

The Stonehaven Cup

The Stonehaven Cup was first presented at the Australian Open championship in 1930 at the Metropolitan Golf Club in Melbourne.

Despite being held since 1904, this was the first year the championship had an official trophy.

Born to Scottish gentry as John Lawrence Baird and educated at Eton, Australia's eighth Governor-General was elevated to the peerage before travelling to Australia and chose the title Baron Stonehaven.

A keen golfer and aviation enthusiast, Stonehaven presented the trophy to champion Frank Eyre in September 1930, marking the completion of his five-year term in the vice-regal position.

Stonehaven returned to England a month later and was elected Chairman of the Conservative Party in 1931.



In 1938, he was made Viscount Stonehaven of Ury in the County of Kincardine.

He died at Ury House, Stonehaven, Scotland, in August 1941, aged 67.