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# Faces *The Field's Macnab Dinner 2018*

**ROW ONE**  
Editor Jonathan Young;  
Wahida Sheikh, Paul Innes and Christine Percy from Swarovski Optik; Jonathan Irby and Geoffrey Minter, guests enjoying dinner at the Saville Club; Helen and John MacGregor; Field columnist Eve Jones

**ROW TWO**  
Elaine Stewart; Paul Pare; Lynn Fields and Helen Pare; Sam Rickitt; Allan Hemmings; Laura Egan; Marcus Janssen

**ROW THREE**  
Joe Thompson; Field cookery writer Philippa Davis; John Fields; Tracey Irvine; Lucie Boedts-Kuehnle and Gtislaine Golsong; Betty Bohane

**ROW FOUR**  
Charlotte Coups; Peter Antoniou; Steve Forrest; Lee Beverland; Shaanan Smith; Field goody bags for the guests; the Macnab cufflinks



THE FIELD's Macnab Dinner was a highlight of the drear month of February, when a convivial and sporting bunch met at London's Saville Club to swap stories and receive their coveted Macnab cufflinks, an acknowledgement of success in last season's Field Macnab Challenge, sponsored by Swarovski Optik.



The ability to take a salmon on the fly, a brace of grouse and a stag in one day requires luck, skill and determination. The Macnabbers who assembled in London boasted those qualities in spades. As ever, the Macnab Dinner celebrated first timers and old hands among the 17 successful sportsmen and women.



Americans Joe Thompson and John Fields Jr flew over with their wives, indulged in some gun browsing and kit shopping and then added their borhomie to the Gannochy gang. This year the Gannochy estate produced seven Macnabs but the Walking Macnab – undertaking the entire day on foot, from the lodge – deserves special mention.



Over salmon, venison and cranachan (channelling the Macnab spirit in food form), Macnabbers and Field contributors and friends found they had much in common, and the hubbub quietened only for Peter Antoniou of Swarovski Optik to make a short speech thanking all those in attendance.



Every Macnab is different and, as Editor Jonathan Young and Christine Percy from Swarovski Optik presented the cufflinks, each Macnabber told the assembled gathering a little about their attempt. Our oldest ever Macnabber, a title proudly worn by 75-year-old Geoffrey Minter, added a Macnab-themed after-dinner story to the mix, and more friendships were forged over the port. The 2018 Macnab Challenge will open on 13 August 2018.

