



Golf News

News From the Course

As we begin the transition into autumn, our team has been hard at work ensuring the courses remain in excellent condition for the months ahead. Below is an update on recent projects and upcoming maintenance.



Overseeding Programme

After the hottest summer on record, combined with a very high volume of play, we have begun our overseeding programme. All approaches, tees and fairways will be overseeded in two directions to repair areas that struggled during this summer's conditions.



Pathway Upgrades – Coronation Course

In August, the installation of all new resin pathways on the Coronation Course was completed. The team is now working on remedial tasks around pathway edges, which will be seeded, with some entrances and exits turfed for a cleaner finish. Some gentle mounds will also be created in certain areas to hide pathways and create natural breaks between pathways. This week we will also begin installing anti-slip 'Grip Clad' surfaces on sleeper edges near tees and greens to improve safety.



Irrigation Improvements

Over the past few years additional irrigation heads have been installed across both courses to improve coverage in high-traffic areas. A long-standing challenge has been the walkway from the 12th tee on the Old Course to the fairway, situated between the 12th ladies' tee and the 16th green. During August's maintenance closure, irrigation heads were added to this area as shown above. This now allows us to water and fertilise the area more effectively, ensuring it remains in strong condition.



Team Development and Experience

We are proud to share that two members of our team recently gained valuable experience at major golf events. Deputy Course Manager Gary Stewart (pictured above left) supported the greenkeeping team at East Lake for the Tour Championship while Senior Greenkeeper Jack Percival (pictured above right) worked with the team at The Belfry during the British Masters. Both clubs were highly complimentary of their contributions, whilst being able to bring back new ideas and best practices to benefit the Club and team.

Looking Ahead – Autumn Meetings

Alongside the above projects our focus is now firmly on preparations for the upcoming Autumn Meetings. The team is committed to ensuring both courses are presented in the best possible condition for our final major competition of the year.

Rhys Beecher
Director of Golf

Iain Dye
Golf Course Manager



Past Captains' Trophy

Monday 1 September

On Monday, this year's Past Captains' Trophy took place on the Old Course. This year's winner was Julian Taylor with 36 points. Prior to lunch, Past Captains photos took place in the Oaks Room.

The Past Lady Captains' Plate is taking place tomorrow and will feature in next week's *Golf News*.



Mixed Seniors' Octogenarian Trophy

**Old Course, 10th Tee
Monday 6 October**

All male and female Golf Pass Holders aged 80 and over are invited to participate in this nine hole non-qualifying Stableford competition. Please play from the yellow tees for men and the red tees for ladies. Please start on the 10th tee of the Old Course.

Please [sign-up online](#) from Monday 8 September. The first tee time is 9.30am. The competition entry fee is £7.00. You can enter individually or with your playing partners for this competition. There will be a two-course lunch in the Derby Room at approximately 1.45pm. The cost is £37.75 and the dress code is jacket and tie.



59club Global Service Excellence Awards

The Belfry Hotel & Resort

I was very proud to represent the Royal Automobile Club Golf team at The Belfry Hotel & Resort for the first-ever 59club Global Service Excellence Awards.

I joined over 300 guests from 20 countries representing 120 of the world's most prestigious clubs and resorts for an unforgettable event. This historic event celebrated the very best in golf leisure and hospitality from crowning the Managers of the Year to the expansion of the Eminent Collection and the unveiling of the inaugural Signature Collection.

It was a proud moment to accept the above award on behalf of everyone who works so hard for our members and their guests.

The launch of the Signature Collection marked a milestone for 25 of the world's most distinguished properties. Each venue stands as a symbol of world-class excellence, showcasing the highest standards of service across every customer touchpoint.

Organised by market, the Collection reflects the diversity of the global industry and highlights Private Clubs in The Dutch (Netherlands), JCB Golf & Country Club (England), Cataraqui Golf & Country Club (Canada), Shaughnessy Golf & Country Club (Canada) The Royal Automobile Club (England).

It also highlights Commercial and Semi-Private Clubs in The Els Club, Dubai, (UAE) Saadiyat Beach Golf Club (UAE), Abu Dhabi City Golf Club (UAE) Dubai Hills Golf Club (UAE) and Yas Links Abu Dhabi (UAE).

Other Commercial and Semi-Private sector highlighted includes Jumeirah Golf Estates (UAE), Emirates Golf Club (UAE), Ballybunion Golf Club (Ireland), Gullane Golf Club (Scotland) and Golf At Goodwood (England).

Destination Clubs highlighted were The Grove (England), Mount Juliet Estate (Ireland), Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club (UAE), Finca Cortesin (Spain) and Rockliffe Hall (England).

Multi-Course Destination Clubs highlighted were Costa Navarino (Greece), Gleneagles (Scotland), The Belfry Hotel and Resort (England), Fairmont St Andrews (Scotland) and Foxhills Club & Resort (England).

All of the clubs mentioned above were welcomed into the Signature Collection.

Jason Neve

Head Professional and Golf Operations Manager



Ladies' Autumn Meeting Lunch: Change of venue

Sunday 14 September

The lunch following the competition will now take place in the 19th Hole following golf at approximately 1.45pm, not in the Derby Room as previously communicated.



No Weekend Members' Roll Up

**Saturday 20 and Sunday 21
September**

No members' roll up will take place on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 September.



Taste of Sri Lanka by Chef Charith Mallawa

**Woodcote Park, Fountain Brasserie
Throughout September**

Our very own Chef Charith Mallawa and the Fountain brigade will be showcasing the cuisine of his Sri Lankan homeland.

Choose from dishes such Jaffna spiced lamb with devilled potato gratin or pan-sealed hake fillet with masala potato cake and grilled broccoli.

[View Menu](#)

Three courses: £37.00

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