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The R&A hopes that you will be able to join in the celebrations of The 41st Curtis Cup match at Conwy (Caernarvonshire) Golf Club, from 12 to 14 June 2020.

Conwy Golf Club, established in 1890, this classic links nestles where the dramatic Snowdonia Mountain range greets the Conwy estuary at the Irish sea. The course itself is immortalised in the famous Douglas Adams prints “The Drive”, “The Bunker”, “The Putting Green” featured on the walls of many of the world’s great club houses. Conwy town itself is a world renowned “must see” tourist destination for its exceptionally well preserved medieval castle and town walls. As well as evoking the rich heritage of Welsh myth and legend the town today is known as much for its colourful annual festivals from music and food, to pirates and regattas. You’ll be assured of a great warm Welsh welcome or “Croeso” and, whether it is golf or the myriad other outdoor activities that excite you, you’ll all be welcome to Conwy in North Wales for the Curtis Cup in 2020.

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The Curtis Cup has an atmosphere all its own. Though the inscription on the trophy tells how the event was designed “to stimulate friendly rivalry among the women golfers of many lands”, it remains the same USA versus Great Britain & Ireland affair on which the Curtis sisters set their hearts in 1932.

The longstanding friendships sired at the biennial contest begin with the players but extend to all those who return again and again for what they see as one of the game’s most treasured gems.

The golfing legend Laura Davies, who played in the match at Muirfield, Scotland, in 1984, can understand. “I still count myself lucky to have made that team,” said Davies.
“I loved everything about the event. It was one of those weeks you never forget.”

Laura Davies
“The Curtis Cup was the best time of my life and a huge achievement in my career. I am delighted that the 2020 match will be played on our home course Conwy. It is a fantastic venue and will be a great challenge for the girls.”

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It is thought golf was first played on Welsh soil when three enthusiastic Scotsmen laid out a few roughly made holes on a spur of land known as the Morfa in 1869. It was not until 1875 that a group of members from the Royal Liverpool Golf Club realised the full potential of the area and had a professionally-designed course laid out by their club professional, Jack Morris, nephew of Old Tom Morris.

Conwy (Caernarvonshire) Golf Club was officially formed on the 30th June, 1890.

In 1895 the course was extended to 18 holes by Jack Morris and in the same year, Conwy Golf Club became one of the founding members of the Welsh Golfing Union.

ARCHITECTS

1875: Jack Morris designed the first layout of 12 holes
1895: Jack Morris extended course to 18 holes.
Post First World War: Unknown, records lost in the 1933 fire.
Post Second World War: Unknown to date.
The Morfa was badly affected by the demands of the First World War and the course, was appropriated for military use. With the enormity of the military activities, the old links course was virtually obliterated and the course was “closed” from 1914 to 1919. To keep the club functioning, everything was moved in a northerly direction to the site that the course now occupies.

When the Second World War broke out, it was decided to build the prefabricated harbours used in Operation Overlord on the Conwy Estuary. The Mulberry Harbours were constructed on a site at the back of the present second green. This site was the location of the then ninth green which was lost and never replaced. Fortunately this was the only real damage the course suffered.

**Mid 1970s:** Frank Pennink made major changes to the front 9 holes, including new green complexes on the 4th, 6th & 8th holes, with consequent new tees on the 5th, 7th & 9th holes.

**1983:** Brian Hugget & Neil Coles re-designed five holes on the back nine as a consequence of the new tunnel and A55 Expressway construction. This involved a new 13th hole, increasing the 14th to a par 5, while the old par 3 14th became the new 15th. The old par 3 17th was scrapped with the green and part of the old 16th fairway being utilised for a brand new par 4 17th.
Discover ancient

CONWY

A TRUE ONE-OFF
Conwy is a historic town of narrow cobbled streets enclosed within well-preserved ancient walls, with many fascinating landmarks.

Conwy Castle, a World Heritage Site, was a key part of the 'iron ring' of fortresses built around Snowdonia in the 13th century by Edward I to contain the Welsh.

Dramatic views may be enjoyed from the battlements with the mountains of Snowdonia one way, and the Conwy Estuary the other. It’s from here that the entire town comes into perspective, ringed by a circuit of walls over three-quarters of a mile long and guarded by no less than 22 towers.

There are many sights to enjoy after taking a walk along Conwy’s ancient walls. The streets below lead to Aberconwy House (a rare 14th-century merchant’s dwelling), Plas Mawr (the UK’s best-preserved Elizabethan town house) and the unique Smallest House. Other attractions include the Conwy Tourist Information Centre featuring a flagship exhibition telling the story of the Princes of Gwynedd, The Royal Cambrian Academy of Art and Thomas Telford’s Suspension Bridge.

Maritime Conwy lives on along the quay and hosts a popular River Festival in the summer. Back in the town there’s a variety of shops, galleries and eateries as well as a choice of accommodation options.
Discover new epic experiences on the shores of Wales. For golfers, it’s the perfect time to explore our spectacular links courses. Welcome to our epic shores.