

# Golf at Ross Priory



The Golf Course is one of the facilities at Ross Priory where a charge over and above the main subscription is made. For club members, this is payable in two ways:

1. An annual green fee of £160 per annum, which gives unlimited use of the golf course and up to three guests for a day ticket price of £5 per person. The fee is valid for 1 year from 1st April. Please purchase alongside club membership. Contact Sally King on 0141 548 4441 or email [rosspriory.club@strath.ac.uk](mailto:rosspriory.club@strath.ac.uk)
2. A day green fee, currently £10 per day for club members. The day ticket is payable at the house.

*PLEASE NOTE THAT ANY VISITOR TO ROSS PRIORY CAN PURCHASE A DAY TICKET. THE VISITOR DOES NOT NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CLUB MEMBER. THE VISITOR DAY TICKET PRICE IS £15 PER PERSON PER DAY.*

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## **COURSE HISTORY**

The idea, design and implementation of a golf course at Ross Priory is attributable to George Campbell, formerly Maintenance Officer at the University, now retired. As a keen golfer and amateur student of course design, Campbell recognised the potential of a golf course to the Priory as an additional facility and that parts of the policies would lend themselves particularly well to the playing of golf. Although little resource was made available and despite much resistance from some quarters, Campbell pressed ahead and in a remarkably short time six holes were formed and opened for play in 1977.

Some time later an equally enthusiastic Peter Herbert, a past Director of Estates Management, took up the challenge of further developing the course and with similar problems to overcome, but with further land becoming available in 1989, the original six holes were reduced to four, and five new holes were added in the field to the left of the approach road.

Since then, continuous development has taken place and today the course offers a fine mix of nine holes which when played twice measures 5,816 yards from the white tees. The Par is 70 for both men and women and the Standard Scratches are 68 and 69 respectively. There are 8 Par Fours and 1 Par Three and with a liberal scattering of large and ancient trees, difficult rough, smallish greens and some uphill fairways there is enough to present a stiff challenge to even the low handicapper.

On the other hand, informality and breathtaking scenery combine to make it a pleasure for those of lesser skills!



## **HOLE BY HOLE DESCRIPTION**

### **Hole 1, Avenue**

269 yard par 4 which looks straightforward but with out of bounds on the right and large oak trees on the left.

### **Hole 2, Ross Loan**

372 yard par 4. Very little trouble off the fairway but the hole's gradient makes it play longer than its yardage. The elevated green is two tier with a hidden bunker to its left and dense shrubbery behind.

### **Hole 3, McGougan's View**

Straightforward downhill 370 yard par 4 with spectacular views over Loch Lomond to Ben Lomond and the surrounding countryside.

### **Hole 4, Woods**

331 yard par 4 again uphill with little danger off the fairway but with a plateau green and trouble behind.

### **Hole 5, Burn**

444 yard par 4 which although downhill, plays as a par 5 for many. The natural tendency is to play right off the tee but beware of over correction as out of bounds lies in wait to the left. Also for the unwary, a bunker and the burn from which the hole takes its name lie hidden behind the green.

### **Hole 6, Birches**

160 yard par 3 with a smallish green protected by a water channel and difficult to hit and even harder to hold. Also, the copse of birches referred to will collect any shot too far left.

### **Hole 7, Ben Arthur**

344 yard par 4 with three large trees either side of the fairway and a fourth protecting a generous green.

### **Hole 8, Marshes**

279 yard par 4 which is reasonably straightforward and often offering a short approach shot off a good drive. The target though is small and difficult to hold.

### **Hole 9, Stables**

339 yard par 4 with a sharp dogleg left and a narrow approach. Only a very good tee shot will give a sight of the green which even then is made hazardous with yet more large trees. There is out of bounds all along the left of the fairway running up to the break of the dogleg.



## **HOW TO JOIN THE GOLF SECTION**

The Ross Priory Golf Club (RPGC) was formed in the late 1990s by a small number of Ross Priory members who used to gather to play golf together on Sunday mornings. Affiliation to the Scottish Golf Union and membership of the Dunbartonshire Golf Union soon followed and this allowed the course to be rated, medals to be played and handicaps issued. Years later and the Club is thriving, with Membership currently standing at around 70 and a full Calendar of Medal play and other competitions run each season.

In order to join the Golf Section (RPGC) you must first be a member of the Ross Priory Club. Spouses and partners may join but may only play with a member unless of course they hold Associate Membership. The current subscription is £40 which is used mainly to pay dues to the Scottish and Dunbartonshire Golf Unions, provide prizes for the various competitions, purchase insurance cover and make an annual contribution toward course improvement.

Contact: Club Secretary, David Currie, email [davecurriedobro@gmail.com](mailto:davecurriedobro@gmail.com)

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## **MASTER SCOREBOARD**

### **Booking System**

Annual bag tag holders and visitors tee times are booked online using [Master ScoreBoard](#). Ross Priory will book this on behalf of day ticket holders. For more information on this please contact [rosspriory.club@strath.ac.uk](mailto:rosspriory.club@strath.ac.uk)

### **Competitions**

A full Calendar of Events takes place throughout the season. This commences with the Opening Muster which coincides with the Club AGM in March, thereafter a further 20 medals are played up to the beginning of November. In addition, there are singles and foursomes knock out tournaments which run over the length of the season together with a number of single events and one team event over the course of each season. As a member of Ross Priory Golf Club you can book your tee time for medals and competitions via [Master ScoreBoard](#).

## **WINTER GOLF TELEPHONE LINE**

We have a winter telephone line for the days course conditions. Grounds staff will arrive by 08.00hrs and the winter open line with a recorded message will be available by 08.15hrs. Telephone 01389830733 for the recorded message before travel to Ross Priory.