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Welcome

Douglas Park Golf Club is situated in the heart of Bearsden and our fabulous 18-hole scenic parkland course provides an enjoyable challenge to golfers of all abilities.

Our course measures 5,981 yards and has a standard scratch score of 69 for gents and 72 for ladies. It is a club wholly owned by the members and the club is committed to equality with ladies and gentlemen enjoying equal playing and voting rights.

Members enjoy a full range of competitions throughout the playing season including the winter months and there is a vibrant junior section who receive active support and teaching from both professional staff and committed members.

Douglas Park also hosts a number of open competitions each year including a Ladies Open Greensome, a Seniors Open and a charity Pro-Am event.

Our grand clubhouse provides first-class facilities and offers a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere with panoramic views over the 1st and 18th holes. There is a very active and varied program of social events and an excellent catering service.

The course is open to visitors by arrangement with the Secretary or professional staff and we offer competitive green fee rates and welcome enquiries about membership. Our resident professional is also on hand to offer advice on equipment and to help you perfect your game.

Our dedicated staff work hard to provide members and visitors with a fantastic service. You'll find a warm welcome awaits you at Douglas Park Golf Club.



Captain's Personal Statement

On behalf of the committee, office bearers, fellow members and club staff may I welcome you to Douglas Park Golf Club's official brochure for season 2018/19. We are immensely proud of our club which lies in the very heart of the leafy suburb of Bearsden and is conveniently located just off the main A81 trunk road and is a five-minute walk from Hillfoot railway station.

Douglas Park offers a full range of opportunities for members to participate in medal, match play and inter-club competitions. There are flourishing ladies, gents and junior sections catering for all ages and ranges of ability.

Our PGA affiliated professional and his assistant offer a full range of services from a well-stocked and welcoming shop. A particularly exciting innovation this season is the addition of a teaching studio to the professional shop which will offer state of the art instructional facilities incorporating the use of Trackman technology and a golf simulator.

Our course and clubhouse members enjoy a full range of social activities in our fine, thirties-style, two-storey Clubhouse which features an impressive main lounge at first floor level overlooking the first and eighteenth holes. Members and visitors have rightly lauded our bar and catering facilities. There is a full programme of social events throughout the year from Bistro Nights to a Burns Supper. These will be more accessible than ever this year with the installation of a platform lift from the ground floor to the first-floor lounge. This reflects the confidence with which the club looks to the future and seeks to cater for the interests of ALL our members.

I hope you find this brochure both interesting and informative and all of us here at Douglas Park Golf Club look forward to welcoming you soon.

George Roberts - Club Captain 2018



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Course History

Douglas Park Golf Club was founded in 1897 and the course opened under the captaincy of William Lyon on 2nd October 1897.

In June 1897 Mr Will Gibson of Camphill, Bearsden wrote to several friends and neighbours inviting them 'to attend a meeting of gentlemen favourable to the formation of a golf course on the ground at Douglas Park'. Although only eleven people attended they resolved that evening to do just that. Within 14 weeks they had taken a lease of the ground, had the land drained and constructed a 9-hole course. They also accepted an estimate to build an iron clubhouse for the sum of £150 and the course duly opened in October 1897.

The railway to Milngavie had opened in 1863 and membership of Douglas Park mushroomed when a station was built at Hillfoot almost adjacent to the course. Additional ground was quickly acquired, and an 18-hole layout designed by Willie Fernie of Troon. This opened on 5th September 1903. After further changes, the ground presently occupied by the club was purchased in 1922 and further ground was acquired in 1932 leading to the formation of the course which is recognisable as our present-day layout subject to one or two later adjustments.

The present clubhouse was opened in 1938 and provides locker rooms and a generously proportioned lounge with a panoramic view over the 1st and 18th holes.



Douglas Park has produced a number of very fine golfers and among the most notable were two who came through our junior ranks and are still with us as regular playing members.

Harry MacAnespie was winner of the British Boys Golf Championship at St Andrews in 1949, beating future Ryder Cup player, Norman Drew in the final.

David Carrick's distinguished career included winning the Scottish Amateur Championship in 1985 and representing Great Britain and Ireland in the Walker Cup in 1983 and 1987. He was later a Walker Cup selector for many years. Belle Robertson, who played in seven Curtis Cup matches and subsequently

captained the British team, has been an honorary member of Douglas Park since 1989 and was recently inducted into the Scottish Golf Women's Hall of Fame.

One further unique feature of Douglas Park is its relationship to the Antonine Wall which runs through the 13th and 15th holes. The wall was built about 140AD by Roman troops and is an archaeological monument of international importance, being one of the best-preserved frontier systems of the whole of the Roman Empire. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Course Tour

If you haven't played golf at Douglas Park Golf Club before, then you can look forward to a great experience. Make the most of your trip by learning about some of the nuances to our challenging but fair test of golf as you follow our hole-by-hole tour.

Hole 1 – Kilmartinny, 402 Yards, Par 4

A tough opening hole where straight hitting is rewarded. The tee shot should be aimed down the right centre of the fairway to avoid the out of bounds on the left and the trees on the right. The green is slightly raised and falls off to the left and at the back. Avoid the bunkers front left and to the right of the green.

Hole 2 – Neck, 344 Yards, Par 4

A short left to right dogleg where position off the tee is imperative. From an elevated tee, aim down the left centre with long iron or a hybrid avoiding the out of bounds on the left and

the trees on the right. Depending on the direction of the wind and ground conditions, club selection is vital to avoid trouble. A slightly uphill approach shot is required to a two-tiered green bunkered front left that falls dramatically off on the left side.

Hole 3 – Firs, 132 Yards, Par 3

A well-executed straight tee shot is rewarded and should be aimed at the right centre of the long narrow green as it slopes from right to left. Avoiding the greenside bunkers is imperative for making par.

Hole 4 – Bocclair, 442 Yards, Par 4

One of the toughest and most picturesque holes on the course has a considerably downhill tee shot with a driver or less depending on the wind and ground conditions should be played to the corner of the 90-degree dogleg avoiding the trees and the



out of bounds down the right side. The approach shot is played to a large two-tiered green with greenside bunkers left and right. Favour the left side as out of bounds is only a few yards to the right of the green.

Hole 5 – Hedge, 240 Yards, Par 3

This is the longest par 3 on the course which plays slightly downhill. Depending on the wind, a driver can be needed for the tee shot to reach the gently raised flattish green avoiding the bunker front left. If you do miss the green, don't short side yourself otherwise you will have a tricky pitch.

Hole 6 – Victorious VI, 311 Yards, Par 4

A short par 4 that requires an accurate approach shot to a green hidden from the tee. The tee shot should be aimed at the marker post or slightly left of it to leave the best angle for the approach.

Avoid the first set of fairway bunkers found on the course - two on the left and the one on the right which is hidden from the tee. An accurate approach shot, sometimes played off a downhill lie, is required to find a green bunkered front left and front right.

Hole 7 – Dougalston, 385 Yards, Par 4

A difficult dogleg left to right played to a well-guarded elevated green. A tee shot to the left side of the fairway and avoiding the burn opens up a shot to the green. Depending on the direction of the wind, club selection is vital to avoid trouble. The approach shot is played to an elevated green with bunkers left and front right. Watch out for the Allander River just to right of the green.

Hole 8 – Knowe, 433 Yards, Par 4

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centre of the fairway with a driver avoiding the trees either side and the bunker on the left. The approach shot is played uphill to a green with a false front and bunkered front left and front right.

Hole 9 – Haugh, 467 Yards, Par 4

Measured at 467 yards but played significantly downhill. The tee shot should be aimed at the centre of the fairway with a driver avoiding the trees either side. The approach shot is a slightly downhill shot sometimes played off a downhill lie over a burn that crosses the fairway to a green that slopes back to front with a bunker front right.

Hole 10 – Burnbrae, 483 Yards, Par 5

The longest hole on the course and reachable in two with well-placed shots. Aim the tee shot at the centre of the fairway with a driver avoiding the trees on the left side, and the burn and out

of bounds down the right. A straight second shot is required to avoid the bunkers down the left and the trees which overhang on the right, though the right side of the fairway is favoured for the best angle for the approach to the green which is a slight uphill shot to a wickedly sloping green bunkered left and right. Best to leave yourself an uphill putt on this green.

Hole 11 – Island, 308 Yards, Par 4

A short tricky par 4 where position off the tee is imperative. The elevated tee position and exposure to the elements can make club selection for the tee shot tricky. Aim at the right side of the fairway to avoid the trees down the left, the burn crossing the fairway and the out of bounds down the right. A slightly uphill approach shot follows to a small green, bunkered left and front right, that falls dramatically off on the right side.



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Hole 12 – Whin Hill, 110 Yards, Par 3

An uphill par 3 that plays longer than its yardage. The tee shot is played directly uphill to a long narrow green, favour the left-hand side to avoid the right greenside bunker.

Hole 13 – Roman Wall, 477 Yards, Par 5

The second par 5 on the back nine is an undulating right to left dogleg. With a driver, aim the tee shot at the marker post or slightly left of it for the most direct line. The second is a blind shot, favour the higher right side of the fairway, aiming at the 2nd marker post or slightly to the right of it to give the best line and view for the approach which, depending on the line of the shot to the green, can be either uphill or slightly downhill to a green that slopes from front to back and falls dramatically off on the left side. This is the only green on the course not guarded by bunkers.

Hole 14 – Dyke, 381 Yards, Par 4

A medium length par 4 with a wickedly sloping right to left fairway. Aim the tee shot down the right side of the fairway with a driver as this helps to avoid the out of bounds on the left. The approach shot is often played with the ball above your feet to a large green sloping from back to front and bunkered on the left and front right.

Hole 15 – Mount, 200 Yards, Par 3

A difficult uphill par 3 to the highest point on the course where the ground falls off both left and right of the green. Aim the tee shot at the left centre of the green as it slopes from left to right, avoiding the greenside bunkers both left and right. Depending on the direction and strength of the wind, club selection and strategy can vary dramatically.



Hole 16 – Braes, 399 Yards, Par 4

A downhill par 4 where choosing the correct strategy on the approach shot is imperative. Aim tee shot at the left centre of the fairway with a driver to achieve the greatest distance as it slopes from left to right. Plenty of room off the tee here, though avoid the out of bounds left. The approach is played downhill to a green that slopes from back to front and has a bunker running down the right side. An approach landing short right of the green will usually receive a favourable bounce.

Hole 17 – Wood, 136 Yards, Par 3

A tricky par 3 played over a valley that requires a precise tee shot to avoid trouble. Aim at the left half of the green avoiding the bunkers front left and front right. Avoid missing the green right at all costs as it falls dramatically off on the right side where your ball can end up in big trouble. A tricky shot when the wind is up.

Hole 18 – Home, 331 Yards, Par 4

A stunning par 4 finishing hole played from an elevated tee right towards the clubhouse which sits behind the green. The tee shot should be aimed down the right centre of the fairway to achieve the best angle for the approach to the green avoiding the bunkers and trees both left and right. With the clubhouse framed in the background, the approach is played to a large two-tiered green surrounded by three bunkers.

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Membership

We offer a variety of membership packages designed to suit everyone. Choose the membership option which suits you best and ensures you get the most from the Club.

The categories of membership offered for 2018-19 include Ordinary, Intermediate (18-29 years of age), Clubhouse, Flexible, Junior (16-17 years of age), Cadet (10-15 years of age), Club Golf (<10 years of age) and Get into Golf.

Applications are welcome from all categories. The current joining fee for ordinary membership is £300 and a full description of the subscription fees and membership application forms can be obtained from the Club Secretary, the Professional Shop or the club website www.douglasparkgolfclub.co.uk.

The subscription year runs from 1st March and subscription fees can be paid in full by cheque, bank transfer, debit card or by direct debit subscriptions throughout the subscription period.

Full membership confers full voting rights and entitlement to any available tee time. It also includes the right to acquire and maintain a handicap and to enter club competitions.

Intermediate membership also includes the above. Junior membership does not include voting rights and has some restriction on playing times. There is a full programme of competitions for junior members.







Get into Golf

Golf at Douglas Park is a great way to relax and enjoy some you time, whilst taking in the fresh air and spectacular views. Experience the modern game where you can play nine holes after work then grab a well-earned drink with your friends in the clubhouse. We have adopted Ready Golf (a nine-hole sprint series) and introduced Get into Golf membership with free access to clubs, together with flexible membership and family introductory packages. Golf is definitely a social sport – so bring your friends and family along to enjoy it with you.

Get into Golf coaching offers a relaxed introduction to the game. You don't need to have your own clubs and you don't need to have any experience. Our group coaching sessions provide you with a fun, relaxed environment to try golf. Our PGA professional will take you through the basics, giving you the confidence to get out on the course and ready to play more regularly with friends and members.

Sessions are designed to help people new to golf pick up the basic techniques, skills and etiquette they need to get out on the course and enjoy club membership. Get into Golf will be running at Douglas Park in 2018/19 so come along and join us. Details are available from the Club Secretary and Professional staff.

'Last year we introduced Get into Golf for ladies aimed at introducing ladies who had not golfed before or had golfed in the past and wished to take it up again. It gave them the chance to take golf up at a discounted rate for two years with an option to become full members. This has been highly successful with 24 ladies taking up the offer and very much enjoying the challenge and the friendship it brings. We look forward to welcoming you to the club.'

Anne Reid - Lady Captain 2018



Reciprocal Golf

Reciprocal golf is available to members of Douglas Park through the Willie Fernie Scheme and East Dunbartonshire Golf Scheme.

Our Professional, Robert Irvine, has been working on a reciprocal golf scheme with those golf clubs who share the same golf course designer as ourselves, Willie Fernie. Hailing from Troon, Willie Fernie was involved in the design of a number of golf courses and the following clubs are participating in the scheme: Callander, Caldwell, Strathendrick, Colvend, Craigie Hill and Pitlochry.

Full Paying Members from each of our clubs should be able to book a tee time at any other of the clubs, with the cost being 50% of the regular green fee that day. Juniors are also welcome as part of this scheme but must be accompanied by an adult and are subject to the host clubs playing times.

In addition, Douglas Park have also become founder members of the West of Scotland Golf Network and on receipt of your fees or first direct debit, a voucher book will be available for courtesy rounds at Caldwell, Cardross and Largs golf clubs during the year.



Corporate Membership

Corporate membership packages are available to businesses and corporate bodies. These provide advertising opportunities to over 800 members, to an extensive visitor and guest list and to entrants to our annual open competitions and Pro Am. Access is also afforded to our website and app with advertising designed to suit personal requirements. The following packages are available:

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or
£450 to cover the first three years and £150 per year thereafter.

Gold Corporate Membership

This allows our corporate partner one tee time for up to four players to play 18 holes of golf every day, Monday through Friday, for one year. Full access to the clubhouse and catering facilities is included.

Price

£1,000 excluding VAT



Platinum Corporate Membership

This includes the gold facilities with the addition of tee box sponsorship and advertising to specification required. Platinum Corporate Members are also entitled to one corporate day per year for up to 20 guests excluding catering.

Price

£1,200 excluding VAT





Golf Societies

Visiting golf societies are welcome and every effort is made to accommodate them within the available tee times. Because of a fairly full competition calendar this may be difficult at weekends particularly in the summer months, but the Club Secretary is always willing to advise.

A full catering menu is usually available to visiting parties and special requests can be discussed with the Clubhouse Manager. The following catering packages are available:

'Par'

Either Rolls & Coffee on arrival; or Lunch Break Soup and Sandwiches

'Birdie'

High Tea - Pre order from a choice of 4 Main meals with toast, followed by home baking and scones

'Eagle'

Combination of 'Par' and 'Birdie' packages.

'Albatross'

Both 'Par' options plus High Tea.



Visitors and Green Fees

Visitors are welcome by prior arrangement with the Club Secretary or professional staff. The contact details are shown below and also on the club website. Visitors are welcome to use the clubhouse and to avail themselves of the bar and catering facilities.

The Course is ideal for an outing and whilst challenging, it is a very good course for golfers of differing abilities and there are excellent catering facilities to “round off” the day.

The current green fees are as follows:

Green fees (Winter- Nov 1st until 31st March)

Weekday round: £15

Weekend round: £20

Green fees (Summer- 1st April until 31 October)

Weekday round: £33 – £44 day ticket

Weekend round: £44 – £55 day ticket

Visitors are expected to wear smart but casual golf wear both on the golf course and in the clubhouse. Gentlemen are not required to wear jackets and ties in the public areas of the clubhouse.



Clubhouse

The clubhouse stands very prominently looking over the 1st tee and 18th green with a panoramic view of the Campsie Hills in the distance. The main lounge is on the first floor with an adjacent small dining room and Snug Bar. The lounge is furnished comfortably and informally but can be adapted to accommodate dinners for about 100 people. There is also a small dance floor.

A full range of hot meals and snacks is provided by the Clubhouse Manager and her staff who will provide bespoke menus and catering for special occasions by arrangement.

The club is fully licensed and a comprehensive range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks is available.

Changing rooms with lockers, toilets and showers are on the ground floor where drying rooms are also located. The club arranges a varied programme of social events throughout the year. This includes ladies' and gents' dinners, a night time golf and quiz night, a jazz night, a children's Christmas party, a Burns Supper and various themed dinners and buffets.



Functions

Our clubhouse is a perfect venue to hold your function, whether it is a birthday, anniversary, summer ball or Christmas party.

We strive to be adaptable and versatile, liaising closely with the function organiser to ensure that your event exceeds expectations. Our clubhouse offers flexibility, allowing us to cater for all your requirements from a small event to a large sit-down meal.

We pride ourselves in being flexible when it comes to our menus and are always happy to discuss alternatives with you should you not find exactly what you want from our menu.



The club welcomes groups and visitors who hold parties and meals for various reasons. In accordance with the law relating to alcohol licenses, a club member is required to be present at such events and this can usually be arranged without undue intrusion on the party. Catering to suit all needs can be arranged through the Clubhouse Manager.

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Golf trolleys, both manual and electric, can be hired and a small number of electric golf carts are also available for hire but for these, prior enquiry is essential.

Repair or re-gripping of clubs, re-studding of shoes and repair and servicing of caddy cars also carried out. The professional staff will be happy to discuss tuition requirements for beginners of all ages as well as for skilled players.



From Left to Right: Past Captain Alistair Forrest; Head Professional Robert Irvine; Past Captain Brian Henry Thistle and current Club Champion Alastair Thomson

From a retail perspective the shop is part of the renowned TGI Partnership, ensuring they can provide the best products at competitive prices. In fact, Robert was nominated for the prestigious Partner of the Year Award for the group in 2017, making it to the shortlist of four for the award.

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Tuition

Head PGA Professional Robert Irvine arrived at Douglas Park in April 2009, having spent 6 years as Assistant Professional at Kilmacolm Golf Club where he completed his PGA Foundation Degree, from which he graduated in 2nd place in the Annual Titleist Assistant of the Year.

Prior to that he completed a BSc in Applied Sports Science at the University of Edinburgh, spending time looking at areas such as strength & conditioning, sports psychology, anatomy & physiology, skill acquisition & motor control and biomechanics. All of this has allowed him to develop an holistic approach to teaching which delivers significant results to his students on the course.

Trackman has been a recent addition to the teaching technology available at Douglas Park and an indoor studio is due to be



opened in Spring 2018, enabling year-round tuition and play on the simulator.

Robert has recently completed a Certified Putter Instructor course to further augment his coaching credentials and regularly attends a variety of CPD courses to ensure his tuition stays relevant and keeps him ahead of the curve.



Testimonials

Thanks to all the staff for helping to make our outing such a success. Everything ran like clockwork and the food was excellent. The guys liked the course too, especially the 18th hole!

Alan McMillan – Baberton Outing 2016

Thank you all for your hospitality on welcoming a sojourner in Scotland to your game on a beautiful late spring day at Douglas Park.

I felt accepted and at home, even though my game was its usual poor level, all were forgiving! The day was awesome and I will remember many of the Douglas Park challenging holes and peaceful terrain. Most of all, I will treasure and remember the Gentlemen of the club sharing their fellowship before, during, and after the game for tea in the clubhouse.

I appreciate how rare it is to experience such hospitality, offered to a stranger who just “got off the train” and walked up to a golf club. You guys rival St Andrews, which does it as a business!

Joel T Youngblood – June 2017



I have written to Lisa and her team with our thanks for their attention to detail and general excellence, delivered with a smile, from first meeting in August until we all left for home.

Lisa was so pleasant and easy to communicate with from start to finish. The lounge and tables were beautifully set - cosy and comfortable. Meals were thoroughly enjoyed, excellent bar and table service. Pauline was superb, nothing was a bother, smiled throughout the evening and contributed hugely to what was a most enjoyable evening.

Staff should know that their desire 'to get it right' is acknowledged with much thanks from all who dined and wined in comfort last night at DPGC.

Marlene Waudby – The Acorn Christmas Dinner 2017



How To Find & Contact Us

Douglas Park Golf Club is situated close to the A81 Glasgow to Milngavie road. Coming from the city, follow the directions to Milngavie until you see Asda and then Boclair House Hotel on your right. The golf club entrance is on the right just after the traffic lights at Boclair Road. This turning is also used for Hillfoot Station and for a Royal Mail sorting office but the entrance and signage for Douglas Park is clear and the clubhouse is reached along a 150-yard private drive.

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