

# The Club at The “World’s Oldest” Golf Course



This document provides media with full information regarding the Musselburgh Old Course Golf Club (MOCGC), the club at the world’s oldest golf course; and its events, associate Membership, merchandise and their new partnership arrangements with 1672 Golf Management Solutions Ltd..



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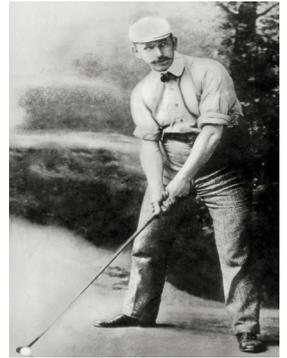
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## Course/Club Historic Time line

1567	Mary Queen of Scots is said to have played on the Old Course prior to her surrendering to the Confederate Lords
1603	James VI plays the Musselburgh Old Course
1650	Oliver Cromwell sets up camp on the course
1672	Sir John Foulis of Ravelston, an Edinburgh Lawyer, loses £3.5.0 in a golf match at Musselburgh - oldest record of golf being played
1774	Society of Golfers plays for Silver Cup
1788	Baillie John Cochran appointed Keeper Surveyor General of the Links
1811	First ever Women's Golf Competition played by local fisher wives
1829	First hole-cutting instrument in use on the course, made by Robert Gray, cost £1.00
1832	Improved to an 8-hole course
1836	The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers take up residence at Musselburgh. They utilize the racecourse grandstand as a clubhouse
1860	First Open Championship won by Willie Park Senior of Musselburgh at Prestwick
1870	Extended to a 9-hole course, the new hole being "Sea Hole," current No.5
1873	The Royal Burgess Golfing Society of Edinburgh builds their new clubhouse at 10 Links Place, Musselburgh, (now 10 Balcarres Road) and the clubhouse of MOCGC
1874	Mungo Park wins the first Open Championship to be played at the Musselburgh Old Course
1877	Open played at Musselburgh and won by Jamie Anderson
1880	Bob Ferguson wins the Open
1883	Willie Ferguson wins the Open
1886	David (Deacon) Brown wins the Open
1889	Willie Park Junior wins the Open
1891	The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers re-locates to Muirfield
1892	Town Council takes control of the course
1895	The Royal Burgess and The Bruntsfield Golfing Societies re-locate to their own courses
1898	Scottish Amateur Championship held at Musselburgh
1925	Royal Musselburgh Golf Club re-locates to Prestonpans
1937	Last Musselburgh Amateur Championship played at the course
1982	Musselburgh Old Course Golf Club is formed
1995	MOCGC acquires their present clubhouse, built for The Royal Burgess Golfing Society in 1873
2008	MOCGC Associate Membership program launched
2009	MOCGC partner with 1672 Golf Management Solutions Ltd. to raise the club profile, run the associate membership, organize and promote events, and sell merchandise on behalf of the club

# “World’s Oldest” - a historic treasure

Musselburgh Links Old Course, like St Andrews, is located on common land and under the care of the local authority. As St. Andrews flourished at the end of the nineteenth century and its story became widely known, Musselburgh Old Course’s nine holes could not keep pace with the demands of golfers, and new 18-hole courses, designed by the legendary James Braid, were built nearby at Prestongrange and Monktonhall. It was inevitable as these became popular that golfers would move away from the ancient links. At the end of the nineteenth century nearly sixty clubs and societies were known to play their golf in Musselburgh. Today, only MOCGC can call the *World’s Oldest* Golf Course home.



The Musselburgh Old Course is hugely important in terms of golf’s past but it can and must play a more significant role in the future. Not only should its rich tapestry of history be widely known by all lovers of golf, it should prompt golfers to ask; “Why haven’t I heard more of Musselburgh? Why didn’t I know it’s the *oldest golf course* in existence?”

Musselburgh has produced a rich abundance of golfing history that is still savoured and appreciated today and increasingly around the world. The club promotes all the golf legends that made Musselburgh a place to be respected and admired. The club appreciate the essence of the era, the skill of the players, the craft of the caddies, the art of the club and ball makers who all plied their trade in what was a golfing Mecca, “The Cradle of Golf”.



Today the Club at the *World’s oldest* golf course stands proud to speak of Musselburgh’s indelible past. We are honoured to be associated with these great happenings and also, perhaps even more importantly, confident of a bright future ahead. We are certain that all our members, wherever they come from, will proudly join us in our endeavours and ensure MOCGC has the worldwide recognition it so richly deserves.

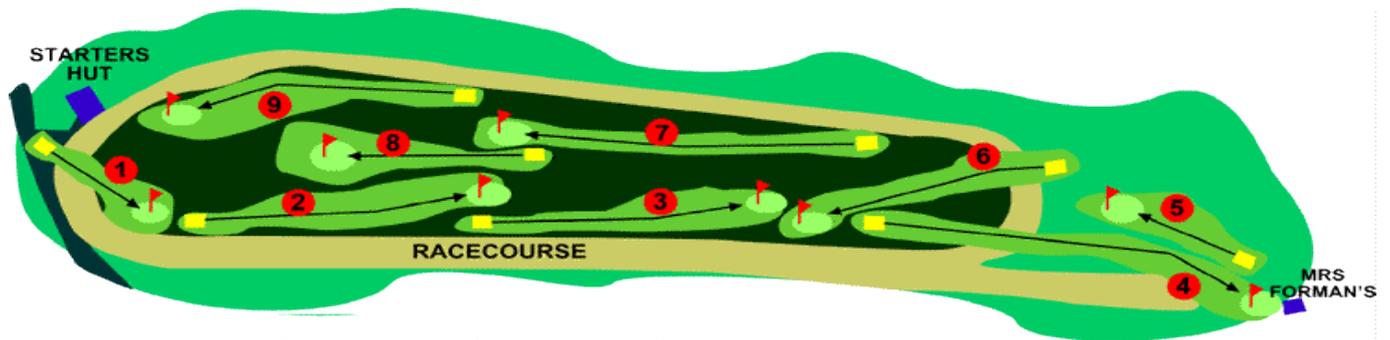
Our members - whether full time or associate - feel great pride in being a part of golf history. We work together as a club to raise Musselburgh - The Cradle of Golf - back to international fame. Through the proud links to our past we have brought a greater awareness of East Lothian as a golf tourism destination to a wider audience.

Our members and the public join together in 2010 to undoubtedly feel the tight and unyielding bonds of golf history as we celebrate the First Open Champion (Willie Park Senior) at the first annual Scottish Golf Heritage Festival. United, our members and guests bring energy to all of our campaigns (see pages 7-9 for more information).



The culmination of our careful attention to the rich tapestry of our past, and the passion of those who treasured it. MOCGC, the Club at the World’s Oldest, continues to raise its profile through the dedication and support of its membership and guests.

# World's Oldest Golf Course



## The Oldest Continuous Playing Course in the World

The Old Golf Course at Musselburgh Links, just outside of Edinburgh, Scotland, is officially recognised as the oldest surviving golf course in the world by Guinness World Records. Historians uncovered the earliest record of golf being played on any surviving golf course from an Account Book of Sir John Foulis of Ravelston, an Edinburgh lawyer. The earliest game played on Musselburgh Links took place on 2 March 1672 where he documents "he lost at golfe at Musselburgh...£3.05.0." This documentary evidence was included in *The Golf Book of East Lothian*, published in 1896 and written by John Kerr, the minister of Dirleton.



Musselburgh has long been known affectionately as “The Cradle of Golf”. Mary Queen of Scots is believed to have played the course in 1567, but its origins are probably in the twelfth or thirteenth century.

The first tournament for women was held on the course in 1811 and it was one of the three founding venues for The Open along with Prestwick and St Andrews, Musselburgh Old Course holding The Open six times between 1874 and 1889. Many of the golfing legends have played here, including Open Champions Willie Park Senior - winner of the first Open Championship in 1860 - Willie Park Junior, Tom Morris Senior, Tom Morris Junior, Willie Fernie, Mungo Park, Jamie Anderson, Bob Ferguson, David ‘Deacon’ Brown and J H Taylor.

## Course Information

The Musselburgh Old Course has 9 testing holes of total length 2874 yards, with a par and SSS of 34.

The course probably came into existence in the 12th or 13th century and was believed to be only 7 holes.

The Old Golf Course, is managed by Enjoy Leisure on behalf of East Lothian Council.

# Musselburgh Old Course Golf Club

Musselburgh Old Course Golf Club was formed by a group of local men who were determined that ‘The Cradle of Golf’ retain its prestige and be recognized for what it is, an important and unique historical centre for golf. With this aim, the founders worked with East Lothian District Council, to continue the journey and confirm for all time Musselburgh’s place in the history books. Now the opportunity has been widened for golfers all around the world to become aware of the Musselburgh story. By becoming a member of the Club its members are playing a part in the Musselburgh’s rise back to fame.

Since 2008 the Club has taken the initial steps to raise the profile of the Club at the ‘world’s oldest’ golf course and introduced revenue streams including an innovative Associate Membership scheme, branded merchandise, and event planning. However, under the current club structure it was not possible to take planning to the next level.

In October 2009 1672 Golf Management Solutions Ltd. secured the licensing contract with Musselburgh Old Course Golf Club to efficiently run their commercial and business activities. 1672 Golf will ensure they market the club’s unique “world’s oldest” brand throughout the world.

You Tube Video - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e6v2KdkxLWA>



The Clubhouse - 10 Balcarres Rd - Print by By Etta Shade

# 1672 Golf Management Solutions Ltd.

1672 Golf Management Solutions Ltd. (1672 Golf) is a Private Limited Company based in Musselburgh, East Lothian. The company was born from the experience of MOCGC Club Secretary, Robin McGregor. Together with Kenneth Craig and Laura McGregor, a Board of Directors has been formed. This dedicated team of professionals has developed a long term strategy for the club.

1672 Golf offer consultancy services directly targeted to golf clubs and golf courses with the aim of raising the club's/course's profile and revenue.

## **Service Offering:**

- Develop bespoke and branded products
- Develop marketing/advertising/PR campaigns
- Administrate end-to-end distribution of products
- Event planning & execution
- Club Secretary Administration
- Development of unique and attractive membership packages



Clubs and courses that utilize 1672 Golf's consultancy services benefit from a unique opportunity that may otherwise not be available due to the limited financial/resource constraints often found within typical club/course committee structures.

## **Robin McGregor - Chief Executive Officer**

Robin is the MOCGC Secretary as well as being the CEO of 1672 Golf and coordinates all of the day to day administration for the Club. Robin pulled together the overseas/associate membership program and coordinated everything from design of the members' boxes and merchandise to the processing of applications. Robin is a natural communicator and demonstrates exceptional salesmanship; he is also an authority on the history of golf. He has held the position of Secretary since 2005. Event management and competition coordination are inherent in his role, which he executes with flair and passion delegating and gathering support from members and the public alike. Robin is an influential figure in the golf community and has strong ties with the Local Authority Council and The R&A. During the event Robin will ensure the smooth running of the overall event, budgets, sponsorship and administration.

## **Kenneth Craig - Chief Operations Officer**

Kenneth has run a successful hospitality company for 20 years. Being in the hospitality business he knows better than most exactly what it takes to execute a successful event. Idea generation, attention to detail and precise planning are just some of Kenneth's key skills. Currently Kenneth runs many golf hospitality contracts at Golf Courses. Kenneth is highly regarded within the Edinburgh and the Lothian's golf industry.

## **Laura McGregor - Director of Sales & Marketing**

Laura brings 15 years of corporate event planning experience along with a background in Sales & Marketing. She is new to the Golf industry but is well respected and known for her flexibility in adapting to different industries, having worked in oil & gas, health & wellness and finance throughout her career. Event planning and the execution of robust and cost-efficient marketing campaigns is her passion.

# The Scottish Golf Heritage Festival

## **Worldwide Invitation to Golfers: The Club at The World's Oldest Golf Course celebrates 150th Anniversary of the 1st Open Champion with four day event**

2010 marks another milestone in golf history as The Open Championship celebrates its 150th Anniversary in July. Musselburgh Old Course Golf Club (MOCGC), the club at the world's oldest golf course, is hosting the official Scottish Golf Heritage Festival, a golf tournament and festival celebration on July 9-12, 2010. The tournament, open to golfers worldwide, will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the first Open Champion Willie Park Senior.

Musselburgh Old Course at Musselburgh Links is officially recognised by Guinness World Records as the oldest surviving golf course in the world, and was host to six Open Championships between 1874 and 1889.

Born in Musselburgh, Scotland, Willie Park Senior (1834 – 1903) is remembered as one of the greatest golfers of history. In 1860 Park beat a field of eight, including Old Tom Morris, to win the inaugural Open Championship. He won again in 1863, 1866 and 1875 and was runner up four times.

The four day tournament takes place less than a week before the 2010 Open and will be attended by Tony Jacklin, Ryder Cup, British and US Open winner. Commenting on his involvement Jacklin said "I am delighted to be attending this event at the world's oldest golf course, to celebrate Willie Park's remarkable achievement and unite with the people of Musselburgh and golfers worldwide. In 2005 I had the honour of inducting him into Golf's World Hall of Fame and I'm thrilled at the prospect of playing at his home course. I hope golfers sit up and take notice of how important Musselburgh was to the formation of the game we all enjoy today."

This is a unique opportunity for golf enthusiasts to play three challenging and scenic courses in East Lothian (Royal Musselburgh, Longniddry and Musselburgh Old Course) as well as immerse themselves in Scottish culture and history. "Competitors will help us celebrate the unique achievement of the legendary Willie Park Senior" says Robin McGregor, CEO of 1672 Golf Management Solutions Ltd, event organiser and Secretary of the MOCGC. "In addition to giving participating golfers a quality golfing experience we also have a traditional line-up of entertainment including a Whisky tasting evening, ceilidh and a gala dinner and awards ceremony."

On the final day of the competition, 12th July, spectators, participants and the public will be amazed and delighted by David Edwards, premier Trick Golf Show Entertainer, and will be able to watch competition golfers, including Tony Jacklin, play with traditional hickory clubs and participate in what will prove to be a fantastic free day out for the whole family.

1672 Golf Director Kenny Craig added "We intend to showcase East Lothian at its very best during our festival day on July 12th. Spectators will be entertained by many off-course activities, including MOCGC member David Edwards spectacular golf trick show, golf history tours of the clubhouse and surrounding area and a 'tented village' for local East Lothian producers to show off their superb range of products. There will be no charge for those wishing to just come along and enjoy the activities. It will be a superb family and community day out and everyone is welcome, including non-golfers."

Early bird registration for the tournament is currently priced at £399, space is limited and early booking is recommended to avoid disappointment. For full competition details, itinerary and registration forms visit [www.golfworldsoldest.co.uk](http://www.golfworldsoldest.co.uk).

## Willie Park Senior - 1834 - 1903

Born in Musselburgh, Scotland, Park is remembered as one of the greatest golfers in history. His story and the story of his brother Mungo and son Willie are an integral part of golf's heritage.

Park was fortunate to grow up in an environment in which golf was undergoing metamorphosis into a worldwide sport. Although the game was typically the preserve of the wealthy, due to the cost of hickory shafted clubs and 'featherie' golf balls, there was still some opportunity for ordinary folk to enjoy the game.

Park came from the caddy ranks to become a golf professional. Although he later set up his own ball and club making business, he made his money from challenge matches. He was a great adversary of Old Tom Morris, Willie Dunn and Allan Robertson. In 1860, Park beat a field of eight including Old Tom Morris, to win the inaugural Open Championship. He won again in 1863, 1866 and 1875 and was runner up four times. However, back then, challenge matches were more keenly followed than the Open. Matches between Old Tom Morris and Park were especially popular with large crowds attending.

Prestwick, on the west coast of Scotland, was the venue for the first Open Championship. The prize was the Challenge Belt, subscribed for by members of Prestwick Golf Club. Clubs around England and Scotland were each invited to send not more than three professional players to compete in the competition, which was held over three rounds of the twelve-hole links course. There was no prize money, but the winner received custody of the Belt for the year. If a player won the Belt three years in succession, it would be his to keep.

The first Open Championship was played on Wednesday, 17th October in windy conditions. Tom Morris, the Keeper of the Green at Prestwick, was the local favourite, but Willie Park took the first round lead with a score of 55, three shots better than Morris. Both Park and Morris did the second round in 59 strokes, so Park maintained his lead. In the final round, Morris could only make up a single stroke when he shot a 59 to finish on 176, so Willie Park, who went round in 60, was the first Open Champion with a score of 174.

# Celebrating 150 years of The Open and the 1st Open Champion

*The Scottish Golf Heritage Festival hosted by the  
Club at the World's Oldest Golf Course*

[www.golfworldsoldest.co.uk](http://www.golfworldsoldest.co.uk)

## Golf Competition Key Features:

- Play with Tony Jacklin US & British Open Champion and Ryder Cup Captain
- Play 3 superb East Lothian courses
- Golf trick show by David Edwards
- Gala Awards Dinner
- Traditional Scottish Hospitality each evening
- On final day compete as they did 150 years ago using hickory shafted clubs and old style balls
- Spectators welcome July 12th for Festival Day events
- Golf Prizes and Gifts

**Event date:**  
July 9th – 12th, 2010  
**(less than one week  
before The Open)**  
Your chance to participate in four  
days of world class golf.  
**Spaces are limited so  
register yourself or  
a team today!**



Musselburgh  
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**Full event details and your chance to win a 1 year  
Associate Membership to the  
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# Associate Membership to The Club at The World's Oldest Golf Course

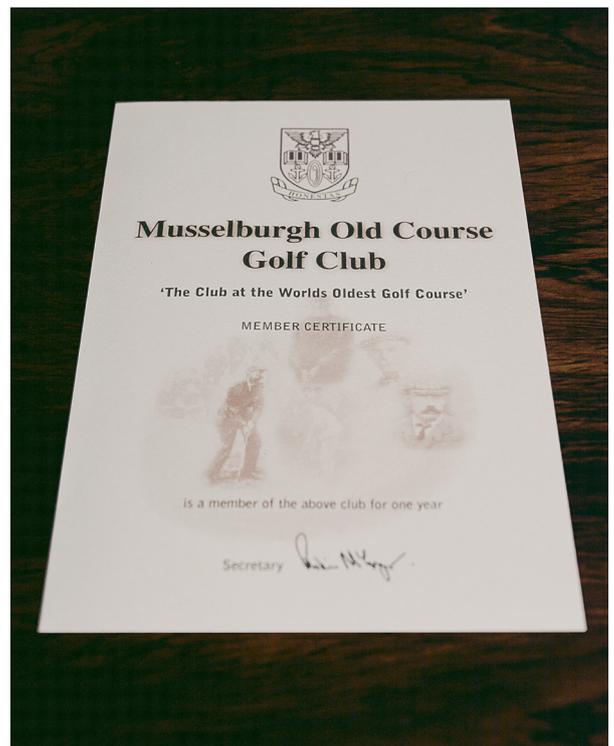
only £85

The Club launched their Associate Membership program in 2008 and has close to 200 overseas members worldwide.

Associate Membership provides full access to the historic clubhouse for the Member and their guests, provides handicap administration if required, and the opportunity to play the world's oldest golf course.

Associate Members receive a prestigious wooden presentation box containing items, all of which bear the club crest and "World's Oldest" logo:

- A replica 'gutta-percha' golf ball*
- Leather membership bag tag*
- Leather keyring*
- Pitch mark repairer/ball marker*
- Certificate of membership*
- Golf discounts and special rates*
- A superb booklet on the legendary events of the past*

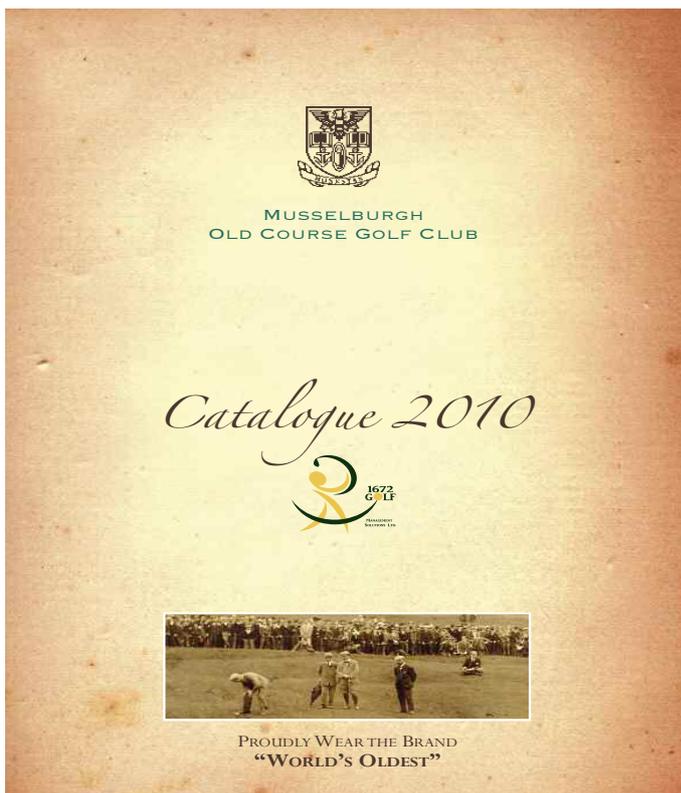


## Wear the Brand “World’s Oldest”

During 2008, in addition to developing the Associate Membership program the club introduced MOCGC “World’s Oldest” branded merchandise. Merchandise can currently be purchased through [www.mocgcshop.com](http://www.mocgcshop.com), however a mail order catalogue is also available.

A new site [www.golfworldsoldest.co.uk](http://www.golfworldsoldest.co.uk) is currently under construction that will have a fully integrated shopping cart due to launch in early 2010.

The club works with quality manufactures such as Glenmuir, a trusted brand by golfers worldwide. Merchandise has proven popular with full time and associate members and many find it makes an excellent gift.



## Media

<b>Date</b>	<b>Headline</b>	<b>Media Source</b>
01/09/2008	Musselburgh Old Course Golf Club launches unique opportunity for golfers worldwide	amateur-golf.com
19/03/2009	Old Golf Course is the oldest course and that's official	news.scotsman.com
20/03/2009	Scotland home to oldest course	msn.co.in
20/03/2009	It's a course record!	East Lothian Courier
22/03/2009	Musselburgh gets Guinness seal of approval	golfmagic.com
01/05/2009	The Guinness Book of World Records recognizes Musselburgh Links as the oldest in the world	golfblogger.co.uk
26/05/2009	Scotland's Old Course at Musselburgh Links a necessary pilgrimage for golf history buffs	worldgolf.com

VENTANA ABIERTA

Por RAÚL ANDREU/Fotos: Musselburgh History Booklet

## EL CAMPO MÁS ANTIGUO

El Musselburgh Old Course Golf Club (MOCGC) se formó en 1882 por medio de un grupo de golfistas locales con el único fin de preservar el prestigioso escenario que acogió en el siglo XIX el Open Británico, así como para tener conocimiento del importante rol que Musselburgh desempeñó en el moderno juego del golf. Como Saint Andrews, el Musselburgh Old Course ha estado bajo la custodia de la autoridad local (East Lothian Council) desde 1892. Han compartido similares visiones del golf y ha mantenido el recorrido sin apenas cambios desde su creación. El MOCGC ocupa la casa-club original construida para el club de golf más antiguo del mundo en 1873 por la Royal Burgess Golfing Society of Edinburgh (1735). La casa-club ha sido recientemente restaurada y reamueblada y la disfrutaron los socios, donde se organizan



El Musselburgh Old Course Golf Club, club escocés ubicado en el campo de golf más antiguo del mundo, ha puesto en marcha una original y atractiva iniciativa que permitirá a todo aquel golfista que quiera tomar parte de la historia de este deporte por un módico precio. ¿Como? Como Miembro Asociado y pagando al cambio unos 115 euros.

regularmente competiciones en el campo de nueve hoyos para hombres, mujeres y jóvenes. En la actualidad, hay socios de países como Escocia, Inglaterra, Estados Unidos, Canadá, Japón, Alemania, Suecia y Suiza.

"El campo más antiguo del mundo tiene una historia sin igual. En él han jugado reyes, reinas, carniceros, panaderos y fabricantes de velas para iglesias. Queremos continuar con los valores que han regido durante tantos años el club, y por eso queremos acomodarlo a la madina y más diversa gente posible. Nuestra pretensión es ofrecer la posibilidad de jugar en el club de golf más antiguo del mundo y disfrutar de una casa-club histórica para que la gente que se haga socia sea partícipe de estos valores tan tradicionales. Hemos percibido un

gran interés mundial por conocer el club y jugar el campo, por lo que la categoría de Miembro Asociado permitirá a todos aquellos golfistas curiosos y amantes de la historia gozar de una instalación única. Para conocer los detalles, sólo hay que visitar la web: [www.mocgc.com](http://www.mocgc.com) o llamar al 44 131 665 69 81", explica Robin McGregor, secretario del Musselburgh Old Course Golf Club. "Somos un club ambicioso, con muchos planes de futuro, y estamos encantados de que este anuncio haya tenido tan buena acogida", añade McGregor.

Se socio del MOCGC da derecho al acceso exclusivo a la casa-club (socios e invitados), obtención y seguimiento del handicap y la posibilidad de jugar cuantas veces se quiere el campo de nueve hoyos. Al hacerse socio, entre otros obsequios, el jugador recibe un

## Tiene nueve hoyos y acogió el Open Británico seis veces entre 1874 y 1889 Y BARATO DEL MUNDO

El Musselburgh Old Course (Escocia) data del siglo XVII

certificado oficial personalizado y un bonito libro-folleto con toda la historia del club. El MOCGC está muy cerca de Edimburgo y fue uno de los tres campos originales que acogieron de forma alternativa el Open Británico a partir de 1860. De hecho, lo albergó en seis ocasiones entre 1874 y 1889. Y dio cinco campeones del British: Willie Park Sr., David Deacon Brown, Bob Ferguson, Mungo Park y Willie Park Jr. Entre los cinco ganaron el entonces cinturón que se entregaba a los ganadores 11 veces. Los nueve hoyos son par 34 y miden 2.590 metros. Como dato curioso, cabe decir que el diámetro del hoyo (cilindro) de golf, que las reglas de Saint Andrews aprobaron en su día y sigue siendo válido en la actualidad, lo estableció un hombre de Musselburgh, Robert Gray. El recorrido, según algunos escritos, dataría del siglo XII o XIII y tendría siete hoyos. Aunque los documentos que evidencian que empezó a jugarse en el Musselburgh Old Course son de 1672, antes que ningún otro campo. Pero se cree que la Queen Mary Of Scots jugó en este campo en 1567. En 1603 lo haría el rey Jaime VI.

En 1811 se disputó la primera competición de la historia sólo para mujeres. Eran todas viudas de pescadores. En 1829, Robert Gray utilizó por primera vez un instrumento para fabricar los hoyos, que costó un euro y poco más. En 1832, el campo ya tenía ocho hoyos, y en 1836, la Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers estableció su sede aquí (luego se instalaría en Mairfield). En 1860, Willie Park Sr. ganó en Prestwick el primer Open Británico. Diez años más tarde, el campo ya tenía nueve hoyos. Se jugó el Sea Hole (junto al mar), que actualmente es el hoyo 5.

En 1873, la Royal Burgess Golfing Society of Edinburgh construyó la casa-club del MOCGC y un año más tarde Mungo Park se adjudicó el primer Open Británico jugado en Musselburgh. En 1877, 1880, 1883, 1886 y 1889 también acogió el British. Otros grandes de la época como Tom Morris Sr., Tom Morris Jr. y J.H. Taylor jugaron en Musselburgh. En 1892, el Ayuntamiento se hizo con el control del club, en 1937 se jugó el último campeonato amateur, en 1982 se creó el MOCGC y en 1995 adquirió la casa-club construida por la Royal Burgess Golfing Society en 1873.



David Deacon Brown



Una mirada al 1896, donde se creó el club de golf más antiguo del mundo



La casa-club



Hoyo 4

# Feature

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## OLD COURSE GOLF CLUB

A világ legrégebbi golfpályája, a Musselburgh Old Course Golf Club (M.O.C.G.C.) világszerte egyedülálló és idősrő lehetőséget nyújt a golfozóknak arra, hogy „társult tag: gol” szerezenek, és így részesévé váljanak a golförtérlemnek.

A dokumentumok tanúbizonyága szerint a Musselburgh Old Course-on 1672-ben kezdtek el golni, korábban, mint bármelyik más pályán. Úgy tudják, hogy Mária, a skótok királynője már 1567-játszott a pályán, melynek eredete valószínűleg a tizenkettedik vagy tizenharmadik századig nyí vissza. A hölgyek számára az első versenyt 1811-ben tartották a pályán, és a Prestwick meg Andrews mellett ez volt a harmadik alapító helyszín az Open számára: 1874 és 1889 között hats tartották itt az Open-t. Sok golflegenda játszott ezen a pályán, köztük olyan Open-bajnokok, m idősebb Willie Park, az 1860-as első Open Championship nyertese és ifjabb Willie Park, idősebb I Morris és ifjabb Tom Morris, továbbá Willie Fernie, Mungo Park, Jamie Anderson, Bob Fergus David 'Deacon' Brown és J. H. Taylor.

ízát nemrégiben felújították, telje hozták, úgyhogy az M.O.C.G.C. n egy prosperáló „tagsági klub”, eresen versenyeket rendeznek fér- a klub erősségét képező juniorok

Gregor, az M.O.C.G.C. titkára a ággal kapcsolatosan kijelentette, z legrégebbi golfpályájának felül- történelme van. Királyok, király- osok, pékék és gyertyatartó-készí- k rajta, és eme értékeket olyan sok ára kívánják tovább vinni és meg- yit csak be tudnak fogadni. Sze- y az a privilegium, hogy a világ ályán játszhatnak és élvezhetik ubház előnyeit, elérhetővé válna ámára, akik imádják a golfjátékot hagyományait. A golfozók a világ rói kifejezik abbéli kívánságukat, ogasszák a pályát, játszanak rajta, sze 85 futóba kerülő társult tagság etővé teszi.

„C.C. egykoron több mint hatvan szített játékkészítést, köztük az h-i Golfozók Tiszeltetésű Tá- r Királyi Polgári Golfársaságuk föld Golfársaságának. A patinás ely eredetileg az 1735-ben alapított jfri Golfársaság számára épült, C.C.C. birtokában és használatá- Musselburgh-i golfozó nem keve- n tizenegyszer győzött az Openen, 360-ban, a Prestwicken tartott leg- et idősebb Willie Park nyert meg, entímetér átmérőjű lyuk, amelyet 3-ban tett kötelezővé és máig is az n használják, a Robert Gray által Musselburgh Old Course-on hasz- ló gép” működésének köszönhe- isselburgh Old Course kilenc, nagy atást jelentő szakasszal rendelke- n 2629 méter hosszúságban, 34-es l.



lya valószínűleg a 12. vagy 13. században jött létre, és úgy tudják, hogy hét századból állt. A régmúlt idők fontosabb pályatörténelmi eseményei vetézk:

367: **Mária, a skótok királynője** állítólag játszott az Old Course-on, mielőtt szolgáltatták a Szövetséges Lordoknak.

303: **Vi. Jakab** odalátogatott és játszott a pályán.

350: **Oliver Cromwell** tábort vert a pályán.

372: Egy edinburgh-i jogász, **Sir John Foulis of Ravelston** 3,5 fontot szettelt egy Musselburgh-on játszott golfmérkőzésen.

311: Helyi halász-feleségek lejátszották minden idők **első női golfverse- yét**.

329: **A Robert Gray** tervezte, első, 1 font értékű lyukvágó eszközt hasz-álni kezdik a pályán.

360: **Az első Open Championship**, amelyet idősebb Willie Park nyert eg a Prestwicken.

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