



FURNESS

GOLF CLUB

TIMELINE

FOUNDED IN 1872 by migrant Scottish workers from Dundee, as a 6-hole course on Biggar Bank the course was later extended to a 9-hole and then developed into a 18-hole course. The first clubhouse was an old deck cabin, from one of the old Clan liners, which was placed at Sandy Gap Lane. The erection of the bridge across Walney Channel in 1908, replacing the ferry, added to the attraction of the club for an ever-widening public and plans for a new Clubhouse were put in hand.

The building was about to commence when the 1914-18 war broke out and the fate of building a new home hung in the balance. It was decided, after careful consideration, to hasten the completion and the new building was opened on the January 8, 1916 by Harry Vardon, the Open Champion of 1914.

In response to quarry developing airties, Barrow became strategically important and the manufacture of armaments started both in the docks, on our current 5th highway and land adjacent. The building blocks for the airties are clearly visible today.

A view from the 18th green showing Gentlemen and Ladies alike enjoyed the game even then. Note the veranda and arches on the clubhouse which have now been incorporated into the existing building.

During WW2 the course was reduced to four playable holes known as "Dundee's Folly" as much of the area was taken over for civil protection and a restricted. Some of the coastal protection installations are still clearly visible. Many of our brave members also served during the conflict and are pictured here outside of the clubhouse.

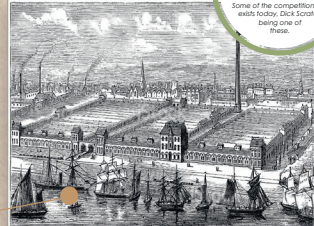
FACT
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An extract from our 1972 centenary book states "As a Council, we will never be satisfied until we have a club second to none and created 100% by us". This huge milestone was achieved when the purchase of land previously owned by Walscot was completed. This photograph captures that event and shows the signing of deeds by the Trustees.

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ANNIVERSARY
1872-2022

FACT
First recorded minutes date back to October 1875.

The founders of our club migrated from Great Britain to Barrow and the Clyde to Barrow as industry expanded and demand for labour grew. These Scotsmen were employed by the Barrow Jute and Flax Works in what is now Windgap. They brought with them a love of golf and formed an informal course on Biggar Bank.



JUTE AND FLAX WORKS

FIXTURES FOR 1898.

Month	Club	Match
April	Keweenaw Club	Club Match and Ball
May	Monthly Match and Ball	
June	Monthly Match and Ball	
July	Monthly Match and Ball	
August	Monthly Match and Ball	
September	Monthly Match and Ball	
October	Monthly Match and Ball	
November	Monthly Match and Ball	
December	Monthly Match and Ball	

FIRST FIXTURE/SUBSCRIPTION LIST



AIRSHIP BUILDINGS



CLUBHOUSE AND PUTTING GREEN



COURSE REDUCED TO 4 HOLES IN WW2



PURCHASE OF LAND IN 2005



FIRST FGC MINUTES

Extract from the first minutes of the club dated back to October 1875 from a Council meeting held in the Ambrose Hotel in Windgap. The meeting was chaired by our first Captain D. Lawrence Esq. The minutes refer to "the previous council meeting" and therefore were not the very first recorded.

CLUBHOUSE AND MEMBERS



NEW CLUBHOUSE



HRH PRINCE OF WALES



NEW CLUBHOUSE REFURBISHMENTS



FAMILY COUNTY CHAMPIONS



The first recorded minutes of the club date back to October 1875 from a Council meeting held in the Ambrose Hotel in Windgap. The meeting was chaired by our first Captain D. Lawrence Esq. The minutes refer to "the previous council meeting" and therefore were not the very first recorded.

The first "proper" clubhouse was constructed in 1902 and was situated near the current Greenkeepers shed. Prior to this an old deck cabin from a Clan liner was used and was placed at the bottom of Sandy Gap Lane.

EVENING MAIL ADVERT EARLY 1900's

Furness Golf Club
Walney Island, Barrow-in-Furness
at Holy Lands (Sand Island)

With the club the only one remaining of its kind in the district, the club has a long and interesting history. It was founded in 1872 by a group of Scottish workers who migrated to Barrow in search of employment. The club has since grown to become one of the most popular in the district.

With membership expanding and the construction of a bridge to Walney in 1908, the building of a new clubhouse became increasingly important. Building was about to commence when WW1 broke out. However, it was decided to hasten completion and the new clubhouse was opened on January 8, 1916 with a celebration match by six times Open Champion Harry Vardon.

FACT
The 3rd oldest links and the 6th oldest course in England.

Did he or didn't he? A story of club folklore that during a visit to Barrow HHV Edward VII then Prince of Wales, is reported to have played golf on the island.

Furness Golf Club Green Fees early 1900's

Category	Rate
Green Fee	1/-
Cartage	1/-
Tea	1/-
Clubhouse	1/-
Greenkeepers	1/-
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The clubhouse was extensively refurbished and modernised from the original design to something very recognisable today.



Keep it in the family. Although the club has enjoyed great success in many areas, particularly numerous wins in the Harbour Trophy, it stands out. Lady members Jennifer Apple and Nicola have all won the County Championships and all have from the same family.

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