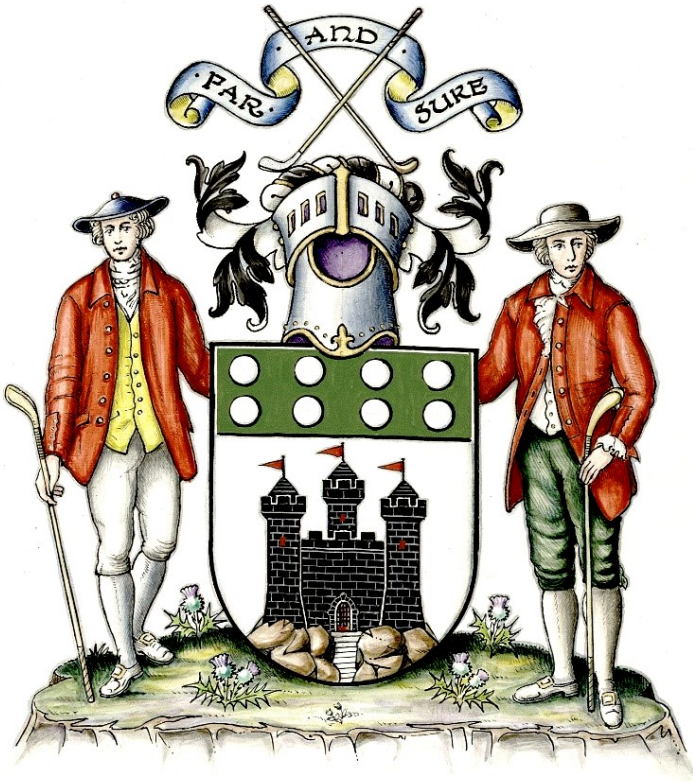


## Practical Heraldry for the Self-Isolator

### Week 7E— Heraldry for Golfers 2

The continued closure of the Lyon Office rather limits the research into the historical significance of these, the final set of Golf Grants we will look at, and doubtless *coloro che sanno* could give us a wealth of detail but in the meantime we can enjoy looking at them.



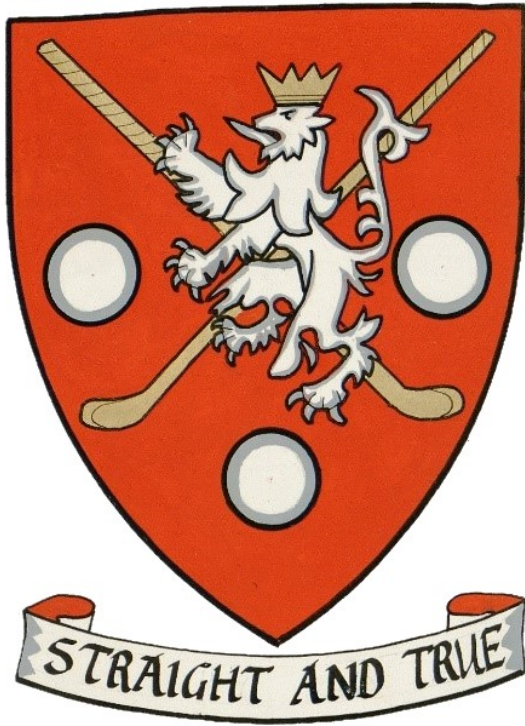
#### Royal Burgess Golfing Society of Edinburgh 1930

Like the Glasgow Fishmongers Company arms in today's "shout-out", these arms are doubtless the work of herald painter, Alfred Law George Samson.

Again we see a fictitious castle representing Edinburgh as the principal charge, with eight plates in chief, sitting like gold balls on the green. The golf clubs in saltire are not omitted however, as they form the crest.

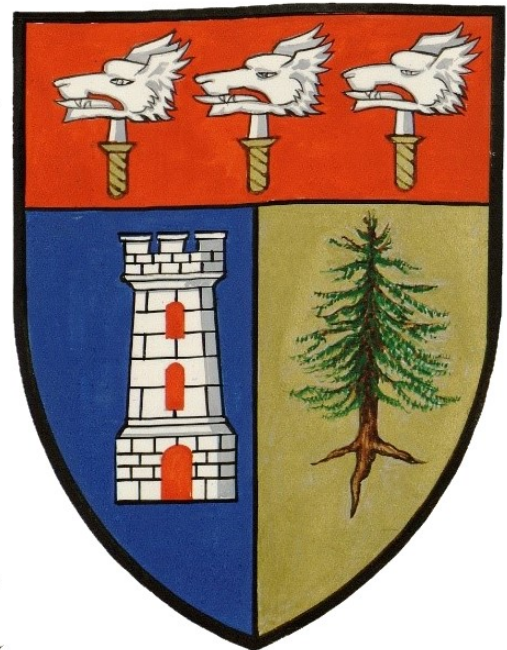


Refreshingly, neither Balbirnie (2001) (left) nor Blairgowrie (1980) makes any reference to golf in its arms. The first uses the ancient church of St Drostan in Markinch, while the second prefers instead to unite the cross crosslets from the burgh arms with those of Macpherson of Cluny, a prominent local land-owner.



**Dumfries and Galloway Golf Club** was granted arms in 1979 and boldly superimposes the ancient crowned silver lion of Galloway on the conventional *golf clubs in saltire* formula. This creates a striking composition.

Westhill Golf Club, Aberdeen, was granted arms in 1988 and is situated on the lands of the ancient Barony of Skene. This is referred to by the three “skeins” (as in “skein dhu”) with wolves’ heads on the chief, part of the arms of Skene of Skene. The triple-towered tower refers to Aberdeen and the eradicated larch tree to the Westhill Wood, part of the golf course.



There are many more armigerous golf clubs in Scotland but we have to stop sometime and this it. We finish with a very unusual coat of arms, for the **Scottish Golf Union Ltd**, granted in 2007.

The blazon reads:

*On a shield of circular form Azure a saltire debased and bowed counter embowed Argent, in chief a lion rampant Gules fimbriated of the Second.*

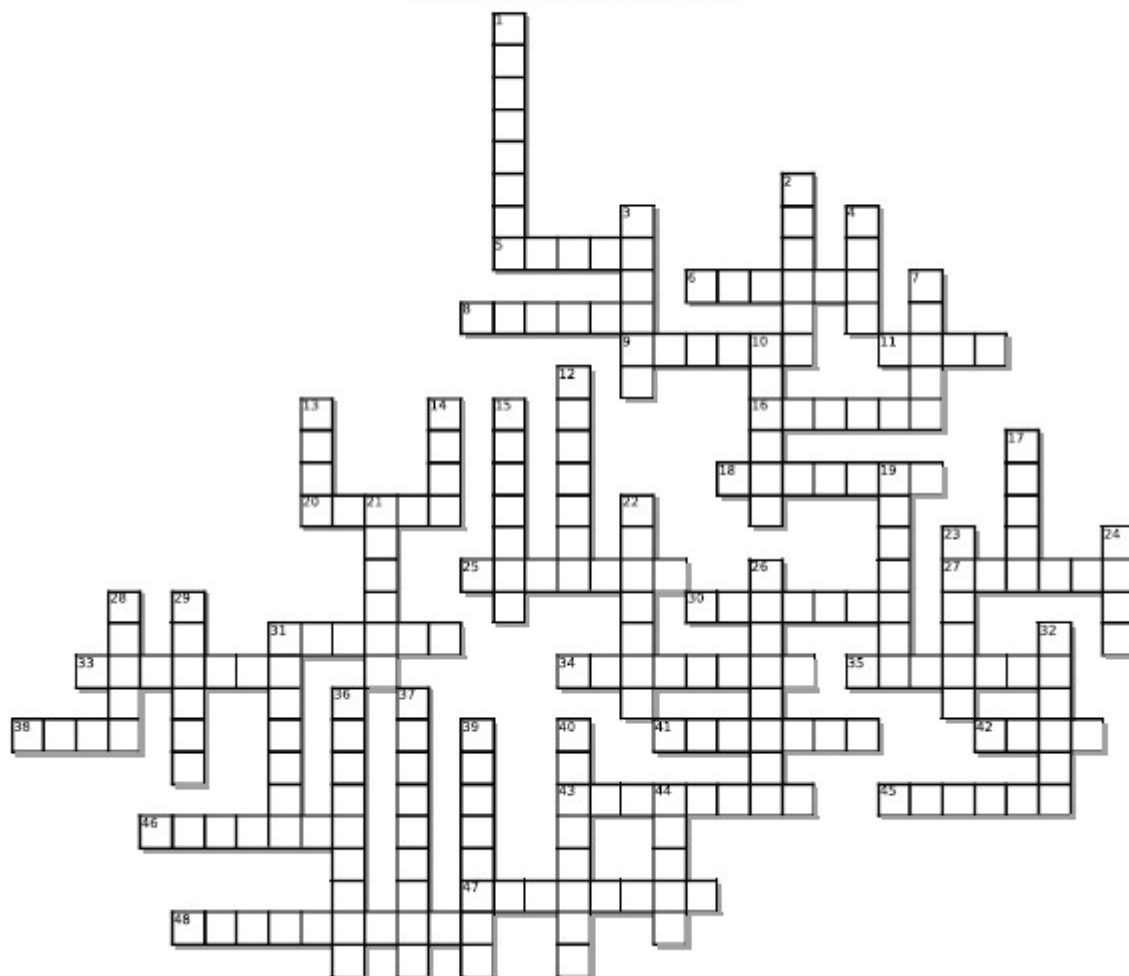
*Fimbriated* simply means “fringed” and is necessary in this case to let the *Lion rampant Gules* stand out from the Azure field, a colour on a colour being often frowned on for reasons of clarity.





## Another Heraldic Crossword

Week 8 of the Lock-down



### ACROSS

- 5 a silver roundel
- 6 in its natural colour
- 8 a gold roundel
- 9 head torn off roughly
- 11 a thick diagonal line from top left
- 16 a star
- 18 a thin pallet
- 20 heraldic black
- 25 a red roundel
- 27 a diamond with a hole
- 30 tassels on a cleric's arms
- 31 clerical hat
- 33 a bishop's crook
- 34 a half-moon
- 35 an elongated oval-shape
- 38 a wed/ge shape
- 41 shield vertically halved to show two coats of arms
- 42 a y shape extending to the corners
- 43 describing colours by abbreviations
- 45 a thinnish horizontal line
- 46 diamond shape for female armiger
- 47 heraldic right
- 48 an additional mark to identify a related owner

### DOWN

- 1 an sea-shell
- 2 head cleanly cut off
- 3 heraldic left
- 4 a wheat-sheaf
- 7 3D object above the shield and helm
- 10 heraldic fur
- 12 a ring
- 13 a central horizontal stripe
- 14 a thick vertical stripe
- 15 an arrow shape
- 17 heraldic red
- 19 a St Andrew's cross-shape
- 21 a little rectangular shape
- 22 shapes placed on a shield
- 23 a quatrefoil
- 24 heraldic green
- 26 a roundel with blue and white waves
- 28 wreath holding the the crest
- 29 a diamond outline only
- 31 half eagle half lion
- 32 a thinnish vertical stripe
- 36 a y shape
- 37 lozenge-shaped arms for a funeral
- 39 animal head without neck looking out
- 40 indicating colours by lines
- 44 the top section of the shield

Heraldic word sudoku

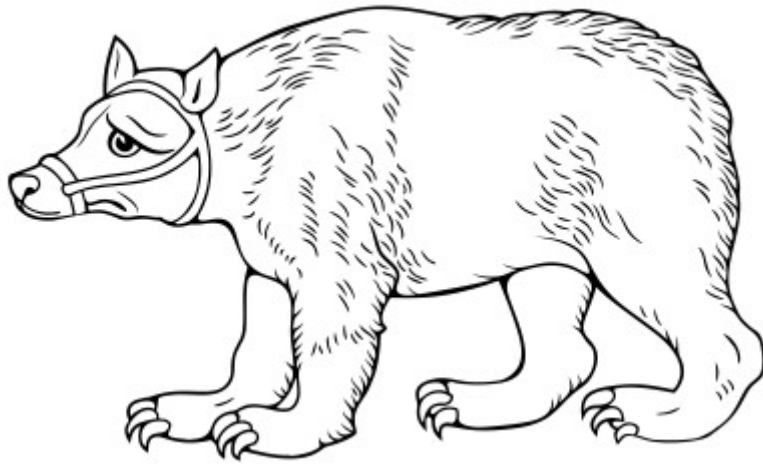
USUAL RULES—only one appearance of each word per column, row or section.

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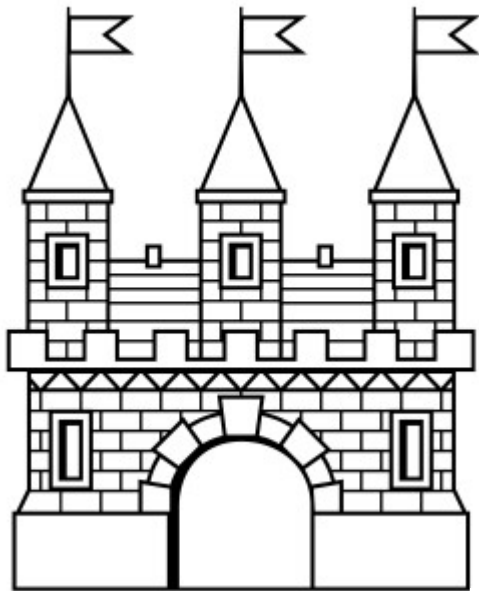
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Some heraldic colouring-in for you.

Images from Armorial Gold.



If you have not already found it, Youtube has some wonderful easy drawing workshops led by Steve Harpster. Simply search for HARPTOONS.

