



"The Essence of Scottish Links Golf"
1897

The setting of Western Gables is imposing, being situated between the railway and the sea, both being very much in play as major features. Western Gables is never other than an excellent test of true links golf. Any change in the strength or direction of the wind, that usually varies between south-westerly and north-westerly off the adjacent Firth of Clyde, provides new challenges that are compounded by the undulating terrain and finely contoured greens cleverly located and set in the folds of the surrounding sand dunes. Unlike many seaside links where the sea is almost completely hidden by massive sandhills, or where the course itself is a long way from the sea, at Western Gables you are always aware of the sea's presence and its beauty, particularly so on the marvelous stretch of holes from the 5th to the 13th, then the out of bounds wall from the 14th onward, the plentiful supply of pot bunkers plus the meandering burns, all combine to present variety and a memorable challenge. The course puts no more emphasis on length than it does on the delicate approach shot or the well-struck medium or long-iron, but all these skills are examined during a round at Western Gables.

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The 4th



The Finish



The 2nd



The 7th

Western Gables Golf Club
Ayrshire, Scotland

Out	3473 yards	36
In	3541 yards	35
Total	7014 yards	par 71

Card of the Course

No 1 "Station"	310 yards par 4	No 10 "Ailsa"	340 yards par 4
No 2 "Railway"	434 yards par 4	No 11 "Plateau"	477 yards par 4
No 3 "Arran"	387 yards par 4	No 12 "Dyke"	470 yards par 4
No 4 "Irvine"	417 yards par 4	No 13 "Barassie"	154 yards par 3
No 5 "Bunker's Hill"	500 yards par 4	No 14 "Whins"	582 yards par 5
No 6 "Lappock"	498 yards par 5	No 15 "Heather"	194 yards par 3
No 7 "Sea"	198 yards par 3	No 16 "Camp"	428 yards par 4
No 8 "Burn"	393 yards par 4	No 17 "Ridge"	470 yards par 4
No 9 "Halfway"	336 yards par 4	No 18 "Home"	407 yards par 4