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Welcome

National Golf Month runs for the whole of May and it is an ideal time for clubs to try and get new members through their doors. As golf has just received the official mark of Olympic Approval, we can imagine that this year may well see an extra interest in National Golf. It's also a great time to grab a family member or friend and get them into your club for a game, but National Golf Month, and spring in general, does come with a slight issue – newbies on the course! Whilst golfers welcome newcomers, it can be a different thing when your game is being held up by a couple of novice players trying to putt with a 9-iron! So what can clubs do to solve the issue? The pace of play is a big subject in the golfing community as more players head for the course, and while some clubs have increased the gap between tee times, this does mean fewer players can get round in the daylight hours. Others have changed the play format so instead of the traditional take-turns system, nearest the pin plays first.

There is one new trend, however, that needs no such measures - Speed golf is fast becoming the fitness fanatic's sport of choice, and courses across the country are starting to open up to the idea that this might be a way of attracting a whole new market. And with the country in an obesity crisis, burning a few calories dashing between holes can only be of benefit! Maybe if you find yourself the one holding up play, you can help the pace of play and burn off your pre-match bacon sandwich with a little trot to your ball?

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Impressive Emily wins by five in Whittington Trophy

Girl international Emily Price has scored her first win in women's golf with an impressive five-shot victory in the Whittington Ladies' Trophy. Price, a past English U15 girls' champion, was three-under for the 36 holes at Whittington Heath in Staffordshire – and the only player to beat par in demanding weather conditions of gusting winds and rain. "I was a bit surprised, there were some good players there and I wasn't the lowest handicap," said the 16-year-old from Cleobury Mortimer Golf Club. "I just kept my head down and did what I had to do, played the course and no-one else."

She scored 71 70 and commented: "I played really well in the first round but annoyingly I made seven birdies, four bogeys and one double and finished one-under. There were a few mental errors that needed correcting, like club choice in the wind. I talked to my coach and my dad at lunch about what was going well and what could be improved in the wind and I played better – but I didn't hole as many putts."

Overall, though, the result was reward for a great deal of hard winter work on putting. "It was the weak part of my game and I've improved it so much over the winter and that was a massive part of the win," said Price. After a few more competitions this early season, she's taking a break to concentrate on her GCSEs before a busy summer of golf. Price is a member of the England Golf girls' squad and has represented both England and GB&I at U16 level. As well as winning the English U15 title in 2013, she was third in last year's English and Scottish U16 championships.

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Lisbon Ladies? - City Gates to Golf Breaks

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But why stop there when there is so much to see and do. Maximise your stay in Lisbon and sample some of the stunning unspoilt golf courses and hotels within 45 minutes of this lovely city.

I was lucky enough to be invited to join a trip to do just this recently on a trip to the Centro Region.

Arriving in Lisbon we were swiftly shuttled to Dolce Campo Real just 45 minutes away, we were met by a friendly welcome at the clubhouse bar for some local delicacies before being given the opportunity to sample their golf course. Sadly it rained, no it didn't rain it tipped it down allowing us only 9 holes of enjoyment, but those 9 holes were playable, even in those conditions the greens ran true and stood up to the wet sodden feet trampling across them, the tee boxes were in good condition and the fairways played well. It is easy to stay and play one golf course, and you would enjoy yourself, but being given some information about alternatives could be just as welcome. We were given this when we visited Hotel Areias do Sexio just 15 minutes from Dolce Campo Real, a small boutique hotel which prides itself on home grown local food with a twist of sophistication, encapsulating traditional recipes and adding a hint of modern taste to create mouth-watering delights.

That night we stayed in delightful rooms in Dolce Campo Real overlooking the golf course with comfy bed followed by breakfast the next day. In fairness I think I need to play it all again and give it the full positive response it deserves in better conditions.

Day two heralded a trip to the popular Praia D'El Rey Marriott Golf and Beach Resort, a golf resort known worldwide and it is easy to understand why. The golf course offers so much variety from Links style golf on the coastline to more parkland feel golf holes, wrestling the wind on some holes and have welcome respite on others. Top quality greens followed inviting fairways. A unique blend of all things good in golf followed by a lovely lunch in the clubhouse.

A break from the norm was a trip to Alcobaca a cobbled street village with its monastery standing proud in the centre commanding its well-deserved place in history. A designated UNECO site in 1989 built almost 900 years ago it is a fine example of Cistercian architecture in Europe and the largest primitive Gothic church built in Portugal in the Middle Ages.

It is difficult to visit Portugal and not be greeted by an amazing array of fish dishes, we experienced one such restaurant in Nazaré. Access is from the coastal town by way of a funicular to the top of this unassuming restaurant providing unfussy yet tasty Portuguese fayre.

Our next stop to lay our heads was Bom Sucesso Design Resort, Leisure and Golf. Simply stunning apartments in this extensive complex where we each had not only square footage beyond all expectations but also had a neat 18 hole golf course on site too. With some interesting holes to keep you talking in the clubhouse into the small hours of the night and hankering after a replay to better that score. Holes set high up afford views across this lovely part of the world, enjoy the natural landscape and maximise some great closing holes.

The town of Obidos being a stone's throw away enables the visiting golfers (and non-golfers) to stroll amongst the intertwined cobbled streets and lose yourself in this romantic walled city. Known as a literary town, it puts Hay-on-Wye to shame with all embracing approach to 'study' areas open to all. Design being a major element of these 'libraries' to ensure a relaxing and welcome break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Don't be surprised to see a grocery store in the 'library' businesses cohabit in harmony to create 'the feel'. Sample the Literary Man Hotel for fine food and a gin bar where you will be mixed with a gin 'cocktail' to suit your personality – I got a fruity one!

Staying that night at the Royal Obidos Spa and Golf Resort, the recent winner of the 2016 golf resort of the year by IAGTO, whose interior was voluptuous yet retaining comfort and welcome to this boutique hotel. The golf course heralded yet another surprise in golf for the Centro Region allowing views with a stunning golf course as the foreground with easy to play fairways and subtle undulating greens to keep you on your toes!

It was sad to leave this relatively unspoilt part of Portugal, which I would recommend to golfers worldwide to come along and relax and to blend into this welcoming region.

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This is a team event for you and 3 of your friends. If you are a large golf society then you can enter as teams of 4 and have team A, B, C, D etc… but it's always a team of 4. Remember there's no 'I' in the word team, but there are 4 mates. You can also have substitutes in case one of your mates lets you down at the last minute.

If you want to enter but don't have a team, Walnut Tour Organisers will match you up with another team that only has 2 or 3 players. Where possible we match with a team from your local area so you can build new friendships. If you are a team of 2 or 3 and can't find that extra player, please still enter as organisers will find you a new mate.

The Walnut Tour consists of events all over England and these are all played as Texas Scramble – Walnut Tour style. Each event will have its own prizes on the day as well as giving you the chance to earn points towards the 'Order of Merit' and ultimately the Grand Final in September 2016. The top 3 teams in the Order of Merit will automatically qualify for the grand final.

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Hiseman's 2016 golf photos show the good, the bad and the bizarre

In his 2016 portfolio, published at www.magichourgolf.com, golf photographer Andy Hiseman reveals not only his favourite images from the last twelve months, but also some of the stories behind them. Alongside hundreds of sumptuous new golf course images are an equal number of spontaneous moments showing everyday golfers enjoying life at their golf club – including some of the bizarre characters which make golf such a unique sport.

From photographing the President of Azerbaijan at a golf club launch while being targeted by armed bodyguards, to taking pictures of great-grandmas playing FootGolf in the heart of England, the photographer and PR consultant has had an eventful twelve months behind the lens. "I don't know whether there's another golf portfolio quite like mine out there on the web" said Hiseman. "Most golf photographers showcase their best golf course images online, and naturally I do the same, but I also like to show the characters who breathe life into a golf club.

"You could say that I specialise in photographing 'your golf' rather than Tour golf. Every photographer has their own style, and I hope mine comes through in the 500 or so images I have chosen for this year's portfolio." Hiseman is a relatively recent arrival on the golf photography scene, and admits to being self-taught rather than professionally-trained.

"I don't know the right or the wrong way – I only know my way" he said. "My first love is still photographing the golf course, and that's all down to your individual eye. When I lap a green in a golf cart, there's usually an angle which 'pops' – at least to my eye. Then out you get, set up the ladder, and see whether your instinct was right.

"But people photos are just as important, as are good shots of your golf facilities. Now that we all have fast broadband, smart phones and tablets, good images are more important than ever before to a golf club. Plus, golfers are as addicted to social media as the rest of the population, so Facebook and Twitter give clubs even more chances to attract attention with great photographs.

"A professional photoshoot will pay for itself many times over in the extra sales which good images will attract to your golf club." In recent years Hiseman has undertaken large-scale photography projects for dozens of golf clubs, with some of the UK's largest and most influential operators such as Crown Golf and BGL Golf entrusting him with their imagery at multiple venues.

"Andy's photographs capture the enjoyment of belonging to a golf club as well as the beauty of the golf course itself" said Guy Riggott at BGL Golf. "Great images are all-important in this mobile-optimised age, and Andy's work is central to our marketing now and in the future."

IMG's Phil Jones, manager of the new Dreamland Golf Club in Baku, Azerbaijan, said: "Andy captured the true essence of our launch weekend, including a vitally-important high-society dinner with VIP guests. His deep understanding of golf course photography and his genial way with people enabled him to produce a large portfolio of photos for all of our marketing needs."

And Ben Laing at Branston Golf & Country Club, near Burton on Trent in Staffordshire, had this to say: "Andy Hiseman is one of the finest at what he does. From first contact he provided an outstanding service, and delivered fantastic photographs which show off our club to its best."

Former publisher of several of the UK's best-selling golf magazines, Andy Hiseman now runs specialist golf PR consultancy Magic Hour Media (www.hiseman.com). His press photographs and golf course images have consistently appeared the UK golf media for the last five years.

"It's not easy getting a golfer to smile for the camera when he's heading for 10 points on the front nine" said Hiseman, "but most people are incredibly pleasant when you're taking their photo at a golf club, even if the banter does get a bit difficult when you've been out there for twelve hours straight. For course photography, I simply ask myself as a golfer – does this photograph make me want to play the hole?

"It's not all about transcendent sunsets and misty dawns, although you do say a quiet thank you to Mother Nature when she produces a scene which is just begging to be photographed.

"More often than not, in Great Britain, you're sitting in a golf cart feeling cold, dreaming of bacon sandwiches and waiting for the sun to come out."

To discuss your 2016 photoshoot, contact Andy Hiseman on andy@hiseman.com or call +44 (0)1226 781000. See all 500+ photographs at www.magichourgolf.com.

England Golf Partnership appoints new chairman and board member

Nic Coward has been appointed as the independent Chairman of the England Golf Partnership (EGP). In addition, Martha Brass, a senior operations executive in the media sector, becomes an independent member of the Management Board.

Nic was the General Secretary of the Premier League until 2015, the world's most followed and commercially successful league, and a non-executive director of the Football Association. Prior to that he was the first chief executive of the British Horseracing Authority, the governing body of the UK's second biggest spectator sport. He will also chair the EGP's new Leadership Group which brings together key industry figures to collaborate on the development of a plan for golf in England for 2017 to 2021.

Martha is the Chief Executive Officer, International Operations, of the Endemol Shine Group, a global content creator, producer and distributor with a portfolio of international hits including Big Brother, Broadchurch, Deal or No Deal, MasterChef, Mr. Bean and many more. She is also a non-executive director of a leading Israeli commercial television franchisee. She will provide leadership for an EGP group measuring the return on investment across initiatives to grow the game that receive funding from Sport England.

Nic and Martha join the Partnership at a time when figures from Sport England's Active People Survey indicate that the decline in participation is stabilising.

Sandy Jones, Chief Executive of the Professional Golfers' Association (PGA), said: "We are delighted to welcome Nic and Martha and look forward to working with them. This is a very exciting time for Partnership with the creation of the Leadership Group which will create new ideas and approaches."

Nick Pink, Chief Executive of England Golf, added: "Nic and Martha bring tremendous experience to the board and this will be invaluable in helping us to meet our goals of encouraging more people to play golf more often and to increase the number of golf club members in England."

The England Golf Partnership brings together the amateur governing body, England Golf, and the Professional Golfers' Association to grow the game with the support of the Golf Foundation and Sport England National Lottery funding. The Partnership's Whole Sport Plan for golf aims to increase and widen participation in golf, from grass roots to elite level.

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There was a family feeling when an England U21 women's team teed up against France at St Cloud, with two sisters in the side. It was the first time that Lianna and Annabel Bailey had played in same England team – and they joked that they could soon be joined by more sisters. "We've got more on the way," laughed Annabel, 17. She and Lianna, 19, have two younger sisters: Jessica, 15, who plays off two, and 12-year-old Ellie, whose handicap is around 20. Then there's their brother, 11-year-old George, who has a junior handicap.

What's more, they're all taught by their father, Ian, a PGA professional. "We're a really close family," added Annabel, a scratch golfer from Kirby Muxloe Golf Club in Leicestershire. She's played for England before – notably helping to win the girls' Home Internationals last autumn. But Lianna was playing in her first England team event and she commented: "It's a big moment, it's good."

She explained that sisterly support outweighs rivalry. "There's a bit of both, but it's more supportive. We both want each other to do well, but there's the sisterly competition as well," said Lianna, who has a handicap of plus-two. "We're always pleased for whichever of us has done well. In Spain Annabel didn't make the cut so she caddied for me in the matchplay. Today I finished my match before her and went out to caddy for her."

The sisters were joined in the team by Sammy Fuller (Roehampton) Eloise Healey (West Lancashire), Sophie Lamb (Clitheroe) and Bel Wardle (Prestbury). The match, a warm-up for the French U21 women's championship which starts tomorrow, was won by France 4-2. England's points were provided by Sammy Fuller who won 5/3 and by Bel Wardle who holed an eight-footer to win on the last. The French players had the edge on the greens today but Annabel commented: "It was a good warm-up and a good way to get into the competitive mindset."

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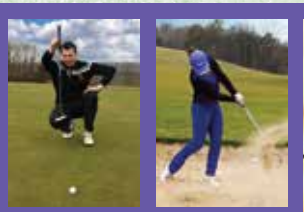

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Captain's end year in grand style at Caversham Heath

Caversham Heath captains Danny Dover and Jane Weller ended their captains' year in grand style with the Captains Farewell competition played with the dice format. The team of Stephen Halford, Duncan Peart, Kevin Clark, and Debbie Harris claimed first place with 69 gross (nett 62). Runners up were: Mat Brakspear, Matt Mills, Mario Atkinson, and incoming ladies captain Kathy North with 70 (nett 62.9). Third were Gareth Goodall, Chris Bennett, Joe Lawrence and Daphne Barker with 71 (nett 63.4).

The nearest the line on the 18th hole prize went to Joe Lawrence and the nearest the Pin prizes went to Gerry Rogers (8th hole), John Downey (13th hole), Carl Bache (17th hole). After the competition the captains presented a cheque for £4,675 to their chosen charity, the Reading Samaritans.

East Berkshire Golf Club hits the mark with national golf award

East Berkshire Golf Club in Berkshire, which is backing the drive to grow the game, has won a national award from England Golf. East Berkshire Golf Club, a private members Club comprising 18-hole course, practice ground, and Clubhouse, has just received the GolfMark award.

Barry Slater, Junior Organiser, who led the club's push to GolfMark, said: "East Berkshire Golf Club is a great club, it's very friendly, welcoming and forward-thinking. This award helps us to spread that message and to tell people that children are safe and secure here and that we understand about beginner golfers."

The award was presented to East Berkshire Golf Club by Dean Newbold, the County Development Officer for the Berkshire County Golf Partnership, which works to grow the game. "I'm delighted that East Berkshire has achieved GolfMark and that its efforts to grow the game can be nationally recognised."

The GolfMark award was developed by England Golf and also integrates Sport England's Clubmark award – a national standard for quality sports clubs recognised across the country. GolfMark brings a number of benefits to clubs including raising awareness, access to funding, business and marketing support and training opportunities for staff and volunteers.

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Lambourne duo win 2016 opener

Scott Marshall and playing partner Larry Marriott both, from the Lambourne Club, held off a strong field to win the first PGA BB&O tournament of 2016. Marshall and Marriott combined to post an eight-under-par better ball score of 65 to finish at the head of the field of 22 pairs in the 4 Ball Championships. Their win was a close one with just a shot in it with a round that contained 6 birdies and an eagle.

The championship was played at Studley Wood and there was some rather imposing competition, including a rather well know local European Tour Player! Their score just pipped Adam Wootton and Clive Bowler, whose 66 finish edged out European Tour player Eddie Pepperell and his partner Jamie Herbert's 67. All players again enjoyed a fantastically conditioned Studley Wood course and thanks go to Ken Heathcote and the Studley Wood team for their help during the day. The course, like many others, has suffered with the high rain fall this year. However the team have been out clearing water and on the day, the course played very well.

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West is Best at the Berkshire

William West (Castiglion del Bosco) shot a classy three-under-par 68 to win his first ever professional event in the 2015-2016 PGA South Series, supported by Titleist & FootJoy. The fifth tournament in the 2015-2016 series saw largely ideal conditions for winter golf as a large field fought it out around The Berkshire's Blue course, but it was West who made the most of the opportunities.

He shot five birdies and one double bogey to win by two shots and take the £500 first prize, leaving Mark Palmer (Palmer Golf Company), Martin Woodbridge (Bearwood Lakes) and Kevin O'Connell (Purley Downs) to share the spoils of £321 each with their cards of 70 for second place. To add to his joy, West also claimed the Leading Assistant's prize for the ball, glove and shoe contract from Titleist & FootJoy.

Starting at the seventh, West's first birdie came at the par five 11th, and then two more followed at the 15th and 18th to put him on three-under-par with six holes left. Things didn't go to plan on the long par three first, where he came out with a double bogey on his otherwise immaculate card, but to his credit, West then bounced straight back with two birdies on the trot at the second and third. Pars home left him in pole position.

Of the other cards, Woodbridge's came the closest with four birdies, but he too found the first hole more than a handful, notching up an ugly triple bogey six. As it was his starting hole, Woodbridge battled well over the remaining 17 holes to get back into the frame.

With two more rounds to play, the next being at The London GC's International course on March 1st, followed by the Assistants' & Trainees' BetterBall Pro-Am at Farnham on April 13th, it means that there is all to play for in the race for the top spot in the Titleist & FootJoy PGA South Winter Series Order of Merit.

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Deana Rushworth, PGA Golf Pro and Mind Factor Coach from Witney Lakes Resort takes us through our mental paces and explains how good shots are all in the mind.

"Let's face it, we all like to be proved right on most occasions. Golf is no exception. How often do you hear 'I always play badly in competitions' or 'I always hit the ball to the right on this hole?' When that actually happens, that same person takes great pleasure in announcing the correctness of their prediction to their playing partners. They were proved right! And even though they are hurting inside, they actually gain some comfort in predicting the worst.

So what is actually going on here? A thought comes into the golfers head like the ones above, and we go about seeking evidence to prove that thought. Subconsciously you are actually sabotaging your own game with these thoughts. So if you can imagine the worst and can make it happen, what about trying to imagine a better outcome and make that happen instead?

The best place to start with all of this is to have a good solid pre-shot routine, one that is repetitive regardless of the situation I.e in competition or just a friendly knock with your friends. In that routine time devoted to visualising the shot you DO want to hit, rather than the one you don't. If you have a casual shot routine when you play a casual round with your friends and an entirely different one when you play in competition, your brain gets excited that something is different. We/our brains crave the familiar which dates back to caveman days, if something is different fear kicks in and therefore there is an increase in anxiety which is not ideal for a great sporting performance!

I'm not saying that this is easy and will fix all your competitive woes, but with practice things will definitely improve. Surely it would be more of a pleasant round erring on the side of optimism rather than that of doom?! Make it your goal to think about what you do want to happen on the golf course or even in life, and let your brain set about proving these thoughts."

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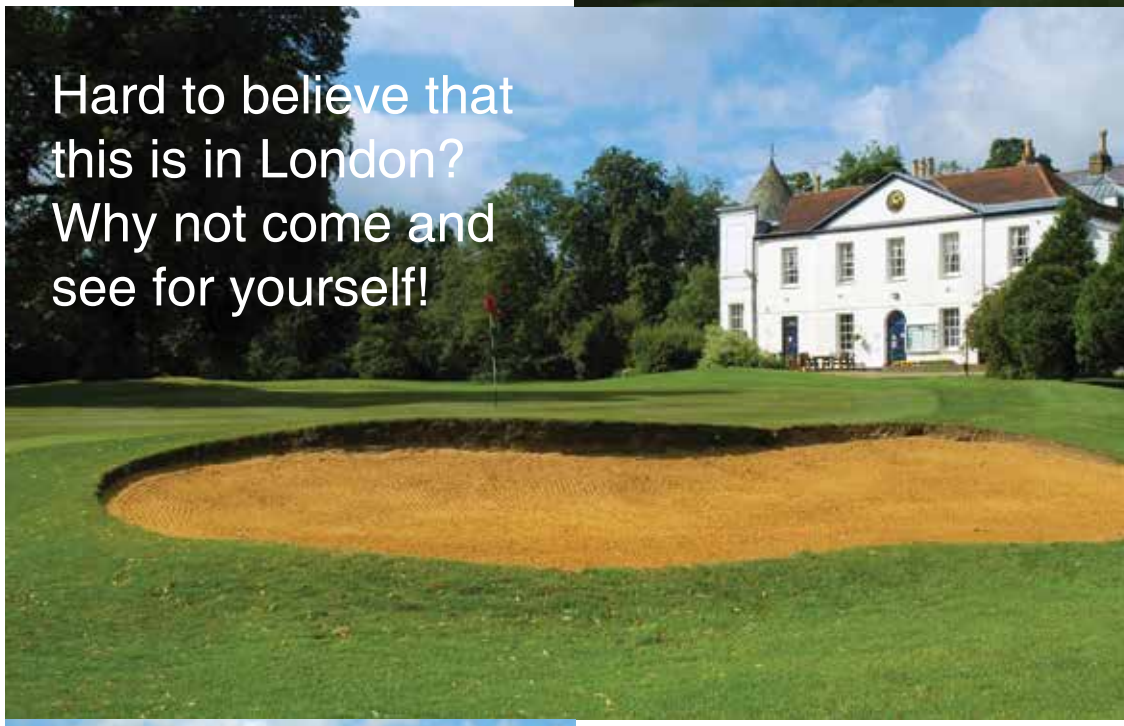

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New Toro super-fleet arrives at littlestone golf club

As part of a three quarter of a million pound turfcare machinery investment, Kent's Littlestone Golf Club has welcomed 17 new, state-of-the-art Toros in a move that will further enhance its status as one of South East England's premier golfing venues. In the partnership deal with Toro and Toro's UK distributor Lely Turfcare, the new fleet comprises nine mowers, including Greensmasters, Reelmasters and Groundsmasters, four utility vehicles, two aerators, a top dresser and the latest MP5800 sprayer, the first to be delivered in the UK.

As well as boosting quality, the significant financial commitment demonstrates the club's confidence in its future, which club chairman Stuart Gremo says will see Littlestone continue to accommodate golfers of all abilities for generations to come. Bucking the national trend, which has seen many golf clubs struggle in recent years, Stuart explains how the investment came about: "Following a management restructure and a robust business plan adapted for the changing face of golf, the club will post encouraging profits for the last trading period. As such, the board felt now was the right time to invest in state-of-the-art machinery. The Toro fleet will ensure the courses are maintained to the highest standards and recovery times improved, which in turn will help Littlestone further elevate its top 100 status," he says.

Course manager Malcolm Grand, who is due to celebrate 30 years at the club next month, says that when he joined the club in 1986, there was just one Toro machine; thirty years later and he now has a magnificent fleet of 17.

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Extensive Renovation Work Begins at Historic Burhill Golf Club

Burhill Golf and Leisure Group's (BGL) flagship venue, Burhill Golf Club, Surrey, has begun work on an extensive renovation project across the facility. Star feature of the 2016 project at Burhill is the new Halfway House to be built between the eighth tee and ninth green on the Old Course. The facility will offer players an array of substantial food and drink choices, both hot and cold, and all freshly made on-site.

An ongoing course renovation project that is to continue this year is the re-design and re-laying of bunkers on four holes across the New Course. This particular work heralds the fourth year in a six year project of continuous improvements to the courses at Burhill.

The investment plans not only concern course improvement, but work is also being undertaken in and around the iconic clubhouse. New carpets are to be laid in the Mansion House, and new furniture is to be introduced in the Lounge and Honours Bar.

Surrounding the historical venue, a new external lighting system will be installed, enabling the Mansion to be showcased in all its glory. There will also be a brand new terrace at the side of the house for members and guests to enjoy in the summer months, as well as new furniture for the existing top terrace. The renovations, some of which began in February, will continue throughout 2016, with the Halfway House to be completed by the end of April, ready for this year's peak playing season.

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New partnership backs Community Golf to grow the game

The England Golf Partnership (EGP) is backing Community Golf to offer more opportunities for disadvantaged and disabled people to play the game in Surrey and parts of Sussex, Kent and London. Community Golf was founded three years ago by PGA professional Richard Shaw who, with his team, believes that golf is a game that everyone should have the opportunity to play and be involved in.

They offer programmes to inspire and engage people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds and have developed links with schools for children with special needs and with community organisations reaching out to the lonely and socially isolated.

Community Golf runs outreach and club based programmes and has partnered with four golf clubs so far, to offer follow-on sessions, events and holiday camps: Epsom GC; Selsdon Park GC, near Croydon; Milford GC, near Guildford; and The Oaks GC, near Sutton. Currently 320 people are involved in weekly golf, with many more being given a taste of the game, and it wants to involve more clubs and volunteers to increase the work that they can do.

The new partnership will give support to Community Golf from England Golf and Golf Foundation officers and links with County Sports Partnerships. Richard Shaw (pictured) commented: "I am really excited about this. We all share the same ambition to grow the game and this will help us to reach new groups and new people who haven't had access to golf before."

Jamie Blair, England Golf's Disability Manager, said: "The England Golf Partnership recognise the work of Community Golf in getting more disabled people active through the sport in their local setting."

"By working more closely together we will create stronger links to more golf facilities so that disabled people get the opportunity, if they would like it, to move on to playing within these facilities. We want to combine the strengths of local deliverers who can activate the community and clubs who want to create stronger links within their locality."

The Community Golf approach is creating many enthusiasts. Anne, 54, who joined a session at the Surrey Choices Woking Resource Centre, commented: "This is really addictive". While Molly, a 14-year-old pupil at St Catherine's Girls School, confessed: "I hate golf – but this was fun!"

Meanwhile, Bailey, a 12-year-old schoolboy, has made a real difference to older people in Crawley, West Sussex. He was challenged by his school to raise money for a charity and, with cake sales and sponsored activities, made £330 which he gave to Age UK Crawley.

The charity used the money to treat their members to play in the Community Golf Spring League and, said Richard Shaw: "They are now enjoying the health and social benefits that the sport has to offer and unbelievably the average age of the group is 83.6!"

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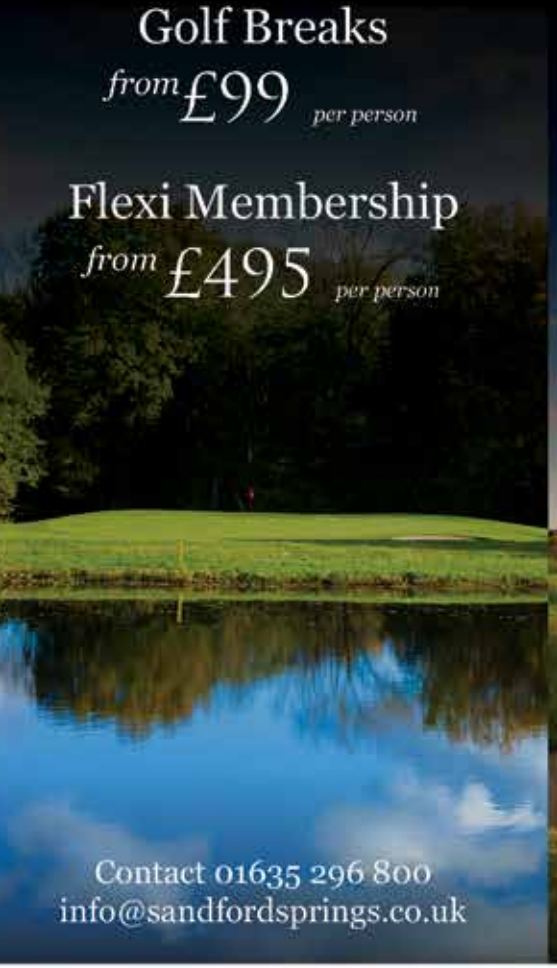

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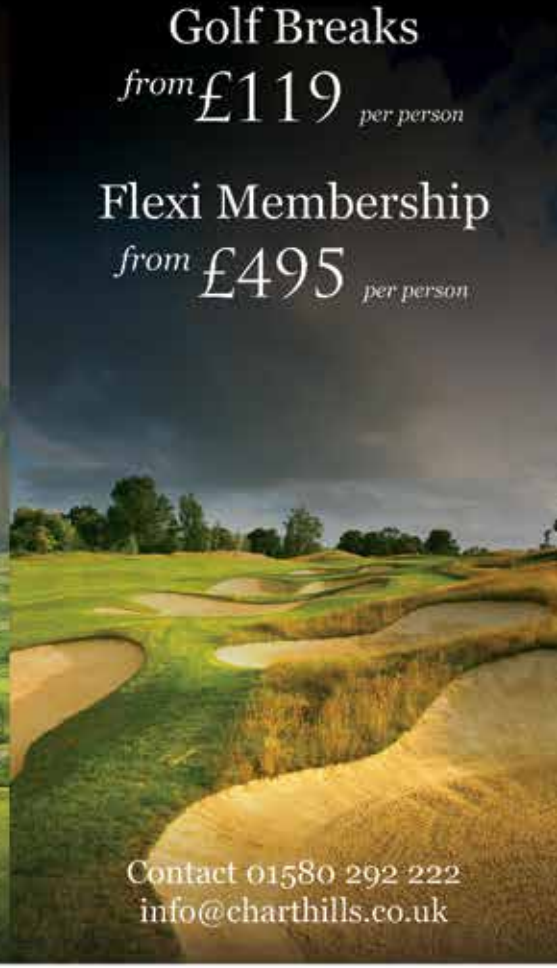

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What to look for in selecting a golf club....

When choosing a club, consider a number of factors. Check the club's demographics. If you want to improve, you will need to play with better players. How many members have a handicap of 5 or less? What is the age profile? Then consider course quality. Try to play the course in the winter when courses aren't at their best.

A golf club is more than just the course. Are the staff helpful and able to answer your questions? Is the website professional, informative and easy to navigate? Is the car park large enough or will you have to rely on street parking at weekends? Are there good transport links from home and work? Visit the club house and see how you are welcomed.

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Surrey Celebrates Success with annual dinner

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The secretary summed things up by saying, "The PGA in Surrey Dinner Pro-Am is now an established part of our season, and it's fantastic to see so much support yet again from Brand Fusion, our PGA Professionals, our golf clubs, our secretary managers, and more importantly the guests and teams that make our events possible. I'm delighted that we were again able to show them all how much we appreciate their continued enthusiastic and very generous support."

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Golfing Great – Alister MacKenzie

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However, it was in the field of academia where MacKenzie excelled. He passed the entrance exam for Queen Elizabeth Grammar School in Wakefield where he showed an aptitude for science. Following in the family tradition, MacKenzie settled on a career in medicine and so he matriculated to Cambridge to study a degree and two Masters qualifications. He finally graduated in 1897 and returned to Leeds to work in his father's medical practice as a surgeon. It was around the time of his graduation that MacKenzie is first recorded as being a member of Leeds Golf Club. The records show he also took part in a few competitions there, although he seems to have been a fairly average golfer. People who had seen him play commented he was a fantastic putter, but sadly lacked the other skills to back this up.

During the Boar War, MacKenzie joined the Somerset Regiment and worked as a surgeon. While in Africa, he became interested in how the Afrikaaners used their native environment as camouflage. When the First World War broke out, he re-joined the army again, but this time as an expert in camouflage.

Between the wars, MacKenzie had designed his first course. One of the founders of Alwoodley Golf Course, MacKenzie designed the basic lay-out. The committee were concerned as this was his first design, and so they called in established designer Harry Colt to check his work. Colt was impressed and noticed MacKenzie had designed the courses with the latest ball technology in mind. When MacKenzie returned from the war, he gave up his job as a surgeon and joined harry Colt's design company for four years to learn more about golf course design.

MacKenzie's design echoed his interest in camouflage. All of the features of the course were built around what was naturally there to begin with, giving all of his courses a very natural feel. He won a competition by Country Life magazine in 1914 to design the perfect hole and he also famously charted the course at St Andrews, so accurately in fact that his drawings are still used today.

Arguably his biggest design job though was when Bobby Jones approached MacKenzie to design the Augusta National Golf Club. Although his initial layout remains, over 15 architects have worked on the course since. But all of them stay faithful to MacKenzie's belief that the course should stay faithful to the natural contours and features of the landscape.

With the majority of MacKenzie's work coming from courses in America, he decided it was time to make the move across the pond and in 1920 he moved permanently to California. He lived and worked there for many years and was never short of jobs. Sadly, MacKenzie died just two months before the first ever US Masters, meaning that he never saw how influential his design would become within the world of golf.

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Resorts Key Features

The Dorset Golf Resort has many features that truly make it a unique experience and destination to visit. All of their golf packages include Dinner, Bed & Breakfast with free golf included (18 holes a day). The only choice to make is whether to stay in the Resort or Golf Hotel.

The first thing to mention is that the Resort village has a 5 Star Award. This is made up of 12 Fairy tale Scandinavian-style houses and 2 luxury cottages. The Log homes are very different types of buildings not often seen in the English Countryside. Made entirely from trees grown in the Nordic forests of Finland, these houses create a unique healthy living environment because the wood "breathes" whilst at the same time being a better insulator than brick. Set in a quiet wooded glade, surrounded by a pine tree forest, these beautiful houses sleep up to eight people and can be booked throughout the year. Each one has a fully fitted kitchen, luxurious furniture, natural oiled pine floors, walls and ceilings, wood burning stoves, sauna in every home, verandas, trolley sheds – in fact, everything to ensure five star accommodation for all guests. The latest two additions of the Woodland Cottage & Oakland Cottage, two £500,000+ luxury houses offer more privacy each with a private garden, and have in fact, become the most rented houses sleeping up to 10.

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Restaurant and Clubhouse

The Clubhouse is situated in the hub of the Resort overlooking the course and Purbeck Hills. Beautifully furnished and with two large screen TV's the clubhouse offers entertainment including Sky Sports, BT sport and light background music. This makes it the perfect place to lose a few hours enjoying company or relaxing. The clubhouse also adjoins the exquisite 'Fairways' restaurant where the evening dining service takes place.

The restaurants evening 3 course menu is changed daily and designed by their team of talented chefs. Every dish is freshly prepared from scratch using local ingredients and catered for any individual needs or requirements. The clubhouse houses a separate games room, darts room and modern changing facilities.

The Courses

The Championship 27 holes of Golf at The Dorset is designed by the prolific designer Martin Hawtree who recently designed Donald Trumps course in Troon and consults for the R&A redesigning The Open courses which includes St Andrews. The same style of large clover shaped bunkers and enormous undulating greens runs throughout the 27 holes of golf although each Nine does have its own identity.

There are no 'hills to climb' on the golf course making it suitable for all ages and abilities. Multiple Tee options means the course can play anywhere from 6182 to a monstrous 7000+ yards. A huge amount of investment is on going at the resort with improved irrigation, additional pathways and numerous cosmetic enhancements ensuring the course stays open during even the coldest and wettest spells in winter. Great grass coverage on tees meant no winter mats are used at any point. It's exciting to know that no matter when you choose to stay at the resort you can play the proper course all year round, it's almost guaranteed golf!

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Stuart has been a member of the Ufford Park team since it opened for business in 1992. That year he completed his training as a qualified PGA professional from Fynn Valley Golf Club in Ipswich and he established The Doctorgolf Academy at Ufford Park soon afterwards. He is highly experienced and is generally regarded as one of the best golf teachers in East Anglia. Stuart and his team teach everyone from 4-5 year olds looking to have their very first lesson, through the Junior Academy, right through to vastly experienced scratch golfers.

Stuart said of his appointment: "I am honoured to have been appointed as a director on Ufford Park's board. I look forward to sharing my passion for golf with the board, and to contributing in any way I can to the ongoing success of Ufford Park as a world-class hotel, spa and golf course."

Stuart was nominated at Ufford Park's last board meeting in January 2016 and his appointment now takes immediate effect.

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