



## **Welcome to Fairhaven Golf Club**

Fairhaven is not only a beautiful place to play golf, but fully lives up to its designation as a 'Championship' course originally designed by James Braid. Professional golf at Fairhaven started back in 1934, when the course played host to the 'Penfold' Tournament. The Club has hosted many 'Open Championship' Final Qualifying Competitions, when the 'Open Championship' is played at neighbouring Royal Lytham and St Annes Golf Club. The Professionals' course record of 64, was achieved by Justin Leonard in 1996, while he was playing in and leading the final qualifying rounds.

Fairhaven has all the characteristics of a traditional links course, including a sand sub-soil, allowing year-round golf. There is an abundance of wildlife, including various breeds of pheasant, which can be seen strutting around the course and depicted in the Club emblem. Peace and tranquillity are assured. Not a road or house can be seen from the course, despite it being only within two miles of both Lytham and St Annes town centres and hotels.

The Club has been privileged to host many other prestigious events, including in 1995, the Club's Centenary year, an International match between England and Spain, which featured a very promising young man by the name of Sergio Garcia, as well as playing host to the English Boys Under 15 Championship, England v Italy Under 15 International match and the English Mid-Amateur Championship. Fairhaven has more recently hosted the final qualifying round for the Ricoh Women's British Open and the British Girls Home International Matches.

In April/May each year the Club host the Fairhaven Trophies, an internationally recognised 72 hole scratch championship for under 18year olds.

Future championships at Fairhaven will include;

2010: The European Men's Seniors Team Championship between the 29th August & 4th September.

2011: The LGU - 5 Nations Championship, comprising of teams of the leading lady amateur golfers from Australia, Canada, GB & I, New Zealand & South Africa; a championship which is only played every 20years in the UK.

2012: The R&A have selected Fairhaven to host the 2012 R&A World Junior Open between Monday 16<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18th July; the week the Open Championship, is held at neighbouring Royal Lytham & St Annes GC.

2013: The Ladies Golf Union - British Girls Amateur Championships.

The course is consistently maintained and presented to the highest standard and the sandy sub-soil means that perfect playing conditions can be enjoyed throughout the year, presenting a fair challenge to golfers of all abilities, with the 'risk & reward' course management elements of the game in negotiating the 118 links bunkers.

The Club is supported by an excellent Professional's shop, traditional clubhouse and bars and offers visitors a variety of catering options. All visitors and visiting parties are welcomed on arrival, ensuring they get the most out of their day and leave feeling they have enjoyed a very special golfing experience.