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# All About Golf



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**G**olf originated in Scotland and has been played for at least five centuries in the British Isles. The oldest course in the world is The Old Links at Musselburgh. Golf, in essentially the form we know it today, has been played on Scotland's Musselburgh Links since 1672, and earlier versions of the game had been played in the British Isles and the low-countries of Northern Europe for several centuries before that. Although often viewed as an elite pastime, golf is an increasingly popular sport across all sections of society.



**T**he Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews is the one of the oldest golf clubs in the world, the oldest being the Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers at Muirfield. It is based in St Andrews, Fife, Scotland, regarded as the worldwide "Home of

Golf" <sup>[citation needed]</sup>. Formerly it was also one of the governing authorities of the game, but in 2004 this role was handed over to a newly formed group of companies collectively known as The R&A.

The Ryder Cup is a golf trophy contested biennially in an event officially called the Ryder Cup Matches by teams from Europe and the United States. The Ryder Cup was born in 1926, with the US competing against

Great Britain on the East Course, Wentworth Club, Virginia Water, Surrey, Great Britain. After more than 45 years of US dominance (Britain won only once between 1935 and 1973) it was extended to Britain and Ireland in

1973 and then Europe in 1979, which made the Cup considerably more competitive. Currently, the Ryder Cup Matches are jointly administered by the PGA of America and the PGA European Tour.

**T**he Masters Tournament, commonly referred to as

The Masters or The US Masters (outside the United States), is

one of four major championships in men's professional golf

and the first to occur every year. The final round of the Masters each

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| year is scheduled | the Masters is     | golf club in      | who designed     |
| the second        | held every year at | Augusta, Georgia, | Augusta National |
| Sunday in April.  | the same           | USA. The Masters  | with legendary   |
| Unlike the other  | location, Augusta  | was started by    | course architect |
| major             | National Golf      | Clifford Roberts  | Alister          |
| championships,    | Club, a private    | and Bobby Jones,  | MacKenzie.       |

Jack William Nicklaus (born January 21, 1940), also known as "The Golden Bear", was a major force in professional golf, first on the PGA Tour from the 1960s to the mid-to-late 1980s, then on the Champions Tour from the late 1980s to the 1990s. Nicklaus is widely regarded as the greatest golfer of all time. Together with Arnold Palmer, he is credited with turning golf into the major spectator sport it has become. While Palmer brought golf into the television era, it was the developing Nicklaus-Palmer rivalry that drove subsequent interest.

