



LINKS NEWS

The Newsletter of St Andrews Links

Jubilee Course adaptations planned



- *The Jubilee Course will be undergoing a series of alterations over the next three years. The central greenside bunker at the sixth (above right) will move back by twelve yards.*

The Jubilee Course, recently voted among the top 100 courses outside the USA by prestigious magazine *Golf Digest*, is to undergo a programme of alterations over the next three years.

Following recommendations from golf course architect Martin Hawtree, renowned for his work with the R&A and on many of the UK and Ireland's top links courses, the alterations are designed to bring the Jubilee towards its full potential. Over the past nine months members of the Green Sub-committee have also been involved substantially in the planned alterations.

'When the Jubilee Course was redesigned in the 1980s the funds available put a limit on what could be achieved,' said director of greenkeeping Gordon Moir.

'The gorse management programme, which started in 2006, has given us the chance to look at the course's architecture from a new perspective.'

The work, which starts in September

this year, will focus initially on holes six, seven, twelve and thirteen. The course will remain open and any inconvenience to golfers will be kept to a minimum.

The sixth hole will see three main changes: the first and second bunkers on the left hand side of the fairway are both to be moved forward by around 30 yards, to 250 yards and 306 yards from the medal tee respectively. The centre greenside bunker will be brought back by about twelve yards.

On hole seven, a new championship tee will be constructed behind the current medal tee. A new bunker will be created on the right of the fairway at 280 yards, sunk into the bank of present mounding. The mounding before this point will be replaced with undulations that are more in keeping with the surrounding landscape. New banking will be placed at the back of the green to screen off the eighth tee area. This is designed to improve the appearance of the approach shot. Some changes to the eighth tee will give a better view of the estuary.

At the twelfth, the forward tee will be lowered to give a clearer view of the fairway from the medal tee. A bunker will be inserted on the left side of the fairway at 277 yards, a little beyond the existing one. A second new bunker will be made on the right of the fairway at 306 yards. Light mounding will be created around the green and some larger mounds will help to screen the thirteenth and fourteenth holes from the twelfth fairway.

The current ladies' tee on the thirteenth will be removed and incorporated into an enlarged bronze course tee, making the hole 20 yards longer for ladies.

Martin Hawtree's plans for the Jubilee Course are to go on display in the Links Clubhouse from Monday 8 June until Monday 22 June.

Director of Greenkeeping Gordon Moir will be on hand to discuss the plans at the following times: Friday 12 June 9am-11am; Saturday 13 June 12noon-1.30pm; Sunday 14 June 8am-8.30am and 11am-11.30am; Tuesday 16 June 2.30pm-3.30pm.



Course UPDATE

Old Course

In early June we will concentrate on presentation of the Old Course for the Links Trophy. Greens are being regularly hydrojected and surfaces lightly brushed and verti-cut. Overseeding of greens will take place after the Links Trophy. Grass is being re-instated on bunker tops. High spots on fairways will be hydrojected to assist water penetration. We will be scarifying areas of rough on the seventeenth hole to thin out coarse grasses. The area will be overseeded with fescue. The eighteenth green will be sprayed to treat pearlwort.

New and Jubilee Courses

At this time of the year the focus is on knapsack spraying work, for example herbicide application on bunker faces, tee banks and roughs. Aeration work will continue to all greens, with monthly hydrojecting and shallow spiking. Top dressing will also be maintained at a fortnightly interval to promote firmness during wet spells of weather. Presentation of the New Course for the St Rule Trophy and the Links Trophy will take up most of our time during early June.

Eden Course

We will use light scarification to refine putting surfaces and control lateral growth. There will be fortnightly dressings of sand and overseeding to increase the fescue content in the sward. Monthly wetting agent application continues, along with hydrojecting. Greens will receive a light fertiliser application to stimulate growth and encourage new seed. All areas cleared of gorse have now been seeded out and we will monitor these areas to ensure they fill in. Bunker faces have received an application of growth regulator and any weeds around the course have been spot sprayed. Watering around the course will be carried out as required to avoid areas drying out this early in the season.

Strathtyrum Course

We are now entering the high season where presentation and manicuring of the course are our top priorities. The greens, aprons and tees have received an application of spring fertiliser which will prepare them for the summer season. We are top dressing every two weeks to provide smooth and true putting surfaces. This also increases firmness and reduces thatch. The greens will be overseeded with fescue seed to increase the percentage of fine grasses on the putting surfaces. Fairways are being verti-cut to remove seed head stalks and any lateral growth. This also has the added advantage of increasing the distance the ball will roll along the fairway. With the advent of summer the roughs will be shooting up therefore we are concentrating on keeping it at a reasonable height for the enjoyment of golfers and to help reduce slow play.

The Castle Course

We are fertilising all areas to encourage growth and overseeding slow growing areas with bentgrass. To improve further the topsoil staff have already added 700 tonnes of sand to the fairways and semi roughs, with a target of doubling that over the next two years. We will be top dressing greens every three weeks to maintain surface levels. Wetting agent is being applied on a regular basis. Weeds are being spot treated in May and June.

New greenkeeping roles at the Links



● *Dave Wilson (left) is now course manager of the Strathtyrum, while Graeme Taylor takes on responsibility for both the New Course and the Jubilee Course.*

Several changes have been made to the Course Manager positions at St Andrews Links following the retirement of Roddy Barron from the Strathtyrum Course.

Graeme Taylor will take over as Course Manager for the New and Jubilee Courses and David Wilson becomes Course Manager for the Strathtyrum, replacing Roddy, who retired recently after 35 years with the Trust. David will also have responsibility for the Balgove Course.

The changes come as the latest report from the independent Sports Turf Research Institute (STRI) praised the condition of the seven courses, including the Old Course and The Castle Course, as "simply excellent."

Dr John Mills, chairman of St Andrews Links Management Committee (LMC), said, "We have a good blend of experience and skill within the greenkeeping team and I believe this new structure will enable us to deliver the courses in the best condition possible to our golfing customers."

"The report from the STRI suggests that the courses are in as good condition as they have ever been and the LMC appreciates the hard work of the greenkeepers in maintaining such a high standard on the courses."

In the Spring Agronomy Report, Richard Windows, turfgrass agronomist at the STRI, highlights the early season condition of the courses. He said, "Feedback on winter playing qualities has been very positive and the standards of early season playing qualities and conditions were nothing short of superb. Without doubt, those who are privileged to play any of the seven courses are given a real golfing treat on authentic links playing surfaces. Such quality is not only available through the main season but now throughout the year. The standards obtained on all the courses are a real credit to all involved in their management."

The praise for the condition of the courses follows shortly after four of the Links courses, the Old, the New, The Castle and the Jubilee appeared in the prestigious Golf Digest Top 100 Courses ranking. This is the first time that four of the Links courses have appeared and was particularly welcome recognition for The Castle Course, which was included after only four months of being open.



Top class international field for St Andrews Links Trophy

The St Andrews Links Trophy will be presented for the 21st time this year.

With Walker Cup places at Merion in September up for grabs, the Links Trophy is sure to be one of the pivotal events of the year and the majority of the Great Britain and Ireland squad will be on show in St Andrews looking to impress team boss Colin Dalgleish.

Pride of place goes to defending champion Keir McNicoll of Carnoustie, who is also the backmarker in the event with a handicap of +5.6. He pipped Troon Welbeck's Michael Stewart and France's Rudy Thuillier with a final green birdie last year.

McNicoll will be joined by a group of fine young Scottish players, including Eisenhower Trophy winners Wallace Booth (Comrie) and Gavin Dear (Murrayshall) who, together with Callum Macaulay, now a professional on the European Tour, took the world amateur team title in Australia last autumn.

Highest ranked player is Sam Hutsby, who came fourth at St Andrews in 2008. The Liphook man, a fixture in the world's top ten this year, lost narrowly to British Amateur champion Reiner Saxton in the final of the Spanish Amateur Open in March but went on to win the individual title at the European Nations Cup while helping England to the team honours.

England will be strongly represented, with newly-crowned Lytham Trophy champion James Robinson (Southport and Ainsdale), 2008 Amateur Championship runner-up Tommy Fleetwood (Formby Hall) and Todd Adcock (Nevill), the reigning English Amateur Champion, hoping to make a big impact. Luke Goddard (Hendon) and Charlie Ford (Kirby Muxloe) were members of the triumphant European Nations Cup team and Eddie Pepperell (Drayton Park) is in the Walker Cup squad.

New Course record holder Nigel Edwards (Whitchurch) will return to the Links to be joined by Welsh compatriots Rhys Enoch (Truro), Adam Runcie (Abergele),



Joe Vickery (Newport) and Oliver Farr (Ludlow), who was the Eden Trophy champion at St Andrews three years ago.

Irish hopes will lean on Niall Kearney (Royal Dublin) the new Brabazon Trophy holder who was inspired to victory by the news of Shane Lowry's amazing win at the Irish Open on the same weekend. Lowry has now turned pro but his success shows the strength of amateur golf in Europe.

The overseas contingent includes Americans Jack Eckardt (Firewheel), recently tied second at the Texas Golf Association's North Mid-Amateur and Gregory O'Mahony (The Dye Preserve), a third place finisher at the Southeastern Collegiate in Valdosta, Georgia, where he scored low round of the week. Scott Pinkney (Arizona) and Bill Rankin (University of Michigan) are two high-ranking US college golfers set to play in St Andrews.

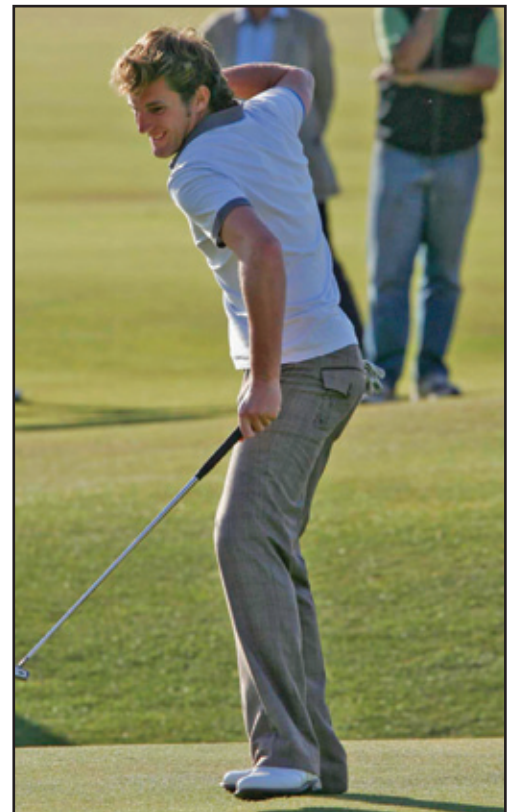
Top-performing Canadians Peter Sauerbrei (Catarauqui) and Christopher Ross (Hamilton) will also play and there will be a return to St Andrews for South Africa's Derik Ferreira (Centurion) and Andre De Decker (Westlake) who will be joined by young stars Mark Fensham (Port Elizabeth) and Jake Redman (Fancourt), first and second in the Border-EP Kat Leisure 72-hole

Strokeplay Championship at Fish River Country Club this April.

Brendan Smith (Pymble) and Matt Jager (Melville Glades) were members of Australia's victorious Southern Cross Cup team, with Jager the recent winner of the New Zealand Men's Amateur Championship. Both will be looking to emulate the excellent finishes of countrymen Scott Arnold, second in 2007 and Stephen Dartnell, runner-up in 2006. Australian Stuart Bouvier remains the only overseas player to have won the Links Trophy, back in 1990.

Europeans Alexandre Kaleka of France, third two years ago, and Pontus Widegren of Sweden will be hoping for top ten finishes.

The first two rounds of the St Andrews Links Trophy 2009 will be played on the New Course and the Old Course on 5 and 6 June, with the final two rounds taking place on the Old Course on Sunday, 7 June.



● Keir McNicoll celebrates his victory putt in 2008.



Helping golfers play th

Three holes into her professional career and Krystle Caithness has a rapt audience back home in St Andrews.

Ed Robertson and his Applied Golf Technology team are checking on her progress in the Deutsche Bank Ladies' Swiss Open. An opening double bogey has been partly offset with a birdie at the third.

No one is panicking.

'I have been fitting Krystle since she was ten years old,' says Ed founder of Scotland's leading independent custom fitting centre. 'Krystle has a real competitive edge and will recover; she must have felt some nerves on the first tee.'

Sure enough, she scores seven birdies in the round and signs for a two-under 71. She ended the tournament on six under par, only one shot out of the top ten.

Driving the ball an average of over 250 yards and finding 75 per cent of greens in regulation (she missed only one green in round three) Krystle made a great start on the Ladies' European Tour.

With her clubs adjusted by Ed at the custom fit studio in the Golf Practice Centre, Krystle is proof that to play your best you need to have the best equipment.

Ed's Tour Van Gold service has been helping Category 1 players for some years now.

'We are attracting good players to St Andrews for the service. We provide full equipment support to the SGU and SLGA international amateur players and a comprehensive range of custom fitting and club repair services to suit every type of player from beginner to tour professional.'

As if on cue, teenage golfer Callum Trahan appears. He unwraps a new set of Miura irons that Ed and his team have tailored to his personal specifications. A student of the Hank Haney International Junior Golf Academy and considering a golfing scholarship in the US Callum has travelled from Aberdeen to the Golf Practice Centre, a round trip

of over 150 miles.

'Miura is a master craftsman,' says Ed as Callum heads off to the practice bays to try out his new set. 'Many professionals play with his clubs.'

Optimisation is about tweaking and adjusting clubs to make sure they perform as they should.

'Factory clubs are generally made to tolerances of plus or minus 1 degree,' Ed explains. 'Manufacturers don't have the time or resources to make stringent checks for loft and lie angles and instead of the usual four degrees between clubs there can be anything from a two to a six degree difference in reality.'

'A young player came in with a driver his dad had bought off eBay. It was supposed to be 9 degrees loft but was actually 12, and it had a regular shaft which was totally unsuitable for him. The lad had a swing speed of 114 mph, so we gave him an 8.5 degree club with an x-flex shaft and he actually gained 60 yards on his drives. We have about 70 different shafts on site and we can make up almost any combination of shafts and heads.'

Last year, Links Trophy contestant Rudy Thuillier came by. He was fitted out with the help of the Doppler radar based technology called Trackman and started hitting drives 20 yards further. He came joint runner-up in the tournament.

Based in the Golf Practice Centre for three years now, the AGT custom fit facility is a key part of the success of St Andrews Links Golf Academy.

'St Andrews is at the centre of golf in Scotland and an equipment centre makes it unique. This has been a great opportunity to work closely with the Links Trust and the PGA pros. The Callaway Performance Centre for Scotland adds a further dimension.'

Among AGT's specialist services are shaft alignment and Moment of Inertia matching of golf clubs, which is carried out in a high-tech customisation workshop.

'Clubs are usually matched by swing weight,' explains Ed. 'However, this cannot guarantee uniform accuracy and players have to compensate by feel. Now it is possible to measure the amount of



● Ed Robertson working on Moment of Inertia matching a set of irons.



their best at every level

effort required to swing each club to a minute fraction. All clubs in the set are adjusted to the same measurement. This means the same swing can be used for every club in the bag and leads to greater consistency.

Ed shows a graphic analysis of St Andrews Links Junior Golf Association member Ewen Scott's performances with a six iron and a pitching wedge. The dispersion patterns are noticeably tighter with MOI matched clubs.

'Apart from the MOI matching, we offer putter and wedge optimisation. The wedge grinding service means players can have their wedge soles ground to their own personal requirements, making difficult shots much easier to play.'

What it all boils down to is making the game more enjoyable for golfers of all levels of ability.

'It makes a lot of sense to get custom fitted so you can just concentrate on playing the game,' says Ed.

Callum comes back in from the bays to report on his new clubs and pays Ed the ultimate compliment: 'These feel awesome' he states.

Ed Robertson and the AGT team can be contacted on 01334 466728.



● Rudy Thuillier plays with a driver fitted by AGT. He came in second at last year's Links Trophy after gaining 20 more yards.

Father and Son title returns to South Africa



Links Trust chairman Peter Forster (centre) presents the eighth annual Father & Son Tournament prizes to Holger Peens (left) and his father Louis. The South African pair took the honours for the second year in a row, beating Canadians Per and Mikkel Hansen into second place after their four round contest ended on the Old Course. The 2010 event takes place 17-22 April.

Fund-raiser for Krystle

A fund-raising golf competition for Krystle Caithness is to be held on the Jubilee Course on Friday, 24 July, with a shotgun start at 8.30am.

A maximum of 23 teams can enter. The format is teams of four with the two best stableford scores counting. Prizegiving is at the New Golf Club.

Entry forms are available from local golf clubs or from Ann Moffat (tel: 01334 473370). Closing date for entries is 1 July.





Summer dining at the Home of Golf



St Andrews Links has some of the best facilities in the golf world, with three top class clubhouses offering spectacular views, friendly service and freshly prepared food. The unique atmosphere of summer evenings at St Andrews can be enjoyed by all – golfers and non golfers alike. At the Links Clubhouse (*above left*) a special supper menu is served throughout the summer between 5pm and 9pm. The Eden Clubhouse will again host barbecues and fun putting contests for all the family on Fridays in July and August, starting 3 July. A dinner menu has been created for the spectacular Castle Course clubhouse (*above right*) which will be available on Fridays and Saturdays throughout June, July and August. Enquiries regarding the clubhouses should be addressed to: Dorothy Murphy, food and beverage manager, St Andrews Links. Telephone: 01334 466653; Email: Dorothy.Murphy@standrews.org.uk

Arnold Palmer



Among the most famous golfers in the sport, Arnold Palmer visited the Links in May to participate in the R&A club's spring medal. An honorary member, Palmer played with current captain Hamish Ritchie and past captain Graeme Simmers.

Runner-up in The Open of 1960 and winner of the subsequent two, Palmer remains a legendary figure and several hundred fans turned up to witness his first drive on the Old Course since 1995, a fine shot into a very strong head wind.

The conditions of the day were so fierce that the group turned for home early. 'I'll keep playing as long as you do,' Palmer had told his companions but, after finishing the sixth, Arnie stated: 'This old horse ain't going to last the course.'

Palmer went on to sign autographs for the gallery and spent the rest of the afternoon being entertained at the clubhouse.

Pierre Fulke



Pierre Fulke paid tribute to the art of St Andrews clubmaker Tom Stewart when he played the Old Course with a set of hickories. The former Ryder Cup man had a great day on the Old Course, playing it the way Bobby Jones and Old Tom Morris did. Pierre (second left) returned to St Andrews in company with ex tour pro Adam Mednick (left), who refurbished the clubs, Matz Bengtsson and Petter Lindblad (right) of Visby GC.

Neil Armstrong

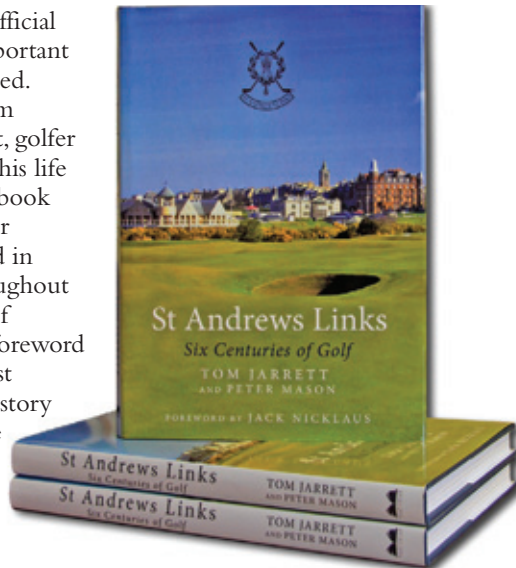


The fortieth anniversary of what will remain one of the most spectacular events in history is approaching. In July 1969 Neil Armstrong took one small step onto the surface of the moon. A keen golfer, Neil visited the Links on a beautiful May afternoon, taking on the Jubilee Course. The 78-year-old was accompanied by friends on his latest journey to St Andrews: 'I have played here many times,' he revealed.



St Andrews Links, Six Centuries of Golf

A new edition of the official history of golf's most important location has been published. Originally written by Tom Jarrett, a caddie, journalist, golfer and author who lived all his life in the historic town, the book has been updated by Peter Mason, who was involved in managing the Links throughout its most intensive phase of development. There is a foreword by Jack Nicklaus, the most successful player in the history of the game and a double Open winner on the Old Course.



HOLES IN ONE

Belated congratulations are due to **Peter Higgins** of St Andrews, who used his rescue club to notch a hole in one on the third hole of the Strathtyrum Course on 22 February. Peter is a member of the New GC. There were two double celebrations in April. On 20 April St Andrews GC member **George MacConnachie** took away a one on the thirteenth of The Castle Course using a five iron. Down on the Links, Scotsraig's **Graham Watson** of St Andrews had a six iron in his hands when he aced the fifth on the Eden. Two Scandinavian golfers breached The Castle Course's defences on 25 April. **Lage Lindström** of Lyckorna GC in Sweden hit home a five iron shot on the tenth, while **Donald MacCulloch** of Drøbak GC in Norway used a six iron to triumph over the eighth. The seventeenth on The Castle Course fell to **Barry Sneddon** of Glasgow on 30 April. The Kirkhill member struck a five iron. **Roddy Yarr** had a 22 degree utility club to thank for his hole in one at the eighth on the Old Course on 9 May. Roddy is a member of the St Andrews GC. The fifth hole of the Eden Course came under the sniper-like fire of **John Goodlad** on 22 May; the Tantallon man's single sand wedge shot being sufficient for the kill.

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)

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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 be used only after midday in high season.

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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