

Golf Club Trophies

A number of the original Ayton Golf Club trophies are held by Ayton Local History Society. These are the Balabraes Cup, the Ladies' Berry Bank Rose Bowl and the Handicap Challenge Medal.



The Balabraes Cup

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This was presented by the Club Captain in 1893, Sir W.G. Simpson and has a magnificent wooden box with the club's initials embossed in a brass logo on the lid for storage. The cup itself is ornately engraved with the centrepiece being a relief of Balabraes House. The handles have two witty puns, being a play on words about the skills no doubt required to play the game well and either the proximity of the Eye Water or the potential use of the cup! One handle states *Eye Handy* whilst the other exhorts *Hand an Eye*. Around the rim of the Cup is the reference to the gift itself as well as the advice *Many a slip twixt cup and lip*. Again, no doubt a mixed metaphor. Balabraes House is known as Millbank House nowadays.



Detail of the engraving on the Balabraes Cup

Plinth

The base for the Cup is a square plinth with a shield on each side recording Balabraes Challenge Shield & Club Badge Winners, Handicap Winners and Ayton Course Record Scores.

The Balabraes Challenge Shield & Club Badge winners

April 1893 Andrew MacVie in 114 strokes
April 1894 D R Cameron in 101 strokes
April 1895 J K Livingstone in 100 strokes
April 1896 J K Livingstone in 100 strokes
April 1897 David Hume in 93 strokes
April 1898 David Hume in 91 strokes
April 1899 Andrew MacVie in 91 strokes
April 1900 David Hume in 94 strokes
April 1901 David Hume in 93 strokes
April 1902 D C Stephen in 98 strokes

Handicap winners

1906 A G Doughty. $103 - 18 = 85$
1907 T B Forsyth. $98 - 18 = 80$
1908 J L Cook. $106 - 26 = 80$
1909 Alexr Smith. $94 - 6 = 88$
1910 J B Sinclair. $120 - 22 = 98$
1911 J W Annandale. $115 - 14 = 101$
1912 W Thomson. $105 - 4 = 101$
1913 J M Scott. scr. 86
1914 N W Willins. $101 - 15 = 86$
1920 Philip Scott. $92 - 3 = 89$
1921 John M Scott. scr. 84
1922 John M Scott. scr. 86
1923 J W Cooper. $110 - 12 = 98$
1924 R C Bird. $101 - 4 = 97$
1925 G G Hogarth $94 + 2 = 96$
1926 N W Willins. scr 96
1927 John Cooper. $110 - 11 = 99$
1928 George C Burn. $116 - 27 = 89$

The Ayton Course Record Scores

Made by	9 holes	18 holes
1894 W J C Wilson	46	97
1895 J K Livingstone	45	93
1896 D R Taylor	44	
1898 David Hume		91
1921 J M Scott		84

The Ladies' Berry Bank Rose Bowl

The Ayton Ladies' GC Berrybank Rose Bowl was presented by Joseph Mack in 1921. Berry Bank is a farm near Reston.

The winners are listed on the reverse of the bowl.



- 1921 Ella A Malcolm
- 1922 May W Watt
- 1923 Mrs Ainsworth Wilson
- 1924 Ruth A Hume
- 1925 Ruth A Hume
- 1926 Jean F Craig
- 1927 Jean F Craig
- 1928 Mrs D Robertson

The Ayton Golf Club Handicap Challenge Medal

The only other surviving trophy is the Ayton Golf Club Handicap Challenge Medal.

The Medal is still in its original box and was presented to the Club in 1892 by Alexander Wood of Dunbar, formerly of Ayton.



Front



Rear

Handicap Challenge Medal winners

1892 W J Wilson 67
1893 J Stothart 104
1894 Alexr Martin 103
1895 D R Cameron 100
1896 D R Taylor 94
1897 David Hume 106
1898 Wm Thomson 92
1899 A Thomson 96
1900 David Hume 105
1901 David Hume 83
1906 D R Taylor 94
1908 P A MacLagan 84
1909 J L Cook 93
1911 Wm Thomson 92
1912 R Cooper 88
1913 P A MacLagan 72
1914 Andrew Spence 86
1921 Philip Scott
1922 W J Willins
1923 N W Willins
1924 G G Hogarth
1925 F H Brown
1926 R C Bird
1927 N W Willins

Disappointingly, the silver ink stand, which was presented to the club by Mr John Allan of East Reston, is not amongst the items held by the History Society.