

P983 Wick Golf Club

RECORDS' IDENTITY STATEMENT

Reference number: GB1741/P983

Alternative reference number:

Title: Wick Golf Club

Dates of creation: 1875- 2015

Level of description: Fonds

Extent: 11 boxes

Format: Paper

RECORDS' CONTEXT

Name of creators: Wick Golf Club

Administrative history: In September 1870 Wick Golf Club was formally established to organise competitions, set and administer rules and handicaps for its members. The committee arranged to play regular competitions on a 6- hole course set out in Wick's Society Park, now known as the Bignold Park and provided a practise area at the South Head overlooking Wick Bay.

Wick Golf Club was founded by a number of members, notably Sheriff Thoms, who was president of the club for around 25 years.

Sheriff Thoms was a key player in developing golf in the North of Scotland and he had strong links to the Sutherland Golfing Society and St Andrews.

In 1873, the club were permitted limited access to Reiss Links, about 3 miles north of Wick. A 9- hole course was set out in the natural links terrain with stunning views over Sinclair Bay, it's nearby castles and the distant Pentland Skerries.

In the 1890's a small pavilion was built, and improved tenancy arrangements allowed golf to be played 6 days a week. Ladies were admitted as members and a professional golfer from St Andrews

visited the area for 10 days to provide professional coaching.

In 1907 to 1908, under the captaincy of Lt Col Henderson, the course was redesigned by John Sutherland, secretary of Dornoch Golf Club and a member at Wick Golf Club, to extend it from 9 to 18 holes.

In parallel with this, a new clubhouse was constructed including an integral house for a professional golfer/ greenskeeper. On the longest day in 1908, the club held a unique competition, a midnight golf tournament that started at 02:30am and finished at 05:30am.

WWI had a little impact on golfing life at Reiss Links but WWII put golf on hold for 4 years due to the risk of a German invasion from the north after the fall of Norway in 1940. Reiss Beach was heavily mined and in 1945 had to be cleared of 2000 land mines. There was also significant damage to the golf course caused by large military vehicles and live grenade practice on the fairways. The course was repaired by the end of 1946 with the aid of German Prisoners of War from Camp 165 at Watten under the supervision of a local professional greenkeeper.

The 1950's to 1960's saw Sunday golf being permitted on Reiss Links and a licensed bar in the clubhouse. Infrastructure improvements to clubhouse and car park were completed, including extending the course to counteract the ever- improving equipment technology.

In the early 1990's, under the captaincy of Mr John Hunter, a new spacious clubhouse was built and improved equipment storage and maintenance facilities provided. In 2002, with design advice from Irish professional golfer Ronan Rafferty, significant changes were made to several holes to improve player safety and to optimise the location of tees in the dunes.

Custodial history:

Deposited by a member of Wick Golf Club

RECORDS' CONTENT

Description: Papers of Wick Golf Club

Appraisal:

Accruals:

RECORDS' CONDITION OF ACCESS AND USE

Access: Some restrictions

Closed until: **Certain records closed for 100 years to comply with Data Protection Legislation**

Access conditions: Available within the Archive searchroom

Copying: Copying permitted within standard Copyright Act parameters

Finding aids: Available in Archive searchroom

ALLIED MATERIALS

Related material:

Publication:

Notes:

Date of catalogue: April 2022

Ref.	Description	Dates
P983/1	Minutes	1875- 2011
P983/1/1	Minute Book. Includes meeting minutes, accounts, scores and competition rules. (1 volume)	16 Mar 1875- 1895
P983/1/2	Minute Book. Includes meeting minutes, match results and list of members. (1 volume)	30 Sep 1881- 5 Nov 1887
P983/1/3	Minute Book. Includes meeting minutes and match results. (1 volume)	2 Dec 1887- 23 Jun 1894
P983/1/4	Minute Book. Includes meeting minutes and match results. (1 volume)	16 Jun 1894- 12 May 1898
P983/1/5	Minute Book. Includes meeting minutes and match results. (1 volume)	14 May 1898- 18 Mar 1903
P983/1/6	Minute Book. (1 volume)	May 1905- Apr 1914

P983/1/7	Minute Book. (1 volume)	4 May 1914- 29 Mar 1938
P983/1/8	Minute Book. (1 volume)	7 April 1938- 24 Mar 1950
P983/1/9	Minute Book. (1 volume)	16 Mar 1951- 2 Aug 1965
P983/1/10	Minute Book. (1 volume)	4 Oct 1965- 27 Feb 1969
P983/1/11	Minute Book. Includes loose papers and correspondence. (1 volume) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	1980- 1983
P983/1/12	Committee Meeting Minutes. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	10 Jun 1985- 10 Feb 1987
P983/1/13	Minute Book. (1 volume) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	17 Feb 1987- 24 Jan 1990
P983/1/14	Minute Book. (1 volume) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	20 Feb 1990- 17 Nov 1992
P983/1/15	Minute Book. (1 volume) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	19 Jan 1993- 8 Dec 1993
P983/1/16	Committee Meeting Minutes. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	18 Jan 1994- 14 Nov 1995
P983/1/17	Committee Meeting Minutes. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	17 Jan 1996- 5 Oct 1999
P983/1/18	Committee Meeting Minutes. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	6 Mar 1999- 27 May 2003
P983/1/19	Committee Meeting Minutes. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	27 May 2003- 12 Jul 2010
P983/1/20	Annual General Meeting minutes. (1 bundle)	8 Feb 2005- 15 Feb 2011
P983/2	Administrative Records	1960- 2015
P983/2/1	Employee Records	1998- 2007
P983/2/1/1	Various papers regarding the employment of individuals at the Club. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	1998- 2005
P983/2/1/2	HM Revenue and Customs Employer Pack 2007. Unopened. (1 item)	2007

P983/2/2	Insurance Records	2001- 2007
P983/2/2/1	Insurance documents. (1 bundle)	2001- 2006
P983/2/2/2	Documents and Correspondence relating to insurance policies. (1 bundle)	2001- 2007
P983/2/3	Club Policies, Procedures and Risk Assessments	2001- 2009
P983/2/3/1	Child Protection Policies, Documentation and correspondence. (1 bundle)	2001- 2009
P983/2/3/2	Health and Safety Risk Assessments for Wick Golf Club. (1 volume)	2003- 2004
P983/2/3/3	Bundle containing various policies and procedures including guidance and example policies. Includes disciplinary, social responsibility and social media policies. (1 bundle)	c. 2015
P983/2/4	Various	1960- 2015
P983/2/4/1	Caithness County Assessment forms for Golf Course and Clubhouse. (4 items)	30 Nov 1960- 20 Nov 1964
P983/2/4/2	Correspondence regarding a funding application for a scheme to supply water to the Greens. Includes copy of lease between Wick Golf Club and Hempriggs Estate (1968) (1 bundle)	1972- 1985
P983/2/4/3	Correspondence in connection with water system to Greens at Reiss. (1 bundle)	1976
P983/2/4/4	Papers regarding proposed new clubhouse. (1 bundle)	1992- 1995
P983/2/4/5	Bundle containing papers regarding a proposed plan to alter the layout of the course and proposed alterations to the constitution. (1 bundle)	1999- 2000
P983/2/4/6	General information on licensing, funding applications and VAT. (1 bundle)	2003- 2009
P983/2/4/7	Papers pertaining to the erection of workshop and equipment store and demolition of building at Wick Golf Club. (1 bundle)	2007- 2008
P983/2/4/8	Bundle containing Wick Golf Club constitution, draft constitutions, example constitutions. (1 bundle)	c. 2012
P983/2/4/9	Handwritten Golf Course measurements. (8 items)	n.d.
P983/2/4/10	Operating instructions and guarantee for a safe. (2 items)	n.d.

P983/2/4/11	Bundle containing various papers from 2015. Includes correspondence, financial information, membership list and greenkeeper's report. (1 bundle)	2015
P983/3	Financial Records	1939- 2008
P983/3/1	Annual Financial Statements. (1 bundle)	28 Feb 1939-1953
P983/3/2	Annual General Meeting Agenda and Annual Financial Statement. (1 bundle)	27 Feb 1969
P983/3/3	Annual General Meeting Agenda and Annual Financial Statement. (1 bundle)	22 Feb 1971
P983/3/4	Bundle containing financial statements, income and expenditure reports, funding applications, invoices and subscriptions. (1 bundle)	1998- 2005
P983/3/5	Chequebook stubs. (4 items)	27 Oct 2006- 11 Feb 2008
P983/4	Correspondence	1935- 2011
P983/4/1	General Correspondence. (1 bundle)	1935- 1939
P983/4/2	Loose correspondence found in minute book P983/1/8. (1 bundle)	1938- 1950
P983/4/3	Correspondence received by Donald Sinclair, Wick Golf Club secretary. (4 items)	22 Mar 1954- 15 May 1955
P983/4/4	General correspondence. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	1983- 1987
P983/4/5	General correspondence. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	1988
P983/4/6	General correspondence. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	1989
P983/4/7	General correspondence. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	1990
P983/4/8	General Correspondence. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	1990- 1993
P983/4/9	General Correspondence. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	1992
P983/4/10	General Correspondence. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	1993

P983/4/11	General Correspondence. Includes Club constitution and rules and Insurance Policy. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	1994- 1995
P983/4/12	Correspondence regarding the Handicap system. (1 bundle)	1998
P983/4/13	General Correspondence. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	1998- 1999
P983/4/14	General Correspondence. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	2006- 2007
P983/4/15	General Correspondence. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	2011
P983/5	Ladies Section	1910- 2008
P983/5/1	Minutes	1910- 1993
P983/5/1/1	Minute Book. (1 volume)	25 Apr 1910- 3 Dec 1931
P983/5/1/2	Minute Book. (1 volume)	21 Apr 1932- 1976
P983/5/1/3	Minute Book. (1 volume)	1977- 1993
P983/5/2	Financial records	1966- 2008
P983/5/2/1	Account Book. (1 volume)	1966- 2008
P983/5/3	Ladies' Competitions	1923- 2007
P983/5/3/1	Ladies' Competition Book. (1 volume)	1923- 1926
P983/5/3/2	Ladies' Competition Book. (1 volume)	1930- 1932
P983/5/3/3	Ladies' Competition Book. (1 volume)	1932- 1965
P983/5/3/4	Ladies' Competition Book. (1 volume)	1966- 1970
P983/5/3/5	Ladies' Competition Book. (1 volume)	1970- 1974
P983/5/3/6	Ladies' Competition Book. (1 volume)	1974- 1977
P983/5/3/7	Ladies' Competition Book. (1 volume)	1978- 1980
P983/5/3/8	Ladies' Competition Book. (1 volume)	1981- 1984
P983/5/3/9	Ladies' Competition Book. (1 volume)	1984- 1990
P983/5/3/10	Ladies' Competition Book. (1 volume)	1990- 1996

P983/5/3/11	Ladies' Competition Book. (1 volume)	1996- 2002
P983/5/3/12	Ladies' Competition Book. (1 volume)	2002- 2005
P983/5/3/13	Weekly Ladies' Competition Entry Sheets. (1 bundle)	2006- 2007
P983/6	Competitions	1926- 2011
P983/6/1	Scores Register. (1 volume)	1926- 1929
P983/6/2	Wick Golf Club Fixture Card. (1 item)	1955
P983/6/3	Competition Book. (1 volume)	1960- 1964
P983/6/4	Scores Register. (1 volume)	1965- 1975
P983/6/5	Competition Book. (1 volume)	1971- 1974
P983/6/6	Competition Score Sheets. (1 bundle)	1998- 28 Feb 1999
P983/6/7	Competition Entry and Starting Sheets. (1 bundle)	2005- 2008
P983/6/8	Various papers relating to competitions including handicap lists, starting sheets and results. (1 bundle)	2005- 2011
P983/6/9	Rules for various golf competitions. (6 items)	n.d.
P983/7	Membership	1983- 2014
P983/7/1	Visitors Book. (1 volume) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	1983- 1990
P983/7/2	Membership support information and blank forms. Includes information on membership, lockers and bag tags and stickers. (1 bundle)	1992- 2007
P983/7/3	Membership and Fixture List cards for seasons 1994-2006. (1 bundle)	1994- 2006
P983/7/4	Lists of members and their handicaps. (1 bundle)	1998
P983/7/5	Membership Lists for various years. Includes 1991, 1992, 1993, 2006, 2007. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	2006- 2007
P983/7/6	Sign- in Book for Members playing Guests. (1 volume) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	10 Apr 1994- 25 Feb 2006
P983/7/7	Papers from a Member Satisfaction Survey. (1 bundle) [CLOSED FOR 100 YEARS DUE TO DATA PROTECTION]	2014

P983/7/8	Information slips reminding members of the rules for bringing guests to the course. (1 bundle)	n.d.
P983/8	Various	1965- c. 2015
P983/8/1	School Notebook belonging to John A. Miller. Includes notes on book- keeping and names of professional golf tournament winners. (1 volume)	1965- 1967
P983/8/2	File on the family history of D. Warren Gilchrist b. 1856, d. 1883, winner of medals at Wick Golf Club in 1874- 1876. (1 bundle)	c. 2015
P983/8/3	Copy of a page from <i>Golf Illustrated</i> featuring Wick Golf Course, dated 15 July 1904. (2 items)	n.d.