The Scottish Region final of the Hayter Challenge was held over the testing Cardross course on May 30. After some overnight rain, fears for another wet day were groundless except for a dull spell in the middle of the day and a lovely pleasant day was enjoyed by all.

Under the eagle eye of starter Cecil George (deputy chair of the management for the day) and presented with a new ball (first time some of them had ever seen a new ball) by Hayter’s man on the tee Tony, the competitors were dispatched almost on time. There were some doubts whether the last ball could possibly be greenkeepers, certainly judging the softness of their hands they hadn’t dug a drain or raked a bunker for a long time - maybe they were course managers! However a bit of bribery and corruption, like a drain for the starter, and even they got off on time.

The course was in excellent condition and Davie Gall and his staff deserve all the compliments that were being handed out. In the clubhouse the needs of the inner man were more than adequately catered for by Mr and Mrs Gillespie. We thank them all and especially we thank Sandy Campbell, Cardross Captain, and his Council for allowing us to use the course in this its centenary year.

As the scores began arriving it was obvious that the course was a lot harder than was perhaps expected or was it just a bad day for most of the competitors? Maybe was should have given Edna a calculator to check the scores.

With clear cut winners in the first and third categories it was the second which was creating tension with five 73s waiting to see who had the best back nine.

And so to the presentation. A few kind words from Sandy Campbell, the club Captain and Gordon Moir, Scottish Region Chairman and finally from Kim Macfie, Hayter’s Sales and Marketing Director. It was a great day, a long one for the lads from the far north and the deep south but another day of meeting up with old friends and making new ones.

The region wishes to express its thanks to Hayter for its continued sponsorship of this marvellous tournament, long may it continue. On a personal note I would like to thank Cecil George for his assistance on the 1st tee and to Edna for all her hard work before, during and after the event.

Results:

Scottish Region members were saddened to hear of the sudden death of Norman Whytock Rhone Poulenc Sales Manager for Scotland and Northern Ireland. "Norman was a popular figure in the industry and our thoughts go out to his family," said Elliott Small.