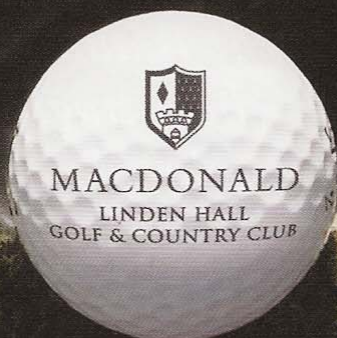


# A PUTT UNDER PAR



Designed to the highest specifications by Jonathan Gaunt, Macdonald Linden Hall, Golf and Country Club's 18-hole golf course offers golfers of all abilities a real challenge

SET IN beautiful parkland and with some of the best views in Northumberland, the course, which was built at a cost of £1.75m, was opened in 1997 by Prince Andrew and was designed by Jonathan Gaunt. A member of the European Institute of Golf Architects, he is Director of Gaunt Golf Design and has designed acclaimed courses in locations as far afield as Morocco and the Czech Republic.

The project provided Jonathan with the opportunity to create a unique course in the historic parkland that surrounds the 18th century hall. The par 72 course encompasses parkland, mature woodland and rolling countryside and plays through a dramatic landscape of ancient oaks and water features.

The beautiful and exciting course measures 6,850 yards off the back markers and is not only exhilarating to play but offers superb views of the Northumberland coastline and Cheviot Hills.

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## MACDONALD GOLF

WHERE A ROUND of golf was once seen as the preserve of the head of the company doing business between holes, the last couple of decades have seen golf take on a wider appeal.

As part of the golfing revolution, Macdonald Hotels pride themselves on owning a large number of resorts throughout the UK which offer golf within the grounds or within a short distance of the hotel. And to show their commitment to golf, former Masters and British Open Champion Sandy Lyle was recently appointed as Non-Executive Director of Macdonald Golf Ltd.

Here at Macdonald Linden Hall as with three of the other Macdonald Hotels, the golf course is part of the hotel grounds so you can make the most of your stay by heading out onto the course straight after breakfast.

There are more than 25 Macdonald Hotels and Resorts around the UK offering golf nearby but for those looking to get away from the UK, Macdonald Golf also offers golfing breaks in Spain.

With resorts based in Andalucía - Málaga, Dénia, Jola, Jola Playa and La Ermita - all within easy reach of Málaga airport, a golfing holiday in the sun isn't very far away. Finally, if making all of the arrangements for your golfing holiday sounds too much like hard work, then get in touch with the Macdonald Hotel of your choice and they will make all of the necessary arrangements for your trip.

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*It is almost impossible to recall how tragic a place the world is when one is playing golf*

Robert Lynd

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The course surrounds the elegant Georgian hall and is designed so that there are four sets of holes. Each one finishes close to the hotel which is ideal for those who don't want to play a full round.

Other facilities include an undercover driving range, putting green and chipping and bunker practice area. There are purpose-built changing rooms and a professionals shop, while the Linden Tree pub is close to the first tee.

Macdonald Hotels have recently invested in new machinery to upgrade the course. The tee boxes have been re-aligned and new course signage and furniture installed. Future developments will include building stone walls around some of the par three holes to make them more aesthetically pleasing.

The course is popular with both with local golfers and visitors and has a membership of around 400. It was voted among the top 200 courses in the UK in Golf Monthly. In 1998, it was also named as one of the best new courses in the British Isles by Golf World.

The greens and fairways are kept in tip-top condition by head greenkeeper, Brian Consitt. North East born and bred, Brian has more than 27 years experience on golf courses and has looked after

several of region's leading courses. He has been at Linden Hall since before the course opened and had a great deal of creative input into its design.

Linden Hall offers a number of residential and day golf packages, ideal for both social players and corporate groups. 