



### **INTRODUCTION**

The town of Musselburgh has a long association with the game of golf having hosted The Open Championship on the links course on six occasions in the 1870's and 1880's. The town can also boast having five Open Champions, who between them, won eleven championships - more than any other town.

When The Honourable Company of Edinburgh Golfers moved to Muirfield from their home at the 9 hole Links Course in 1891, they took with them the venue for the Open. In an attempt to reestablish its association with the Open, Musselburgh Town Council decided to build an 18 hole championship golf course in the town. Unfortunately it was not until the 1930's that suitable land became available and the 5 times Open Champion James Braid, who, in his later years became a renowned golf course architect, was commissioned to design the new course at Monktonhall. He designed a championship standard course, which at 6725 yards long is a true test of golf for even the most accomplished golfer. The new course was officially opened by a fourball of James Braid, Percy Alliss, Henry Cotton and Alf Padgham on 10th May 1938 and has been the home of The Musselburgh Golf Course ever since.

For 70 years the layout of the course has remained virtually unchanged, a fact which bears testament to the ability and foresight of its designer. During these years the course has hosted many amateur championships and on two occasions the Scottish Professional Championship.

At 6725 yards long and with tree lined fairways and a burn that comes into play at 5 holes, the course is an interesting challenge to all levels of golfer.

It has the distinction of being the Open Championship Qualifying course in Scotland until 2010 and it will be one of the venues to host the Final Qualifying Competition for the Open Championship when it returns to Muirfield in 2013

Musselburgh Golf Club is only 20 minutes from the centre of Edinburgh and 30 minutes from Edinburgh Airport, at the east end of the Edinburgh City Bypass.

## **HOW TO GET THERE!!**

## **Travel from Peterborough :-**

Road : 313 miles by road on the A1 – Approx 11 miles from Edinburgh

- Rail : Approx 4 hours by train to Edinburgh on the East Coast main line. Changing at Edinburgh Waverley to Musselburgh approx 8 mins.
- Air: Flybee several daily/return from East Midlands to Edinburgh Easy Jet/Ryanair several daily/return from Stansted to Edinburgh Easy Jet/Ryanair several daily/return from Luton to Edinburgh

Hire vehicles available from Airport and Edinburgh rail station



#### AVAILABLE TO ALL PMGC PLAYING MEMBERS

- Free golf to all members Monday Friday (subject to availability), excluding members only tee times and avoiding midweek competitions, matches and open events.
- Restricted 'free' golf Sunday (subject to availability) excluding members only tee times, competitions, matches and open events.
- ▶ No visitors are allowed on a Saturday at The Musselburgh G.C.
- > Our members will be welcome as individuals, pairs, or groups.
- All bookings/availability are via their Pro Shop.
- In the event that individuals, pairs or groups are visiting it is suggested that contact is made with their Club Secretary to arrange welcomes and hospitality.
- It is encouraged that visitors meet with their members both on the golf course and in the clubhouse. The Club Secretary will direct our members to a 'buddy' contact if required.
- In addition to any formal inter club visits/matches etc any group wishing to offer challenges to 'twinned' members, it is suggested that contact is via the Club Secretary in the first instance.
- Photographic evidence and testimonials of visits and experiences would be appreciated to use on our 'twinning' website and newsletters

# **CONTACT DETAILS**

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