

The Kingdom of Fife Championship

Ninety-nine Holes in Scotland

October 9-14, 2005



99 Holes in Scotland to Determine Best Golfer

The Courses

Anstruther Golf Club - Stretched along the shoreline between Anstruther and Pittenweem, the Anstruther Golf club began in 1890 as a seven hole course. It was extended in 1916 to nine holes, and altered in 1961, when the Monument was changed from the 8th to the 2nd to avoid a double crossing on the Chain Road. The views are spectacular.

The Old Course - Over 600 years old, the Old Course at St Andrews is renowned around the world as the home of golf, and considered by many to be the finest golf course in the world. Many of its 112 bunkers are famous, and its double greens can offer putts up to 100 yards long. The Road hole 17th is considered the world's finest par 4.

The New Course - Despite its name, the New Course opened in 1895 in response to the demand for more playing time at St Andrews. Many people consider it to be a finer course than its older brother. The Royal and Ancient entrusted the lay-out to Old Tom Morris. The sixth hole is one of the hardest at St Andrews, playing 445 yards back into the wind.

The Jubilee Course - Created on a narrow strip of land between the New Course and the Sea, the Jubilee Course was originally a 12 hole course for beginners. Opened in 1897 to coincide with Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee holiday, the Jubilee Course was extended in 1905 to its current 18 holes. It is considered to be the most difficult of St Andrews three main courses.

Kingsbarns Golf Club - Six miles south of St Andrews lies Kingsbarns Golf Links, the newest of Scottish links land golfing venues. Despite the fact that the layout is still in its infancy, having just opened in July of 2000, the new Kingsbarns course has been heralded as one of the finest courses Scotland and the world, with wonderful views of the Sea.

Balcomie Links - Down the coast from St Andrews, on the other side of Kingsbarns, lies Crail, the home of Balcomie Links. Balcomie Links is set on a narrow strip of dune land that hugs the shore on the easternmost point of Scotland. The Crail Golfing Society is the seventh oldest in the world, and golf has been played here since 1786. The first 9 hole layout was done in 1895 by Old Tom Morris, and was thought by Old Tom to be his best work.

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The Competitors

Erik Rasmussen - Erik learned the game from his grandfather, and has played since age 5. He is the veteran of two Myrtle Beach Championships, winning both times. Erik made an earlier pilgrimage to St. Andrews a dozen years ago, where he carded a deuce at the Old Course at age 13. Having recently moved from England to Spain, Erik finds little time for practice. He hits a long drive, moving it right to left, and hits his iron shots a mile high. A solid short putter with a deft touch around the greens, Erik is the betting favorite in the London pubs.

Jacob Pittman - Jacob plays golf left-handed, and is the longest driver in the tournament. Fortunately for the other competitors, he is also the most erratic. Originally from Valdese, North Carolina, Jacob lives and works in the Houston area. He has played twice in the Myrtle Beach Championship, winning the Third Flight in 2005. Jacob is an all-around great athlete, but his busy life allows him little golf. While his power is likely to be a big factor when hitting into the wind, Jacob's lack of short game practice makes him the tournament dark horse.

Jeff Fitzgerald - A well-practiced golfer, Jeff hits the ball a long way. He got a new driver in 2005, and he has been having a strong year. With trophies on his mantle from the Myrtle Beach Championship and the Burke Closed, Jeff is considered favorite by many. Jeff's background is almost exclusively in parkland golf, and his unfamiliarity with links golf may be the only deficit in an otherwise strong and well-rounded game. It remains to be seen whether he can walk 99 holes of golf in a week, but if his knees don't fold, he is a very good bet to be in the hunt at the end.

Paul Rasmussen - Although both the oldest competitor and the shortest hitter of the group, Paul's overall consistency and good intermediate iron play may allow him to contend. Paul uses a long putter, after suffering a severe case of yips a decade ago, but still manages to two-putt most greens. A long-time competitor at the Myrtle Beach Tournament, Paul's tournament experience is his long suit. If the weather acts normal and the wind blows hard, Paul's appreciation for Scottish golf may give him a slight edge. Otherwise, look for the longer hitters to beat him pretty badly.

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The Kingdom of Fife is the birthplace and home of golf. On October 9 to 14, 2005, the Kingdom of Fife Championship will be played here. This 99 hole competition will determine, once and for all, who is the best golfer in the world. Beginning Sunday at the 9 hole Anstruther Course, the event moves on Monday to St Andrews, where the contestants will take on the Old Course, the New Course, and the Jubilee Course. After playing Kingsbarns on Thursday, the Championship concludes on Friday at Balcomie Links in Crail.

Sunday	October 9	2:30 pm	Anstruther	9
Monday	October 10	11:00 am	The Old Course	18
Tuesday	October 11	1:12 pm	The New Course	18
Wednesday	October 12	11:36 am	Jubilee Course	18
Thursday	October 13	10:30 am	Kingsbarns	18
Friday	October 14	9:40 am	Balcomie Links	18





Young Tom, Willie Auchterlonie, Allan Robertson, and Old Tom.