

Stroke of History

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What this document covers

This index gives the reading and image origins for the site’s timeline, Top 100 courses, women’s golf and greatest golfers stories. Each entry links to its on-site article and to the outside material used to check the historical facts or supply its photographs. The prose on the site is original editorial writing.

The course order follows [GOLF’s 2025-26 world ranking](#). The greatest golfers list is Stroke of History’s editorial judgment, led by Tiger Woods and Jack Nicklaus; it is not an external ranking.

Photo provenance

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Homepage featured stories

- Bobby Jones won everything. Then he walked away. — [Historical reading](#)
- Se Ri Pak's rookie year changed the game. — [Historical reading](#)
- Why does golf have 18 holes? — [Historical reading](#)

Timeline: historical milestones

Year / story	Sources and photographs
1457 · Golf enters the written record	Historical source Site article Related course or portrait photographs are credited in the course and player lists below.
1744 · The first written rules	Historical source Site article Related course or portrait photographs are credited in the course and player lists below.

Year / story	Sources and photographs
1764 · St Andrews becomes 18 holes	Historical source Site article Related course or portrait photographs are credited in the course and player lists below.
1860 · The Open begins at Prestwick	Historical source Site article Related course or portrait photographs are credited in the course and player lists below.
1873 · The Claret Jug is presented	Historical source Site article Related course or portrait photographs are credited in the course and player lists below.
1894–95 · American golf gets its governing body	Historical source Site article Related course or portrait photographs are credited in the course and player lists below.
1900 · Golf reaches the Olympics	Historical source Site article Related course or portrait photographs are credited in the course and player lists below.
1930 · Bobby Jones completes the Grand Slam	Historical source Site article Related course or portrait photographs are credited in the course and player lists below.
1950 · The LPGA is founded	Historical source Site article Related course or portrait photographs are credited in the course and player lists below.
1998 · Se Ri Pak inspires a generation	Historical source Site article Related course or portrait photographs are credited in the course and player lists below.
2008 · Tiger Woods wins at Torrey Pines	Historical source Site article Related course or portrait photographs are credited in the course and player lists below.
2016 · Golf returns to the Olympics	Historical source Site article Related course or portrait photographs are credited in the course and player lists below. Rio course photograph
Today · The story continues	Historical source Site article Related course or portrait photographs are credited in the course and player lists below.

Greatest golfers and women's golf

Story	Historical and image origins
Rory McIlroy	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Nick Faldo	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Phil Mickelson	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Gary Player	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Ben Hogan	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Tiger Woods	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Sam Snead	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Bobby Jones	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Gene Sarazen	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Seve Ballesteros	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Walter Hagen	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Tom Watson	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Arnold Palmer	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Byron Nelson	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2

Story	Historical and image origins
Jack Nicklaus	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Annika Sörenstam	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Joyce Wethered	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Babe Didrikson Zaharias	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Nancy Lopez	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
The first Solheim Cup	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Nelly Korda	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Inbee Park	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Margaret Abbott	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Lorena Ochoa	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Se Ri Pak	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
The first Women's Amateur	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
The LPGA's Original 13	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Kathy Whitworth	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2

Story	Historical and image origins
Rose Zhang	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Glenna Collett Vare	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2
Mickey Wright	Historical source Portrait / image 1 Image 2

Top 100 courses

All rankings and course descriptions were checked against the 2025-26 GOLF panel ranking. The “profile” link opens the publisher’s course page; “Photo 1” and “Photo 2” identify the actual image files used on the site.

Rank / course	Historical profile and photographic files
01 · Pine Valley	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
02 · Cypress Point	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
03 · St. Andrews (Old Course)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
04 · Royal County Down	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
05 · Shinnecock Hills	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
06 · National Golf Links of America	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
07 · Royal Melbourne (West)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
08 · Augusta National	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
09 · Oakmont	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
10 · Sand Hills	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
11 · Muirfield	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
12 · Royal Dornoch	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
13 · Merion (East)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
14 · Royal Portrush (Dunluce)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
15 · Pebble Beach	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2

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16 · Fishers Island	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
17 · Chicago	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
18 · Trump Turnberry (Ailsa)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
19 · Tara Iti	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
20 · Pinehurst No. 2	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
21 · Los Angeles (North)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
22 · Sunningdale (Old)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
23 · Friar's Head	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
24 · Kingston Heath	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
25 · North Berwick (West)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
26 · Riviera	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
27 · Prairie Dunes	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
28 · Hirono	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
29 · Ballybunion (Old)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
30 · Royal St. George's	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
31 · Crystal Downs	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
32 · Seminole	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
33 · Winged Foot (West)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
34 · Lahinch (Old)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
35 · Pacific Dunes	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
36 · Oakland Hills (South)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
37 · The Country Club (Clyde/Squirrel)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
38 · Morfontaine	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
39 · Carnoustie (Championship)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
40 · San Francisco	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
41 · Barnbougle Dunes	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2

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42 · Royal Birkdale	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
43 · Southern Hills	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
44 · St. Patrick's Links	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
45 · California Golf Club of San Francisco	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
46 · New South Wales	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
47 · Shoreacres	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
48 · Sand Valley (The Lido)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
49 · Maidstone	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
50 · Swinley Forest	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
51 · Somerset Hills	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
52 · Garden City	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
53 · Royal Troon (Old)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
54 · Portmarnock (Old)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
55 · Sunningdale (New)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
56 · Bethpage (Black)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
57 · St. George's Hill (A & B)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
58 · Prestwick	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
59 · Camargo	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
60 · Oak Hill (East)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
61 · Cruden Bay	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
62 · Kawana (Fuji)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
63 · Ballyneal	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
64 · Shanqin Bay	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
65 · Cape Kidnappers	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
66 · Lofoten Links	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
67 · Inverness	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2

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68 · Royal Lytham & St. Annes	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
69 · Cabot Saint Lucia (Point Hardy Golf Club)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
70 · Baltusrol (Lower)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
71 · Kiawah Island (Ocean)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
72 · Ardfin	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
73 · Childress Hall (Upper)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
74 · Woodhall Spa (Hotchkin)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
75 · Peachtree	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
76 · Bandon Trails	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
77 · Sleepy Hollow	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
78 · Cabot Cape Breton (Cabot Cliffs)	Course profile · Photo 1
79 · Te Arai (South)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
80 · Old Town	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
81 · Royal Hague	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
82 · Royal Melbourne (East)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
83 · Casa De Campo (Teeth of the Dog)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
84 · CapRock Ranch	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
85 · Bandon Dunes	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
86 · Myopia Hunt Club	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
87 · Nine Bridges	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
88 · Rock Creek Cattle Company	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
89 · Utrecht de Pan	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
90 · Rye (Old)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
91 · Winged Foot (East)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
92 · Machrihanish (Championship)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
93 · Victoria	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2

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94 · Kingsbarns	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
95 · Royal Liverpool	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
96 · Cabot Cape Breton (Cabot Links)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
97 · Cabot Highlands (Castle Stuart)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
98 · Te Arai (North)	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
99 · Ohoopee Match Club	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2
100 · Cape Wickham	Course profile · Photo 1 · Photo 2