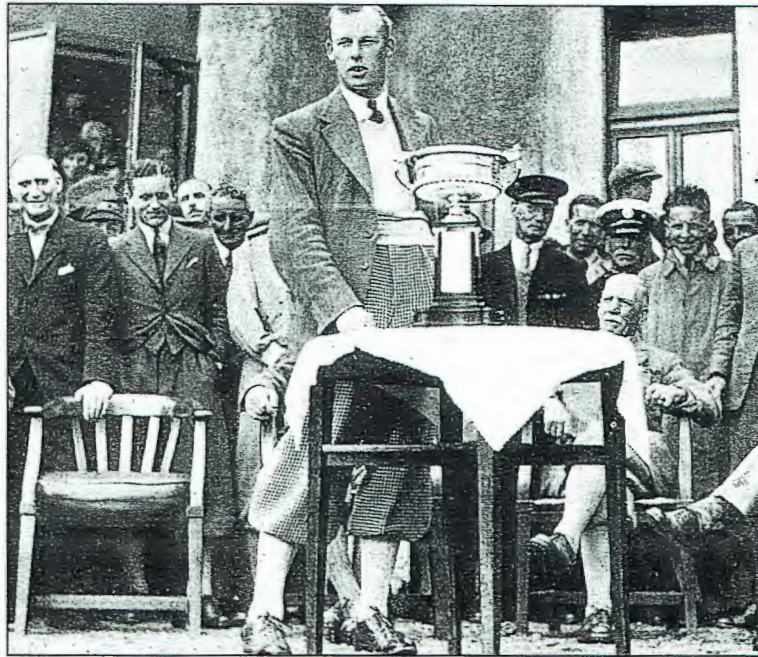


ANDREW JAMIESON



*Jack McLean at the prizegiving in 1934
(note Bob Hay the caddymaster behind Jack McLean).*

Anyone with the slightest interest in the history of golf in Scotland will immediately recognise that this is, indeed, a highly distinguished list of champions. It goes without saying that all seven represented Scotland in International matches but more important is the fact that all seven gained selection for Great Britain and Ireland teams to play against the United States in Walker Cup matches.

Just consider, for a moment, some of the merits of these champions.

First, Andrew Jamieson. This Glasgow office clerk had gained instant fame the previous summer when, in the Amateur Championship at Muirfield, he had defeated the hot favourite from the United States, the world-famous Bobby Jones, in the quarter-finals.

He still had this aura when he came to Western Gailes in 1927 for the Scottish Championship, and it goes without saying that he was regarded, before the event, as one of the main contenders, if not the main contender, for the title. Whether or not Jamieson's

opponents at Western Gailes regarded him with some awe, and so gave him a psychological advantage, we shall never know. The fact remains that he did get to the final, and there against the Rev D S Rutherford, finally captured the title, though only after having to go four extra holes to do so in the days when the final was decided over eighteen holes. He merited this comment from Bernard Darwin, the greatest of golf writers: "A very neat, unobtrusive, efficient golfer."

The second Scottish played at Western in 1934 was also very special but for a completely different reason. It was played in the early part of the second decade of the Championship, and it had everyone agog because, when Jack McLean took the tee for the first time, he was the defending champion who had already become the first player to win the title twice in a row, in 1932 at Dunbar, and in 1933 at Balgownie. Could he now complete the hat-trick, everyone wondered? Well, he did, after a thrilling final in which he beat the hard-hitting Willie Campbell by 3 and 1.