

S.R.Crockett and the 2015 Bog Myrtle Trophy sponsored by Ayton Publishing Ltd.

In the late 1890's S.R.Crockett ('Scotland's Forgotten Bestseller') golfed in St Andrews with Tom Morris and Willie Auchterlonie. His family used to stay at the Seaton Guesthouse (now the Scores Hotel) during July and August and he was known to play 2 rounds a day, generally with caddies and professionals. Willie Auchterlonie made a special set of left handed clubs for Crockett which he kept at St Andrews.

The Manchester Guardian of August 1897 reports: *When will the 'record' at St Andrews become impregnable? ... W.Auchterlonie, the ex-open champion, has brought it to 71. He had a three-yard putt for 70 but preferred to be safely 'deal' rather than risk a strong putt for the hole. It is said that the tees were not all at 'full medal stretch' but this does not invalidate the record. Auchterlonie was playing a three-ball match with Mr J.J.Wilson and Mr S.R. Crockett. Perhaps Mr Crockett will see his way to an imaginative treatment of the event. It may be well to mention the detailed score of so remarkable an occasion. Out 4,5,4,4,3,5,4,3,4 – 36; in 4,2,4,4,4,4,5,4 – 35: Total 71. Such is the skeleton of the round. Mr Crockett has a great opportunity to clothe it with the flesh of picturesque descriptions, and the sporting public is a very large one.*

As an homage to this great event, to Crockett's love of golf, and to his friendship with Tom Morris and Willie Auchterlonie, and in the year the Open Championship comes to St Andrews, we are holding the inaugural S.R.Crockett Three Balls Golf Tournament – playing for The Bog Myrtle Trophy – at St Andrews in the first week of August 2015 and we are looking for teams to contest the Trophy.

The competition will be played at a course in St Andrews over one day (to be fixed as Tues 4th or Weds 5th depending on availability) and is open to teams of three, who will play their round together and the team with the overall lowest round score will be deemed the winners.

The fee for entry to the competition per team is £150.

Tee times will not be before 10am and not after 3.30pm. The Galloway Raiders are holding an all day picnic on the West Sands, so you can bring your non-golfing loved ones/partners/families to enjoy the day as well.

Would you be interested in captaining a team? If so, can you let me know as soon as possible and confirm no later than end of January . We will not be playing the Old Course so a handicap is not necessary. The competition is open to both sexes of all ages (juniors included) We very much hope you'll be able to take part in this fledgling tournament and look forward to hearing from you as soon as convenient.

If you want to take part, please fill in the entry form and return it soonest. If you are unable to field a team but are interested in taking part as an individual please contact us via gallowayraiders@gmail.com and we'll see if we can place you in a 'wildcard' team of individuals.

ENTRY FORM for the S.R.Crockett 'Bog Myrtle' Trophy 2015.
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To be contested on a course at St Andrews on 4th or 5th August 2015.

Team Name:

	Name	Contact email	Contact phone
Team Captain			
Player 2			
Player 3			

I confirm that all members of the team are able to take part on either 4/8/15 or 5/8/15 and understand we'll be given the full details of date plus tee time and course as soon as the entries are finalised.

I enclose a cheque for £150 to cover entry fees for the team.

Signed (Team Captain)

Please make cheque out to Ayton Publishing Limited and return it with this completed entry form to:

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as soon as possible and before 30th January 2015.