



Ground-breaking global partnership between Allianz and St Andrews Links

St Andrews Links Trust is working with the Allianz Group in a new, exclusive global partnership, the first in the 600-year history of the Home of Golf.

The Trust, which manages the seven public golf courses in St Andrews including the Old Course and The Castle Course which opened last year, and Allianz, one of the world's leading financial services providers, agreed on a strategic collaboration aimed at strengthening the brands and profiles of the two organisations.

A new state-of-the-art microsite highlighting the partnership is now live. Hosted at www.allianz.com/sal, the site is designed to invite visitors from around the world to experience the unique spirit of the Links online.

Allianz sponsored the annual St Andrews Links Trophy, one of Europe's premier amateur golf tournaments, for the first time in June and will support the work of the Links Trust in maintaining the courses and the historic coastline.

The new partnership comes ahead of the 28th staging of The Open Championship over the Old Course in 2010 and the annual Alfred Dunhill Links Championship which takes place this month on the Old Course.

Steven Althaus, Senior Vice President Global Brand Management and Strategic Partnerships, Allianz, said, "There are few places in the world with as much history, tradition and sense of community as St Andrews Links. Allianz is proud, as one of the world's leading global financial services companies to partner with the world's most important golf community."

Alan McGregor, chief executive of St Andrews Links Trust, commented, "This is a ground-breaking move for St



● Allianz golf ambassador Paul McGinley at The Castle Course.

Andrews Links and we are delighted to be partnering with an organisation that, like our own, combines heritage with dedication to excellence. Golf is becoming very popular around the world and working closely with Allianz will ensure we welcome many more people from many new countries to the Home of Golf."

PGA European tour professional, Ryder

Cup winner and Allianz golf ambassador Paul McGinley, who visited the Old Course and The Castle Course recently, said, "Throughout my career I've developed very fond memories of St Andrews Links and when I turned professional, Allianz gave me the support I needed to go to the next level. We have had a great relationship ever since. I am sure Allianz partnering with St Andrews Links will also be a great success."



Course UPDATE

Old Course

With the R & A medals being swiftly followed by the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship, we have been applying a light application of fertiliser and seaweed to the greens followed by verticutting and topdressing to prepare them for these tournaments and see them through the autumn period. We also continued to try to overseed some small areas while the soil temperatures remained high. The bank behind the 18th green will be scarified and sanded again to further thin out the rank grasses present there. Following the tournaments, tees will be scarified, topdressed and fertilised to strengthen them for the winter and aeration work will commence.

New and Jubilee Courses

We have applied autumn fertiliser to all areas of both courses. We also spent some time, spiking, and topdressing tees. The greens received another application of seed during the last two weeks of September. Finally, the construction works will continue on the Jubilee course with the 13th bronze tee extension being completed before moving onto developing the 12th teeing area. A pit will be dug at the far end of the Jubilee Course to excavate sand for use on these redesign jobs and the hole filled back up with the poorer material, topping it off with some sand.

Eden Course and GPC

Our focus has been on overseeding on greens, tees and approaches as this is the best month to carry out this work while continuing to present the course to a high standard. We have been using a new product on a few areas of some greens which kills off the ryegrass present in the sward. Ryegrass has a tufted growth habit and is particularly prevalent on the greens on the front nine making them bumpy at certain times of the year. This new product has the ability to kill one species of grass but not the others but there will be discolouration to these areas for a period. We will also be using a growth regulator to reduce the competition from other grass species and give new seedlings a better chance of establishing. This seeding work will be followed by topdressing and fertilising.

Strathryum and Balgove Courses

We have been doing a lot of Aeration, Hydrojecting to Greens, aprons, tees and weak areas. There has also been wetting agent and growth regulator applied to the greens. Topdressing has been applied as normal. Work has also been done to get the Balgove back to normal after the Wee Wonders competition.

The Castle Course

We will be overseeding and topdressing greens to thicken up the surface and fertilising all areas to strengthen the turf for the winter months. Selected areas of the fairways and semi-rough will be overseeded and topdressed and the tees will be cored and topdressed. Final spraying work will be carried out on any weeds and the walkways and traffic routes will be decompacted.

Successful season for SALJGA



● The SALJGA members at the prizegiving ceremony.

St Andrews Links Junior Golf Association celebrated another successful year at its prizegiving ceremony. More than 60 prizes were presented by St Andrews Links Trust Chairman Peter Forster to boys and girls aged between 5 and 18 who have competed in a total of 39 tournaments and events throughout the season.

While SALJGA aims to encourage children of all abilities to take up the game and develop their skills there were some noteworthy achievements from SALJGA members.

Ewan Scott became the first Scottish player ever to win the English Boys' Under-14 Amateur Strokeplay Championship, capping a fine season which saw him reach the Quarter Finals in the St Andrews Boys' Open and win the SALJGA Order of Merit. Ewan is in the Scottish Boys' Development Squad.

Rachel Hanlon enjoyed an excellent season, winning the Strathryum Trophy and the East of Scotland Girls' championship and being selected as first reserve for the Scottish Girls Home Internationals squad. Rachel also won the award for the Most Improved SALJGA player this year.

Another strong performer was Ian Redford Junior who is now in the Scotland under-18 squad and finished in the top five in the Scotland Under-18's Strokeplay at Ladybank. Ian represented Scotland Boys in the Home Internationals and won the SALJGA Challenge Tour Matchplay Championship.

"The young boys and girls in SALJGA deserve a huge amount of praise for the way they have played this year. The standard is improving throughout all levels of the association and it is exciting to see some of them starting to make an impact at national level," said Mr Forster.

"The whole ethos of SALJGA is to encourage youngsters to take up and learn the game of golf and it is pleasing to see more 300 members receiving coaching and playing in events this year. We also have to thank the volunteer coaches and parents who help make the association such a success."

As well as the tournaments and events on the Balgove, Strathryum and Eden courses, SALJGA teams took part in matches against Wentworth, Scotsraig and Cupar Golf Club amongst others.

SALJGA is a partnership between St Andrews Links Trust and local golf clubs and is supported by Callaway.



High standards at Junior Opens

Scottish star Carly Booth turned around her season with a fine performance to win the St Andrews Junior Ladies' Open. The Curtis Cup player captured the Golf Monthly Trophy after a 3 and 2 victory over Edinburgh University student Emma Fairnie from Dunbar.

The St Andrews Boys' title was taken by Richard Robson-Crosby from Ponteland in Northumbria after a 3 and 1 victory over Matthew Fitzpatrick from Hallamshire in Yorkshire.

Booth, who was a member of the losing Great Britain and Ireland Curtis Cup team last year, used her experience of playing the Old Course to take a commanding three hole lead at the turn. Her opponent won the tenth but the 17 year old from Comrie reasserted her authority at the next hole and held the lead to seal the match at the 16th.

Rebecca Wilson from Monifieth seemed to be cruising into the final when she was three up with three to play on Fairnie but she lost all three holes and was pipped at the 19th when Fairnie won the first extra hole. Rachel Hanlon from the St Regulus Club made it to the quarter finals where she put up a strong fight against Booth on the Old Course before succumbing 3 and 2.

In the boys' event, the 17 year-old Robson-Crosby was two up in the early stages but Fitzpatrick, three years his junior, pulled it back to level at the turn and then moved into a two hole lead. Robson-Crosby was not to be denied, however, and squared the match on the 13th before claiming the Merchants' Cup on the 17th.

Ewan Scott, of the St Andrews Golf Club, led the way after the first qualifying round, with an excellent 69 on the Eden Course and made a fine run to the quarter finals where he encountered the on-form Fitzpatrick who secured an impressive 6 and 4 victory.

Joshua Jamieson of the New Golf Club and Neil Beattie of the St Andrews Golf Club also made it through the qualifying round.



● Richard Robson-Crosby.



● Carly Booth.

HOLES IN ONE

Allan Arnold from Preston wielded his driver to good effect on the 17th of the New Course on 6 August when he holed in one.

On 10 August, **Penny Bateman** from St Andrews showed her local knowledge when she found the cup with her five iron on the 5th hole of the Jubilee Course.

Christopher Kinney from New York made it a memorable trip to Scotland when he found the hole with

his six iron on the 8th hole of the Old Course. **Richard Perry** from St Andrews took a single shot with his five iron on the 9th of the Jubilee on 18 August. Two days later **Richard Cases** from Andorra tamed the 11th on the Old with a five iron. Edinburgh golfer **Stewart Fowlie** rattled the can on the 8th of the Eden Course on 24 August with a six iron.

Eight year-old **Jake Craddock** from Lincolnshire was the envy of older

golfers everywhere when he holed out on the 9th of the Balgove Course with his wedge on 25 August.

A swing of his eight iron was all that Swede **Andreas Zartmann** required to finish the 13th hole of the New on 28 August. On the same day **Adam Syed**, playing in the Wee Wonders tournament, holed out on the 8th of the Balgove. Three days later on the same course **James Maughan** from Dorking aced the 12th hole.



Eden and Strathtyrum trophies

SALJGA member Rachel Hanlon capped a fine season in the junior and adult ranks when she won the Strathtyrum Trophy. The 17 year-old defeated her more experienced opponent, Elaine Clark, from Manchester, at the first extra hole on the Eden Course.



● Rachel Hanlon.

The Eden Trophy was won by full-time amateur golfer Jason Barnes at the eighth time of asking. The Chart Hills player notched up a 2 and 1 victory over Chris Harrison from Sandiway

over the Eden Course.

Hanlon used all of her local knowledge to race ahead in the final round of the Strathtyrum Trophy winning the first three holes and holding the lead until the closing stretch. The 43 year-old Clark dramatically fought her way back into the match to win the last three holes and force it into a play-off.

The battle of nerves continued down the first extra hole but Hanlon recovered her composure to win the hole and achieve a notable victory. She became the first St Andrews player to win the tournament since her fellow St Regulus Club member Lauren McArthur's win in 2000.

Hanlon's impressive run to the final included a comprehensive 6 and 5 defeat of experienced campaigner Ann Ramsay from Kirriemuir, the tournament runner-up for the last two years.

The Strathtyrum Salver was won by Rebecca Gammon of Ashford who overcame Mary Carty from Ireland 4 and 2.

The 25 year-old Barnes' victory in the Eden Trophy was achieved after a close fought match with Harrison with never more than two holes between the players.

After an even front nine, Barnes took the lead at the 11th hole and held it from there against his 34 year-old rival.



● Jason Barnes

He won the 14th and then clinched the match on the 17th green.

Local interest in the event ended when Neil Moore of the New Club lost out to Harrison by 5 and 4 at the semi-final stage. Barnes knocked out Gordon Stevenson from Whitecraigs 2 and 1.

The Eden Tankard was won by Simon Whitehall of Tewkesbury Park who beat Paul Macnaught of Malden at the second extra hole.

Strong field for Dunhill

In-form Englishman Lee Westwood and Northern Irishman Rory McIlroy will head the field at next month's Alfred Dunhill Links Championship. The event which runs from October 1-4 will also see the likes of three-time major winner and double Dunhill Links champion Pádraig Harrington, last year's champion Robert Karlsson and runner-up, Ross Fisher, former champion Nick Dougherty and European Ryder Cup captain Colin Montgomerie battle it out over the Old Course, Carnoustie and Kingsbarns.

Entrance to the Alfred Dunhill Links Championship will be free at all three

courses on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. A ticket price of £15 (concessionary £10) will be charged for the final day's play over the Old Course on Sunday, October 4. Entry for under 16s and students is free. Tickets are available through the ticket hotline on 0870 010 9021 or at the entrance gates. There is free parking for spectators and a free shuttle bus service will be in operation between the courses on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.



● Robert Karlsson with the trophy.



HSBC Wee Wonders Grand Final 2009

Former Alfred Dunhill Links Champion Nick Dougherty presented the prizes to the winners of the HSBC Wee Wonders tournament. The 36-hole event was played on the Strathtyrum and Balgove courses and was the culmination of 135 regional qualifiers, in which 109 competitors aged 5-12 took part. Children aged 5-10 played 27 holes on the Balgove and those aged 11-12 played 36 holes on the Strathtyrum. The winners were: Boys 11-12 Jack Singh Brar; Girls 11-12 Connie Jaffrey; Boys 9-10 Mark Power; Girls 9-10 Samantha Fuller; Boys 7-8 Harry Fearn; Girls 5-8 Georgia Oboh; Boys 5-6 Conor Gough.



Gumley Trophy

Fife Council overcame their counterparts from Edinburgh in the annual Gumley Trophy match played this year over The Castle Course.

The match dates back to 1930 when St Andrews Town Council took on Edinburgh Corporation Golf Club. Fife leads Edinburgh by 33 to 26 in overall victories.

Provost of Fife Frances Melville presented the trophy to Jim Findlay, the captain of the Fife Council team. St Andrews Links Management Committee members Councillor Bill Sangster, Mick Cordner and Eric Thain were in the Fife team.



Course Information

Green Fees (to 19 October)

	Adult	Under 16
Old Course	£130	£130
The Castle Course	£117.50	£59
New Course	£65	£32
Jubilee Course	£65	£32
Eden Course	£40	£20
Strathtyrum Course	£25	£12
Balgove Course	£12	£4

Tickets

Three and seven day tickets are available for all courses except the Old.

3-Day £145 (adult) £72 (junior)

7-Day £290 (adult) £145 (junior)

Castle Course £40 (adult) £20 (junior) surcharge

Balgove Course only

3-Day £21 (adult) £6 (junior)

7-Day £42 (adult) £12 (junior)

Opening Times

For full details about clubhouse opening times please contact 01334 466666.

Equipment Hire

Steel and graphite clubs and shoes can be hired from the shops in the Clubhouses. Telephone 01334 466666.

PLAYING THE LINKS

Starting times on all six 18 hole courses may be booked in advance but not for Saturday play, except on The Castle Course (subject to availability). Applications may be made by letter, phone, fax or email. The Reservations Office is open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm with the exception of Thursdays, when it opens at 9.30am. A minimum of two golfers should apply and pre-paid green fees are non-refundable. Tee times can also be reserved through LinksNet, the Links Trust's online booking service. Visit www.standrews.org.uk for details.

Old Course (6721 yards, par 72)

First played on around 1400 and naturally formed, the Old Course regularly hosts The Open Championship. Like all the Links courses it is public. It is open Monday-Saturday all year and the playing interval is ten minutes. The handicap limit is 24 for men and 36 for ladies and a valid certificate has to be shown to the starter. Please check in with the starter at least 20 minutes before your tee time. Visiting golfers wishing to park at the Links Clubhouse should allow 25 minutes before their tee time and take the free shuttle buggy to the starter's box beside the first tee. Single players can join in a two or three ball by approaching the starter in the first instance.

Advance reservations

Applications will be taken on or after the first Wednesday in September for the following year. Please apply to reservations@standrews.org.uk.

Ballot

Every day except Sunday a ballot or draw takes place for a number of times on the following day on the Old Course. The Saturday draw is for play on Monday. You can enter by phone (01334 466666) or in person the morning before you wish to play and the ballot is drawn after 2pm. The results are announced on www.standrews.org.uk

The Castle Course (6759 yards, par 71)

The seventh course at the Home of Golf. Spectacular views from a cliff top site. Online bookings through www.standrews.org.uk

New Course (6625 yards, par 71)

Laid out by Old Tom Morris, this course was paid for by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club and opened in 1895. It is open every day, there is no handicap limit, and the playing interval is eight minutes. The order of play is determined by arrival on the first tee. Locals have priority between 5pm and 6pm. Online bookings through www.standrews.org.uk

Jubilee Course (6742 yards, par 72)

Opened as a 12 hole course in 1897, the Jubilee was extended to 18 holes in 1905. It is the Links course nearest to the sea at St Andrews and is used regularly for championship events. It is open every day and there is no handicap limit. Tee times can be booked by phone or in person the day before play. Locals have priority between 8.00-9.30am and 1.30-2.30pm. Online bookings through www.standrews.org.uk

Eden Course (6250 yards, par 70)

Designed by Harry S Colt and opened in 1914, the Eden is one of the most popular courses on the Links. It is open every day and there is no handicap limit. Tee times can be booked by phone or in person the day before play. Online bookings through www.standrews.org.uk

Strathtyrum Course (5620 yards, par 69)

Shorter and less testing than the other courses, the Strathtyrum opened in 1993. It is ideal for high handicappers although the bunkers are cunningly placed and the greens undulating. It is open every day and there is no handicap limit. Tee times can be booked the day before play. Online bookings through www.standrews.org.uk

Balgove Course (1520 yards, par 30)

It is open every day and times cannot be booked in advance – simply turn up and play. The green fee is the same for nine or 18 holes.



The Clubhouses



St Andrews Links has three superb clubhouses, the Links, Eden and Castle clubhouses, which are all open to the public. With first class facilities and ample parking, the clubhouses are an excellent stop for both golfers and non-golfers.

Experienced reception staff are available to give information on all aspects of golf in St Andrews and the rest of Fife.

The Links Clubhouse is a short buggy ride from the first tee of the Old Course and next to the first tees of the New and Jubilee Courses. It has a large and welcoming reception area, spacious locker rooms, lounge

and dining room with a bar, and an extensive shop.

The Eden Clubhouse is near the Golf Practice Centre and is ideally situated for golfers playing the Eden, Strathtyrum or Balgove Courses. There is a special room for junior golfers.

The Castle Clubhouse (above) overlooks the ninth and eighteenth greens of The Castle Course and features spectacular cliff top views.

All clubhouses offer varying menus with a choice of daily specials. Private parties and buffets for club dinners, celebrations and other special occasions are also welcome in the Links and Eden Clubhouses.

All changing rooms are spacious and well

equipped with lockers and overnight secure storage for golf clubs. Clubs can be cleaned using ultrasonic club cleaning equipment.

A wide range of golfwear, accessories and gifts branded with official St Andrews Links logos can be obtained from the Links Clubhouse shop, the shop behind the 18th green of the Old Course and The Old Course Shop beside the 18th fairway. Castle Course merchandise is available in the Castle Clubhouse. Golf clubs and shoes can also be hired from the Clubhouses.

The Links and Eden clubhouses are open all year every day except Christmas Day, the Castle Clubhouse opens until 1 November.

About the LINKS

Soft Spikes

Golfers are encouraged to wear shoes with plastic cleats or 'soft spikes' which do less damage than metal spikes to the greens.

Caddies

Caddies for the six Links courses can be hired through the caddie manager (tel: 01334 466633). For The Castle Course call the caddie assistant (01334 464513). Only caddies registered with the Links Trust may be used on a professional basis and caddie availability cannot be guaranteed. Caddies are paid in cash on satisfactory completion of the round and tips are at the golfer's discretion. Caddie fee is £40.

Trolleys

Battery powered trolleys (£12) or manually operated trolleys (£4) are available for hire from the starters and caddie pavilions. On the Old Course, trolleys can only be used after 12noon between the months of April and October unless there are no caddies available.

Buggies

Two person buggies or golf carts can be hired subject to availability on the New, Jubilee, Strathtyrum and Castle courses by golfers who are either senior citizens or medical certificate holders. Hire is £18 for visitors and £10 for all yearly ticket holders.

Practice Centre

- St Andrews Links Golf Academy
- Floodlit driving range.
- 22 covered and 32 open bays.
- Special area for pitching, putting and bunker practice.
- Open every day from 7am.
- Last bucket of balls dispensed at 8pm.

To find out more ☎ 01334 474489

SINCE 1974 St Andrews Links Trust, a charitable organisation created by an Act of Parliament, has overseen the management and preservation of the Links.

Now the largest golf complex in Europe, it is responsible for about 900 acres comprising six 18 hole golf courses and one nine hole course, two turf nurseries, three greenkeeping centres, an extensive Golf Practice Centre and Academy, three clubhouses and four shops.

All surpluses are reinvested into the maintenance of the courses and the facilities.

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MAP of the LINKS

