

The Fife Tour

September 22nd – 24th 2026

September 22nd 2026 – Golf House Club Elie

The finish to the 2026 golfing year was in Fife for the Autumn Meeting.

JBGS members arrived at Golf House Club Elie on Tuesday at 12 noon, for drinks on the patio followed by lunch.

Given the panoramic views and superb setting it is little wonder that GHC Elie has established itself as such a firm favourite for visitors over the years. It is one of the finest links courses in Fife, tucked away in the beautiful East Neuk of Fife, it offers a warm welcome and an honest test of golf played over classic links terrain. The Club has a fine display of golf clubs made at Elie in the late 1800s – at the same time as James Braid was learning the game on the nearby links at Earlsferry, where he was born.

After an excellent lunch everyone ventured out in brilliant sunshine and virtually no wind for the match against the club. There was a good turnout of 17 of us so we were in the fortunate position of being able to lend 1 player to the Elie side.

In such fine weather – weren't we lucky, the course did not disappoint. The matches were hard fought but very much enjoyed as was the conviviality and hospitality on the day. Tea and scones were served after the games and the results were announced – a win by Golf House Club by 5 games to 3 much to the Captain's relief.

September 23rd 2026 – Lundin GC

After torrents of rain including a thunder storm over night, by the time members arrived for their matches from 12 noon at Lundin GC they were luckily greeted with sunshine.

The club was founded in May 1868 when the Leven Clubs extended their links. It is a fascinating challenge with open burns, an internal out of bounds and strategic bunkering. In 1908, Braid visited and work began on laying out a new course which was completed in 1909. The railway line running through the middle of the course was closed in the 1960s but to retain the design and challenge of the course, the internal out of bounds running along both sides of the old railway line was retained and is present to this day. The course remains largely as it was some 100 years ago

Despite the overnight rain the course was found to be very playable and fast running, and all the members were complimentary in their opinion of a tough but fair challenge. Following the completion of the round, the JBGS members reconvened in their fours to the clubhouse to enjoy dinner together. Again, there were 16 of us.

The match resulted in an honourable 4 all draw. No slip ups yet Mr Captain!

September 24th 2026 – Lundin Ladies GC and St Andrews

For the final day of the Fife Tour, we were back to Lundin Links but this time to play golf with the ladies at the ladies' golf club.

Lundin Ladies Golf Club was established in 1891 and is a beautiful 9 hole James Braid designed parkland golf course and is thought to be among one of the oldest ladies clubs in the UK. It enjoys both countryside and sea views and is well known for its Standing Stones on the 2nd fairway. which attract many visitors throughout the year. The present-day course, laid out by Braid, originated in 1908/1909 and over time it has changed little in design.

There were 14 of us, and 18 local ladies very keen to join in the fun. So after bacon rolls on arrival, to accommodate the unbalanced numbers the format of the day was a mixed Texas Scramble with a shot gun start.

The course itself was delightful, in very good condition and everyone said how much they had enjoyed the format and how much fun it was.

The winning team with a score on a count back of 22 points (for 9 holes) was Steve Race, Angela Grant, Fiona Love and Tessa McAndrew.

This was followed by a wonderful **lunch at The New Club in St Andrews** which gave Stephen Toon, one of The Founding members of the JBGS the opportunity to tell us how the JBGS was set up and how Peter Thomson came to be involved as its President.

Finally, everyone trooped over to the **St Andrews Ladies' Putting Club** with putter and ball in hand for a putting competition. This is probably better known to visitors from around the world as **The Himalayas** - which is an apt description for this unique facility found in St Andrews.

The winner of this prestigious competition, with a magnificent score of 36 for the 18 holes, was Mark Horner, although the validity of this was questioned as gimmies (which according to the Club rules are unlawful), had been given.

The day was deemed by all (unexpectedly to some) to be a superb and a fitting finale to another great JBGS tour.

So, it's goodbye now until next year, when we announce in January the exciting programme for the 2027 JBGS golfing year.