

LOCH LOMOND GOLF CLUB

From Castle to Clubhouse

*A glorious setting, wonderful hospitality,
and top-notch golf create something special.*



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LOCH LOMOND, SCOTLAND: Tom Weiskopf, considered one of the world's finest golf course designers, is quoted as saying, "I consider Loch Lomond my lasting memorial to golf."

He also happened to be an experienced hunter, and all practiced wilderness experts know the cardinal rule: always tell someone where you are going. It's a lesson that almost cost Tom his life in 1992 when, during an early morning stroll to scout a stream near the planned 14th hole at Loch Lomond Golf Club, he miscalculated his step and sank deep into oily black mud up to his chest. Thankfully, he inched himself out over the course of four hours and crawled to safety in absolute exhaustion.

Despite the terrifying ordeal, he went on to design what is considered one of the most stunning and celebrated courses in the world: Loch Lomond Golf Club.

The Club consistently maintains GEO certification, the global mark of excellence for sustainability in golf, is widely considered the most exclusive private members' club in Scotland, and was the first course in the country designed by an American.

HISTORY DATING BACK CENTURIES

Earlier this year, my wife JoAnn and I had the good fortune to visit Loch Lomond Golf Club. Talk about history!

The central portion of the present clubhouse, known as Rosdhu House, was completed in 1773. Its members hail from dozens of countries, far and wide, with about 100 of its 600 members residing in the United States, and all must belong to another club before joining and access to the club is only for members or guests of Members.

"Our club's offering is multifaceted with golf as our centerpiece," extolled





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Garden (designed in 1797), and a stay in the Lady Colquhoun Suite. While winter days are short, during the summer, Scotland is gifted with 18 hours of daily sunlight. You can theoretically have an early dinner and then play 18 holes!

The golf experience is everything you would expect from a course on the current *Golf Digest* “100 World’s Greatest Courses” list. Manicured fairways and greens are set against wild, mountainous backdrops and in some cases just yards away from the loch. The setting elevates your round to a new level. Its robust caddie program and its world-class Caddie Shack only add

to its allure. Views of the loch are frequent. Thankfully, distances are measured in yards (unlike most of continental Europe, which uses meters). A round isn’t complete without a hearty handshake and warm smile from Willie, the legendary men’s locker room attendant who has been at Loch Lomond Golf Club for 30+ years. ■

For more information on memberships, please visit LochLomond.com.

“Everyone [including golfers] marches to their stomach. It’s important to season your main course to your taste. The correct spices are as key as sugar is to dessert. One tip? Try adding fresh lemon juice to your recipes. It freshens everything up. We update our menus every three months, but one thing is assured: we never drop our standards.” — STEVIE WATERS, HEAD CHEF AT LOCH LOMOND GOLF CLUB

“It’s hard to define what our ‘secret sauce’ is that makes the Club so special. The best way I can describe it is you arrive as one version of yourself, and leave as a happier, more relaxed version. It’s impossible not to!” — ALISON RODGER, ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER AT LOCH LOMOND GOLF CLUB

John Blanch, general manager at Loch Lomond Golf Club. “I have worked for several golf management companies that afforded me the opportunity to work in 11 countries over the past 30 years. I’m proud of our club’s heritage, but even more excited about its future as a member-owned club. We hosted the Scottish Open for a decade, and the boats in our bay watching the competition reminded me of what you would see in the waters off Pebble Beach in California or Harbour Town in South Carolina.

“We are located about 30 minutes from Glasgow Airport and about 90 minutes from Edinburgh, a short and comfortable trip in one of the club cars. With more nonstop flights being added every year alongside daily flights from New York, the journey is far easier than you may surmise. I’m beyond proud to lead the club’s vision in the future.”

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Upon arrival, we were greeted with a glass of our choice of champagne or a 12-year-old whisky. During our stay, we enjoyed fine dining (appropriately paired with even finer wine), an excursion on the club boat around the loch (Scottish Gaelic for a sea inlet), a spa treatment within its historic Walled

Did you know? The United Kingdom encompasses four areas: England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. The volume of water in Loch Lomond (totaling more than 680 billion gallons) is more than all the water combined in the lakes, rivers, and streams found in England.

