



Watsonian Golf Club Competitions & Honours



Club Championship – Roberts Trophy

The Watsonian Club Championship comprises the top 8 scratch scores from the Muirfield outing, who then play off in match play for the Roberts Trophy. The inscription reads:

'The Roberts Trophy presented by George St C Murray Esq to The Watsonian Golf Club In Memory Of Lieut. George Roberts, Gordon Highlanders. Scottish Golf Internationalist 1937 & 1938. Scottish Rugby Internationalist 1938 & 1939. Taken Prisoner Singapore 1942. Died in Captivity 1943.'

The Roberts Trophy has been awarded to the winner of the Club Championship since it started in 1994.

1994 AK Helm	1995 AJ Hogg	1996 AJ Hogg	1997 AL Turner	1998 JR Johnston	1999 JR Johnston
2000 BJH Tait	2001 JR Johnston	2002 RJ Craig	2003 JR Johnston	2004 AL Turner	2005 RJ Craig
2006 AH Williams	2007 MDG Hopley	2008 JR Johnston	2009 BJH Tait	2010 RJ Craig	2011 RJ Craig
2012 WJ Main	2013 JR Johnston	2014 JR Johnston	2015 GD Johnston	2016 GD Johnston	2017 RJ Craig
2018 RJ Paterson	2019 JR Johnston	2020 No Competition	2021 JR Johnston	2022 RJ Craig	2023 HR Carruthers
2024 RJ Craig	2025 JC Hewitt				

Previously the Roberts Trophy was awarded to the lowest scratch score at the Western Gailes outing and then the lowest scratch at the Luffness outing.

1947 RB Johnston	1948 WA Whitelaw	1949 CK White	1950 RB Johnston	1951 CB Hendry	1952 TC Brown
1953 RB Johnston	1954 ED Smith	1955 DC Stewart	1956 RB Johnston	1957 DC Stewart	1958 AS Flockhart
1959 AS Flockhart	1960 DC Stewart	1961 GD Millar	1962 DC Stewart	1963 PR Bryce	1964 RA Davie
1965 RB Johnston	1966 GD Webster	1967 GD Millar	1968 GD Millar	1969 DED Neave	1970 GE Robertson
1971 CN Hastings	1972 AF Brown	1973 AF Brown	1974 DED Neave	1975 P McNeil	1976 CN Hastings
1977 RP White	1978 P McNeil	1979 P McNeil	1980 P McNeil	1981 RM McNeil	1982 GJN Gemmel
1983 P McNeil	1984 KG Cameron	1985 RGB Mavor	1986 P McNeil	1987 GW Thomson	1988 P McNeil
1989 KG Cameron	1990	1991 AF Brown	1992 BJG Bingham & BJH Tait	1993	



Gold Medal

The Gold Medal is the oldest competition of the Watsonian Golf Club, first played for in 1889. It is awarded to the lowest scratch score at the Muirfield outing.

1889 T King	1890 TC Buchan	1891 O Thomson	1892 O Thomson	1893 GA Ross
1894 O Thomson	1895 J Paterson	1896 LW Macpherson	1897 LW Macpherson	1898 LW Macpherson
1899 WD Macniven	1900 A Crease	1901 G Wilkie	1902 WC White	1903 WH Hamilton
1904 G Wilkie	1905 W Matheson	1906 WC White	1907 W Matheson	1908 D Drysdale
1909 W Paterson Jnr	1910 WB Torrance	1911 WB Torrance	1912 WB Torrance	1913 WB Torrance
1914 WB Torrance	1915-18 No Competition	1919 WD Macniven	1920 WC White	1921 JS Adam
1922 GW Shearer	1923 WB Torrance	1924 JL Wilson	1925 WB Torrance	1926 WB Torrance
1927 J Brock	1928 WD Macniven	1929 WB Torrance	1930 AT Roberts	1931 RA McKinna
1932 RA McKinna	1933 TD Hay	1934 W Murray	1935 W Murray	1936 W Murray
1937 W Murray	1938 RB Johnston	1939 TD Hay	1940-45 No Competition	1946 TM Jinkins
1947 AS Flockhart	1948 CRD Leeds	1949 TD Hay	1950 AFD Macgregor	1951 TD Hay
1952 JW St C Scott	1953 CN Hastings	1954 AFD Macgregor	1955 AFD Macgregor	1956 PR Bryce
1957 RB Johnstone	1958 RB Johnstone	1959 KB Munnoch	1960 PR Bryce	1961 AS Flockhart
1962 CK White	1963 PR Bryce	1964 CN Hastings	1965 GE Robertson	1966 RP White
1967 CN Hastings	1968 WSC Hunter	1969 DED Neave	1970 DED Neave	1971 AE Cattanach
1972 AF Brown	1973 SR Lockhart	1974 RP White	1975 MR Scott	1976 DED Neave
1977 RGB Mavor	1978 RP White	1979 RP White	1980 DED Neave	1981 AL Turner
1982 MD Mayer	1983 DED Neave	1984 KG Cameron	1985 DED Neave	1986 BJH Tait
1987 RJH Carmichael	1988 AH Williams	1989 DED Neave	1990 DED Neave	1991 AL Turner
1992 GH Brown	1993 JDA Birch	1994 BJH Tait	1995 JR Johnstone	1996 AF Brown
1997 BJH Tait	1998 AL Turner	1999 DAJ Patrick	2000 DAJ Patrick	2001 RJ Craig
2002 AL Turner	2003 BJH Tait	2004 RJ Craig	2005 MDG Hopley	2006 AN Williamson
2007 AJ Hogg	2008 JR Johnston	2009 AJ Hogg	2010 AH Williams	2011 JR Kennedy
2012 WJ Main	2013 DL Bell	2014 WJ Main	2015 RJ Craig	2016 SWD James
2017 AJ Hogg	2018 GP Nicolson	2019 JR Johnston	2020 No Competition	2021 JR Johnston
2022 AJ Hogg	2023 AJ Hogg	2024 RJ Craig	2025 JC Hewitt	



Bombay Cup

Presented by the Bombay Watsonians in 1925 to be competed for annually in competition.

Until 2007 the Bombay Cup was the scratch prize at the Elie Outing on Victoria Day in May. In 2008 the competition moved to Gullane No. 2 as the Spring Outing.

1924 W Anderson	1925 WA Ireland	1926 DC More	1927 W Murray	1928 DC More	1929 JAR Selby
1930	1931 GR Lawson	1932 DC Murray	1933 WG Miller	1934 DR Murdoch	1935 EC Hunter
1936 TM Jinkins	1937 PJ Robson	1938 JW Blane	1939 SB Williamson	1940-45 No Competition	1946 HM Williamson
1947 KWK Tullo	1948 JF Birrell	1949 AFD Macgregor	1950 CN Hastings	1951 CK White	1952 ID MacPherson
1953 WC Morrison	1954 KB Munnock	1955 CN Hastings	1956 AS Flockhart	1957 AS Flockhart	1958 RP White
1959 DC Stewart	1960 DC Stewart	1961 RP White	1962 CN Hastings	1963 CN Hastings	1964 CN Hastings
1965 HL McKill	1966 AF Brown	1969 GE Robertson	1970 DED Neave	1971 GJH Kerr	1972 GJH Kerr
1973 GW Thomson	1974 P McNeil	1975	1976 GJN Gemmell	1977 GE Robertson	1978 GE Robertson
1979 JR Johnston	1980 DED Neave	1981 RJH Carmichael	1982 P McNeil	1983 RJH Carmichael	1984 BJH Tait
1985 RJH Carmichael	1986 AK Helm	1987 BJH Tait	1988 BJH Tait	1989 BJH Tait	1990 DFR Hastings
1991 BJH Tait	1992 BJH Tait	1993 RJN Patrick	1994 JD Blackhall	1995 DAJ Patrick	1996 DAJ Patrick
1997 DAJ Patrick	1998 RJ Craig	1999 BJH Tait	2000 RJ Craig	2001 RJ Craig	2002 RJ Craig
2003 RJ Craig	2004 RJ Craig	2005 RJ Craig	2006 RJ Craig	2007 RJ Craig	2008 MDG Hopley
2009 GH Brown	2010 RJ Craig	2011 GP Nicolson	2012 SWD James	2013 No Competition	2014 WA Waite
2015-17 No Competition	2018 RJ Paterson	2019 GP Nicolson	2020-21 No Competition		



Yangtze Cup

Presented to the Club in 1926 by the Yangtze Watsonian Club for annual competition. The Yangtze Cup is awarded to the best nett score at the Muirfield outing. It was previously awarded to the best nett score at Western Gales.

1926 W Murray	1927 GK MacLennan	1928 MM Graham	1929 RD Gibson	1930 GH Balmain	1931 W Murray
1932 JAM Thomson	1933 W Murray	1934 CS Nimmo	1935 JD Henderson	1936 GK MacLennan	1937 WC Morrison
1938 TD Hay	1939 JS Johnston	1940-45 No Competition	1946 DD Wallace	1947 CK White	1948 KWK Tullo
1949 JIL Hogg	1950 MR Dewar	1951 GA Tullo	1952 WF Miller	1953 CN Hastings	1954 JIL Hogg
1955 JH Carmichael	1956 KWK Tullo	1957 RW Gardiner	1958 JH Carmichael	1959 RH Mundie	1960 W Burt
1961 KS Holmes	1962 NJ Hamilton	1963 DB Wilson	1964 TJ Elgin	1965 GE Robertson	1966 PL Simpson
1967 DC Stewart	1968 HH Millar	1969 MR Dewar	1970 DED Neave	1971 DS Berrie	1972 CN Hastings
1973 SR Lockhart	1974 RP White	1975 MR Scott	1976 GW Thomson	1977 IW St C Scott	1978 RP White
1979 DR Harvey	1980 CB Martin	1981 G Henderson	1982 GM Henderson	1983 MD Gilhooley	1984 AM McKay
1985 RJH Carmichael	1986 L McConnachie	1987 RJH Carmichael	1988 DW Ferguson	1989 BJH Tait	1990 JF Jackson
1991 AAR Imrie	1992 KJ Donald	1993 AH Williams	1994 AK Helm	1995 JR Johnston	1996 JG Forbes
1997 AAR Imrie	1998 MDG Hopley	1999 MDG Hopley	2000 MDG Hopley	2001 K Clark	2002 C McCloghry
2003 AL Turner	2004 AJ Hair	2005 AH Williams	2006 AN Williamson	2007 AD Winney	2008 AN Williamson
2009 ARL Weir	2010 M Gray	2011 SE Kennedy	2012 MA Luca	2013 MA Luca	2014 JTL Main
2015 RJ Craig	2016	2017 C Millar	2018 GP Nicolson	2019 MA Luca	2020 No Competition
2021 CR Hutchison	2022 M Haughney	2023 AJ Hogg			



Marshall Thomson Cup

The Marshall Thomson Cup is awarded to the best net score at the Spring Outing. From 1995 to 2007 this took place at Elie. In 2008 the event was moved to Gullane and then Renaissance in 2014 and back to Gullane in 2018.

1995 AAR Imrie	1996 JG Forbes	1997 JB Mitchell	1998 CH White	1999 ER Seiler	2000
2001 GJN Gemmell	2002 CAM Hunter	2003 DWB Kemp	2004 ARL Weir	2005 PG Duncanson	2006 DAG McMurray
2007 PW Tait	2008	2009 DAG McMurray	2010 MDG Hopley	2011 ARL Weir	2014 RAG Forbes
2018 HR Carruthers	2019 RAG Forbes	2020-21 No Competition			

The Marshall Thomson cup was originally presented in 1960 and was awarded to the aggregate of the best 2 scores from the outings over the year at various combinations of Elie, Luffness, Muirfield and Western Gales and these winners are below.

1961 GD Millar	1962 AC McNish	1963 PR Bryce	1964 GE Robertson	1965	1966 TJ Elgin
1967 SM Nicoll	1968 GJH Kerr	1969 JAM Snow	1970 DED Neave	1971 CN Hast	1972 WJ Heatley
1973 WJ Heatley	1974 G Kennedy	1975 WD Henderson	1976 GE Robertson	1977 DL Millar	1978 P McNeil & MD Mayer
1979 DR Harvey	1980 JAM Snow	1981 IM Burrell	1982 MD Mayer	1983 RW Welsh	1984 KG Cameron
1985 JAM Snow	1986	1987 AM McKay	1988 DW Ferguson	1989 DW Ferguson	1990 JDA Birch
1991 BJH Tait	1992 KJ Donald				

B Championship - Gibson Cup

The Watsonian B Championship comprises the top 8 scores from the Muirfield outing, who then play off in match play for the title for the Gibson Cup. The Gibson Cup was donated to the club by the Far East Watsonian Club in 1912 and has been given to the winner of the B Championship since 1994.

1994 GJ Gemmell	1995 RJN Patrick	2001 RJN Patrick	2002 IBN Martin	2004 WS Henderson
2018 KJ Donald	2019 JR Forbes	2020-21 No Competition		

It is unclear what the Gibson Cup was initially awarded for, but the previous winners are shown below:

1967 DG Kennedy	1968 HL McKill	1969 JAM Snow	1970 GE Robertson	1971 DL Millar	1972 WJ Hartley
1973 WJ Hartley	1974 G Kennedy	1975 JH Carmichael	1976 GE Robertson	1977 DL Millar	1978 MD Mayer
1979 GJN Gemmell	1980 G Kennedy	1981 IM Burrell	1982 RW Welsh	1983 RW Welsh	1984 ER Seiler
1985 DA Stewart	1986 ER Seiler	1987 DW Holton	1988 RJN Patrick	1989 P McNeil	1992 SJ Cunningham



Torrance Cup

The George Watson's College Golf Club Championship Cup was donated in 1933 by TA (Tony) Torrance and is known as the Torrance Cup. It is competed for by pupils at George Watson's College as the school golf championship.

TA Torrance was one of 2 brothers who played for Great Britain & Ireland against the USA in the Walker Cup. WB Torrance played in the first ever match in 1922 at Long Island, New York and TA played in the 3rd match at Garden City, also in New York in 1924. In 1932, TA Torrance returned to the USA as the Captain of the GB&I Walker Cup team at Brookline, Massachusetts.

A renowned golfer and friend of the great amateur Bobby Jones, it is said that Torrance and Jones came up with the idea of limiting the number of clubs allowed after seeing caddies carrying over 20 clubs. They recommended it to the R&A, of which Torrance was a member and shortly afterwards the limit of 14 clubs was introduced, which is still used today. He is also responsible for entering Watson's into their first Halford Hewitt in 1934, where they reached the final with a team including the Torrances and fellow Scotland Internationalists J Brock and RA McKinna.

The year after his Walker Cup captaincy he donated the Torrance Cup and given his stature in the game, it is fitting that the first winner was AS Flockhart who defended it in 1934 and then went on to become Scottish Amateur Champion in 1948.

Since then it has been won by another Walker Cup player John R Cater in 1937 and former champions also include 3 Scottish Internationalists, 3 Scottish Boy Internationalists, a British Boys Champion, several Lothians Champions and a Captain of the R&A.

Many GWC champions have gone on to represent the Watsonian Golf Club with honour, including 12 who have won the Halford Hewitt (H), 12 who have won the WGC Gold Medal (G), 7 who have won both and 7 Club Captains (C).

1933 AS Flockhart (C,G)	1934 AS Flockhart (C,G)	1935 D Sinclair Murray	1936 J Grant	1937 JR Cater
1938 W Gregor Ross	1939 W Gregor Ross	1940 W Gregor Ross	1942 RL MacDonald	1943 GT Ewan
1944 GT Ewan	1945 RF Laidlaw	1946 AFD MacGregor (G,H)	1947 AFD MacGregor (G,H)	1948 WG Gardner
1949 AJ Bird	1950 IB Grafton	1951 CN Hastings (C,G,H)	1952 ICF Raich (H)	1953 JF Raich
1954 PJ Binns (H)	1955 PJ Binns (H)	1956 MR Bretton	1957 JM Betton	1958 AM Deane
1959 DC Sellar	1960 MG James	1961 JNM Smith	1962 AF Brown (C,G,H)	1963 AF Brown (C,G,H)
1964 JG George	1965 DA Lowe (H)	1966 G Melville	1967 DED Neave (G,H)	1968 N Stenhouse
1969 R Smith	1970 N Graham	1971 DB Smith	1972 DB Smith	1973 MR Scott (G,H)
1974 I Ferrier	1975 G Finlayson	1976 D Stewart	1977 J Dunn	1978 J Hillyer
1979 G Davidson	1980 RJH Carmichael (C,G)	1981 ARL Weir (C)	1982 J Barrowman	1983 WJ Main (G)
1984 JTL Main	1985 R Paterson	1986 MDG Hopley (C,G,H)	1987 GP Millar	1988 AJ Hogg (G,H)
1989 FG Clark	1990 AV Montgomery (H)	1991 RJ Craig (G)	1992 RJ Craig (G)	1993 AJF Brown
1994 EA Irvine	1995 I Irvine	1996	1997 J Burnett	1998 K Girdler
1999-2003 No Competition	2004 GC Turner	2005	2006 RM Crummey (H)	2007 G Richards
2008-2009 No Competition	2010 DM Crummey (H)	2011 MH Williams	2012 RJ Paterson	2013 RJ Paterson
2014 RJ Paterson	2015 C Murray	2016 C Murray	2017 HR Carruthers	2018 M Cannon
2019-22 No Competition	2022 J Forman	2023 C Kpedekpo	2024 R Laird	

Captains

1887-90 JM Balsillie	1891-92 J Henderson	1893-94 AH Robertson	1895-96 HM Knight	1897-98 J King
1899 J Davidson	1900 FH Lightbody	1901-02 WG Buist	1903-04 CA Macpherson	1905-06 J Paterson
1907 WH Hamilton	1908 Dr AT Sloan	1910 D Drysdale	1911-12 Dr C Watson	1913-17 W Stephen
1918-19	1920 JD Lownie	1921 WC White	1922 WD Macniven	1923 WB Torrance
1923-24 G Carmichael	1925 D More	1926-27 WG Brown	1928 TA Gentles	1929 Dr AF Lee
1930 TB Dickson	1931 WD Macniven	1932 JH Carmichael	1933 CS Nimmo	1934 JA McD Wilson
1935 LR Grant	1936 AC Murray	1937 JW Fife	1938 WJ Blane	1939-45 S Bennet
1946-47 JD Henderson	1948 ACM Fisher	1949 J Brook	1950 DR DS Middleton	1951 TM Jinkins
1952 J Inches	1953 GB Hendry	1954 AR Mathewson	1955 TD Hay	1956 AS Flockhart
1957 CRD Leeds	1958 AM Young	1959 FG Stewart	1960 GAS Gemmell	1961 JW St C Scott
1962 AB Young	1963 PR Bryce	1964 TC Scott	1965 ACR Annan	1966 TC Brown
1967 R Hall	1968 RW Gardiner	1969 KWK Tullo	1970 CN Hastings	1971 HL McKill
1972 Dr WD MacLennan	1973 AS Forbes	1974 DH Dewar	1975 CK White	1976 DG Kennedy
1977 RP White	1978 RGB Mavor	1979 DG Kennedy	1980 WD Henderson	1981 JE Allen
1982 RA Davie	1983 KG Cameron	1984 NW Gray	1985 MD Mayer	1986 GM Henderson
1987 RP White	1988 GJN Gemmel	1989 RJN Patrick	1990 IW St C Scott	1991 AF Brown
1992 DA Stewart	1993 AC McNish	1994 CHD White	1995 J Henderson	1996 JB Mitchell
1997 AN Williamson	1998 MG James	1999 M Watters	2000 D Blackhall	2001 DFR Hastings
2002 AL Turner	2003 RJH Carmichael	2004 JR Johnston	2005 AH Williams	2006 AK Helm
2007 D Kerr	2008 BJG Bingham	2009 GH Brown	2010 AAR Imrie	2011 ARL Weir
2012 GD Johnston	2013 BJH Tait	2014 JG Forbes	2015 MAL Luca	2016-18 KJ Donald
2019-20 MDG Hopley	2021-24 BJG Bingham	2025- ARL Weir		

Watsonian Golf Club Team Wins

Halford Hewitt Cup (6)

1957, 1977, 1981, 1999, 2007, 2011

Queen Elizabeth Coronation Schools Trophy (12)

1953, 1955, 1956, 1958, 1961, 1976, 1986, 1988, 1998, 2005, 2010, 2025

Sivewright Quaich (1)

2015

Grafton Morrish

Solihull Salver Plate: 1983

Cyril Gray Trophy (5)

1979, 2002, 2015, 2018, 2026

Plate (6): 1977, 1988, 1990, 2003, 2009, 2021

Dispatch Trophy (13)

1897, 1900, 1907, 1910, 1913, 1926, 1946, 1947, 1955, 1958, 1967, 1971, 1976

Lothians Team Tournament Walker Trophy (6)

1955, 1972, 1988, 1998, 1999, 2008

Individual Honours By Watsonian Golfers

British Amateur Champion

Dr AJT Allan (1897)

Scottish Amateur Champion

AS Flockhart (1948), Zander G Culverwell (2013)

South African Amateur Champion

Jimmy AW Prentice (1908, 1909, 1910, 1913)

South African Open Champion

Jimmy AW Prentice (1913)

Irish Open Amateur Champion

Tony A Torrance (1925), EA McRuvie (1931)

German Amateur Champion

Tony A Torrance (1927, 1929)

Walker Cup GB&I

William B Torrance (1922), William A Murray (1923, 24, 26), Tony A Torrance (1924, 28, 30, 32, 34, Captain 1932), Eric A McRuvie (1932, 34), J Robin Cater (1955), David AJ Patrick (1999)

Scotland Internationalists

G Wilkie (1912), G.C. Killey (1928), TA Torrance (1922-30), WB Torrance (1922-30), J Brock, AR McCallum, EA McRuvie, AT Roberts (1931), G Roberts, RA McKinna, Sandy B Williamson, AS Flockhart, WA Murray, JR Cater, Alan FD MacGregor (1946 & 47, Captain 1947), David AJ Patrick (1997-2001), Zander G Culverwell (2013-14)

Scotland Senior Internationalists

J Richard Johnston (2019)

Scotland Super-Senior Internationalists

Brian JG Bingham (2022)

Captain of the R&A

Sir Robin Cater (1986)

Lothians Champion

WB Torrance (Royal Burgess 1921, 1926, 1927), HS Mackersy (Duddingston, 1938), AS Flockhart (Royal Musselburgh 1947), P.R. Bryce (Gullane, 1956), George E Robertson (Scottish Widows, 1966) Zander G Culverwell (Dunbar, 2006)

Lothians Champion of Champions

Weston J Main (1995 Gullane), J Richard Johnston (2002 WGC), Brian JH Tait (2010 WGC)

Evening Times Foursomes Trophy

Jack Paterson & WG Ritchie (1905)

British Youths Champion

Peter J Binns (1956)

Scotland Youth Internationalists

Peter J Binns

Scotland Boy Internationalists

WG Gardener (1948), Peter J Binns, Robin JH Carmichael (1980)

British Boys Champion

EA McRuvie (1926), Sandy B Williamson (1939), Alan FD MacGregor (1946)

Lothian Boys Champions

E.C. Hunter (1932), H. Snow (1937), W.G. Gardner (1947, 48), D.B. Smith (1971)