



ADVENTURES IN GOLF

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News Update

Over the last three years there has been much speculation by economists on the future of the dollar. Most analysts forecasted a decline in value, but that has simply *not* materialized. Early last year the **Sterling exchange rate** was heading towards 1.95, but at present, the rate stands at 1.77 - **taking ten percent off the cost of a trip to Great Britain**, as compared with last year. Similar shifts in relative values have occurred with the **Euro**, which helps to make Ireland a less expensive destination. Additionally, many hotels and golf clubs have held prices over the last couple of seasons, **which means your dollar goes even further!**

With the airline industry slowly settling down after the unforgettable

events of September 2001, airfares are also becoming more competitive in price. **With these factors behind us, there is a substantial increase in bookings for the coming season,**



which all tour operators and hoteliers are reporting. Of course, the **Ryder Cup** explains to some degree the huge interest in Ireland this summer. Equally, the return to **Hoylelake** (Royal Liverpool) for the

Open Championship - the first time since 1967 - will give an enormous boost to golf in England's northwest.

The Links Cup Amateur

Invitational returns to **Sea Island, Georgia** in October after a very successful first visit to **Gleneagles** in Scotland, which took place this past September. The event was won by the **Redtail team** from Ontario, Canada after an exciting playoff with **Piping Rock**. It was **Saucon Valley** and **Pine Valley** who finished one shot further back, in one of

the tightest finishes ever. In the ladies event, the Links Team triumphed after another close contest. All competitors enjoyed the golf - played over the **King's** and **Queen's** courses, which are



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frequently claimed to be **James Braid's** finest creations. And, the standard of service and cuisine at Gleneagles was exceptional throughout the event. Without doubt, the tournament will return here in the future, although the plan for 2007 is to re-visit Turnberry, where the event was born thirteen years ago.

Turnberry this year celebrates its centenary. The highlight of a busy year will be the **Seniors' Open** in July, where **Tom Watson** will be hoping to win again. A number of other events are planned throughout the season, and you can be sure the Westin group will want their Scottish flagship looking her best throughout the summer months.

Lovers of **County Kerry** and the **Killarney** area will be pleased to learn that the **Ross Hotel**, sister to the exceptional five-star **Killarney Park Hotel**, has reopened after total refurbishment by the **Treacy family**. This centrally located, boutique-style hostelry has 32 tasteful rooms and is competitively priced, as compared to other Killarney inns of its caliber.

In **Southport**, the **Prince of Wales** hotel has continued its refurbishment program, but we await with interest as there is **development in the town of two new properties, in which their owners claim will meet demand at the top end of the market.** No one could fault the **Chester Grosvenor Hotel** on quality; it is perhaps the best hotel in the north of England. Ideally located for **Hoylelake** (Royal Liverpool) and **Wallasey**, it is also commutable to the courses of **North Wales** and day trips to **Lytham** or **Southport** are eminently possible. However, we never recommend repeated daily commutes to Southport, as traffic can be rather heavy.

Over the last few seasons, more and more of you have ventured to the English courses – **Ganton, Alwoodley, Woodhall Spa, Hunstanton, Brancaster** (Royal West Norfolk), and others dot the countryside between north and south. Of course, clusters in Kent (**Royal St George's, Princes, & Royal Cinque Ports**) and in Devon (**Saunton Sands & Westward Ho!**) can form the basis of enjoyable trips on their own.

Those who have not played **Wentworth, Sunningdale**, and





Walton Heath have every excuse to linger in the London area, where **St George's Hill, Woking,** and **Swinley Forest** will tempt you to extend your stay. Sightseers are spoilt for choice here, with **London** itself, **Windsor,** and **Oxford** all within easy reach, and the magnificent scenery of the **Cotswolds** is just an hour's drive away.

With **Celtic Manor** now confirmed as a **future Ryder Cup venue,** **Wales** may finally receive the publicity its courses deserve. We have repeatedly advocated the charms of **Royal Porthcawl, Southerndown, Pennard, Royal St David's, Aberdovey,** and others. Charming country house hotels abound and both accommodation and golf remain an **exceptional value for the money.** In addition, driving distances are modest and the scenery is uplifting. **Gleneagles** too will be an exceptional **Ryder Cup venue,** with play scheduled for the **Centenary Course.** For modern tournament professionals, the King's and Queen's courses are considered to be too short. However, some very talented amateurs who played in the Links Cup would confirm that both courses remain testing and enjoyable challenges for even the best of players – length is not everything!

Focus on Scotland

The **Royal & Ancient GC** announced that the **2009 Open Championship** will be played on the **Ailsa Course** at the **Westin Turnberry Resort** from 16–19 July, the **fourth** time it has hosted the event since it was added to the championship rota. In 1977, it was the venue for the famous '**Duel in the Sun**' between **Tom Watson** and **Jack Nicklaus.** The Open returned again in 1986, when **Greg Norman** was victorious, and 1994 when **Nick Price** snatched victory over the last few holes, memorably holing an outrageous putt on the 17th.

Since then the demands of the **Championship** have substantially increased, and while **Turnberry** could adequately cater in terms of space, there were major transport issues to overcome before the event could return. A new stretch of motorway between Glasgow and Kilmarnock has cut driving times and made any trip to **Troon, Prestwick** or **Turnberry** considerably easier. **Essential changes and improvements** have also been taking place on the **Ailsa Course** this winter. Of all the Championship venues, the Ailsa course has probably had the least-punitive bunkering. New bunkers and several new tees are being added and existing bunkers renovated. These changes will be completed for **this year's Senior British Open Championship,** which takes place from **27-30 July.**

The Senior's event is now officially recognized by the R & A GC, the **Champions Tour,** and the **European Seniors Tour** as one of the **five** senior 'Majors'. **Muirfield** (or the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers) will play host in **2007.** **Nick Faldo,** who won the 1987 and 1992 British Opens at the course, will turn 50 just before the championship next year and be eligible to enter, as will **Seve Ballesteros.** **Royal Aberdeen** was an extremely successful venue for the **2005 event,** attracting many favorable comments from the top players, and was **won** by **Tom Watson.**

Still focusing on the west coast, we received positive feedback last year from clients who played the **Dundonald** course (formerly known as Southern Gailes). A new Scottish course designed by **Kyle Phillips,** the architect behind the much-



admired **Kingsbarns**. It was acquired by the exclusive **Loch Lomond Golf Club**, but is available again in 2006 for play by non-members, and has been talked about as a possible future venue for the **Scottish Open**.

The course offers some typical links



bunkering, gorse, undulating fairways, rolling greens, and a burn (stream) in play on 11 holes. Situated beside **Western Gailes** and **Kilmarnock (Barassie)**, its style has



more in common with **Carnoustie** than, for example, the **Ailsa Course at Turnberry**; being near the coast but without views of the sea. **Prestwick**, **Royal Troon**, and **Glasgow Gailes** are also only a short drive away.

St Andrews Links Trust, the organization that runs the town's public courses, is creating a **new 18-hole course** to join its existing portfolio of six courses. It will be a **'pay as you play' course**, open all year round and is **hoped to be ready by 2007/2008**. A wet spring in 2005

delayed early work on the layout, but fairways have now been shaped and seeded and are making progress. **The Trust had actively sought to secure land for the building of a seventh course for some**

time, citing the pressure of increased play over the past few years on the existing facilities – from both local golfers who live in or near the town and from visitors.

This new course lies two miles east from St Andrews, **overlooks the sea** and already affords some **spectacular photo opportunities**. The chosen designer, **Scotsman David McLay Kidd**, also created **Bandon**

Dunes in Oregon, and was responsible for **Queenswood** near London and other courses in Hawaii, Ireland, Mallorca, and Nepal. Each hole will have a choice of five tees stretching its length from 5300-7200 yards. **When completed it will be the 6th**

seaside layout in a nine-mile stretch between St Andrews and Crail – the others being the two courses at the **St Andrews Bay Resort, Kingsbarns, and Crail** (Balcomie & Craighead Links).

The Trust has also broken ground on a new **St Andrews Links Academy**, a major extension to the existing practice centre. **New outdoor and indoor bays** are being built, including **4 high-tech bays with video cameras and launch monitors** providing the latest digital analysis



and ball-tracking technology, and a separate area for **computer analysis of putting**. The new development will also incorporate an **external ball-testing centre**, for the Royal & Ancient GC and a **club-fitting facility**. The upgraded centre will be available for multiple uses, as either a simple warm-up facility, a tuition centre, or as a venue for group outings. **Completion is scheduled for April 2006**.

Having acquired the world-class **Old Course Hotel, Golf Resort & Spa** back in October 2004, the **US-based Kohler Co.** has been

pumping significant sums into an investment and improvement program. Kohler Co. began to develop its resort business in the USA with the restoration of **The American Club** in Wisconsin (1981). The Midwest's only AAA Five Diamond Resort hotel, the development also includes **Whistling Straits**, which hosted the **2004 PGA Championship**, won by **Vijay Singh**.

All bedrooms at the **Old Course Hotel** will have been updated this year, with some getting brand new beds and stylish new Kohler-fixture bathrooms. A sizeable extension to the **Spa** has also taken place. A **bigger swimming pool, 12 new treatment rooms**, and improved changing facilities & lockers have all been incorporated into the new layout, as well as an **extended gymnasium** and **new aerobics studio**. Meeting room and public areas, including all the corridors on the first three floors, are in the middle of a 2-year renovation program. Planning consent is being sought for a **new glass-fronted function room on the 4th floor terrace**, which may eventually host a

jazz club.

The **Duke's Course** – the resort's own championship layout overlooking St Andrews – has also felt the hand of change. **Originally designed** by 5-time Open Champion **Peter Thomson**, as many as ten holes have been altered (or in some cases completely redesigned) by the **Pete Dye Company**. Changes to the clubhouse and Pro Shop have also been undertaken, while the historic **Craigtoun Mansion** that sits in the extensive grounds is also being considered for renovation.

For those reasonably familiar with St Andrews, the large red-bricked university residence hall (**Hamilton Hall**) **directly behind the 18th green of the Old Course** has been sold to American developers. Once the last students leave this summer developers move in to **convert one of the golfing world's best locations into an exclusive enclave of luxury residences for shared ownership**, called the "**St. Andrews Grand**". Twenty-three 3 & 4-bedroom apartments will be built, ranging in size from 1,400 to 1,930 sq ft and with membership bonds costing from \$1,400,000 to \$3,500,000.

Originally the building was the Grand Hotel - completed in 1895.



Overlooking the Old Course, its six-stories of red Dumfries stone was a symbol of late 19th century wealth and luxury, and has provided an impressive backdrop since then. **During World War II the hotel was transformed into a Royal Air Force training headquarters**, and **after the war** it was acquired by the **University of St. Andrews**, converted into a dormitory for students and renamed. It also featured in the opening scenes of the film "**Chariots of Fire**".

Once renovations are complete, the **St. Andrews Grand** is planned to offer loft-style residences with sumptuous bedrooms, gourmet kitchens, and luxury bathrooms. A private Club Room, pub, spa facilities, concierge, and valet service are also planned. Memberships of **Crail** and **Elie** golf clubs are also proposed, with preferential rights on **Kingsbarns Golf Links** included as



well. The parent company recently secured a co-ownership interest on the latter golf course, which since its opening in 2000 has proved a huge success with visiting golfers to the area. *Please contact us if you require more information about this new development.*

On a smaller – but very welcome level, refurbishment of the **4-star Rusacks Hotel** in St Andrews is also going ahead, with **completion scheduled for April**. The great location **overlooking the 1st and 18th fairways** of the Old Course deserves the investment, and we trust that clients will continue to enjoy its charms for many years to come.

In Edinburgh, the **Caledonian Hotel** (or the ‘Caley’ as it is popularly known locally), has raised its game significantly thanks to a **\$15 million refurbishment**, with more investment in the pipeline. **Originally built in 1903**, by the **Caledonian Railway Company**, the hotel is now part of the Hilton group. Situated in the heart of Scotland’s capital city in the main shopping district, it looks across to the ancient **Edinburgh Castle**. Over 200 bedrooms have been renovated, as well as its restaurants, bars, and health club, in order to bring it back to its former glory. At one point, in the Caledonian’s history, **steam from the trains** in the adjacent railway station **was recycled to heat the hotel’s hot water supply** – today’s guests can expect more sophisticated comforts, including **wireless broadband!**

The historic **Marine Hotel** in **North Berwick** is being returned to its

former luxury status as well, courtesy of a multi-million pound investment by **Macdonald Hotels & Resorts**. Overlooking the historic **North Berwick golf course** and Firth of Forth, the hotel will be able to offer **83 refurbished rooms and suites (many with sea views)**, some one and two-bedroom apartments, conference facilities, and meeting rooms. In the same locality, the **Open Arms** hotel has also been adding more bedrooms and upgrading existing facilities. A smaller, more intimate alternative to The Marine, this charming hotel is situated in the village of Dirleton, only minutes from both **North Berwick** and **Gullane**.

Macdonald Hotels & Resorts have also built the newest championship course in Scotland – the **Spey Valley GC** at **Aviemore** in the Highlands. **Due to open in Spring** of this year, the course will feature one of the **longest par 5s in the country at 641 yards**, and superb views of the nearby **Cairngorm Mountains** from nearly every point on the course. Golfers may also have to contend with deer crossing fairways, or ospreys diving for fish in the small lochs! For those golfers interested in playing some of the smaller Scottish ‘gems’ as well, then nearby **Boat of Garten, Kingussie, and Newtonmore** complement this new addition. These courses can provide a convenient golf-stop for travelers heading north to **Dornoch** or, alternatively, pleasant day-trips from a base in **Inverness** or **Nairn**.

Latest Scottish news has advised that Billionaire property tycoon, **Donald Trump**, is evidently

planning to build a luxury golf destination in Scotland. He has always indicated a fondness of this historic golf country, as his mother, Mary MacLeod, was born on the **Isle of Lewis**. Although a site has not yet been identified, there are hints over a location in **Aberdeenshire** for an **exclusive housing development and golf course** to rival his sister US locations: **Trump National Golf Club** and **Briarcliff Manor**.

Finally, but staying in the greater Highlands, one of our favorite hotels – **Dunain Park** in **Inverness** – has been bought from the **Nicoll family** by the owners of the **Royal Marine Hotel in Brora**. *We wish the Nicoll’s well in their retirement and thank them for the hospitable and gracious way they’ve looked after our clients for many years.*

Major dates to avoid:

Carnoustie

September 3 – 9 inclusive
October 2 – 8 inclusive

Cruden Bay

July 18 – 21 inclusive

Kingsbarns

September 30 – October 8 inclusive

Old Course, St Andrews

May 1 – 4 inclusive
September 11 – 22 inclusive
October 2 – 9 inclusive

Royal Dornoch

August 6 – 12 inclusive

Turnberry

July 23 – 30 inclusive

**Open Championship –
Super Deluxe Program
Royal Liverpool
20 – 23 July 2006**

We have an exceptional program for the Championship in 2006. Travel will be by executive coach with air-conditioned plush leather interior. Entry tickets to all four days of the championship are included, as are executive rooms at the fabulous Chester Grosvenor Hotel and Old Course-facing rooms at the Old Course Hotel Golf Resort & Spa.

Sunday 16 July

Depart USA for Manchester, England

Monday 17 July

Arrive Manchester Airport. **Met by driver and executive mini-coach** for transfer to the Chester Grosvenor Hotel. The afternoon allows an opportunity to **stroll around the historic city centre with its Roman history**, chic boutiques, and Tudor buildings. Overnight at Chester Grosvenor.

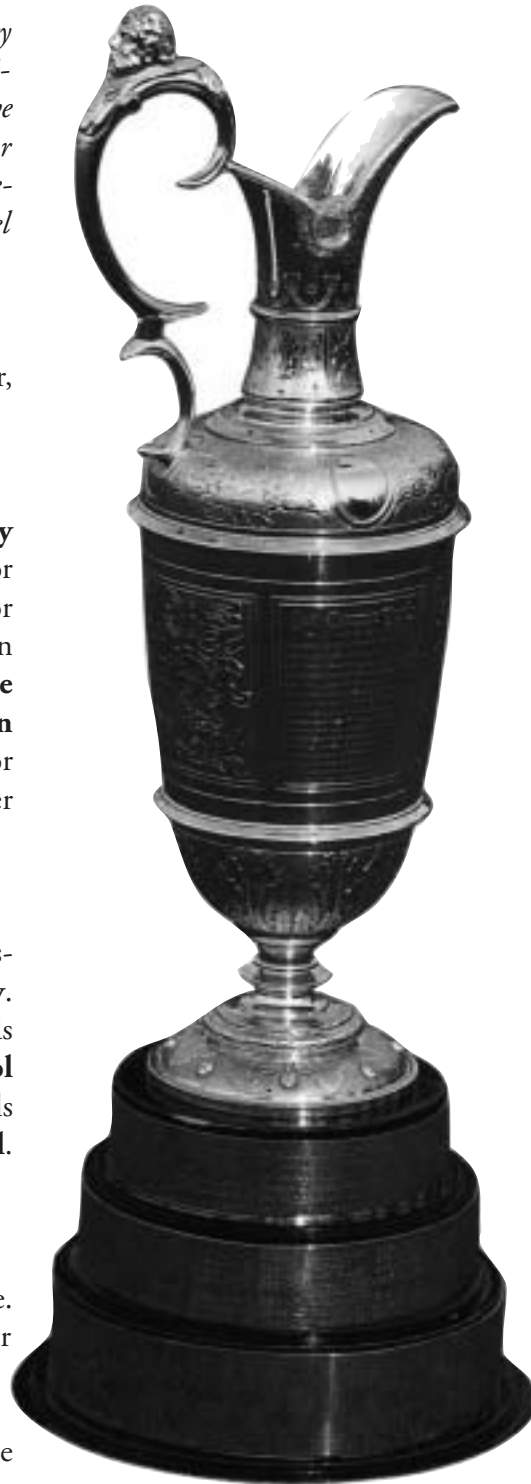
Tuesday 18 July

Play the excellent Tom Morris-designed links course of **Wallasey**. Founded in 1891 and 6607 yards long, **Wallasey** overlooks **Liverpool Bay** and benefits from similar soils and dune land to **Royal Liverpool**. Overnight at Chester Grosvenor.

Wednesday 19 July

Today **Royal Birkdale** is our venue. Rated the best course in Britain over the last few years by some surveys, this **Open venue** is a classic links from which, unusually, you never see the sea. It lies inland from the coast

road below Southport in a glorious stretch of golfing terrain, which includes **Southport & Ainsdale, West Lancashire, Formby, and Hillside**. Overnight at Chester Grosvenor.



Thursday 20 July

The **Opening Round** of the **Open Championship**. This will be an emotional day for Royal Liverpool. It was back in 1967 when the Open last came here, when **Roberto de Vincenzo** won a popular victory – by two strokes from **Jack Nicklaus**. Overnight at Chester Grosvenor.

Friday 21 July

Round Two of the **Open**, when the big names often reel in the early leaders and the whole field aims not just to beat the cut, but to gain position for the weekend. Overnight at Chester Grosvenor.

Saturday 22 July

Weather plays a vital role on all links courses, and the members will be hoping the wind really does blow so that they can **see how the top players contend** with the sort of windy conditions, which the locals experience on a weekly basis. Overnight at Chester Grosvenor.

Sunday 23 July

The final day. Be there on Sunday afternoon to join in the climax of the event! Overnight at Chester Grosvenor.

Monday 24 July

A leisurely transfer to **St Andrews**, with a scenic drive through the Scottish Borders. Our destination is the famous and recently refurbished **Old Course Hotel Golf Resort & Spa**, which looks out over the fairway of the legendary Road Hole and ocean beyond. Overnight at Old Course Hotel.

Tuesday 25 July

Kingsbarns has rightly leapt to





judged. See for yourself! Overnight at Old Course Hotel

Thursday 27 July Carnoustie lies just across the Tay Bridge from St Andrews and is a demanding links. **One of the hardest of the Open courses**, it requires good ball striking and strategic thinking, particularly during the tough finishing holes, where the **Barry Burn** can wreck a score in a matter of minutes! Overnight at Old Course Hotel

Friday 28 July Morning transfer to Glasgow Airport for departure to United States.

prominence in every informed listing of the great courses. Kyle Phillips could retire tomorrow and his place in history would be assured, thanks to the creation of this wonderful links just east of St Andrews. You will understand after playing here, that **every hole has spectacular sea views**, the bunkering is stupendous, course presentation is immaculate and the **greens are sensational**. Overnight at Old Course Hotel.

Wednesday 26 July

A day in St Andrews for a round on the **Old Course**, with an optional round on the **New**. Alistair Mackenzie contended that the Old Course should be the yardstick by which all other courses might be

All our readers will be familiar with St Andrews, but **Chester** may be an unknown quantity. In fact, *the city has a famous history going back over 2,000 years to Roman times and is one of Europe's top heritage cities!* It boasts a complete circuit of walls, sections of which date back to Roman times, as well as a **Norman Cathedral** and the famous Rows, unique two-tiered galleries built in the traditional black and white 'magpie' style, containing a wide range of shops selling goods from antiques to high fashion. In fact, **Chester is one of the top retail centres in the UK**, with large branches of national stores and attractive shopping malls.

Other attractions include the beautiful **River Dee**, the recently restored **Grosvenor and Cheshire Military Museums**, a **Roman Amphitheatre**, the beautiful **Grosvenor Park** and the city's famous **Roodee Racecourse**. There is also a zoo and, as luck would have it, a **music festival**, which conveniently takes place in July!

Royal Liverpool

The club was formed in June 1869 by **James Muir Dowie**, a Scot then living in Liverpool, and his father-in-law, Robert Chambers. Old Tom's brother **George Morris** laid out the first 9 hole course and his son, Jack, became the club's first professional. Jack was to remain at Hoylake for over sixty years!

For seven years, the links were shared with the **Liverpool Hunt Club**, which had a racecourse on the land. Now, just two reminders of that era remain: two ornamental pineapples from the old paddock gates adorn the putting green posts, and the old saddling bell now hangs in the clubhouse and is used as a dinner gong.

Hoylake Open Champions:

Year	Open Champion	Final Score
1897	Harold Hilton (A)	314
1902	Alex Herd	307
1907	Arnaud Massey	312
1913	J H Taylor	304
1924	Walter Hagen	301
1930	Bobby Jones (A)	291
1936	Alf Padgham	287
1947	Fred Daly	293
1956	Peter Thomson	286
1967	Roberto de Vicenzo	278

No stranger to hosting tournaments, the inaugural **Home Internationals** (initially between Scotland and England) were held here in **1902**, the **first match between Britain and the United States** (forerunner of the Walker Cup) in **1921**, and the first **English Close Championship** in 1925. Numerous championships have been held since, including **ten Open Championships** and **sixteen Amateur Championships**.

Three Hoylake golfers dominated amateur golf in Britain for a generation around the early 1900's: **John Ball, Harold Hilton, and Jack Graham**. And the club has always enjoyed a tradition of style and friendship. It is claimed that the presentation by **Kenneth Stoker**, then Captain, of his **red jacket to Bobby Jones in 1929** to mark his **Grand Slam**, was the **inspiration** for the **Green Jacket at Augusta**.

With housing to the left on the first few holes, the course initially has a slightly suburban feel. That impression subsides as you approach the turn, however, as the land becomes **more undulating** and **impressive views of the Dee estuary** and distant Welsh hills suggest a wildness far removed from the townscape left behind. Challenging short holes and classic par 4's are the order of the day, before a finish, which will produce a deserving champion in 2006. **And that player will not have been fazed by the prospect of out-of-bounds posts, as Hoylake presents more opportunities to go OB than any other championship course in England!**



Ryder Cup 2006
The K Club, Straffan, Ireland
22 – 24 September 2006

This will be a **landmark event** – and possibly the only time during the lifetime of our readers that Ireland will have the privilege of staging a Ryder Cup.

All tickets for the event are issued by the Ryder Cup travel office, which insists on a minimum 5-night stay in Dublin for the better hotels. Every package has now been sold for these hotels – mainly to corporate groups and tour operators. ***If you plan to attend you need to make a commitment now.***

Our basic 5-night package includes:

Accommodation: four-star Crowne Plaza Hotel¹ in Dublin City

Transport: Regular coach transfers to and from The K Club



Room: (double or single occupancy) with full Irish breakfast daily

Celebration Dinner on the final night with souvenir gift.

Better still though, take our special tour which includes pre-booked golf before the event:

South West Ireland (pre-tournament) & The Ryder Cup 2006

Wednesday 13 September

Depart USA for Shannon, Ireland

Thursday 14 September

Arrive Shannon. Met by driver and executive coach for transfer to **Moy House** or **Vaughan Lodge** at Lahinch. A spin along the **Cliffs of**

Moher will sharpen the appetite for a fine dinner and a restful night. Overnight at Moy House or Vaughan Lodge.

Friday 15 September

Play Lahinch, one of the great links courses of Ireland – **ranked 67th best course in the world** by Golf Magazine, with fabulous views of the Atlantic coast and wonderful



green, springy turf. Overnight at Moy House or Vaughan Lodge.

Saturday 16 September

Today **play Doonbeg**, Greg Norman's exquisite creation below **Spanish Point**. Some of the finest links land in Ireland has been put to imaginative use. After golf, continue around the Shannon estuary to Limerick and then down to Killarney, one of Ireland's most famous towns, where the lively nightlife gives even the weariest golfer his second wind! Overnight at the 4-star Killarney Royal Hotel.

Sunday 17 September

Driving the Ring of Kerry is one of those scenic spectacles that everyone remembers. Playing a gem like **Waterville** half way round is an added bonus. **Jim Mulcahy's vision**, added to **Eddie Hackett's** design and recent enhancements courtesy of **Tom Fazio**, has produced a scenic monster, which bears comparison with any links in the world. Overnight at Killarney Royal Hotel.

Monday 18 September

Play Tralee - "I designed the first nine, but surely God designed the

¹AIG's three-star Chief O'Neill's hotel package is already sold out – please contact us to be added to the waitlist, or select the four-star Crowne Plaza Hotel package, which is currently available.

back nine,” remarked **Arnold Palmer**. The motion picture Ryan’s Daughter was filmed on the beach below the course. Overnight at Killarney Royal Hotel.



Tuesday 19 September
Today, you will **play golf** at another scenic wonder. **Old Head** occupies the headland below **Kinsale**, which is accessed via a narrow causeway. This may well be the **world’s most**

dramatic course with coastal views that defy description. Overnight at Killarney Royal Hotel.

Wednesday 20 September
A leisurely drive across Ireland from Killarney, punctuated by a pub lunch and arrival at your hotel in good time for dinner. Overnight at Ryder Cup hotel choice.

Thursday 21 September
Final Practice Day – a chance to familiarize yourself with

the course (Palmer’s original design) and see how the players cope with the challenge. **Regular coach transfers allow you to come and go as you please.** Witness the **opening ceremony** at the K Club. After the

ceremony, return to town. Overnight at Ryder Cup hotel choice.

Friday 22 September
Day One – Foursomes and Fourballs – the excitement begins! A good start will be important for the confidence of both teams. Overnight at Ryder Cup hotel choice.

Saturday 23 September
Day Two – Foursomes and Fourballs again. In the past, the European team believed a good lead after two days was mandatory going into the final day’s play, as the US team’s greater strength in depth traditionally proved crucial in the singles. Last time that did not materialize. Overnight at Ryder Cup hotel choice.



Sunday 24 September
Day Three – with excitement reaching fever pitch, the **Singles matches** inevitably decide the result. 24 of the world’s top golfers going head to head produces sporting drama of the highest quality. Overnight at Ryder Cup hotel choice, with celebration dinner and souvenir gift. **Toast the victors and look forward to the next time!**

Monday 25 September
Depart from Dublin Airport

Due to limited availability on these programs we strongly recommend that you register your interest by calling us today!

K Club Palmer Course - Scorecard						
Hole	Blue	White	Green	Red	Par	Index
1	584	561	502	405	5	8
2	415	382	358	289	4	12
3	173	164	138	127	3	18
4	423	386	346	287	4	10
5	213	197	179	151	3	16
6	446	407	382	362	4	8
7	606	581	517	501	5	2
8	424	364	327	296	4	14
9	461	427	402	384	4	4
OUT		3,745	3,469	3,151	2,802	36
10	418	401	361	298	4	7
11	413	399	370	292	4	9
12	170	157	120	109	3	15
13	568	545	518	456	5	11
14	440	402	363	310	3	5
15	478	412	376	316	4	3
16	395	371	352	301	4	1
17	173	155	155	134	3	17
18	537	518	478	441	5	13
IN	3,592	3,360	3,093	2,657	36	
OUT		3,745	3,469	3,151	2,802	36
TOTAL		7,337	6,829	6,244	5,549	72



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