan, 76(63.5); 2 Neil and Fiona Hampton 80 (73); 3 Donald Morrison and Sheila Urquhart, Durness, 94(74).

Another fine performance won the Meiktila Tankard on Sunday when Ross Currie carded a 68 (nett 67) to beat Donald Mackay on a countback.



Mixed Foursomes winners: from left, Margaret and Jim Seatter; Fiona and Neil Hampton; Mary and Alisdair McCowan (with winners shields); Donald Morrison, Sheila Urquhart, Hamish and Eileen Macrae. Gordon Kilgour and Caroline Munro are at the back and the picture also shows caddie Max Hampton.

This was newly married Ross's second best score around the course, having set the current record 66 last August.

Alisdair McCowan was third with 68 and holder Colin Mackay was next on 69.

The club is holding its annual Open Texas Scramble (teams of three on Sunday). The tee opens at 10am and entries are still being accepted.

Another weekend of golf is being held on 1st and 2nd August with a Three Ball Better ball

taking place on Saturday followed by the Men's Open on Sunday. Again entries are still being accepted.

All entries and enquiries to 01971 511364 or lucy@durnessgolfclub.org