

RE/MAX EUROPEAN LONG DRIVE CHAMPIONSHIP OF SCOTLAND 2008

Palacerigg Golf Centre, Cumbernauld
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No One Wants the Title!

It would seem that the title of RE/MAX Open Champion of Scotland is one that no one wants, for after a great display of dazzling driving the final head-to-head between experienced campaigners, Paul Slater and Dan Konyk, had to go to the tenth ball in the sudden death shoot-out!

Before all that it was time for a few other places to be settled and a number of the more frequent critical writers had to walk the walk and 'put up or shut up!' The down hill, off camber grid was always going to be tricky to hit but soft ground and a helping wind behind meant that those with the skill to work the ball would always come to the top.

The owners of the Palacerigg course had done a fantastic job in making the facilities as playable as possible given the appalling pre-event downpours. They put a huge effort in making the day a success and bringing in a good crowd of enthusiastic spectators.

Last years RE/MAX Senior European Champion, Stewart McMurrin made his first appearance of the year and blew away all his opposition, including out-driving many Open Division hopefuls, in reaching the quarter finals. Stewart will be defending his title at Whittlebury Park in September, attempting to reach the RE/MAX Worlds later in the year.

Joining Stewart will be the three Open Division players; Phil Naylor, Ian Entwistle and Chris Roberts.

It was the final between Dan and Paul, two of Europe's proven finest, which almost reached farcical levels. After looking unbeatable all day with a best of 366 metres (402 yds) Dan was in superb form. Paul, always good in tricky conditions, was hitting consistent 330m+ numbers. However, the first six balls from both players in the head-to head never troubled the spotters on the grid and it was not until another four balls each that Dan's 341m finally gave him the title!

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