

Welcome to Stirling Golf Club



STIRLING GOLF CLUB VISITOR INFORMATION

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Location & Arrival

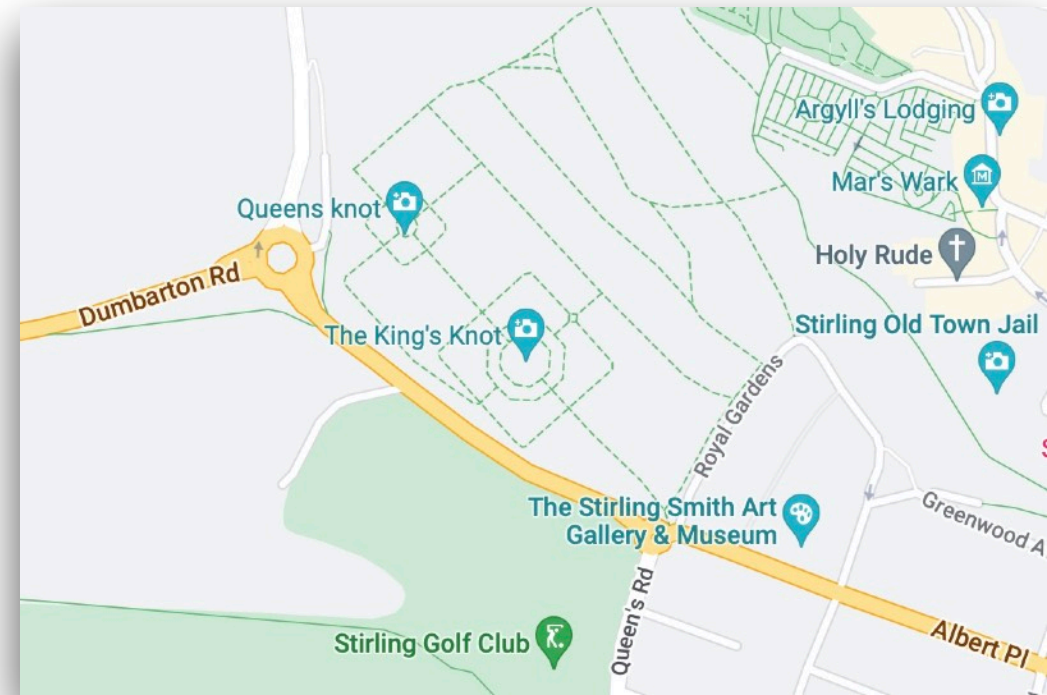
The City of Stirling is in central Scotland, less than 40 miles from Glasgow and Edinburgh airports.

Stirling Golf Club is located in the west end of the city, in the historic Kings Park area, and is overlooked by Stirling Castle a few hundred yards to the north – if you're near the castle, Stirling Golf Club isn't far away.

The entrance to the Club is on Queen's Road and there is extensive car parking.

On arrival, please check in with the Professional's Shop team. To enter the shop, go in the main entrance of the Club house; the Pro Shop is on the left in the main foyer.

During check-in, the professional team will provide you with scorecards and other information to help your day, including guidance on the course, the flag system and distance markers.




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Queen's Road, FK8 3AA

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The Kings Park was a Royal Park for the Kings and Queens of Scotland for over 800 years and was initially used for hunting. However, it is recorded in the 1505-06 Accounts of the Lord Treasurer that James IV, King of Scots, purchased twelve golf balls while staying in Stirling Castle for his games in the Royal Park.

The Club house also has well-appointed ladies and gents changing rooms, with excellent shower facilities.



Practice Facilities

Practice facilities are available to visitors on the day of play and are located to the right once in the Club's car park.

The following facilities are available:

- 6 hole Academy course - visitors must check in at the Professional's Shop prior to playing the Academy Course to ensure it is open for play.
- Long practice hitting area (irons only, maximum distance 200 yards) - long game practice is not permitted when the Academy Course is available for play. Only irons should be used and balls must be hit no further than the furthest target green (200 yards).
- Putting green - this is for putting practice only; no pitching or chipping to this green is permitted.
- Natural grass chipping green - this is for short game practice only. Long pitches and putting are not permitted.
- Artificial grass chipping green - this is for short game practice only. Long pitches are not permitted.

The daily operation and management of the practice facilities is the responsibility of the Club PGA Professional and his staff to ensure correct and safe use by all.





Professional & Hire Services

The Club has two on-site Professionals who have a wealth of experience. The Professional's Shop is on the left just inside the main entrance to the clubhouse.

The shop is well-stocked and offers apparel, accessories and hardware equipment from a host of leading industry brands. A price match guarantee is offered to visitors and our Head Professional, Kenny Monaghan, can also assist with any special requirements you may have to enhance your special day at Stirling Golf Club.

To get in touch with him directly, please email kenny@kennymonaghgolf.co.uk

Visitors should register at the Professional's Shop on arrival, where they will be given advice and guidance on the course and the club's facilities. Electric and hand-pull trolleys are available for hire, as well as ride-on buggies, all of which should be booked in advance by calling the Professional's Shop on 01786 464098 (option 2).

The professionals offer a wide range of lesson packages, including group lessons, corporate team-building clinics, or even "pros tips" before your round.

In addition, they offer a first class club-fitting service from a state-of-the art indoor studio.

To make your day extra special, the studio can be hired for 'beat the pro', 'nearest the pin' or 'long drive' contests.

Payment is accepted by most major credit and debit cards, except American Express.



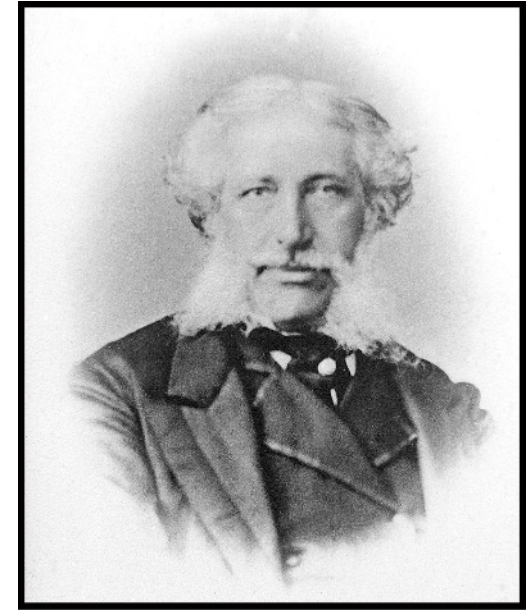
Some History of Stirling Golf Club

Stirling Golf Club was formed in July 1869 at a meeting in the town's Golden Lion Hotel, which had opened in 1786 and had Robert Burns as a guest a year later.

John Murrie, a former Provost of Stirling, was appointed the first Captain of the Club in August of 1869 and the opening competition took place on 2nd October. The Club's Minute Book from the time records that, "the ground was in very good condition and a considerable number of competitors came forward." The original course consisted of only seven holes and competitions were played three times round the links.

In 1873 the Club made its first appointment of a professional, the four times Open Champion, Tom Morris Jnr, then at the height of his fame. Tom came from St Andrews for the month of April for thirty shillings a week plus travelling expenses. The course was extended to nine holes in 1892, when a proper clubhouse was also built.

In 1904 the Club obtained its first lease of the course direct from H.M. Commissioner for Woods and Forests. With this new security of tenure, the thoughts of the members turned to making the course 18 holes and W. Fernie, professional at Troon, was engaged to prepare a plan. The opening of the extended course took place in July, 1912, and according to the local newspaper there was present on the day a "large gathering of devotees of the game and a number of interested spectators."



John Murrie
1869-72





In 1937, James Braid was asked to submit a plan for an extension and improvement to the course, which he did for £11 plus £4 expenses. James Braid had first visited Stirling in June 1901 to play a 36 hole match against J H Taylor, who won 3 and 2 over four 9 hole rounds and equalled the course record of 37. The Club is proud today to be a member of The Association of James Braid Courses.

In 1967, Sir Henry Cotton redesigned the course to its current layout and initiated an extensive tree-planting programme, with mostly deciduous trees favoured to provide spring and autumn colour.

In 2019, the Club celebrated 150 years and the course has now matured into one that is both a pleasure to play and a challenge to low and high handicappers alike. The greens are complemented by lush fairways, and the graded rough keeps play moving. The trees have matured and now present beauty and many a hazard.

Surrounded by panoramas of the Carse of Stirling, Ben Lomond, Ben Ledi and Ben Vorlich to the west, Stirling Castle and the Old Town to the north, the Ochils to the east, and the Touch hills to the south, the views from the course are unique.

Food & Drink

The Club house is the focal point of Stirling Golf Club, with a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Our restaurant and bar offers one of the best dining views in Stirling and provides excellent food and varied menus, sourced from local ingredients. The facilities include two well-stocked bars and a restaurant which is open throughout the day for breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks.

In addition to our normal service, the Club house can cater for events of up to 100 diners, with room to spare for a band. For formal dinners we can expand capacity to 120 people.

The restaurant and bar operate different hours in summer and winter (start November to late March) and normal hours can be extended for events/pre-bookings.

Smart casual attire is acceptable throughout the Club house but no football/rugby tops, hats or vest type shirts are allowed, and men's shorts should be tailored.

Golf shoes are not permitted in the restaurant or main bar area of the Club house.

Mobile phones should be switched to silent and not used for calls in the lounge.



Golfer Feedback

I thought the course was in magnificent condition. The friendly welcome we got from your members and your pro's was outstanding. The whole day was excellent and I don't think I have ever enjoyed a day in any other club as I did yesterday.

Jim Jamieson

We all thoroughly enjoyed playing Stirling and thought the course was in great condition – particularly the greens. All the staff in the clubhouse looked after us very attentively.

Andy Whyte

All the members thought the hospitality and course were excellent and the food super.

John Conway

Tees, fairways and, in particular, the greens were in great shape and add in the scenic views it was a great day.

Eric Alexander

The course was in great condition and hospitality superb.

Alison Stenson



Book Golf at Stirling

There are three ways to book tee times and pay your fees:

- 1) Online: to secure a tee time, book directly on the Club's [website](#), where there are links to book casual rounds and also to book places in our open competitions;
- 2) Professional's Shop: to check availability and book a tee time call 01786 464098 (option 2);
- 3) Email: you can contact the Club Secretary, secretary@stirlinggolfclub.com or the Head Professional, kenny@kennymonaghgolf.co.uk

When you arrive for your game of golf, you must register at the Professional's Shop. It is the responsibility of each individual or party organiser to ensure payment has been made in advance and that payment tickets are displayed prior to commencing the first hole. The ticket will be provided by the Pro Shop team when you check in and golfers could be asked to show them on the course.

We encourage visitors to book as far in advance as they can to avoid disappointment should preferred dates and tee times not be available due to competitions or events.





If you would like further information before your visit, please call us on 01786 464098 (option 1) or email secretary@stirlinggolfclub.com

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