

## Silver medal for Iona McKean in Scottish Senior Women's Open Championship



Iona McKean, the 2020 Cottesmore Ladies Champion, won the Silver Medal in the Scottish Senior Women's Open Championship held at Aberdour Golf Club 22-25 June.

Iona was in 13th place after the opening 36 hole stroke play matches, and her hard work began in the matchplay rounds. She won on the 18th green in her first round match and had a comfortable 4&3 win in the afternoon.

In the semi-finals, she faced the favourite, Elaine Moffatt, who was playing off +2, to Iona's handicap of 5, so she was thrilled to beat her.

She was so excited to get through to the final in the afternoon that she completely forgot to change over her trolley battery, which was a sad oversight!

She faced Karen Ferguson-Sneddon, from Mortonhall, playing off a handicap of 2, and Iona seemed to be in control by the 10th hole. It was on the 11th that her battery failed, and she lost the next two holes. By the time husband, James, got a replacement battery to her on the 14th, her focus had been distracted and she lost the match on the 17th.

Nevertheless, it was an amazing achievement to take the Silver Medal and though she was shorter off the tee than many of her opponents, her short game earned their respect.

Iona said, "It was a wonderful experience. I met so many lovely ladies who were so supportive. I would encourage anyone over 50 to enter the national Senior competitions as they are such fun and a great way to find out just how good your own game is."