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# Hat-trick of wins for Dornoch's top amateur

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**DORNOCH'S** top amateur golfer, Chris Mailley, recorded a first and a hat-trick of wins last weekend both at home and away commencing on Saturday, in a curtailed Sinclair Cup open competition over the Royal Dornoch links.

He captured this premier strokeplay event for the first time, breaking an Aberdeen-shire four year hold of the cup.

The sea haer which had plagued Sutherland's east coast links for most of the week delayed the start at Dornoch and by the time it lifted, only one round could be fitted in. After teeing off with last year's winner John Godward (Cruden Bay), home member Mailley gave an immediate display of his



**Sinclair Cup winner Chris Mailley.**

quality with a birdie at the first hole.

His early strike was given back to the course with a double bogey six at the third hole, but a second birdie at the 8th brought his card back to a level par outward count of 35. It was a strong run of four birdies over five holes from

the 12th to the 16th that loosened the holder's grip on the cup and eradicated his own two dropped shots at the 11th and 17th holes.

Mailley's 18 hole card ended in a two under par 68 to further justify his plus two handicap rating and end his overdue wait to have his

name inscribed on the Sinclair Cup.

In a week's time Mailley will begin his defence of the Carnegie Shield against another former winner, Inverness's John Forbes who returned a 69 on Saturday for second place while Godward matched the par of 70 for third place.

Mailley also collected the confined Taylor Bullock Salver as best local member.

Already winner this season of the Royal Dornoch club championship, the Sinclair Cup winner arrived at Brora,

where he is also a member, with a three shot lead over three locals in the Brora championship and increased this to a winning six shots to retain the Johnstone Cup for a third year. The Dornoch based member carded 74, 69, 69 and 67 for a one under par total of 279 ahead of locals Liam MacDonald-MacLeod 285, James MacBeath and Roddie Cameron both 288.

Sinclair Cup Results  
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 75. Scratch — C. Mailley (Royal Dornoch) 68; J. Forbes (Inverness) 69; J. Godward Cruden Bay

70; D. MacKay (Royal Dornoch) 73; P. Robb (Peterculter/RDGC) 74 (bih). Handicap — Dan Holden (Royal Dornoch)(3) 67; P. Frith (Muckhart) (4) 69; P. Jakeman (Turnberry) (5) 70; I. Highley (Prestonfield/RDGC) (14) 70; Dav Holden (Walton Heath/RDGC) (6) 71.

Best scratch round — J. Walsh (West Lancashire) 74.

Best handicap round — T. Kelly (CCNC) (6) 72.

Taylor Bullock salver — C. Mailley 68  
 On Sunday, a former

Sinclair Cup winner, Kevin Matheson, paired up with club-mate Stephen Deery to gross 75 for nett 73 and win the G. K. Mackay Foursomes Trophy.

G. K. Mackay results: Handicap — K. Matheson/S. Deery (Royal Dornoch) (2) 73; L. Haldane/W. Dinan (Stirling) (6.5) 73.5; G. Sutherland/C. Sutherland (Royal Dornoch) (6.5) 75.5.

Scratch — C. Sutherland (Royal Dornoch)/D. Hexley (Golspie) 80 (bih); J. Seatter/B. Urquhart (Royal Dornoch) 80.