



**UP FOR THE CUP:** Dundonald Croquet Club members show off their new trophy.

# Keenly contested debut for trophy

DUNDONALD Croquet Club members competed against each other to lift the new Co-operative Funeralcare trophy.

The inter-club competition saw the members split into two teams called The Natives, led by Douglas Shedden, and the Interlopers, skipped by Dave Farrow.

Six-hoop golf croquet was played at one point per win and a half point for a draw. The target was 15 points.

The Natives took an early lead, going seven to one up. It looked like a walkover for them when Willie Steel and all-Ayrshire finalist Iain McKee shocked the crowds by taking a point from 2007 treble winner Jamie Shed-

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den and George Steele.

But the Interlopers fought back to close the gap to three points when mixed pair Dave Farrow and Emma Duckworth halved a game with the Natives Marion Imrie and John Shedden junior.

In a final burst, the Interlopers won four games in a row bringing their score to 9.5 with just half an hour left to play.

With team Natives only two points ahead, their players on the lawn had to force a win.

As the seconds ticked away, rookie player Iain McKee cried foul as the Natives strategically

slowed play in a bid to let the clock do the work.

After a hard-fought match, the Natives lifted the trophy having scored 12.5 to the Interlopers 9.5.

Steven Easton, club secretary, said: "The club would not exist without all of its members from the village and beyond, and we hope everyone enjoyed the friendly rivalry between the teams.

"This will remain a popular annual fixture, thanks to the kind support of the Co-operative Funeralcare."

The club will hold its open day this Saturday, striking off at 3pm. Everyone is invited to come along and try the game.

## POOL

**IN the Thistle Kilmarnock Pool League Division 1 relegation play-off Macks Bar beat the Murray Bar B team 7-5.**

## PIGEON RACING

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**Bovington:** 1 R Young 1230.900, 2 R Young 1165.569, 3 D Kane 1134.504, 4 R Young 1108.749, 5 D Kane 1104.208, 6 D Kane 1084.713, 7 D Kane 1031.934, 8 R Young 1004.008, 9 R Young 1002.945, 10 R Young 983.332, 11 R Donegan 946.972, 12 D Kane 913.169, 13 R Young, 875.147, 14 R Young 867.109, 15 R Young 835.244.

### Valley North

**Arbroath:** 1 John L Dumigan 1422, 2 John L Dumigan 1421, 3 John L Dumigan 1419, 4 John L Dumigan 1418, 5 John L Dumigan 1411, 6 John L Dumigan 1398, 7 W and M McCann 1397, 8 James McCann 1354, 9 W and M McCann 1349, 10 J J C Nicol 1331, 11 Mick Hilland 1278.8, 12 Gibby Ronalds 1278.4, 13 J J C Nicol 1270, 14 Mick