

# The Esmond Trophy 2017

The Esmond Trophy was donated to The Bass Rock Golf Club by Edouardo Esmond in 1926. The magnificent silver trophy is a large and very accurate model of Edinburgh Castle. The Annual Competition for this trophy will take place this year over the West Links at North Berwick, by kind permission of The North Berwick Golf Club. The Competition is open to **male members of ANY Golf Club within the boundaries of East Lothian, but the maximum handicap allowed will be 12. Players MUST be 16 years or older on Saturday 1st July.** Players with greater handicaps may enter, but they will have to play off a handicap of 12, in both the qualifying and match-play stages.

The 18 hole **qualifying event** will this year be held on Saturday the 1st July from 8.00am onwards. The top 32 net scores will qualify and any ties will be decided by count back. There are medals and prize vouchers for the leading scratch and handicap scores in the qualifying event. Competitors who are unable to play in the Match Play event, may however play only in the Qualifying event if they wish.

The draw will be made immediately after the qualifying round is completed, and will be displayed in the Starter's Box and in North Berwick Golf Club, or alternatively, qualifiers can contact the Secretary of the Bass Rock Golf Club for details of qualifying scores and/or starting times as follows:—

Tom McGinley,  
Tournament Secretary,  
36 Dirleton Avenue,  
North Berwick EH39 4BH.  
Telephone 01620 895182.

Should a player find it necessary to "call off" a reserve will be substituted from the published list of reserves. No 'call offs" will be substituted after 12 noon on the day of the first round matches.

Those competitors who qualify for the match play stages must play off their correct handicaps at the start of match play. This handicap to remain in force for the duration of the tournament.

The match play rounds are as follows:—

FIRST ROUND	Monday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	from 5.30 pm
FIRST ROUND	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	from 5.30pm
SECOND ROUND	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	from 5.30pm
QUARTER FINALS	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	from 6.00pm
SEMI-FINALS	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	from 6.08pm
FINAL	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9.30am.

Dependant on the number of entries received, the prize vouchers will be of the same magnitude as those distributed in recent competitions, i.e. Winner - Gold Medal and £200 voucher; Runner-up - Silver Medal and £125 voucher; Losing Semi-finalists - Bronze Medals and £75 vouchers; Losing Quarter-Finalists - £40 vouchers. Other medals and vouchers will be given to the leading scratch and handicap qualifiers.

The conditions of play are as advertised and the entry fee is £15.00. Please enter on the attached form and send your entry, **enclosing the £15.00 entry fee**, to the address above. Please make cheque payable to Bass Rock Golf Club.

Entries should be made on the attached form countersigned by your Club Secretary, and, **MUST BE RECEIVED BY 6pm on Saturday, 22nd June 2017 TOGETHER WITH THE ENTRY FEE. NO LATE ENTRIES.**

CDH NUMBER..... E-MAIL ADDRESS

NAME..... HOME CLUB..... HCAP.....

ADDRESS.....

TEL. No..... PREFERRED TIME (8.00 am. – 3.00pm.....

I AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE RULES OF THE COMPETITION.....

(Player's Signature)

THE PLAYERS HANDICAP MUST BE CERTIFIED BELOW BY A CURRENT MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE PLAYER'S HOME CLUB.

Signed..... Name..... Position in Club.....