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2015 Senior Wayfarers Match Report

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The over 50's team won the annual Wayfarers Weekend at Prestwick. The team comprised Tony Hamilton, Mike Dougal, Douglas Zuill, Willie Henderson, John Lang and Iain MacDonald.

In breezy conditions on Saturday the team led the Stableford Foursomes qualifying with each of the pairs contributing to a healthy total. A splendid dinner in Prestwick clubhouse was followed by a few hours socialising with the other teams in the clubhouse and the nearby hotel. Fully refreshed the following morning the team played Glenalmond in the first semi-final. Comfortable victories for Hamilton and Zuill and Dougal and Henderson enabled the team to repair to lunch early and await the winners of the second semi-final.

Merchiston were our final opponents and a close match ensued. The forecast was gale force winds and heavy rain by late afternoon. Dougal and Henderson led the team off but with the wind strengthening found themselves down early. By the turn they were well down but a fight back got them back to dormie 2 down but they lost on the 17th. Lang and MacDonald coped better than the Merchiston pairing with the conditions and putted well to win comfortably. With the rain starting Hamilton and Zuill were 1 down with 5 to play. An excellent par at 14 brought the match to square with the famous last 4 at Prestwick to play. Par, birdie at 15 and 16 looked good for victory until the wheels came off at 17 where we cleared the green and never returned to it. 18 is driveable on a good day but was now a drive and 5 iron. 2 good blows left us on the front edge and Merchiston in the rough pin high right. A veil is drawn over the rest suffice it to say Accies won and we repaired to the bar for the prize giving and now standard soft celebratory drink and drive home.

Excellent weekend of fun golf and great company. We will be defending our trophy at Muirfield next year so we are looking for our best team and a few Muirfield members to control the costs! Thanks to all who participated and organised.