

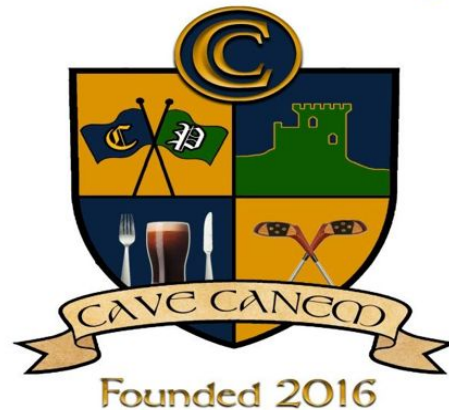
Two weeks after the announcement that Machrihanish Dunes would host the Second Annual Coyne Cup, the resort received the prestigious “Best Hotel” award from Golf Tourism Scotland. Although we would love to take credit for the win, Machrihanish Dunes has won about 50 significant awards since reopening its doors in 2008.

A tournament of this size and stature could only be held at one of the leading resorts in the British Isles. Machrihanish Dunes is renowned for its hospitality but the rooms, the food, the views and the golf combine for a special experience.

As was the case in 2016, the tournament will feature Ryder Cup style competition, great camaraderie and most of all unforgettable craic! What’s different is that the field will expand to four teams to accommodate a larger group. What’s also likely to be different is that many of this years participants plan to bring spouses and possibly even kids.

Join us next August 22nd - 26th for Coyne Cup 2017 as we head back into the dunes with *New York Times* Bestselling Author, Tom Coyne. We promise another memorable tournament!

The Coyne Cup



Tournament Overview:

Tuesday, August 22nd – Arrival day! Flights from the US land in Glasgow at 7:05 AM, 7:30 AM and 11:25 AM. While I had considered the option of providing transportation from Edinburgh, flights are much more expensive for some reason, so as of now, plan to leave from Glasgow. It's a three hour drive to your practice round at Mach Dunes. Those on the earlier flights (most people I suspect) will probably arrive in Machrihanish at about noon so we will try and have some kind of lunch waiting for you prior to afternoon tee times. Those on the later flight will probably still be able to play, it just will be a long day.

Wednesday, August 23rd, Thursday, August 24th and Friday, August 25th – Following your “Full Scottish” Breakfast, you'll be headed to one of the three courses that we'll be playing this week:



- In 1879 Old Tom Morris came to Machrihanish to expand the 12 holer in town to the Championship 18 holes that you will be playing this week. Machrihanish is often included in lists of the top 100 courses in the world and always in the top 100 in the British Isles. The 1st hole requires a long carry over a beach and the Atlantic Ocean and is often referred to as the best opening hole in golf.
- Dunaverty is a quirky par 66 that was “built” in 1889 and is widely considered to have some of the very best greens in Scotland. Located at the Southern End of the Kintyre Peninsula, the course offers spectacular views from virtually every hole.
- Machrihanish Dunes is the new guy on the Peninsula. It opened to great acclaim in 2008 and quickly won awards in the new course category. In the last few years Mach Dunes has steadily climbed in Great Britain and Ireland rankings to #31. Widely considered one of the most natural courses in the world, only 7 of the courses 259 acres were disturbed during the construction of Mach Dunes. The rest of the construction required only a lawn mower.





Accommodations:

Pretty nice. Actually, very nice!

Machrihanish Dunes features The Royal Hotel in the bustling port town of Campbeltown (shown below) and the Ugadale Hotel and Cottages (shown above) which overlook the beaches of Machrihanish and the greens at Machrihanish Old. Whichever location you end up in, you'll be pleased.

The resort provides shuttle service between the hotels and courses and we will have other vehicles to get you around town. We likely will be having appetizers and other activities on different nights. More to come in the months ahead. Regardless of the schedule however, this will be another first class event!

The hotels have both been recognized multiple times by different organizations for providing unrivaled hospitality and beautiful, clean rooms and views. That's how the Coyne Cup rolls!



Flights:

Direct flights to Scotland from the US only leave from Philadelphia and New York and are among the most expensive flights to the British Isles. You can do a little better connecting through Heathrow or Dublin but at the risk of missing part of a relatively short trip.

I have reserved a block of seats on the American flight from Philadelphia to Edinburgh leaving at 9:15 PM on August 21st. The fare from Philadelphia is \$1250, subject to availability at the time of booking. If you are connecting through Philadelphia, check with me as we may well be able to get you a better fare than if you booked the flight directly.

What's included in the Coyne Cup Package?

- Transportation to and from Glasgow International Airport at the times indicated above.
- Transportation to and from the golf courses noted in the schedule.
- Two rounds of golf at Machrihanish Dunes Golf Club.
- One round of golf at Machrihanish Golf Club.
- One Round of golf at Dunaverty Golf Club.
- Four nights lodging at either The Royal Hotel in Campbeltown or the Ugadale Hotel or Cottages in Machrihanish including a "Full Scottish" breakfast each morning.
- Dinner on both the first and final nights. Additional meals TBD

The cost for Coyne Cup Alumni that register by 1/1/2017 will be \$2100 per person sharing a room. A \$500 deposit is required to secure your spot. There is a \$400 supplement for a single room. The non-golfer attendee price will remain at \$1250. The balance of the payment will be due by June 1st.

For non Alumni and all registrations after 1/1/2017 the price will be \$2200 per person sharing a room. There is a \$400 supplement for a single room. The non-golfing attendee price will be \$1250. A \$500 deposit is required to secure a spot with the balance due by June 1st.

The tournament field will be limited to the first 80 people to complete the tournament registration form and submit a deposit.

To get any other information on the event you should contact Tom Casey at Tom@OldSodTravel.com or (443) 454-1332.



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The “After Party”:

The ferry schedule has not been announced for Summer 2017 as of yet but based on last years ferry the plan is to take the 7:00 AM ferry from Campbeltown to Ardrossan on August 26th. From Ardrossan we'll continue on to East Lothian and Scotlands Golf Coast. Plans include:



- On Saturday, August 26th we have tee times at Glen Golf Club in North Berwick starting at 1:00 PM. Like many Tom Coyne choices, The Glen is not a “trophy” course but instead a beautiful if not somewhat quirky par 70 overlooking the Firth of Forth. The par three 13th hole is said to be the best par 3 in Scotland. Likened to the 7th at Pebble Beach the ‘Sea Hole’ graces the cover of a popular book ‘The Most Extraordinary Holes in Britain’
- After the round we load up the coach and head 45 minutes west to Edinburgh where we’ll be staying for the next three nights. Edinburgh calls itself the International Festival City and several Festivals will be wrapping up this weekend. So there will be a great buzz and vibe in town. Tentative plans call for us to stay at the Radisson Blu which is right on the Royal Mile and in the center of everything that you’ll want to do in Edinburgh. The only reason that the hotel might change is that we find a better one!
- Sunday, August 27th takes us back to North Berwick, this time to the course with the same name. Ranked 7th in Scotland and 49th in the World, the course is well known for the light rough and playability. Just a beautiful day outside! Afterword, back to Edinburgh!
- On Monday, August 28th we’ll travel to back to the Golf Coast for tee times starting at 10:48 AM at Gullane #1. The course was established in 1884 making it relatively young by Scottish standards although it is rumored that links golf has been played here since 1650. The Scottish Open was contested on Gullane #1 in 2015. Greens fee will be refunded for anyone who beats the low round for that tournament.

- An early up and out on Tuesday, August 29th heading to Glasgow for your flight back to the States!

The cost of the trip extension is \$1550 per person sharing. The single supplement is \$400. To secure a spot at the After Party add \$300 to your deposit. We only have 32 slots for the After Party which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

