

1: The Royal and Ancient Golf Club

This reference handbook, for the golfing world, offers reviews of the season by leading golf writers. It lists the five players of the year and contains entries on clubs and courses throughout Europe, as well as the complete rules of golf.

In the letter to the Prince, the Club invited him to be its Patron. He also signified his intention of becoming Captain of the Club for the ensuing year. It is not clear whether this move was initiated by the Earl of Dalhousie, the incumbent Captain, or whether it resulted from some confusion as to the role of Patron, in view of the Club already having a Patroness. Whatever the cause, it was clearly necessary for His Royal Highness to be elected a member of the Club before he could be nominated as Captain-Elect. This was duly done at a special meeting held on 29th June. Unfortunately, the Prince was unable to attend the Autumn Meeting, but for the first time, the press mentioned the Driving In ceremony. The Fife Journal of 30 September reported: The order of play having been balloted for, the members adjourned to the green to commence the competition, when John Whyte Melville Esq. From that year onwards, the ceremonial drive became a focal point in the induction of the new captain. Perhaps introduced to add lustre to a royal occasion, the tradition has continued whereby, with a single, symbolic stroke, the new captain wins the Silver Club and the Queen Adelaide Medal. Another Royal tradition was established when a gold ball rather than a silver ball was attached to the Silver Club. The fourth and youngest son of Queen Victoria, Leopold was a haemophiliac who was encouraged by his doctors to play golf. The following year Leopold was chosen as Captain. The Prince drove into office on 27 September. He was created Duke of Albany in and died in . Despite the heavy rain, over 6,000 spectators gathered on the morning of 27 September to watch the Prince drive into office. William Petrie, a clubmaker, retrieved the ball and the Prince rewarded him with a gold sovereign. It was the first time that a sovereign had been offered. Prior to , the caddie received an unspecified silver coin, probably a crown. Since , when Sir John Gilmour also awarded a gold sovereign, each succeeding Captain has followed this practice. To commemorate his year in office, the Prince presented a replica of the Silver Club. When he drove into office on 24 September , he became the first Captain to do so using a steel-shafted club. This is now on display in the British Golf Museum. As well as being a keen golfer, Albert was also a fine tennis player, winning the Royal Air Force doubles title and competing at Wimbledon with his partner, Sir Louis Greig, in . Although he played tennis left-handed, he was a right-handed golfer. A gallery of some 2,000 spectators gathered to watch the Duke drive in as Captain, along with about forty hopeful caddies. Andrew Kirkaldy performed the ritual of teeing the ball and the Duke, pausing only to remove his jacket, hit a straight drive about 200 yards down the fairway. The ball was retrieved by John Wilson after a spirited scramble and he was carried shoulder high by the other caddies. A polite description perhaps; however there was no great improvement when the Duke went on to compete in the Medal, where he was accompanied by Sir John Simon, the outgoing Captain and Chancellor of the Exchequer. Once again the Duke topped his tee shot at the first hole. The Duke of Kent was 34 years old when he became Captain. He died in a plane crash in . He was a member of the Amateur Status Committee from to . The Prince drove into office on 18 September and was Captain during the year in which the Club celebrated its 100th anniversary. Painted by Anthony Oakshott, it contains over 100 individuals and was completed in 1890.

2: Women Golfers' Museum

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The Act, which ordered the holding of wappenschaws English: Football see Football in Scotland and golf are again both explicitly named and forbidden in two further 15th century Scottish statutes encouraging archery practice, in and The Act, in the reign of James III , again uses the spelling golf, but the Act, in the reign of James IV , spells it gouff; [15] and variants such as gowf, gowff, gouf became the usual spellings during the Early Modern Period. The Scottish National Dictionary states that "golf represents a revival of the Middle Scots form; Loudoun Gowf Club, Newmilns , retains the old form in its title"; [16] i. The Dictionary of the Older Scottish Tongue gives the etymology of the word golf or gouf with many alternative spellings as probably from the Dutch kolf see Kolven , a Dutch indoor ballgame ; although the dictionary also records the noun golf with alternative spellings golfe or golph as deriving from Middle English golf or goulf or Old French golfe, meaning "a deep pool or hollow; an abyss"; a cognate of modern English gulf. List of English words of Scots origin Links: The most widely accepted theory is that the modern game of golf originated in Scotland in the High Middle Ages. The first tournament structures developed and competitions were held between various burghs. The modern game was spread by Scots to the rest of the world. The earliest reference to golf is the purchase of a set of golf clubs by James IV from a bowmaker of St Johnston Perth in Where he played is not known, but it is likely to have been on the open ground called the North Inch at Perth. It is recorded that Robert Maule of Panmure played golf at Carnoustie in the mid 16th century, as a wager for drink. Evidence has shown that golf was played on Musselburgh Links in , although Mary, Queen of Scots reputedly played there even earlier in The St Andrews Links occupy a narrow strip of land along the sea-shore. As early as the 15th century, golfers at St Andrews established a trench through the undulating terrain, playing to holes whose locations were dictated by topography. The course that emerged featured eleven holes, laid out end to end from the clubhouse to the far end of the property. One played the holes out, turned around, and played the holes in, for a total of 22 holes. In , several of the holes were deemed too short, and therefore combined. The number was thereby reduced from 11 to nine, so that a complete round of the links comprised 18 holes. There are now more than golf courses throughout the country, with at least 21 courses in Edinburgh alone. The 18th hole at Carnoustie , Angus, Scotland. Spreading the game outwith Scotland[edit] When James VI succeeded to the thrones of England and Ireland in see Union of the Crowns a large number of his Scottish courtiers followed him to London. The King resided at Greenwich Palace , and there is documentary evidence that some of these Scottish noblemen played golf on Blackheath , on the hill behind the palace. The Royal Blackheath Golf Club traces its origins from these Scottish noblemen, thus claiming a pre foundation date. Although it is certainly the oldest English golf club, and the oldest outwith Scotland, there is no evidence that it is the oldest golf club in the world, as is sometimes claimed. The first record of North American golf was a consignment of 96 golfclubs and golf balls which was shipped from Leith to Charleston , South Carolina , in ; [26] and on 29 September Scottish merchants established the South Carolina Golf Club in Charleston, the first golf club in the United States.

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Gene Sarazen Youngest: That still stands as the record for the oldest competitor ever. Young Tom Morris was the youngest competitor at the event, participating in the tournament at the age of 14 years, 4 months and 25 days. Most victories by an amateur Bobby Jones American golfer Bobby Jones competed as an amateur for the entirety of his career. His three Open Championship wins give him the record for most victories by an amateur. Read More Champions with each round lower than the previous one In , James Braid pictured improved in each of his four rounds en route to capturing the Open Championship, shooting a 77, 76, 74 and He is one of five champions to make that sort of progression. The others are Jack White in 80, 75, 72, 69 , Henry Cotton in 74, 73, 72, 71 , Ben Hogan in 73, 71, 70, 68 and Gary Player in 75, 71, 70, Read More Lowest final round Both Jodie Mudd and Payne Stewart pictured played their ways to fourth-round record-low scores of 63, but neither finished even in the top three. Payne Stewart earned a 12th-place finish in Rory McIlroy joined their ranks in Read More Lowest individual round by an amateur Breaking a record previously set by Justin Rose , Tiger Woods and Frank Stranahan by one stroke, year-old Tom Lewis pictured stormed out to a share of the British Open lead by shooting a 5-under 65 in the opening round at Royal St. He was playing in a grouping with Tom Watson, the five-time Open Championship victor after whom Lewis was named. He holds the record for most appearances in the tournament. Most appearances before first victory Darren Clarke Phil Mickelson Darren Clarke pictured won his first major after 54 attempts, taking home the Claret Jug in his 20th try at the Open Championship. With four majors already under his belt, Mickelson won his first Open in Most appearances on the final day since Jack Nicklaus Jack Nicklaus has survived to play the final day of golf at the Open Championship a record 32 times. Most appearances without a victory Dai Rees Welsh golfer Dai Rees finished as the runner-up at the Open Championship in , and , but he never broke through for a victory at the event. His 29 appearances without a victory ranks as a tournament record. Most runner-up finishes Jack Nicklaus While golfing legend Jack Nicklaus left has three Open Championship wins to his credit, he came very close to adding many more trophies from the event. Nicklaus finished as the runner-up a record seven times, coming in second or in a tie for second in , , , , and Read More Outright leader after every round Seven golfers have the distinction of going on to win The Open Championship after being the outright leader at the end of every round in a hole tournament. Read More Champions with four rounds under 70 When Tiger Woods shot rounds of 67, 66, 67 and 69 to win the Open Championship in , he became the third golfer in eight years and third golfer in history to do that at the tournament. The others are Greg Norman in with rounds of 66, 68, 69 and 64 and Nick Price, who shot 69, 66, 67 and 66 in his four rounds in

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In about the Captaincy became an elected office and the Challenge for the Silver Club became a symbolic, rather than a real competition. He accepted the invitation but also said that he would be Captain of the Club for the following year. He was therefore represented by John Melville who drove the first ball. This set precedence and henceforth the ceremonial drive became a key part of the induction of the new captain. The tradition has continued so that with a single drive the new captain wins the Silver Club and the Queen Adelaide Medal. He was the eighth child and youngest son of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. He was a hemophiliac and was encouraged by his doctors to play golf. In he was invited to be Club Captain. His eldest brother had been Captain but was unable to attend as explained above. He had no problem driving on the first tee; the ball flew over the heads of the crowd and well down the fairway. His visit was very well received and he returned to resign the office the following year. In he became Duke of Albany but died in He was a keen golfer keen golfer having a handicap of In he was invited to be the next Captain. On the day it was raining heavily, but some 6, spectators were present to witness the Prince drive into office. The drive was not spectacular, blame the weather! The ball was retrieved by a ball maker William Petrie. The Prince gave him a gold sovereign, rather more than the traditional silver coin. Edward then presented the club with a reproduction of the Silver Club to celebrate his year in office. He was a keen golfer and an excellent tennis player. Steel shafts had been approved for use In The Duke became Captain in and drove into office in fine style. The Duke then drove the ball straight down the fairway some yards. The ball was retrieved by John Wilson after a high-spirited stampede by the caddies earning him the traditional golf sovereign. The Duke succeeded his brother to become King in He died in and his eldest daughter followed becoming Queen Elizabeth ii. He was invited to be an Honorary Member in He then played in the medal with the previous Captain. Probably nervous as most golfers are on St Andrews first tee, the Prince once again found the initial drive somewhat intimidating. He served on the Amateur Status Committee from to , the first royal to be a committee member. A painting was commissioned by the Club to mark the anniversary. It features the Duke of York driving into office in the traditional manner. Learn more about our St Andrews Golf Package.

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