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Kingarroch has golfing experience down to a tee

Golfers looking for the ultimate golfing experience need look no further than the National Trust for Scotland's Kingarroch Hickory Golf Course at the Hill of Tarvit Mansion in Fife.

Kingarroch is the only remaining Hickory Golf Course in the UK, first established in 1924, though its history stretches back to 1906 when wealthy jute magnate Frederick Sharp first brought his family to the Hill of Tarvit Mansion, attracted by the mansion's proximity to St Andrews' Royal & Ancient Golf Club.

Not content with such easy access, Frederick and his son Hugh soon set about designing a nine-hole golf course on the house's front lawn, which proved a popular fixture with golfers, including 1907 Open Champion Arnaud Massey, for many years. The advent of World War II meant the course was soon commandeered for farming use to aid the war effort.

The site's great golfing heritage was revived in the 1990s when it was restored to its former glory and numerous improvements were made to make it fully suitable for modern players.

Kingarroch is now cared for by the National Trust for Scotland and welcomes golfers from all over the world. It provides the perfect experience for a celebration with a difference, team building, a good old-fashioned day out or for those looking for an authentic experience of golf's history and the opportunity to play with the antique equipment available.

Ross Wilson, Golf Experience Manager, Kingarroch Hickory Golf, said: "The Kingarroch Hickory Golf Course provides a unique golfing experience for all. Whether you're a serious golfer or just fancy trying your hand at a fun, authentic sport from bygone days, we're confident you'll enjoy swinging back in time, whatever your handicap."

Golfers will be provided with everything needed to enjoy a round of golf including Hickory clubs in a lightweight bag, tees, balls and scorecard too! Knowledgeable Golf Experience staff will provide an entertaining introduction along with some tips and pointers before your game and a welcome awaits you back at The Clubhouse post golf with refreshing home-made Ginger Beer and Scottish Shortbread.

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