Golf began at St Andrews, Scotland, 600 years ago. Today, golfers from all parts of the globe travel to Fife to play and pay homage to the ‘Home of Golf’ and site of 25 British Opens dating to 1873. The several-hundred year-old stone ‘Golfer’s Bridge’ across the Swilcan Burn at the 18th, and The Royal and Ancient Clubhouse constructed in 1854, are unique landmarks that anyone who’s played there will remember forever.

Historically, the ‘links’, forming a link between sea and fertile farmland, were sculpted into the dunes by time and the elements. Turfgrass species were naturally selected over the years, a direct result of weather, soils and prevailing maintenance practices.

Though turfgrass cultivars and maintenance practices are greatly improved today, fine fescue roughs and browntop bentgrass/fescue greens remain part of the rich tradition at St Andrews, and the 1995 British Open Championship.

The development of creeping bentgrasses for greens, tees and fairways added a fresh approach to the game. Putting is faster and truer. Fairways allow more roll, and along with tees, recover from divot and traffic damage more rapidly. Today’s global golfers expect creeping bentgrass.

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