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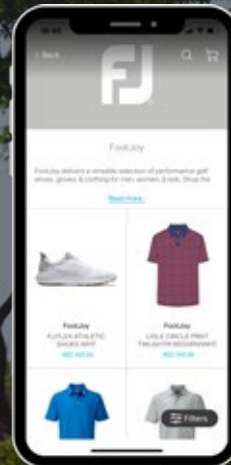
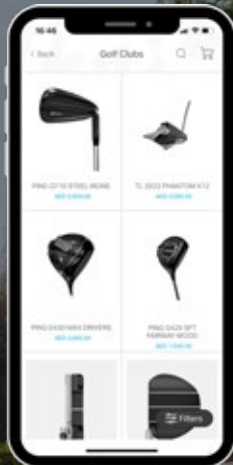
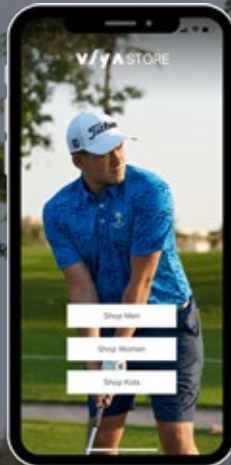
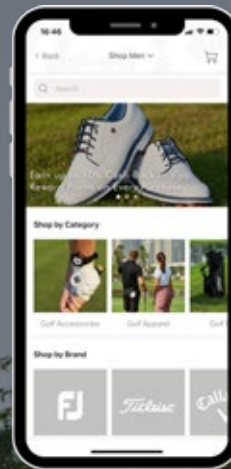
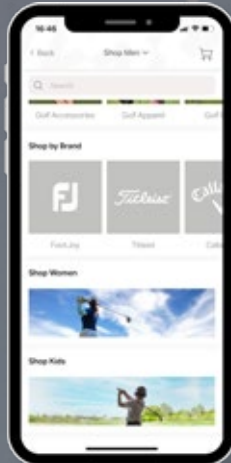
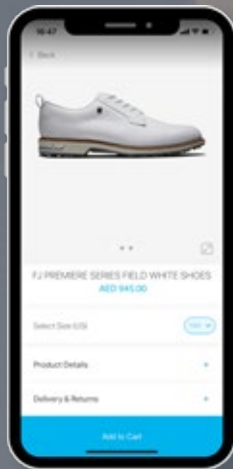


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Originally founded in 1988 as the member's magazine for Emirates Golf Club, 'CLUB LIFE' is the quintessential guide to what's new and what's next in and around Dubai Golf clubs, tailored to our network of club members and residents across the United Arab Emirates. Discover the flavors of the month across the clubs' dining scene, seek out the latest lifestyle trends with unique fitness supplements, and digest the latest golfing tips and updates from the group's 11 premium golf courses.

The magazine is produced bi-monthly across digital and print platforms and offers a unique glimpse into the life of a member within the UAE's leading golf and leisure destinations at Emirates Golf Club, Dubai Creek Resort, Jumeirah Golf Estates, Yas Links Abu Dhabi, Yas Acres Golf & Country Club and Saadiyat Beach Golf Club and entertainment venue, Topgolf Dubai.

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CLUB UPDATE

JULIAN DANBY
CLUSTER CLUB MANAGER, VIYA GOLF

As I begin to put pen to paper to write this month's Club Update for Viya Golf, there's been a lot to reflect on over the first couple of months of the year.

The pinnacle of the winter season for the Viya Golf team so far, and for golf in Abu Dhabi, was the 2023 Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, played out over what can only be described as one of the greatest conditioned golf courses ever presented on the DP World Tour and arguably any Tour, anywhere.

These words are grand indeed, however for those of you who attended the event, heard the commentary, read the reviews, you would've read or listened to the same words uttered by the seasoned golf professionals, tournament officials and golf industry personnel from all corners of the globe.

When you have the likes of Luke Donald, the 2023 European Ryder Cup Team Captain, videoing the fairways and posting on social media, in disbelief at the condition of the turf, then you know there is something special going on.

Many of you will know Corey Finn, our Cluster Golf Course Superintendent who is responsible for Yas Links Abu Dhabi, Saadiyat Beach Golf Club and Yas Acres Golf & Country Club. Corey is the consummate professional, extremely knowledgeable, a true leader and exudes passion for every element of his trade.

Of course, the ability to present a golf course in this condition doesn't just come down to one man. Our Course Maintenance colleagues across all three Viya Golf facilities worked tirelessly over many months and performed their duties to the finest of detail every single day, without whom we could not have got close to delivering the results that the world witnessed that week.

A big shout out also goes to Corey's senior Agronomy team, Bryan Cox and Gregg Hood, who manage operations at Saadiyat Beach Golf Club and Yas Acres Golf & Country Club respectively, as well as Martin Ritchie our Fleet Manager, who keeps our equipment in full health and able to deliver the results needed, all of whom played a huge role over tournament week and the months leading up to the event.





VIYA GOLF MEMBERS SUNDOWNER | LAST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Thank you to all members that attended our first Member Sundowner at Saadiyat Beach Golf Club on the last Friday of February.

The evening was a great success with a good turnout of members across our three facilities, who all enjoyed complimentary canapes, a welcome drink, happy hour pricing and live entertainment. We will be working on growing member attendance over the coming few

months, with the next one already scheduled for Friday 31st March at Yas Links starting at 6.00pm.

Please note that these events are open to all members of Saadiyat Beach Golf Club, Yas Links and Yas Acres, and we will rotate the venue each month.

MEMBERSHIP REFERRAL PROGRAMME

We'd like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank those of you that have, and continue to positively promote our membership programme to your network of golfing friends.

Our member referral programme not only provides a member with between AED 1,000 - 1,500 credit (depending on membership category referred) onto your membership account when a direct referral of a member joins the Club, but the same amount will also be

provided to the new member referred. Our aim is to continue to grow the membership base, invest in the facilities and to add value to every member's golfing experience.

If you have any questions on this programme, please don't hesitate to reach out to Ann Daniel, our Cluster Membership Manager, for Viya Golf at adaniel@viyagolf.com.

MEMBERS' WHATSAPP COMMUNICATION CHANNEL

Reminder: Our Members only WhatsApp channel is now live. The channel is one-way and so you don't need to be worried about lots of messages interrupting your day.

The channel is only used for important operational updates or reminders on important events at the Club. It's been appreciated

greatly from our members as its quick, simple communication that is much more efficient than email. We hope that you enjoy the service and that this enables you to be kept up to date with Club activities and informed on important events. If you would like to sign up, please take note of the various communications around the Club to register today.

YAS LINKS ABU DHABI

Sadly, we said farewell to Corey's Assistant Superintendent, George Edwards, who's moved back to England along with his wife, to take up a new opportunity closer to family. We wish George all of the very best and we will always be extremely grateful for his hard work, dedication and friendship during his time at Yas Links Abu Dhabi.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognise our truly incredible Food & Beverage Team, aptly led by Santos Castillo, our Director of Food & Beverage across all Viya Golf facilities in Abu Dhabi.

The tournament week saw thousands of patrons looked after across dozens of outlets and not once did a glass run dry, or a guest go hungry. The team did an incredible job and continue to deliver week

in week out, to the highest of standards, whether that be a 2,000 pax dinner for a corporate client, a weekend brunch in Hickory's or an intimate dinner request for one of our valued members.

Of course, we know there are always areas for improvement across all operational departments, and as we begin to enter the off season we have a strong focus on a range of soft skill and technical trainings aimed to raise the bar further, especially as we will heading into the 2023/24 winter season with 2 brand new outlets at the Club.

Please do take the time to read the update and as always, please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns or feedback.

TOURNAMENT UPDATE

2023 YAS LINKS MEN'S OPEN

Many congratulations to our 2023 Champion, Marcus Dutton, from Jumeirah Golf Estates, who shot two superb rounds of 73 & 67 (-4) to capture the trophy by an impressive 6 shot winning margin, ahead of runner-up Jonathan Seluraj who improved on his day one score by a massive 16 shots shooting rounds of 81 (+9) and 65 (-7) to finish on +2 for the event.

2023 CLUB MATCHPLAYS

Entries are now open for the 2023 Club Matchplays, consisting of Men's Individual, Ladies Individual, Pairs and Scratch Matchplays. Deadline for entries is midnight on Sunday 12th March.

2023 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eyes now turn to the Club Championships on the weekend of 25th & 26th March, which will see Dan Kirkwood attempt to defend his title in the men's category. This is a 36-hole tee-time event.

2023 SENIORS & SUPER SENIORS OPEN

For those 'experienced' golfers amongst our membership, our Seniors Open (50-59 years old) and our inaugural Super Seniors Open (60+ years old) takes place on Friday 31st March at 1.30pm Shotgun. This is a Stroke Play event over 18 holes. Defending his title in the senior's division will be Paul Doyle.

MASTERS PAR 3 EVENT

If you like super-fast greens and a true test of your scoring ability, then please do sign up to our extremely popular 9-hole Masters Par 3 event on Friday 7th April – tee times from 4.30pm to 7.00pm. There will be Gross and Net prizes awarded and the opportunity to watch the US Masters live in Hickory's after the event. Last year saw a tie for the lead at level par between Jaco Stander and Lee Waggott – will anyone go lower this year?

KYLE PHILLIPS CUP

Our annual Kyle Phillips Cup takes place on Sunday 9th April – 1.30pm Shotgun over 18 holes. The event is a 4-player Team Stableford event with the best 2 scores from 4 to count on each hole, open to members and member guests. Will last year's winning team of Ian Haywood, Damien Ward, John Gower & Mathew Henry, try and defend their title?

NEW MIDWEEK STABLEFORD EVENT

Last month saw the first in a series of Midweek Stablefords launched, which will take place on the last Monday of each month up until summer. Congratulations to Oliver Bochet for winning the inaugural event with 37 points with a 95% handicap allowance.

The next event will take place on Monday, 27th March. If you would like to register for any of the events or if you have any questions, please reach out to Jonathan O'Brien directly on jobrien@viyagolf.com to secure your place.

NEW CARTS & GPS ISSUES

We were delighted to receive 80 newly reconditioned golf carts straight after the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship and we hope you've enjoyed an improved on-course experience since their arrival.

Initially the new GPS screens were delayed and so we had some challenges with the existing older screens, however the new screens have now been fitted and after some initial fine tuning they are performing much better.

There are some ongoing issues with the GPS satellites over the UAE that are causing some accuracy issues across many of the local golf courses, however we are working with our GPS provider to remedy this and to ensure the measurements you receive are as accurate as possible.

We will continue to monitor the issue and in the meantime if you witness any problems, please do report the cart number, the hole number and the date of play to Martin Duff our Golf Operations Manager at mduff@viyagolf.com so it can be logged and addressed as soon as possible.

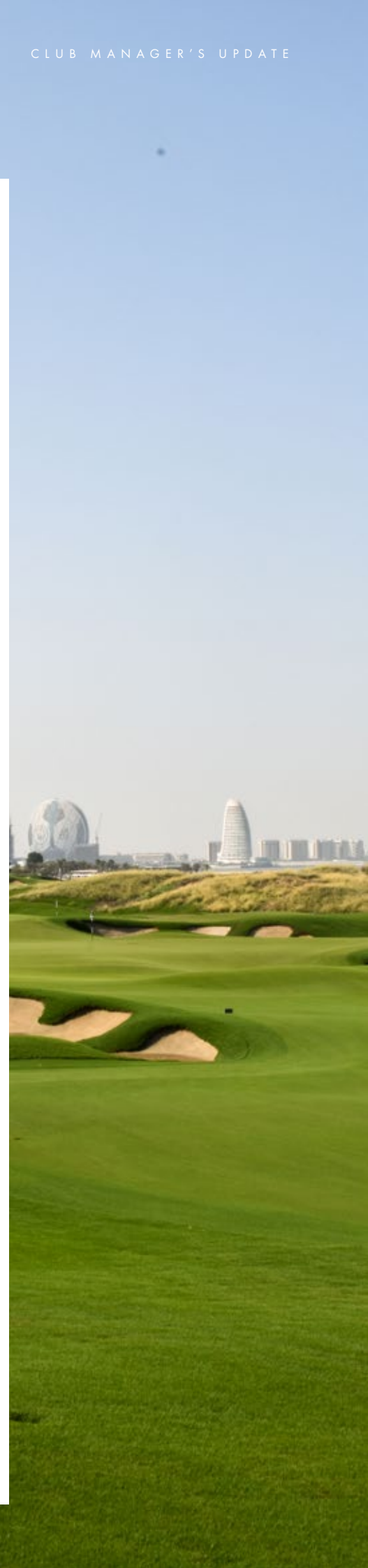
JAMES HARRIS PROMOTION

Please join with us in congratulating James Harris on his recent promotion to Golf Services Executive.

After 15 months at the Club the 23 year old's new position will see him play a hands-on role in liaising with, welcoming and hosting the many tourist groups we welcome throughout the year. Not only will this enhance their experience it will also help them keep up with the courses pace of play, something groups (particularly ones unfamiliar with the course) often find a challenge. James will also become more involved in Club tournaments and other members events.

UPCOMING RESTAURANT RENOVATIONS

I'm delighted to update you with news that the renovation of the first floor of the Clubhouse, with the introduction of 'Craft Fox' our new premier sports bar concept, successfully launched at Jumeirah Golf Estates in 2021, will commence next month. The programme is due to complete in July, which will then see the immediate closure of Hickory's for the rest of summer, to undergo a complete renovation and be open in time for the winter season.



SAADIYAT BEACH GOLF CLUB

We're incredibly proud and delighted to announce that Saadiyat Beach Golf Club will play host to a brand-new event on the 2023 Challenge Tour roster over the first week in May.

This has only been possible due to the tremendous drive and support of the Emirates Golf Federation, as well as Aldar, working closely with the DP World Tour, to provide new elite level tournament playing opportunities to local citizens and residents from the UAE, as well as the wider region. This event will be number two in a series of three consecutive Challenge Tour events played on UAE soil. The golf course will close for

the week of Monday 1st – Sunday 7th May 2023, however, all members will be provided with complimentary access to Yas Links Abu Dhabi for this period. As more details around the event are confirmed, we will keep you updated as to what this means for our members.

What you can expect is for the golf course to continue to improve on what is already an outstanding product. Corey, Bryan and the team are already in full swing with preparations, and we hope that you continue to enjoy some of the best playing surfaces in the region.

DANIEL RICHARDS PROMOTION

Please join us in congratulating Daniel's recent promotion to Golf Services Manager. Daniel has an extremely good work ethic, as well as strong leadership traits and he prides himself on attention to detail;

all of which positions him extremely well for a long and successful career in golf. We wish Daniel all the very best as he continues to develop and focus on delivering operational excellence at the Club.

TORAB ARGHANDIWAL | NEW GOLF OPERATIONS INTERN

We're delighted to welcome Torab to the team at Saadiyat Beach Golf Club, who has joined for an initial internship period with the aim of exposing Torab to the various roles within a busy golf operation. Torab's initial focus will be to work with the outside golf operations

team to help coordinate day-to-day delivery of services across Bag Drop, Cart Staging, Driving Range and Golf Course Marshalling. Please do welcome Torab and introduce yourself the time you're at the Club.

PABLO TORRES | RELOCATING BACK TO EUROPE

This month we will sadly be saying goodbye to Pablo who has made a tremendous impact to the Club since his arrival earlier last year. Pablo has been a big hit with the members both on and off the course, and he will be fondly remembered by everyone he engaged with. He

is relocating back to Europe to take on an exciting role in golf talent management and marketing, and he will no doubt be visiting us at times in the future. We wish Pablo all the very best on the next stage of his journey.



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

2023 CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – 29TH & 30TH APRIL

Always the pinnacle of the membership tournament calendar is our annual club championship, this year taking place over the last weekend in April, right before the Challenge Tour event. Members can expect incredible playing surfaces and a highly competitive environment. We wish Pallav Chavan and Zurich Kanokpornvasin all the very best in the defence of their titles in the Men's and Ladies division respectively.

PAIRS BETTERBALL

Saturday 18th March | Morning Tee Times

MEMBERS MEDAL

Sunday 26th March | Afternoon Tee Times

If you would like to register for any of the events at Saadiyat Beach Golf Club or if you have any questions, please reach out to Daniel Richards directly on drichards@viyagolf.com to secure your place.

MASTERS PAR 3 EVENT AT YAS LINKSABU DHABI

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CLUB UPDATE

STEPHEN HUBNER
CLUB MANAGER, JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES

I hope you are keeping well and enjoying your time at the club.

It has been an extremely busy period across all areas. It has been great to see the usual new year spike in usage of the FitLab gym! Well done to all of you who are working on improved health and fitness, and I wish you all the best in achieving your goals.

SERVICE EXCELLENCE

2022 was certainly a year of development, with the opening of Crafty Fox and Bussola, the new Oasis Pool Bar, and significant upgrades to Bota and Tap & Grill. These new offerings have been well received by the membership, and our wonderful Indian offering Kasturi, continues to be a popular choice, offering a unique ambience and beautiful sunset views.

As always, we aim to continuously improve, and so the team are working hard on colleague training and recruitment in order to further enhance your experience and ensure you receive wonderful service each time you visit the club. This is our main priority for 2023 and I am confident you will see positive changes in the coming months.



GOLF COURSE LANDSCAPING

Our golf members and residents living adjacent to the courses, will have noticed the large landscaping projects that have been ongoing for several months. The main goals are to trim and raise the canopy of trees, remove weeds and overgrown saplings, clean the native areas, and in the case of the Earth course, cover natural sand areas with woodchip. In addition, trees that are close to boundary walls are being removed to avoid root damage to properties.

The main work on the areas on the villa sides of the golf courses will be completed by June. This will be followed by regular maintenance practices to ensure the landscaping is in-keeping with the original course design, and has the look and feel expected of a world-class golfing community.

MEMBER GOLF TRIPS IN 2023

Previous member golf trips to Portugal, Oman and Abu Dhabi have been extremely popular. We have recently announced some new member golf trips for 2023. The first will be to Abu Dhabi from 28th-30th April to experience Friday night golf at the stunning new Yas Acres, followed by rounds on Yas Links and Saadiyat Beach over the weekend. We will then have a trip to Scotland in June, and we will return to Oman to enjoy the superb Almouj Golf Club in Muscat in October/November. I very much hope that you will be able to join.



CLUB UPDATE

DAVID TAGGART

CLUB MANAGER, DUBAI CREEK GOLF & YACHT CLUB

Firstly, a huge thank you for those that attended our 30th Anniversary Members Party. The venue was beautifully decorated, the buffet was spectacular and there were some great stories of the Club's history. Such is the popularity of the event, it was quite literally standing room only and next year we may well have to move the venue to accommodate everyone. A particular highlight for me was the opportunity to honour our longest serving members of staff that have played such a big part in making the Creek such a welcoming Club over the last 30 years.

2023 MEMBERS CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

In late January we kicked off our new year of MCC meetings with a fresh new Committee and many new faces. Please support the people below and refer any feedback you may have to them so they can raise with us. Their meetings will be the on the last Monday of the month until May and then the first Monday of the month from September onwards. The names of the incoming committee are as below:

- Club Captain | Gene Cha
- Lady Club Captain | Shiba Wahid
- Club Vice Captain | Kevin Savage
- Lady Vice Captain | Janet Kim
- Shankar Balasubramanian
- Michael Nielsen
- Obediah Ayton
- Rob Lammiman
- Mini Phillip
- Anish Bhatia

HARRY WELLS PROMOTION

I am very proud to announce that our Assistant Superintendent, Harry Wells, has been promoted to Golf Course Superintendent. Harry has been a lifelong Greenkeeper and joined Dubai Golf in 2020 following stints at LA Country Club and Liberty National in the US. His great passion is preparing golf courses for tournament conditions and the commitment and attention to detail that requires. Indeed, he will be flying to LACC shortly after

summer renovations here to assist with the staging of this years US Open in June. He has a strong family connection to the industry with his father having served as Superintendent at courses around London for over 40 years. He has been instrumental in the considerable progress we have made on the golf course in the last 2 years and was a clear and obvious choice to implement our plans into the future. Congratulations Harry.



TRAITEUR BRUNCH

Congratulations must also go to the resort Food & Beverage team for reclaiming the award of Duabi's Best Brunch at the TimeOut Awards this year. We are very lucky to have such a good culinary team

supporting us and I know they have worked tirelessly to make this happen. There aren't many better afternoons than Traiteur Brunch followed by sundowners in NOEPE, one for the calendar this year.

KEY FIXTURES

Our Men's Scratch League team will hopefully have won their away game at The Els Club by the time this goes to print, setting up a tasty home and away series against sister club Jumeirah Golf Estates.

The fixture at Jumeirah Golf Estates is on the 18th March and the home leg here at the Creek is on the 26th March. After a comfortable victory against Dubai Hills, they find themselves in a rich vein of form

and are set to be amongst the favourites once again. As ever, I know they would appreciate any support you can give, especially in a derby game!

Following a closely contested Clash of the Titans at Jumeirah Golf Estates we look forward to welcoming you all here to Creek on the 22nd March. Let's hope there is a characteristically strong breeze blowing to amplify our home field advantage. On



Sunday 9th April the yellow flags will be out and tucked into corners of the greens for our Master event. Following the close of play, Golf Traveller will be hosting a watch party in the members lounge for the final days play.



TOPGOLF UPDATE

MIKE WALTON
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, TOPGOLF DUBAI

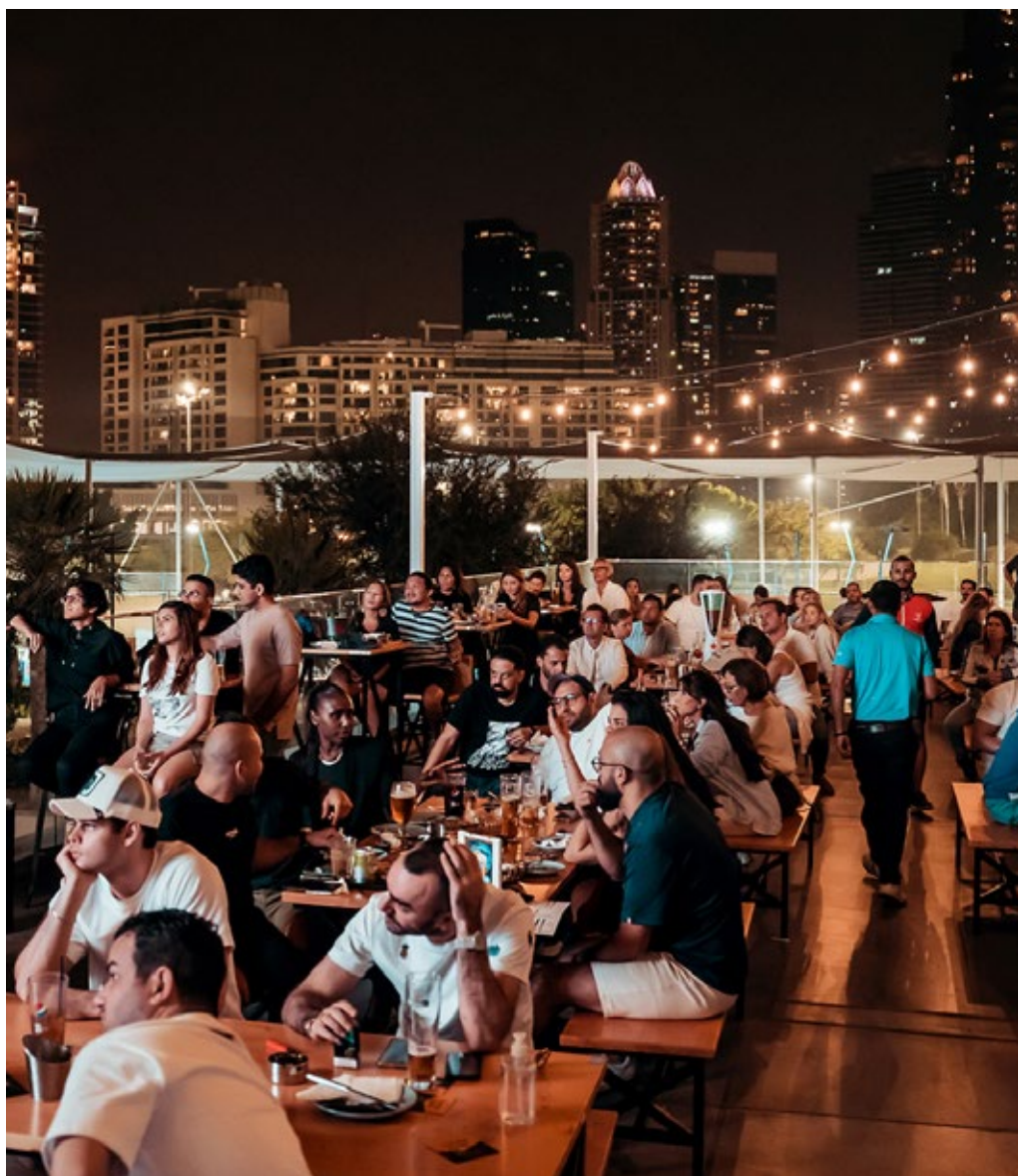
It's been a fantastic start to the year with so much going on around the venue, thank you to all our guests keeping Topgolf on top and being part of an exciting journey at Dubai's best entertainment venue. From celebrating our second birthday, enhancing our dining experience and putting our best foot forward in practicing sustainability, enjoy a brief update on all things Topgolf!

Recently, we have worked to make your dining experience at the venue even more memorable. Join us at the Topgolf Garden to listen to fantastic a fantastic live band every Friday night to make sure your weekend starts off right.

Be sure to catch all live sport at The Yard and The Yard Terrace with our additional seven large LED screens across the sports bar. It's the best way to watch all the upcoming Premier League and Champions League action! Whilst you're there, take advantage of our upcoming Happy Hour deal featuring all your favourite house beverages.

With a classic American-inspired menu, our brand new Topgolf Food Truck is a must-try. Enjoy a fantastic host of street food inspired dishes including Topgolf's famous tacos and smash burgers.

The Holy month of Ramadan is right around the corner and we have so much in store. Stay tuned for more information on our enhanced Iftar packages so you can be part of this year's celebrations.



Enjoy an enhanced booking experience when you book your Premium Bay. Check out our website for more information on advanced bookings and our fantastic enhancements so you can take advantage of an unmatched V.I.P. experience.

We know how much you hate to leave us so we are excited to announce that our operational hours have also extended! Topgolf is now open until 2.00am, seven days a week so be sure to book your bay and join us overlooking Dubai's iconic views bay-side.

Topgolf Dubai has implemented a fantastic Sustainability Programme to make sure we continue to do our part for the environment and sustainable operations. Over the last three months, our ongoing recycling drive has seen over 17 tons recycled - a brilliant result so far! We are also currently working on a Solar Panel project to provide car park shade whilst providing a sustainable energy source for the venue.

The Topgolf Academy is ultimate golfing experience for all ages and abilities. During the recent Junior Half Term Camp, we saw great success providing an unmatched experience with our coaches whilst teaching the game of golf to eager young golfers. If you're looking for a golf lesson or are interested to join one of our upcoming camps and programmes, there's no better place to learn the game of golf and enjoy the fantastic views in the cooler weather.



Lastly, we can't forget about mentioning Topgolf's second birthday - wow, has time flown by! It was a memorable celebration and it's been great to see how much we have been able to grow the "awareness" of the game of golf in the region.

We are so proud to be part of this as we are giving everyone the chance to try a game that for them in the past was something that they might have heard about but never had a chance to try.

Though our promotions, junior academies, date nights, corporate and social events we truly make this the best way to try the game of golf, some 'Come, Play, Around' with us, have fun, give it a chance and in the end just be yourself that is really what we are at Topgolf.

VICTOR PEREZ WINS MAIDEN ROLEX SERIES TITLE AFTER LATE DRAMA IN ABU DHABI

Victor Perez produced late fireworks in the final round of the 2023 Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship to overcome a high-class chasing pack and win his maiden Rolex Series title in dramatic fashion. The Frenchman held a narrow one-shot lead in the closing stages on Sunday afternoon before holing out from a bunker at the 17th for a birdie to stretch his advantage to two. And even though he ran into trouble at the 18th, a bogey there was enough to secure a one-shot win as he closed with a 66 to finish the tournament on 18 under par.

Min Woo Lee needed an eagle at the last to force a play-off and came agonisingly close to getting it as his approach finished two feet from the cup. The Australian finished in a tie for second alongside Sebastian Söderberg on 17 under, while 51-year-old Pádraig Harrington was another shot back in fourth place on a record-breaking day at Yas Links Abu Dhabi. Early starter Sami Välimäki shot a course-record 62 with a bogey-free round that consisted of an eagle and eight birdies.

We also saw two players make a hole-in-one, with Dan Bradbury winning a new Genesis G70 Shooting Brake 2.0 Sport at the 17th and Tyrrell Hatton taking advantage of the par-three 13th with a pitching wedge. Perez got off to a stunning start on day four, reeling off six birdies in the first 11 holes to reach the summit before dropping his first shot of the day at the 14th.

That opened the door for the chasing pack, with Lee joining him at the top of the leaderboard, but Perez bounced back with a 13-foot birdie at the 15th before pitching his tricky bunker shot at the 17th on to the green and spinning it in for a miracle birdie. He found a bunker off the 18th tee before getting into more trouble but managed to escape with a bogey there to win by one for his third DP World Tour title. In his post-round interview,

Perez, who helped Continental Europe win last week's Hero Cup, said: "I got off to a good start, and I was just focusing on me and trying to do the best I can because I knew you can't control what everybody else is doing, and I was just trying to plod along."

"But Seb (Söderberg) played fantastic and was right there and never gave me an opening. I'm delighted to finish on top. It was a crazy finish, but I feel like I'm used to that now. Hopefully I can make it a little easier for the next one."

Speaking about his phenomenal bunker shot at the 17th, Perez added: "It wasn't actually as difficult as a bunker shot because it was downhill to the hole, flat at the hole and into the wind."

"So I was basically trying to fly it all the way to the hole, and if I hit it a little bit heavy it was maybe going to release."

"But in the back of my mind, I'm just thinking Seb is going to make a two and it's three and a half from where I am, pretty much."

"Hopefully I make a three and maybe I make a four and then we are tied with the last hole to go. It came up maybe a little skinny, I'm not going to lie, and spun back and the fortune of the ball going in which is probably the greatest shot I've ever hit."

The victory means Perez tops the Race to Dubai Rankings in Partnership with Rolex, while it gives his Ryder Cup chances a huge boost.

He said: "It's a great year ahead. There's a lot of big things coming up. I've had a really good off-season. I've worked really hard."



Credit: europeantour.com

RORY MCILROY WINS HERO DUBAI DESERT CLASSIC TO CLAIM FIRST ROLEX SERIES TITLE

Rory McIlroy won his first Rolex Series title with a third victory at the Hero Dubai Desert Classic after a dramatic final day at Emirates Golf Club.

The World Number One has a CV to rival the greats of the game, with four Major Championships, four Harry Vardon Trophies and three FedEx Cups to his name but he arrived in the UAE still missing a triumph in one of the DP World Tour's prestige events.

He put that right in fine fashion on a Monday finish over the Majlis Course, birdieing the 17th and 18th in a 68 to finish at 19 under, one clear of American Patrick Reed.

Reed's 65 made for a thrilling finish as the duo went toe-to-toe over the back nine but it was McIlroy who emerged the victor to move to second in the Race to Dubai Rankings in Partnership with Rolex.

Australian Lucas Herbert - the 2020 winner of this event - finished third at 16 under, a shot clear of England's Callum Shinkwin and two ahead of Frenchman Julien Brun.

It is the first time McIlroy has won his first event of the year and takes his tally of DP World Tour wins to 15 at the scene of his first, which came 13 years and 363 days ago.

The Northern Irishman joins Ernie Els as a three-time winner at Emirates Golf Club and extends his remarkable run of form which saw him record nine top tens in ten events last season, with a worst finish of 12th en route to being crowned Europe's Number One.

Rounds of 66-70-65 had seen McIlroy enter the final day of a weather-affected tournament with a three-shot lead and while he was overtaken by Reed at one point, he holed a 14-footer on the last after laying up to make the perfect start to his season.

"It means a lot," said McIlroy. "It's actually funny, (caddie) Harry said to me, 'finally we get a gold bib'. Obviously I haven't won one of these big ones before.

"It was a battle all day. Honestly it's been a battle all week. I really feel like I haven't had my best all week but I just managed my game

so well and played really smart. "I feel like I showed a lot of mental strength out there today, something to really build on for the rest of the year.

"There's been a ton of positives this week but also been some things that I need to learn from and I need to try to improve on.

"I'm going to enjoy this. This is probably sweeter than it should be or needs to be but I feel like I've still got some stuff to work on. It's a great start to the year and a really good foundation to work from."

Reed started the day four shots off the lead but crept towards the top of the leaderboard as McIlroy began his final round with eight pars. The 32-year-old hit a smart approach into the second and then got up and down to take advantage of the par-five third before holing a bunker shot at the sixth. McIlroy broke his run after a stunning second brought a birdie from seven feet at the ninth but ahead at the tenth, Reed was inches from an albatross and rolled home his eagle putt to share the lead.

The 2009 and 2015 champion hit back with two putts from 60 feet on the same hole but Reed put his tee shot to six feet on the 11th and then played a beautiful chip from the rough on the par-five 13th to edge ahead. A two-putt birdie on the 13th put McIlroy back in a share but the 33-year-old missed the green at the 15th and failed to get up and down, handing the advantage back to Reed. A ragged tee-shot on the 16th led to a Reed bogey and when McIlroy drove to the fringe at the 17th and got down in two, he was in control.

But there was drama to come as Reed made a two-putt birdie at the last and McIlroy almost found water off the tee, laying up and playing an excellent wedge shot to set up his big finish.

Herbert birdied the 17th and 18th to go with five other gains and a single bogey in a 66, while Shinkwin did the same in a 69 and Brun signed for a 68.

Belgian Thomas Pieters and England's Ian Poulter were at 13 under, one ahead of Swedish pair Marcus Kinhult and Henrik Stenson, England's Richard Bland, Spaniard Angel Hidalgo and American Johannes Veerman.

SCHOOL OF RULES

CIAN HURLEY

DIRECTOR OF GOLF, EMIRATES GOLF CLUB

As our Emirates Golf Club Matchplay Championships are in full flow, I thought it would be good to focus this month's article on this hot topic! Under the R&A Rules of Golf, we can look to Rule 3 'The Competition', under which we find Matchplay (Rule 3.2). There are some important elements to this rule which players often forget, or are quite unclear on, during their actual matches.

RULE 3.2A | RESULT OF HOLE AND MATCH

In Matchplay, the result of the hole or match is decided as follows:

- You win a hole when you complete the hole in fewer strokes than your opponent, your opponent concedes the hole or your opponent gets the general penalty (loss of hole).
- If your match is tied after the final hole and you need to establish a winner, the match is extended one hole at a time until there is a winner.

RULE 3.2B | CONCESSIONS

- You may concede your opponent's next stroke, a hole or the match but a concession is only made when it is clearly communicated. This can be either verbal or by action.
- After a concession, the ball may be removed by anyone.
- A concession is final - you cannot withdraw it once made and your opponent cannot decline the concession.
- The only exception to this can occur when the concession may have been made based on misinformation. In this circumstance it can be possible to rectify the 'mistake'.
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RULE 3.2C | APPLYING HANDICAPS IN HANDICAP MATCH

You and your opponent should tell each other your handicaps before the match. If you declare a wrong handicap and don't correct the mistake before your opponent makes a stroke:

- If the declared handicap is too high and this affects the number of strokes you get or give, you are disqualified.
- If the declared handicap is too low, there is no penalty and you must play off the lower handicap.
- Handicap strokes are given by hole, and the lower net score wins the hole.
- If a tied match is extended, handicap strokes are given by hole in the same way as in the round, i.e. as per the score card indexes.
- Each player is responsible for knowing the holes where they give or get handicap strokes.

If the players mistakenly apply handicap strokes on a hole, the agreed result of the hole stands, unless the players correct that mistake in time, i.e. before they start the next hole.



RULE 3.2D | RESPONSIBILITIES OF PLAYER AND OPPONENT

You have a responsibility to:

- Tell your opponent the right number of strokes you have taken when asked. The player receives the general penalty (loss of hole) if they give the opponent the wrong number of strokes taken, unless they correct that mistake in time. There is no penalty if there is no effect on the result of the hole.
- Make your opponent aware as soon as reasonably possible after you get a penalty.
- Know the match score. If the players mistakenly agree on a wrong match score, they may correct the mistake before it's too late. If not corrected in time, the wrong match score becomes the actual match score.

In a match you should protect your own rights and interests under the Rules:

- If you know or believe that your opponent has breached a rule that has a penalty, you may act on the breach or choose to ignore it.
- But if you and your opponent deliberately agree to ignore a breach or penalty you both know applies, you are both disqualified.
- If you and your opponent disagree whether one of you has breached a rule, you may protect your rights by asking for a ruling.

I do encourage you to spend a little time to go through this extensive and comprehensive rule in full – it will arm you with some very valuable knowledge which can be used in the proper way in matchplay tournaments. As always, it is the spirit of the game of golf that should prevail! If you have any rules queries that you would like to discuss over the coming weeks, then please do not hesitate to ask on your next visit to the Club or simply email your query to me at churley@dubaigolf.com.

If you enjoyed the article and found it helpful, feel free to drop me an email at the above address, quote the code SORACH, and be entered into a prize draw!

AGRONOMY UPDATE

MATTHEW PERRY

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT, EMIRATES GOLF CLUB

To say the first month of the year was eventful would be an understatement. What started out as a great preparation ahead of the Hero Dubai Desert Classic, turned in to all-hands-on-deck for something that has never been experienced during tournament days in all the years it has been played. The rain that came on Wednesday 25th January and continued for the next 3 days was half the year's average.

As we know, when we get rain, we have areas that flood, and bunkers are washed out, but we have never had to turn it around so quick for a Professional event. To say how proud I am of the Golf Course Maintenance team would be an understatement.

When the rain is falling, we can't do anything to the course. If we did start, and it continued, we would have to go back and fix areas again. So, on Thursday morning at 7.00am the rain slowed, and we had a gap to get out on the course and see what we could do. The DP World Tour Officials came out and said - let's see what we can do. They thought maybe a one percent chance we would get play on Thursday. Well, we did

get play at 1.00pm, and that was down to a huge effort by everyone. Pumping the bunkers and fixing them takes time, but we went at it right up to 1.00pm without stopping and got the course playable.

The following days went the same way with lots of water pumping, trying to dry the bunkers and deserts the best we could. The rest of the course coped very well, especially our new greens. They drained well and we were able to cut them everyday and still have 12.5 on the Stimp Meter, a worthwhile investment, and if it was the old greens we might have struggled to get play a few times.

To have the Monday finish was another scenario we haven't had before. The team got on with things and were delighted with Rory McIlroy as our winner and enjoyed what he said to them all at the presentation ceremony. A huge thanks must also go to our Volunteers from clubs in the UK. We have Geoff who came from the Wisley and Grant, Warren, Sam and Scott from Gleneagles. They all work so hard and were a credit to their clubs.





It has been busy as usual on the courses after the tournament. Lots of clearing, cleaning areas and bringing the rough height down on the Majlis Course. The greens on Majlis were in a better place after tournament, but some small areas need a little care to bring them back. When the temperatures start to increase, we will see more growth. We will start to finalise projects for the summer and will talk about them in the next Club Life.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone for there kind words and messages for the team and we appreciate it and keeps us going through some tough times.



GOLF UPDATE

KURTIS SHORTMAN

GOLF SERVICES MANAGER, YAS ACRES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB



I hope you've had a fantastic time on the golf course since the last issue of Club Life.

Things have certainly trended upwards for Yas Acres and I'm delighted to share with you some of the many events we have planned whilst the weather is still bearable! On the golf side of the Club, we are planning more events to fill the appetite of members and visitors

alike, whereas on the Club side we will have our first Family Fair on the 11th March which will translate into a monthly Family Day with free entry to the pool and activities on the day. Finally, the three restaurants have many promotions and offers available to everyone who visits so be sure to check them out when you are next at the Club.

We look forward to seeing you soon!





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RECREATION UPDATE

DOUGIE GAIR

HEAD OF RECREATION, EMIRATES GOLF CLUB

Our classes are also performing strongly, with the return of BTAY Yoga offering up to 5 classes per day a highlight. Yin Yoga, Zumba, Aqua Aerobics and Pilates are also available to the membership, and I would urge you to try these if not already done so.

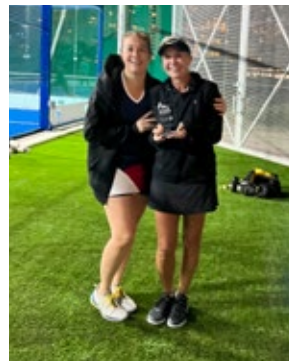
Our Squash Academy, The Flying DAF, are offering a complimentary Squash lesson to all members who have not had a session with them before, so please contact them if you would like to take advantage of this. You may have also noticed that we currently do not have a Swimming Academy in place. This is something we are working hard to rectify and hope to offer this service again very soon.

Our Padel Tennis operation continues to be a busy, bustling place. All Dubai Golf and Viya Golf members can utilize a reduced rate of AED 50 per person when playing Padel, and we also have complimentary

intro and level assessment sessions daily, so if you have been thinking of joining the fastest growing sport in the region, what are you waiting for!?

We recently launched our Padel Junior Programme for kids aged 5-15, and this has already amassed around 50 juniors across our facilities who are now enjoying the game. If this is something that you think your child may benefit from, get them involved! Sessions run every Wednesday and Sunday at each Club and are priced at AED 90 per session.

Our regular tournaments are a great way to socialize with fellow Padel players and improve your game. As well as the competitive side, there is always a good atmosphere during these tournaments, and many go on in good spirits until the early hours!



I hope all are well and enjoying the cooler weather. It has been a very busy start to 2023 within the Recreation & Padel departments, with our Personal Training, Padel Tennis and Swimming Pool operations being particularly active! During the Desert Classic, we took the opportunity to completely relay the Squash Court flooring and treat the walls, and this has been received well and was long overdue.



RRA PADEL TOUR CHALLENGER 2

Saturday 4th February 2023

Emirates Golf Club was the location for the second challenger event of the season and competition was high with 48 pairs vying for the title in their respective category. Congratulations to all participants, please see the winners and runners up below:

FEMALE B

1st Place

Lisa Blake & Tatyana Kutulaeva

2nd Place

Janice Tilbrook & Agnes Anwar

MALE B

1st Place

Arsham Moradi & Gabriel

Perez

2nd Place

Carlos de Teresa (Padel Ambassador) & Nacho Perez

FEMALE C

1st Place

Alex Ralu & Mariana Mejia

2nd Place

Carolina del Rey & Pino Prados

MALE C

1st Place

Pepo Tejedor & Luis Conde

2nd Place

Phil El Khoury & Ben Crampton

Due to the popularity of the sport at the club, we are now able to enter team competitions, and our Emirates Golf Club team comprising of a mix of members and coaches have been out and about representing the Club in various competitions. The interclub tournament allows us to take on clubs from other venues in Dubai, and we started our season with a comprehensive 3-0 victory over Ballers on 11th February. Congratulations to the team!

WINNERS:

Ravi Suri (member)

Marina Mejia

Abdallah Almazmi

Albert Gual

Carlos de Teresa

Jimmy Borrás



For more information on any of the above, please contact FitLab Reception on 04 417 9850 or erecreation@dubaigolf.com. As always, please reach out direct to myself should you have any questions or queries of a Recreation kind.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

CAMPBELL STEEDMAN
CLUB CAPTAIN, EMIRATES GOLF CLUB

Happy New Year all, and best wishes for 2023 – even although we are already almost through Q1 of the year! As Club Captain, the start of 2023 has been fairly busy, but truly memorable, with all at the Club demonstrating repeatedly why Emirates Golf Club is such a special place.

2023 started with an exceptional New Year's Party, over-subscribed once again, and with many non-member guests, reflecting the Club's clear recognition as a leading social venue in Dubai.

The ABBA Revival Band was excellent, and although my dancing may not have been reflective of the standard of the music, it was good to see so many of the guests enjoying such timeless entertainment!

With the Majlis coming into challenging form, it was disappointing to have the OMA Emirates Monthly Medal cancelled after 2 holes on 7th January due to inclement weather – perhaps a warning of what was to follow later in the month! However, the day was nevertheless enjoyable – with an impromptu (and entertaining) non-golfing day at the Club!

My golf resumed the following week, with a final round on the Majlis immediately prior to closure in preparation for the Hero Dubai Desert Classic. The course was in tremendous condition, and clearly in an advanced state for the Tournament.

With the Majlis then closed for a short time, we played a round on Earth with Stephen Gallacher – a competitive match, with Vice-Captain Frank Duggan closing with an exceptional net zero on the Par-3 4th hole (he scored a net birdie, with 2 strokes handicap, which Stephen found hard to beat!!). A few days later, it was a privilege to play in the Hero Dubai Desert Classic Pro-Am, with Club



Champion, Sanjay Dhansa, Junior Champion, Zak Gould, and Ryder Cup winner, Jamie Donaldson, making up an extremely enjoyable team. We did not win, but enjoyed a great event, with all participants confirming the great state the Majlis was in. The one concern was the talk amongst many as to the forecast for later in the week – with disappointment being expressed about the likely rain on the first day of the Tournament.

Although rain was anticipated, I don't think we ever expected the weather which impacted the start of the Tournament. Spectators were banned, course conditions (in particular, certain bunkers) deteriorated, play was suspended and the closing day extended to Monday. I think many feared a disappointing event, with particular frustration being expressed when recognising the great condition of the course immediately prior to the start.

However, the Tournament moved forward, with the course returning immediately to exceptional standard, and the success was almost entirely down to the commitment and hard work of Matt Perry and our Agronomy Team.

The event itself was excellent and, despite the weather, it was a memorable few days – starting with Ryder Cup Captain, Luke Donald, speaking at the Club on the eve of the Tournament, and with an exciting finish (and welcome win) by former Champion, Rory McIlroy.

It was a privilege to represent the Club at the prize giving, and I would like to congratulate all at the Club for delivering such a great event. The only disappointment was the cancellation of the Vice-Captains' event on the Monday, in consequence of the delayed finish. Hopefully we will be able to re-arrange soon.

The Hero Dubai Desert Classic having ended, the week then moved into the next Club event – and my personal challenge – Captain's Day! When appointed as Captain, I had asked when Captain's Day was usually held.

The response was that it was normal to be towards Season end, but that there was no set timing. As such, I asked that we hold it immediately post the Desert Classic – with the course being in tournament condition, and with walking the course still being the rule.

Starting the day with breakfast with our Lady Members, and with golf commencing to the sound of the bagpipes (thank you, Rikki, for your excellent performance), the format

of traditional Foursomes in groups of six seemed more popular than expected, and it was a pleasure to observe the friendship in the groups as they walked the course.

To have a few old friends join from Scotland was very much appreciated, and to end the day with an excellent dinner (and a Scotland Calcutta Cup rugby victory) in the Pavilion in the evening made for a truly memorable day.

The support of all our sponsors (DP World, HSBC, Emirates Airline, TechAccess Asia, Squire Patton Boggs, St Andrews Golf Company, Golf Kraft and Precision Golf) was greatly appreciated, thank you, as was the support of ProSports (in producing shirts, caps and the Captain's gift packs) and Falcon & Associates (in supporting with auction gifts for Heroes of Hope (the UAE registered charity which Marivi and I have chosen to support throughout the 2022-2023 Season).

However, the exceptional support of all the Club staff in arranging the day, managing bookings, preparing the course, and delivering such enjoyable food and beverage throughout the event made the day particularly special – thank you all.

In addition, with an event of this nature following immediately after the Desert Classic, Barney and Cian deserve a particular word of thanks – I am sure



you would have liked some rest after the demands of the Hero Tournament, but your support in delivering such a special day will always be appreciated.

As we now move towards the end of the playing season in the coming months, it is a pleasure to look back at such an enjoyable and entertaining start to 2023.

However, we still have an exciting few months ahead, with the Club Members' Party scheduled in April, and Captain's Tour to Scotland planned for May, together with our regular medals and Club competitions. More news will follow in due course. However, for the time being, thank you all for delivering such a special start to 2023, and best wishes for continued good health and enjoyment in the months ahead.



LADY CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

MARIVI ARIAS

LADY CAPTAIN, EMIRATES GOLF CLUB

It seems unreal that $\frac{3}{4}$ of our golfing calendar year is almost gone already. Why does time run so quickly nowadays?

2023 arrived at Emirates Golf Club with a fantastic party on the lawn. ABBA was the group invited to fill the party with their nostalgic and ageless music. The new year couldn't start better! Everyone absorbed by the rhythm, dancing, laughing and celebrating the start of one more year in our lives, promising lots of exciting golf games.

The first tournament for the Ladies Section was Lady Captain vs Lady Vice Captain, Matchplay played in pairs better ball format. The match was very close and played in great spirits. The Lady Vice Captain team won on the day and both teams had the opportunity to celebrate together.

On 11th of January we had a wonderful visit at our Club. Heroes of Hope (The Captain and Lady Captain Charity of choice for 2022 - 2023) visited us with a group of very talented golfers of determination to have a coaching session at the driving range with our Pros Olivia Jackson and Mark Bruce.

It was such a joy to see those wonderful kids enjoying themselves hitting balls and following the instructions of Olivia and Mark. They

are such an inspiration for everyone and they truly deserve all the possible help we can give them.

Our next Ladies Tournaments was the Past Captains Trophy. Another event in our calendar where we honour the labour of love and the good done by our past Lady Captains.

Only when you are in the position that I'm now, do you fully understand the commitment, effort and dedication necessary to fulfil the roll of Lady Captain at Emirates Golf Club; each unique, each with their own style, each leaving a permanent legacy in our memories. I celebrate all of them and this Trophy is a testimony of our appreciation. This year's winner was our fantastic past Lady Captain, Najla Bartette.

February started with a surprise... The Friendship Trophy, a new competition introduced by the Lady Captain to remind us the very important social part the golf has.

It is my personal experience that wherever you go, golf always acts as a connector, getting people together and in many times promoting friendships that last for a life time. I hope this Trophy continues being played with the help of the future Lady Captains.





January 2023 finished with what probably is the high light of the year... the Hero Dubai Desert Classic. I'm so proud to say that everything worked as a Swiss clock, nothing was left to be improvised except for... the weather! The tournament had to be extended one more day since the rain damaged some of the Majlis bunkers. Special congratulations to Matt Perry and his fantastic team who didn't stop until the course was in top condition again to be played.

The World Number One, Rory McIlroy, was the one who lifted the Dallah Trophy this year, to the delight of many who rooted for him the whole tournament.



Mid-February was time to play our Ladies Senior Championship. Needless to say our senior ladies are absolutely fantastic golfers and the backbone of all our competitions and away matches. Always ready, always enthusiastic, always fighters. My respects and admiration to all of them. This year our Senior Champion is Nonita Chand, many congratulations to her. From December 2022 until February 2023 we have been



playing the Inter Club Challenge (ICC) to qualify to the finals. I'm very proud to announce that we qualified top of our League and we will be playing the Finals in March. My eternal gratitude to all the ladies who took part in the team that allowed us to get in the position where we are now. I know you performed your best on the day and I appreciate all your efforts to put Emirates Golf Club on top.



CLUB CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

JONATHAN HALL
CLUB CAPTAIN, JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES



I hope you have enjoyed a relaxing and golf filled start to 2023. The golf season at Jumeirah Golf Estates is in full swing, the calendar of events has been incredibly busy during both January and February and it is great to see so many of our members participating each weekend.



Jumeirah Golf Estates recently hosted the two-day AHR Pro-Am event and a big thanks goes to the AHR Group whose sponsorship really made this a special couple of days for both the UAE professionals and amateurs.

Our course superintendent, Stuart Horwood, and his agronomy team continue to present both courses in top condition and he will no doubt set both up to challenge all levels of golfers in our upcoming club championships in March.

Having recently spent some time at the Tommy Fleetwood Academy trying to improve my ailing short game, it is great to see it so busy.

The introduction of the paspalum grass has been very well received and has really improved the practice areas.

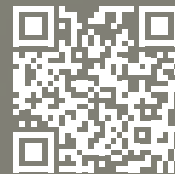
I am very much looking forward to our Members Party in March. I would encourage as many members to attend as possible, for those who couldn't make it last year, it really was a fantastic event and evening.

The Club will shortly be communicating the Members' trips for 2023 and the provisional plans are Abu Dhabi towards the end of April, an overseas trip (likely to Scotland) in May/June and Oman in October/November.

I went on the Portugal trip in 2022 and highly recommend it, a great way to meet fellow members and the overall organisation and quality of courses was excellent.

Looking forward to seeing you out on the golf course soon.

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LADY CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

EVELYN SWORD

LADY CAPTAIN, JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES

One of the most memorable golfing activities since my last update must be our Captain's Drive-In that took place in January. Teeing off in front of so many people is no easy feat let me tell you!

On the previous evening, South African tour player, Justin Walters, said to me, "Just don't top it"... What?! Now that's all I could think about. However, I am relieved to say I didn't top it and hit a half decent shot off the Earth Course's first tee.

Good friend, Mark Schoombie, not only won the pairs event of the day, but guessed the exact distance of my drive. "A fix!" I hear you say ... if only I could hit a 217-yard drive on command, I would be a happy golfer. Alas, it's not always the case!

Congrats Mark, I look forward to seeing your new Suited & Booted prize jacket.

Having recently had the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, the Hero Dubai

Desert Classic and the Ras Al Khaimah Championship presented by Phoenix Capital being played on our doorstep there has certainly been ample opportunity to watch some amazing golf.

I was also fortunate enough to play with Runner-Up in the recent Thailand Classic, Yannik Paul, on the Earth Course as he practiced for the 3 local tournaments.

We took on his caddie and a fellow Jumeirah Golf Estates member and I am delighted to say the Lady Captain & Tour Pro were victorious. It was a pleasure to play with Yannik who was so grateful that I had managed to wangle the 1A shotgun slot.

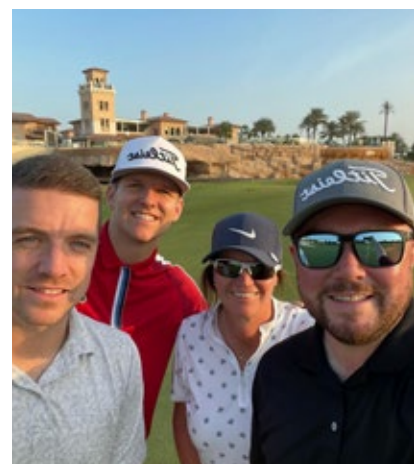
The past 2 months has also seen our ladies section golf in full flow. Our Wednesday Ladies competitions have been very well attended and sometimes even oversubscribed. This is a very good sign and can only mean that our ladies section is

growing with more and more ladies playing golf.

Our ICC League concluded with a trip to Yas Links Abu Dhabi for the final leg of the league games. Unfortunately, coming second in our league means we will not be competing for the final ICC 2023 Trophy; however, we will certainly be attending the final on the 15th March and playing for the Day Winners' Cup.

Nevertheless, we are so proud of Philippa Stumbles who won the overall individual competition with a fantastic 39 points. Philippa has only recently started playing the ICC and is now definitely a strong team member.

Congratulations also go to Jacqueline de Vries who not only came Runner-Up on countback with 39 points but also won a Nearest To The Pin prize and the best flight of the day prize. So, all in all a fantastic result for our Jumeirah Golf Estates ladies!



On the 15th February we held our first 9 & Wine ladies event of the season. This is a great event to integrate new to golf guests and the Tommy Fleetwood Academy members with some of our more seasoned players.

We were also delighted to have two of our junior girls join in the fun format of a 4-Ball Scramble for 9 holes followed by dinner at Kasturi.

I was especially happy and very impressed to have played with our youngest player, Maren Carlier, who is only twelve. Maren played some fantastic golf and helped secure our spot as the winning team with her Mum, Elke Cumps, Louise Cashmore and myself. Louise also hit a great shot into the 8th hole on Fire Course to win the Nearest To The Pin prize and, of course, our team birdie!

Runner's-Up were Dilek Yildiz, Keelia Haas, Jacqueline Burns and

Cato Roeterdink, another of our junior members. The young girls were certainly on form that day. We all really enjoyed this event and especially the amazing food at Kasturi. If you haven't been there before, it is a must – the best Indian food in Dubai!

Before the weather starts to warm up too much, I am looking forward to the next couple of months of golf.

We have a packed calendar planned for March and April which includes our sponsored Lounge Spa and Park Hyatt Wednesday competitions, some fun format Wednesday competitions and also our Jumeirah Golf Estates' Club Championship being played over the weekend of 11th and 12th of March. Hopefully we can see a good field of our lady members join in this year.

Until next time, Happy Golfing!



LADY CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

SHIBA WAHID

LADY CAPTAIN, DUBAI CREEK GOLF & YACHT CLUB

We have had a fantastic start to the year. Buongiorno Signore! The ladies of the Club donned the Italian colours to play their first Ladies Monthly Medal, sponsored by Park Hyatt Dubai, on 11th January and Kiyono took home the medal! A very big thank you to the Outgoing Lady Captain, Beatrice for her outstanding support to the Ladies section for the year 2022.





Our ladies played the ICC Round Two at the Montgomerie on 18th January and won with an impressive team score of 280 Stableford Points! This cemented their outright entry into the Finals on the 15th March. What a great job, ladies!

Times change, seasons change, and so did our format! The Ladies Season Opener held on the 1st February introduced a new and exciting format of O.N.E.S. for the ladies. Although all the ladies did a great job at adapting to the new format - Mego Han was the champion of the change and took home the winning title of the Dubai Creek Ladies Season Opener.

Congratulations! Hans Shines yet again at the OMA Emirates Monthly Medal on 5th February, winning overall by six under par. Mini Philip had a great day, winning with a whopping score of net 64 (-7 under)

in the Ladies Monthly Medal on 8th February. Outstanding! Not a single detail was missed to make sure this Valentine's Day was as romantic as it could ever be! The ladies played a special Blind Date Competition on 15th February.

The winning pair was MS and Lim with a score of 42 Stableford points. But, everyone went home feeling the love after being wined and dined by the Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club!

The Birdies and Bubbles ladies joined us for an exciting 9-hole competition in a scramble format! We had an incredible time playing with another group of formidable women.

The ICC is back with Round Three which we are looking forward to hosting at Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club on 1st March!

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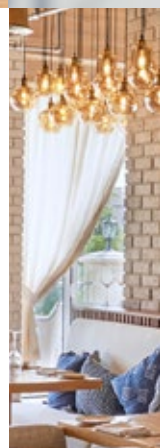


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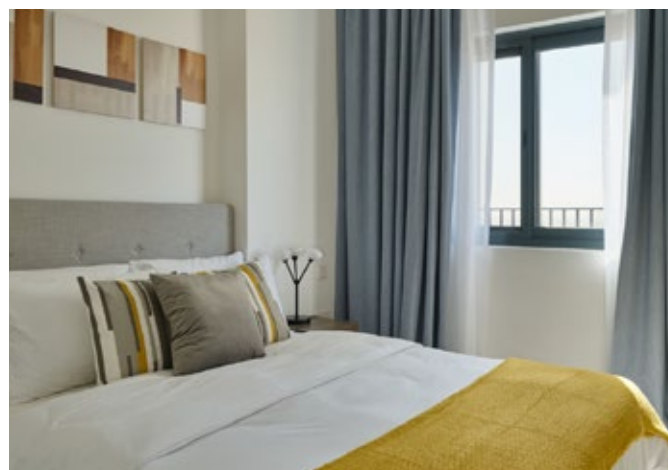
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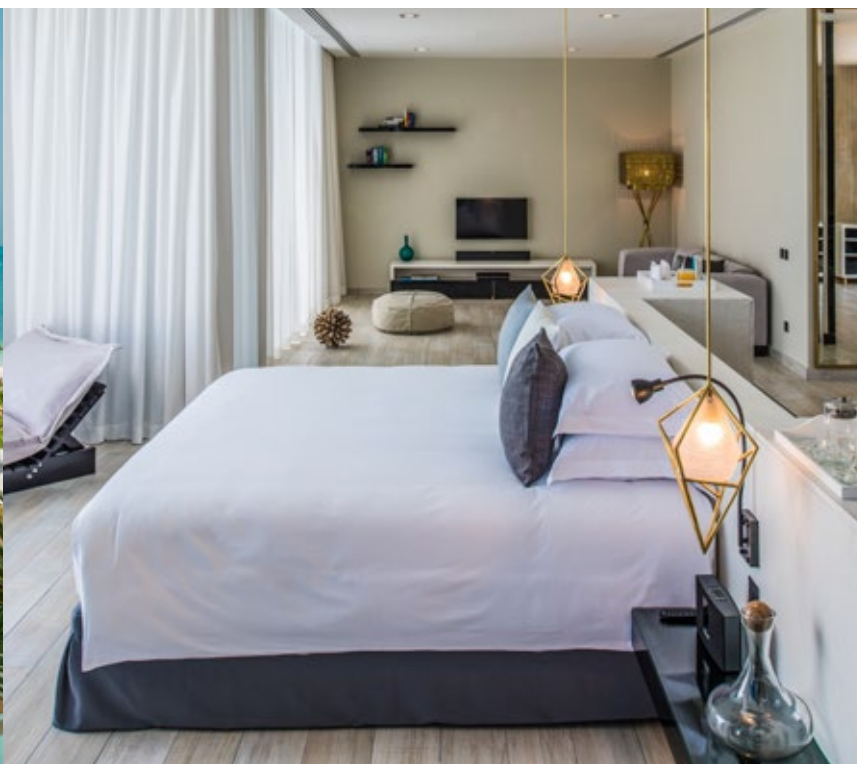
As the sun meets the sea draw together loved ones and fond friends to sip fresh margaritas and split delicious guacamole tacos. Savour this kaleidoscopic, authentic, and playful setting. Boho-chic charm, iconic cocktails, gourmet wooden oven fired pizza, and super cool vibes. Smokin' Pineapple is where the free-spirited come to play out their hedonistic fantasies.

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If water sports are not your thing but you are an outdoor enthusiast, you will love what Nurai Island has to offer. A wealth of trees and flowers. Restful walks surrounded by lush greenery.

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Nurai Island is a beautiful destination located just a short 15-minute boat ride off the shores of Abu Dhabi. This idyllic island offers visitors a unique opportunity to escape the hustle and bustle of city life and immerse themselves in a serene and tranquil natural environment.

With its stunning beaches, crystal-clear waters, and luxurious accommodations, Nurai Island is the perfect destination for those seeking a relaxing and indulgent retreat. Whether you're looking to unwind in a peaceful setting or explore the natural wonders of the Arabian Gulf, Nurai Island is a must-visit destination for anyone traveling to Abu Dhabi.

www.nuraiisland.com

CAPTAIN'S DAY

Emirates Golf Club played host to our Captain's Day 2023 in honour of this year's Club Captain, Mr. Campbell Steedman. A total of 150 men along with 28 ladies took part in the event held on Majlis Course for the men and the Faldo course for the ladies. The event was kindly sponsored by DP World, HSBC Bank, Tech access, Golf Kraft, Precision Golf and Squire Patton Boggs.

The day began with the ceremonial Captain's Drive from the first tee. The Scottish theme has become a staple of Campbell's captaincy to date and this event was no different.

All of the players were treated to witnessing this year's ceremonial Captain's Drive to the wonderful soundtrack of the Scottish highlands as the bagpipes were played as Campbell struck his tee shot. It was a wonderful moment for both our Captain and Scottish heritage as the traditional soundtrack echoed over an illustrious golf course.

Following the completion of the Captain's Drive ceremony, the tournament got underway. The gents played a foursomes formatted event around a tough Majlis set up.

With a winning score of 38 points, our first place team for the event is Dmitri Korshunov and Vikas Sachar. Dmitri and Vikas navigated the Majlis Course making very few errors. After a solid front nine, Dmitri and Vikas turned up the heat with four net birdies and a net eagle on the back nine to edge out the competition by two stableford points.

The Runners Up for the day are Russell Curtis and Russell Yeomans who carded a good round of 36 points on the day. It was an up and down scoring day for the pair, but carding a total of eight net birdies on the day granted them the slimmest

of margins to take home the runners up spot by virtue of back nine countback.

Third prize on the day goes to Tom Pashley and Lucas Roberts who also carded a score of 36 points on the day, losing out on second place by one single point on back nine countback.

The ladies took to the Faldo course in their pairs to attempt to take home the Captain's Prize for the day. With a winning score of 41 points, the winners of the event are Anne Gely Bouigue and Nonita Chand. Runners up and finishing just behind the winners with a score of 40 points are Ingrid Lind and Wonjeong Lee. Taking the final place on the leaderboard is the team of Jayshree Gupta and Arathi Appaiah finishing the day with 39 points.

We had a number of on-course events for the players on the course for the mens event. David Moody was closest after play was finished on hole 7. Patrick Daintry flexed his skills with a hickory club winning the Longest Drive on the first with a hickory driver.

Darryl Cox took home the Longest Drive for the left handers on the day. Alex Rodriguez won the Nearest the Pin on hole 11 following a wonderfully flighted mid iron and Tom Pashley claimed held the bragging rights with the Longest Drive of the day on hole 12.

The day's events concluded with a presentation and wonderful and emotional speech made by Campbell to all of the members and colleagues of Emirates Golf Club. He addressed many of his highlights from the year so far as well as thanking all of his friends and family for the continued support through his captaincy.



LADIES FRIENDSHIP TROPHY

Tuesday 1st January 2023



EMIRATES AMATEUR OPEN 2023

Saturday 14th January 2023



LADY CAPTAIN VS VICE CAPTAIN MATCHPLAY

Tuesday 3rd January 2023



LADIES MONTHLY MEDAL

Tuesday 10th January 2023



LADIES STABLEFORD AND PAST CAPTAINS TROPHY

Tuesday 17th January 2023





LADIES FEBRUARY MEDAL

Tuesday 7th February 2023

Emirates Golf Club hosted the sixth round of the 2022/23 Ladies Monthly Medal Season. The February edition was played around the Faldo Course. A total of 54 ladies took part in the medalford formatted event.

Silver A Division crowned a new medal winner for this season with Mitsuko Emmerson claiming the Silver A Division medal with a score of 71 net. Mitsuko played a very solid round with a total of 5 net birdies and despite a double bogey 7 on the third, held on to win the medal by just one shot.

The Runners Up spot in the Silver Division A goes to Maura Duggan. Maura was steady throughout the round, carding three net birdies against three net bogeys to finish the day with a net score of 72.

Third place in Division Silver A went to Victoria Anikina. Victoria navigated her way around the Faldo course with three net birdies on the day to finish with a net score of 73. The winner of the Silver B Division medal is Christiane Verhaagen.

Christiane played her way around the Faldo Course carding a net eagle and two net birdies on the back nine to win the division by one single shot. Second place and runners up spot for the division goes to Margaret Breen. Margaret played a solid round with three net birdies to finish with a net 77 and losing out on top spot on back nine countback.

Third place in the Silver B Division goes to Deirdre Kemp. Deirdre shot a net score of 74 on the day with a total of four net birdies. The Bronze Division medal was won by Helen Srivastava for the second month running. Helen continued her

winning form with a good score of 75 net on the day. Helen carded two net birdies in the final four holes to edge out second place by virtue of back nine countback.

Runners up spot in the Bronze Division goes to Caroline Granger. Caroline finished the day level with Helen's score but fell shy by a single point on back nine countback to take home second place.

The best gross score on the day goes to Jayshree Gupta. Jayshree navigated the Faldo course in a total of 78 gross. Jayshree carded five net birdies across the round which helped her claim the gross prize by a single shot.



OMA EMIRATES MIDNIGHT MADNESS

Friday 10th February 2023

The annual OMA Emirates Midnight Madness for 2023 was held at the Emirates Golf Club on the Faldo Course. The much-anticipated tournament was played over 27 holes and began at 11.00 p.m. We had a total of 26 teams compete all through the night into the early hours of the next morning.

The format for the first and second rounds were different. The first round being a pairs scramble format with the fourball teams split apart and then reunited for round two in a fourball scramble format. The winner would be determined by the accumulated score from both round one and round two.

Taking into consideration the adverse weather and the abnormal timing of the event, we could see some very competitive results. In third place, we have the team formed by Stuart Bolton, James Vincent, Alex O'Brien and Dan Rice.

Stuart and James teamed up playing the front nine carding one birdie and eight pars to finish with a score of -4; the second team playing on the back nine, formed by Alex and Dan navigated the nine-hole stretch with a total of three under par 33, consisting of two birdies, six pars and one bogey. The final round, played with the full team,

brought to this group a total of 9 birdies for a result of -16 and thus an overall score of 23 under par.

Our runners up for the event are the team of Bharat Pratap, Vivek Gahlaut, Amol Awasthi and Jai Dawda. The team played a solid opening round with accumulating scores of two under and three under par for the front and back nine holes respectively.

Following a good opening stage of the event, the team then built upon their momentum carding a score of nineteen under par for the second stage of the event. Thus, finishing with a grand total of 24 under par.

This year OMA Midnight Madness Champions, with an incredible final score of 116 strokes (-28) is the team of Joe Hobbard, Shane Jones, Divij Duggal and Ammar Fakhruddin. Joe and Shane faced the front nine, and with 3 birdies closed their first round with a -4.

Divij and Ammar mirrored the success of their teammates by carding the same score for the back nine. Heading into the final section of the event, the team pressed home their advantage carding a score of eleven under par for round two and a total of 28 under par.



LADIES SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Tuesday 14th February 2023

On Valentine's Day, the Ladies Seniors Championship was held at the Emirates Golf Club. Thirty-nine ladies took to the Majlis course to attempt to bring home the coveted trophy. With a warm February day and a Majlis course kept in excellent condition, a theme of low scoring soon presented itself as the prominent outcome of the day.

The stroke play tournament was open to all ladies over the age of 50. The remaining ladies that did not qualify in age played in a separate stableford competition. After a grueling day on the Majlis course, we had two ladies tied for the lead at the conclusion of play, both scoring 82.

As normal, to determine a winner, we must look at the process of Back Nine countback to crown a champion. The ladies were inseparable on back nine, back six, back three and back one countback. We then had to move to the front nine.

Once again, the ladies were tied on front nine countback as well as front nine back six countback. We had to go all of the way to the front nine back three countback to determine a winner. With a one shot advantage on countback, our champion for



2023 is Nonita Chand. Losing out by the smallest of margins, our runner up on the day is Jayshree Gupta. Third place goes to Anne Gely Bouigue who finished one shot behind with a score of 83 on the day.

The net division crowned a player only too familiar with the winners circle for this season. With a score of 72 net, the best net score on the day goes to Josie Tracey. The Runner up in the net division is Maura Duggan who brought home a net score of 73. Last but certainly not least we have the stableford prize for the day. With a stableford score of 35 points. Our winner in this category goes to Colette Muttoni.



OMA EMIRATES MONTHLY MEDAL IN ASSOCIATION WITH CHRISTIES INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE DUBAI

Saturday 19th February 2023

A total of 72 players took to the Majlis course in an effort to take home the February medal and valuable Order of Merit points

Taking the top prize of the Overall Best Net medal is Sekhar Reddy of Division C (hcap. 21 and above) with an overall net score of 67. Sekhar carded an impressive six net birdies on the day to take home the best net score of the event.

Anil Shivanna clinched the division A (hcap 10 and below) prize with a net score of 73. Anil carded three net birdies on the day to claim the top spot by a single stroke over Runner up Marco Saviozzi. Marco had four net birdies and two net birdies on the day however it wasn't enough to claim this year's top spot.

Third place was sealed by Gary Black with a 75 net. Gary claimed the prize by one single stroke over fourth place.

The overall winner of the Division B (hcap 11 to 20) was won by Kabir Luthra with a net 71. Kabir carded three net birdies and a net eagle on the day to claim the Division B medal.

Darragh Duggan was this years' Division B runner up, with a net score of 72. Darragh had a very solid day on the Majlis course carding five net birdies to finish just one shot behind the winner. Sanjay Advani carded a very respectable net 75 on the day to take this month's Division B third place.

Sanjay Dhandra won the best gross prize shooting a very impressive 76 gross to win out over the rest by a single stroke. Sanjay played solidly all day with two birdies coming on challenging holes such as the ninth and the seventeenth holes. The Gents Stableford event was won by Patrick Mulligan with a score of 37 points. Patrick played a



very solid round today with four net birdies and a net eagle on the day.

The winner of the Ladies Stableford Overall Net for the day was Sulafa Hamdan with an impressive 41 points. Sulafa carded a four net birdies on the day to win the event by three shots over runners up spot. The Runners Up spot was won by Maura Duggan with a score of 38 points.

We had four on course events today. There were Nearest the Pin prizes on all par 3's. Anil Shivanna was closest on the par 3 7th hole after an accurate long iron approach. Nik Joharris was closest on the 15th hole. Deepak Kohli took the prize for being the closest on the 4th and Pontus Fredricksson ended the day with picking up the voucher for closest on the 17th hole.





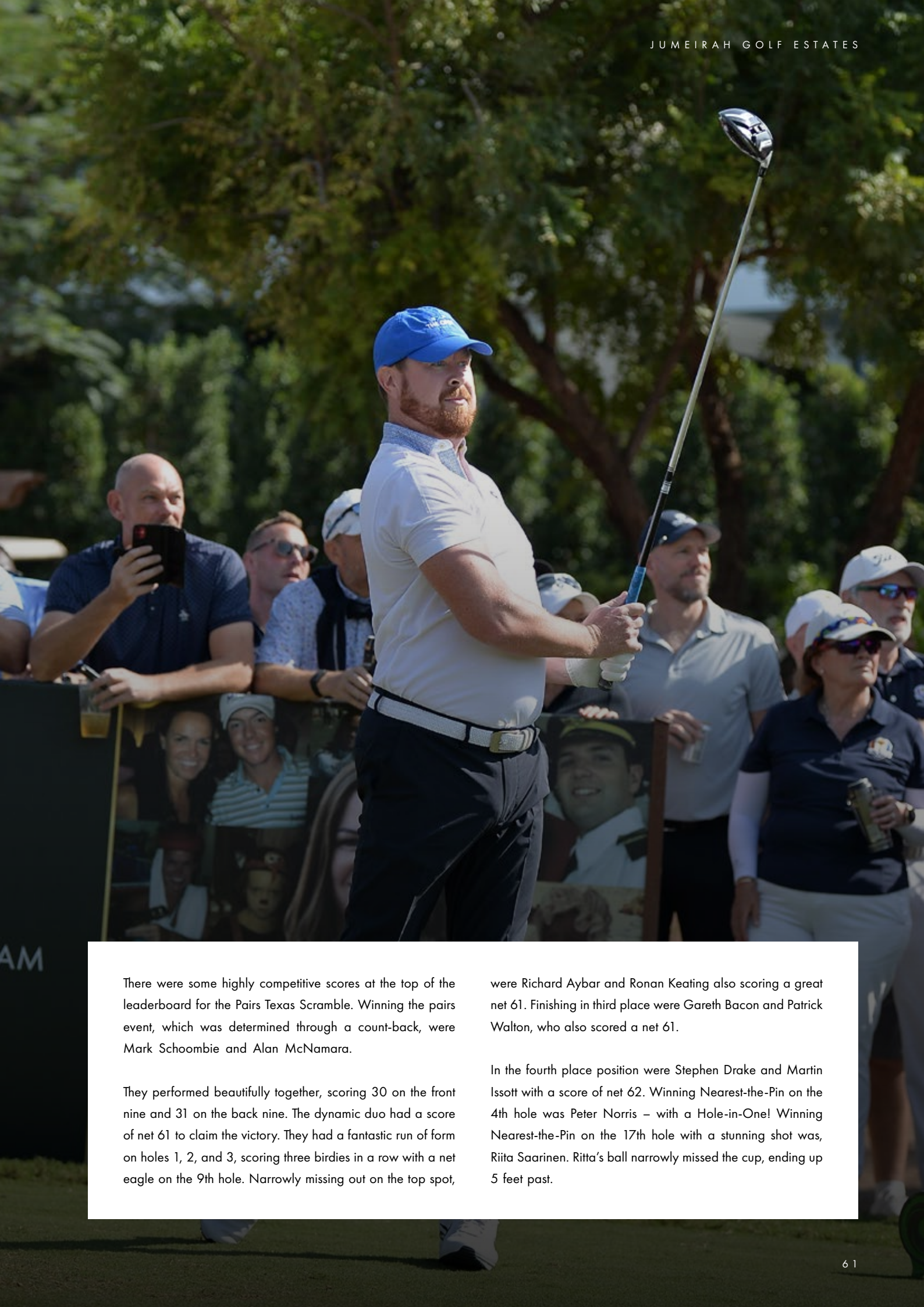
CAPTAIN'S DRIVE-IN & GENERATION'S DAY

On Saturday 14th January 2023, Jumeirah Golf Estates hosted a wonderful afternoon of golf on Earth Course. Evelyn Downham and Jonathan Hall took their shots off Earth Course's first tee, and the day was underway.

Generation's Day was combined with the Captain's Drive-In. There was a fantastic turnout on the day, all cheering for the new captaincy of Jumeirah Golf Estates for 2023; it truly was a great spectacle.

The format of the event was a Pairs Texas Scramble. The team event saw the best 8 pairs in each of the 3 age categories battling it out to gain the most points and take home the trophy.

The winning generation for Generations Day were the 49 and under's. They dominated proceedings and scored a very impressive net 61, beating the mixed team who scored 57 under. Third place went to the 50 and above with a score of 52 under.



There were some highly competitive scores at the top of the leaderboard for the Pairs Texas Scramble. Winning the pairs event, which was determined through a count-back, were Mark Schoombie and Alan McNamara.

They performed beautifully together, scoring 30 on the front nine and 31 on the back nine. The dynamic duo had a score of net 61 to claim the victory. They had a fantastic run of form on holes 1, 2, and 3, scoring three birdies in a row with a net eagle on the 9th hole. Narrowly missing out on the top spot,

were Richard Aybar and Ronan Keating also scoring a great net 61. Finishing in third place were Gareth Bacon and Patrick Walton, who also scored a net 61.

In the fourth place position were Stephen Drake and Martin Issott with a score of net 62. Winning Nearest-the-Pin on the 4th hole was Peter Norris – with a Hole-in-One! Winning Nearest-the-Pin on the 17th hole with a stunning shot was, Riita Saarinen. Riita's ball narrowly missed the cup, ending up 5 feet past.

LADIES PAIRS SCRAMBLE

Wednesday 4th January 2023

It was a fantastic, clear and beautiful day on Wednesday 4th January, as the ladies tee'd off their 2023 year with a pairs scramble event. The fixture was played on the wonderful Fire Course with twelve ladies participating.

The winners of the Ladies Pairs Scramble and the opening fixture of 2023 were Evelyn Downham and Aalaa Somji with a fantastic score of 68 (4-under). This was an especially prominent win for Evelyn as she takes up her new role as Ladies

Captain of Jumeirah Golf Estates. The competition was very tight with just one point between the winning and second place pairs.

The runners-up on the day determined through a count-back, were Rosine Natali and Valerie Darnault with a very strong net 69 (3-under). Winning nearest the pin on hole-14 was Willemijn Roeterdink with a stunning shot.



THE LOUNGE SPA LADIES

Wednesday 11th January 2023

An individual Stableford was the format for the day's play, with on-course prizes to be won. It was an overcast day with gusting winds, making for difficult playing conditions.

Winning The Lounge Spa Ladies was Aalaa Somji, with an impressive score of 39 points. Alaa had a very consistent card, scoring 20 points on the front nine and 19 points on the back nine, with a fantastic net eagle on the tricky par-5 14th. This was a solid performance, considering the weather.

Runner-up with a score of 38 Stableford points was Sylvia van Der Tol who played some beautiful golf. Mitsuko Emmerson took third place with a score of 35 points. This week's Nearest-the-Pin challenge, sponsored by The Lounge Spa, was on the 6th and 17th holes. Aalaa Somji narrowly missed the cup to

win on hole 6, with Mitsuko Emmerson winning the challenge with a beautiful shot on the 17th.



OMA EMIRATES MEDALFORD IN ASSOCIATION WITH CHRISITIE'S INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE

Sunday 8th January 2023

Jumeirah Golf Estates hosted the OMA Emirates Medalford in association with Christie's International Real Estate on the Earth Course. This was the first club event of the 2023 season. The Earth Course held up exceptionally well with the biblical weather experienced a day earlier. It was a beautiful day for golf.

This month's OMA Emirates medal champion was Richard Green, with a fantastic score of net 70; well done, Richard. The runner-up determined through a count back was Marc Begg, with a score of net 72. In the Gents Division A, the third-place prize went to Thomas Purdy, who also shot net 72.

In the Gents Division B, Luke Gregory played some very consistent golf scoring a net 71 to take the 1st place spot. Second to Luke was Russel Wilson, with a score of net 73 determined through a count back. The third-place prize in the Gents Division B went to Rony El Haber with a net score of 73.

This month's ladies' winner was Willemijn Roeterdink, who shot a net 76. A new edition to the OMA Emirates medal was the introduction of the senior's section. The senior's event was won by Jason Walters, scoring a very impressive net 72. The gross division was won by Marcus Dutton, who won on a countback, scoring 75.



The finishing runner-up to Marcus was David Bainbridge, who also made 75. Nic Wright secured the victory in the Stableford section, storming ahead with a brilliant score of 40 points. Closely following Nic was Mattias Rejman, who scored 36 points.

This month's nearest the pin sponsored by Christie's International Real Estate on the 4th hole was Steve Drake. Adam James won the back nine nearest the pin on hole 13. The beat-the-pro challenge was set up by Joseph O'Connor, one of our Tommy Fleetwood Academy Professionals. Nearest the pin was Simon Howells.



LADIES' PINK BALL EVENT

Wednesday 18th January 2023

On Wednesday, the 18th of January 2023, the ladies of Jumeirah Golf Estates played an exciting mixed format; Pink Ball and Shamble on the Fire course.

20 ladies participated in the day's event. The wind was blowing, which proved to be very challenging golf. All the group's pink balls returned to the clubhouse to their credit.

The winning team for the Pink Ball where; Willemijn Roeterdink, Bettina Schrockenfuchs, Philippa Stumbles and Elke Cumps. They scored 22 Stableford points - It was a fantastic team effort, with 12 Stableford points on the front nine and 10 on the back.

The scores from the Shambles event were highly competitive, with just 2 Stableford points separating the top two teams. The winning team where; Daisy Tuliao, Trudi McMullan, Marta



Balaguer and Sara Chadwick, with an outstanding score of 103 Stableford points. An incredibly consistent score saw 51 Stableford points on the front nine and 52 on the back nine. Winning Nearest-the-Pin on the 14th hole was Sheila McIlroy. It was a terrific shot considering a tricky pin position and strong downwind gusts.



THE PARK HYATT DUBAI LADIES

Wednesday 25th January 2023

Jumeirah Golf Estates hosted The Park Hyatt Dubai Ladies in a Pairs Better-Ball Stableford format over the Fire Course. The course was in superb condition, and luckily, morning tee times allowed all groups to finish their rounds just before the heavens opened.

The Park Hyatt Dubai Ladies event was won by; Yulia Golubeva and Marlies Zilkens with a brilliant score of 45 Stableford points. They had six birdies, with Marlies picking up two net eagles on the 9th and 12th holes. The ladies worked

exceptionally well together, alternating the scoring of high points throughout their round – a fantastic display of teamwork.

The runners-up were Philippa Stumbles and Trudi McMullan, with a very commendable 41 Stableford points, scoring 19 points on the front nine and 22 on the back nine. There were two on-course competitions up for grabs. Winning Nearest-the-Pin on the 8th hole was Daisy Tuliao, who played a beautiful shot. Jacqueline De Vires won Nearest-the-Pin on the 14th hole with an equally impressive shot narrowly escaping the cup.



RACE TO GEORGIA QUALIFYING EVENT POWERED BY REZA HYGIENE

Saturday 21st January 2023

Jumeirah Golf Estates hosted the Race to Georgia Qualifying Event, which saw 109 golfers compete on the Earth Course. Saturday's event was played in a Stableford format across 18-holes.

It was a fantastic occasion – from pizza slices being handed out courtesy of Papa Johns to an exciting display of on-course challenges. The main prize on everyone's minds was the chance to qualify for the Grand Regional Final.

The Race to Georgia Qualifying Event winner and earning a place in The Grand Regional Final at The Montgomerie Golf Club was Boris Krasnenkov (6) with a fantastic score of 40 Stableford points, four shots clear from the rest of the field. Krasnenkov finished with a gross 74, a particular highlight was his run of four

birdies on the 15-18th holes (2 being net birdies), adding to the other three he picked up throughout the round.

Three players had 36 Stableford points; Shane Hart-Jones (8) came runner-up, determined through a count-back and gaining the opportunity to play in The Grand Regional Final at the end of February. Hart-Jones had four birdies and a net eagle on his card to finish with a round of gross 80. Cavit Yildiz was the lucky winner of the prize draw, gaining a place in The Grand Regional Final.

There were eight on-course challenges up for grabs. The winner of Nearest-the-Pin on the 4th hole was Daniel Gribbin. Rob Duce won Nearest-the-Pin on the 6th hole with a shot to two feet from the hole. Winning Nearest-the-Pin on the 13th hole was Jack

Smillie with a stunning shot. Nearest-the-Pin on the 17th hole was Michael Sokul.

Winning Nearest-the-Pin in 2 on the 9th hole was Alan McNamara. Winning Nearest-the-Pin in two on the 12th hole was Stuart Murray. Winning Nearest-the-Pin in 3 on the 18th hole was Martin Stewart. Winning the Longest Drive competition on the 14th hole was Michelle Walsh-Hall.

Keith Watson, Race to Georgia Tournament Series Organiser, took the opportunity to inform the members about this fantastic series of events and thanked all the series sponsors for their continued support. Keith Watson commented, "Good luck to Boris, Shane, and Cavit in next month's Grand Regional Final. We look forward to welcoming you and seeing how you get on."

LADIES HIDDEN PARTNER EVENT

Wednesday 8th February 2023

Jumeirah Golf Estates hosted a Ladies Hidden Partner Event on Wednesday with 20 ladies in attendance. The Earth course was looking immaculate, and the weather conditions were superb.

The format was an individual stableford with a twist. After the game, there was a blind draw for partners and the best pairs better ball result won. The ladies were playing off the orange tee markers on full-course handicaps.

The winners of the Hidden Partner competition were Teresa Sheepwash (33)

and Jaqueline De Vires (24) with a fantastic score of 43 points. The duo had a great front 9 scoring 24 stableford points. The runners-up were Deirdre Joan Kemp (19) and Elke Cumps (24) with a score of 41 points. Similar to the winners, Deirdre and Elke had a fantastic start to their round scoring 22 points on the front nine. A highlight was Elke's net eagle on the first hole.

Deirdre Joan Kemp (19) won the Individual stableford with a fantastic net 68 and 40 stableford points. Deirdre had a net birdie and a net eagle on the first two holes, adding to the 5 additional net birdies she

picked up throughout the round. There was one on-course competition; nearest the pin on hole 13 was Jaqueline De Vires (24) with a magnificent shot narrowly escaping the hole.



OMA EMIRATES MEDALFORD IN ASSOCIATION WITH CHRISTIE'S INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE

Sunday 12th February 2023

Jumeirah Golf Estates hosted the OMA Emirates Medalford in Association with Christie's International Real Estate. There were 80 participants in the field for this month's medal which was played on a beautiful Sunday afternoon on the Fire course. The format was an individual stroke play on 95% of the course handicap. Participants were also asked to keep a record of their Stableford score with the chance to win additional prizes. The ladies were playing off the orange tee markers and the gents playing off the OMA Emirates tee markers set up on the Fire course composite tee's.

February's OMA Emirates Medalford champion was Brandon Grieve (12), with a magnificent score of 67 net (5 under par). Brandon played some incredibly consistent golf, scoring a gross 40 on the front 9 and 39 on the back 9 picking up 8 birdies on his round. The Gents Division A winner with a wonderful score of 69 was David Warham (12). The runner-up was Anand Rajagopal (11) with a score of 70 net.

In third place was Thomas Purdy (6) also with a score of 70 net and determined through a count-back. In the Gents Division B, Mohammed Darwish (15) scored a net 69 having played some excellent golf. The runner-up was Dominik Oggenfuss

(19) with a 70 net. In third place was Yaser Al Marzooqi (32) with a 71 net. This was a very impressive performance from Yaser who only took up golf 4 months ago. The lady's category winner was Willemijn Roeterdink (12) with a superb score of 71 net. Winning the seniors category was Jamal Marghoob (11) with a score of 71 net. The junior winner was Simon Astrom (6) with a score of 70 net.

The Gross category was won by David Bainbridge (0) with a score of 71 gross. The runner-up, determined through a count-back was Carl Downham (1) with a 72 gross. In the Stableford category, it was Wael Soliman (22) who took the top spot with 39 points. Wael was closely followed by Noel O'Leary (7) who scored 38 points.

There were several on-course competitions; Nearest-the-Pin on hole 2 was Tauseef Khan (14). The Beat-the-Pro challenge set up by Diarmaid Frazer on hole 14 saw 9 participants successfully put their shots within Diarmaid. Tauseef was also the lucky winner of the draw. Nearest the pin on the 11th hole was Jim Mercurio (2) who put his shot to within 3 feet of the hole.

THE PARK HYATT DUBAI LADIES PAIRS BETTERBALL STABLEFORD

Wednesday 22nd February 2023

Jumeirah Golf Estates hosted 12 Ladies on the Earth Course in a Pairs Betterball event sponsored by Park Hyatt Dubai. It was a beautiful day with very little wind proving perfect golfing conditions.

The format was a Pairs Betterball where each player played their own ball on each hole, and the best Stableford score from the pair on each hole counted for the total points. For the handicapping, the ladies were playing off full course handicap allowance from the orange tee markers.

The winning pair was Jane Vorster (16) and Trudi McMullan (20), with a superb score of 47 points. The couple had 23 points on the front nine and 24 points on the back nine.

Jane and Trudi had ten net birdies and one net eagle. The runners-up were Sara Chadwick (22) and Victoria Buerk (35), with a great score of 43 points. The pair had six net birdies.

A highlight of their round was the two net eagles which they picked up on the final two holes. There were two on-course competitions; winning Nearest the Pin on hole six was Shelia McIlroy (11) with a stunning shot. Sara Chadwick won Nearest the Pin on the tricky 17th island hole (22).





LADIES 9 & WINE

Wednesday 15th February 2023

Jumeirah Golf Estates hosted 20 ladies on Wednesday over the Fire course in a unique afternoon event. The format was a four-person team Texas Scramble over 9 holes, with the ladies teeing up on the orange markers. The team's received a 50% handicap combination, with the lowest receiving 25% to the highest getting 10%.

The winning team were Evelyn Downham (Ladies Captain), Elke Cumps, Maren Carlier and Louise Cashmore (HCP 18). They scored a highly impressive 25 net (-11) to claim victory this week. A special mention to Maren who, aged 12, put in a very good performance to help the team throughout the round. It was brilliant to see juniors taking part in the ladies' event.



The runners-up were Dilek Yildiz, Keelia Haas, Jacqueline Burns and Cato Roeterdink (HCP. 25). The team scored a fantastic 27 net (-9). There was one on-course competition; Nearest the Pin on hole 8 was Louise Cashmore. Louise had a fantastic day out having been a part of the winning scramble team and hitting a wonderful shot to within 2 club lengths of the hole to win the on-course competition.

JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES TEAM SCRAMBLE

Sunday 19th February 2023



On Sunday, the 19th of February 2023, Jumeirah Golf Estates held the annual Team Scramble competition. Despite tricky wind and cooler weather there were 110 competitors ready to tee off.

As the title of this event suggests, the format for the day was a four-ball Texas Scramble. The winning group with an amazing net score of 52 was Shames Al Hashemi, Nasser Al Khafaji, Humaid Al Tayer and Hassan Al Sayegh. Even with 5 eagles, 10 birdies, and only 3 pars; 20 under par in total, they managed to win by only 1 shot. It truly was a close competition until the end. Before their last hole they were tied for second place but net eagle on the last sealed their victory.



In the runner up position were Hash Kapadia, Shane Jewell, Aharron Leo and Mark Castley. Their combined score of 19 under par was amazing to watch especially the string of 8 net birdies and 2 eagles to finish their round. With 18 under par and by a count back in 3rd place came the group of Stuart Murray, Stephen Bushnell, Tom Chick and Jonty Oldreive. They also showed a great form with 5 net eagles on their scorecard.

There were 2 on-course competitions; Nearest the Pin on holes number 2 and 14. On the second hole the most successful shot with a near hole out was hit by John Coll. The winner at the 14th hole with a stunning shot was Scott Marshall.



CLASH OF THE TITANS

Thursday 16th February 2023

Jumeirah Golf Estates hosted all the Dubai Golf clubs in the Clash of the Titans event on Thursday over the Earth Course. This event saw Club management and pros, teaming up with members of their respective clubs, battling it out to see who has the bragging rights. It was a very fun event and a fantastic opportunity for colleagues and members to gather and enjoy the wonderful sport.

The format was a four-person teams Texas Scramble. The team's received a 50% course handicap combination with the lowest handicapper having 25%, to the highest on 10%. The ladies were teeing up from the orange tee markers and the gents playing from the green tournament tees.

There were 80 participants making up four teams: Emirates Golf Club (EGC), Dubai Creek (DCGYC) and Jumeirah Golf Estates (JGE). The fourth team were the Viya Golf team who made the trip from Abu Dhabi represented by; Saadiyat Beach Golf Club, Yas Links and Yas Acres. Thursday saw an astonishing series of events whereby all four teams tied for 1st place, scoring 72 (level par). This is the first time in the competition's history that something like this has happened.

With the scores being as tight as they were, the JGE management team determined the outright winner as the best-combined scores from the top three groups from each Dubai Golf team. Viya Golf took the victory on this basis with a superb score of 49 under. The Viya Golf team have been dominant in



this event and have won both of the previous fixtures that they have taken part in.

The overall scores for the best 3 teams from each club are below:

1st	VIYA GOLF	49
2nd	CREEK	48
3rd	EGC	47
4th	JGE	44

The winning fourball with a very impressive score of 53 net (19 under par) was Kurtis Shortman, Lora Al Marzooqi, Rohan Patki and Joyce Joman (HCP. 13), also Viya Golf. The team scored extremely well, with a 34 net on the front nine and 32 on the back nine. There were a number of on-course competitions for amateur golfers to participate in. Winning Nearest the Pin on hole 6 was Damien Ward from Yas Links who put his ball to within 5 feet. Nearest the Pin on hole 17 was Adam Zahri from Saadiyat Beach Golf Club.

In the ladies' longest drive competition on hole 17, it was Janet Kim (DCGYC) hitting her ball 220-yards. The gent's longest drive competition on hole 9 was won by Gary Webber from Saadiyat Beach Golf Club who hit a 270-yard drive down the middle of the fairway. The day was full of surprises not least the mesmerizing team results, but we also had a memorable hole-in-one. Trisha Kumar played a fantastic shot into hole 4 to bring her hole-in-one tally to 3.



JUMEIRAH PAIRS BY THE LOUNGE SPA

Saturday 25th February 2023

It was the return of the Jumeirah Pairs by The Lounge Spa this Saturday on the immaculate Earth course. There was a strong field of 42 pairs participating in the morning shotgun.

The format was a Pairs Betterball where each player played their own ball, and the player with the best net score on each hole counted towards the pair's score on the hole - the participants received 85% Course Handicap.

Omer Khan (5) and Shankar Majrekar (16) claimed the top spot scoring a great net 62 (10 under par). Khan and Majrekar worked immovably well as a team picking up ten birdies. A particular highlight was Khan's net eagle two on hole 13. The runners-up were Hash Kapadia (16) and Aharron

Leo (22), with a very commendable net 64 (8 under par). Leo was the stand-out performer securing 9 net birdies with a run of three just after the turn.

One shot behind Kapadia and Leo and picking up the third-place prize were Richard Roche (16) and Russell Wilson (14) with a net 65 (7 under par). There were two on-course competitions; winning Nearest the Pin on hole 6 was Mark Schoombie (0).

Schoombie hit a fantastic shot into the green, leaving his ball inches from the hole. Ehtasham Uddin (12) put his golf ball within 10 feet of Tommy Fleetwood Academy Teaching Professional, Diarmaid Fraser, to claim the Beat the Pro prize.





JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES PRO-AM BY AHR

Thursday 23rd & Friday 24th February 2023

Jumeirah Golf Estates held this year's Pro-Am by AHR in a two-day event last week over the Fire and Earth Course. The Agronomy team got the golf course's in immaculate condition to host the event. The field comprised 30 teams; each had one professional and three amateurs. The first round was played on the Fire Course, with the final round on Friday over the Earth Course.

The format for the event was in two parts, with the Professionals playing an individual stroke play, and for the teams, it was the best two scores from the four in a Stableford. Handicapping was done on 85% of the course allowance for amateur golfers.

The winning team was led by Purna Sharma (ProSports International) and included amateurs; Anca Pirvu (16), Dorin Mateiu (9) and Masaoud Sobati (9). The team shot an awe-inspiring 176 Stableford points. The stand-out performer was Mateiu, who played beautifully throughout the event. Mateiu was highly consistent over the two-day event and finished the second day with a net 72, enormously helping the team to succeed.

Matt Rice (Golf Kraft) was the outright winner of the Pro Section. Matt had a 70 on Fire and a 69 on Earth to finish four shots clear of the runner-up: Sam McLaren (SGSC). A highlight from Rice's Round was the five birdies he picked up on day two over

the Earth Course. The third place went to Jumeirah Golf Estates' very own Jackson Bell (JGE), having shot a 71 on the first day and 74 on the second, finishing up one over after 36 holes.

Whilst concluding the prize-giving presentation, Stephen Wilson, Golf Operations Manager at JGE, commented, 'A huge congratulations to Matt Rice for his great scoring across the two days. A special mention to the team from AHR Group, who have been very generous in support of this event which has grown from last year. Jumeirah Golf Estates very much appreciate their involvement.'

RESULTS:

Team (Stableford points)

- 1st place: 90 & 86 = 176: P. Sharma (PSI), A. Pirvu, D. Mateiu and M. Sobati
- 2nd place: 87 & 86 = 173: S. McLaren (SGSC), C. Bagge, H. Carlsson and K. Staahle
- 3rd place: 86 & 85 = 171: J. Marshall (CH3), A. Hutton, K. Saab and L. Delaney

INDIVIDUAL:

- 1st place: M. Rice (Golf Kraft) 70 & 69 = 139
- 2nd place: S. McLaren (SGSC) 75 & 68 = 143
- 3rd place: J. Bell (JGE) 74 & 71 = 145
- 4th place: T. Hanson (PSI) 69 & 77 = 146

OMA EMIRATES MEDALFORD IN ASSOCIATION WITH CHRISTIE'S INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE

Saturday 4th March 2023

It was the return of the OMA Emirates Medalford in Association with Christie's International Real Estate this weekend. Ninety participants took to the Fire course in an Individual Stroke Play format using 95% of the Course Handicap.

SUPER SCORING SATURDAY'S

The OMA Emirates and Christie's International Real Estate offered a fantastic display of prizes for the field to compete for. The competition saw a flurry of superbly low-scoring rounds.

This month's Champion was Fergus Gilmour (11), scoring a great net 66. Gilmour had a boggy free front nine and picked up four net birdies and two net eagles. This was a dream start for Gilmour as this Medalford was his first event as a new member of Jumeirah Golf Estates.

The gent's Division A winner was James Finnigan (5) with a brilliant net 67. Finnigan played extremely consistently, scoring 6 regular birdies from his 8. Nathan Gatland (8) was a close second with a score of net 68. Third place went to Umair Javed (7) with a score of net 69.

Alistar Mcilroy (15) won the gent's Division B outright, scoring a net 70. A highlight was the net eagle Mcilroy picked up on hole 13. The runner-up prize, determined through a countback, went to Ravi Khanna (18) with a score of net 72. Rob Duce (14) scored a net 72 and came third in the division.

Shelia Mcilroy (11) joined her husband as a prize winner picking up the best Ladies category with a score of net 67. A particular highlight from Mcilroy's round was the net eagle which she scored on the difficult par 5 hole 7.

The seniors category was won by Guy Walker (8) with a net 69, which was determined through a countback. The best junior prize went to Siddhaan Chhibber (11) with a score of net 68. Chhibber's scoring clearly shows his time spent at the Tommy Fleetwood Academy is paying off.



The Gross winner was David Bainbridge (+1). Having only dropped one shot on his front nine, Bainbridge scored 6 birdies to finish with a round of 71. The runner-up spot went to Martin Issott (4) with a score of 73. A highlight from Issott's round came just after the turn on hole 10, where he made a net eagle.

Alan McNamara (6) made 39 Stableford points to claim victory in the Stableford category. The runner-up spot went to Jack Wanliss (7) with 39 points and was determined through a countback.

SPECIAL EVENTS

There were various on-course competitions up for grabs; winning Nearest the Pin on hole 2 was David Hadley (5) with a stunning shot. Jumeirah Golf Estates Lady Captain: Evelyn Downham (17) won Nearest the Pin on hole 11. Downham's ball narrowly escaped the cup, leaving her a putt for a net eagle which she successfully made – a great way to start the back nine.

Joseph O'Connor, Tommy Fleetwood Academy teaching professional, set up a Beat the Pro challenge on hole 14. Sixteen participants successfully hit their ball within O'Connor's – some brilliant golf shots played into the Par 3. Mathew Broderick (12) was the lucky draw winner.

DUBAI CREEK LADIES SEASON OPENER 2023

Wednesday 1st January 2023

The Ladies' season opener was held today and it was a great success. The event was a huge hit among the participants who enjoyed the new format that was introduced - O.N.E.S. The new format was well received by the ladies who were eager to try something new. As always we would like to thank our fantastic sponsors Park Hyatt Dubai for their support in our Ladies Season Opener.

Winning the Ladies Season Opener of 2023 was Mego Han, with a strong performance on the back 9 and finishing with a score (-2) 32. Her impressive play was a testament to her skill and determination. Congratulation Mego!

Beatrice Galeppini finished second with also a score of (-2) 32 and Best Net for 18 holes was won by Retna Schepens with



a score of (-1) 70. We had three on course events, nearest to the pin was won by Nicsha Russouw on hole 16, Beat Lady Captain Shiba on hole 8 was won by Janet Kim and Straightest Drive on hole 4 was won by Harini White. Congratulations to all of our winners, very well deserved!

OMEGA DUBAI CREEK MEN'S AMATEUR OPEN 2023

Saturday 7th – Sunday 8th January 2023

The Omega Dubai Creek Men's Amateur Open, held at the Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club. The event is highly regarded in the golfing community, with golfers travelling from far and wide to participate. Despite rain delays and the cancellation of the second half of round one, the event was still able to complete 36 holes on the challenging Championship Course.

The tournament has become a highlight in the golfing calendar, with players eager to test their skills on the difficult course. Despite the challenges, the tournament was a success, with many golfers leaving with a newfound appreciation for the sport.

James Nash emerged victorious with scores of 69, 72 for a totally of 141 (-1). As that was enough to secure the title of 2023 Omega Dubai Creek Men's Amateur Open Champion. Behind James, the field remained tightly packed with Oliver Ravenscroft with better back 9 and a totally of 142 (E) to finish second, Joe Jones for third (142, E), Tariq El Chaib in fourth (143, +1) and Max Burrow in fifth place (145, +3).

Congratulations to James for a brilliant performance over the two days!

There were also other prizes up for grabs. Winning best net on day one with a score of -1, (70) was Oliver Lalani and winning

best gross was Jackson Garnett (E, 71). The best net score of day two was Robert Darrah with level par 71, and best gross on day two with a Hole in 1 on the 16th was Viktor Korod-Olson (74, +3).

The overall net prize was won by Rishi Chauhan with a score of 138 (-4). Second place in the net category with a better back 9 was Harry Chandler (143, +1) and Palle Jensen (143, +1) was in third.



LADIES MONTHLY MEDAL BY PARK HYATT DUBAI

Wednesday 11th January 2023

This month we were delighted to welcome you to the first Ladies Monthly Medal of the season 2023, under the generous sponsorship of Park Hyatt Dubai.

Winning this month's Medal sponsored by Park Hyatt Dubai, was Kiyono Taniuchi with a 68 (-3). Congratulations, Kiyono what a fantastic score! Taking first place in Division A, with a score of 69 net (-2), was

Stanislava Baychorova, and the Division B winner was Retna Schepens who scored a 69 net (-2).

We had two on-course prizes this week, rewarding the very best approach shots. These were won by Retna Schepens on the 5th hole and Daniella Sacchini on 14th hole.



DUBAI CREEK OMA EMIRATES MONTHLY MEDAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN ASSOCIATION WITH CHRISTIE'S INTERNATIONAL REAL ESTATE DUBAI

Sunday 5th February 2023

We were as always delighted to welcome you to the OMA Emirates Monthly Medal at Dubai Creek with 91 players this month. We would like to thank our fantastic sponsors OMA Emirates and Christies International Real Estate for their continued support in our Monthly Medal Championship.

Winning Round 10 of the 2022 OMA Emirates Monthly Medal Championship with a superb -6 (65) was Mego Han, congratulations Mego! Taking the prize for Best Gross score

today was Max Burrow (-3, 68). In the Men's Division A, Tejan Fadlu-Dean took the top prize with a score of -4, 67, while Adonis Nasr finished 2nd after shooting a score of -2, 69.

Anish Bhatia took victory in the Men's Division B with a -4, 67, beating Karan Satyanarayan by two shots (-2, 69). The Ladies Division was won by Yujung Seo with a score of -2, 69.

Congratulations to all of our winners, very well deserved!

LADIES MONTHLY MEDAL BY PARK HYATT DUBAI

Wednesday 8th February 2023

This month we were delighted to welcome you to the Ladies Monthly Medal of the season 2023, under the generous sponsorship of Park Hyatt Dubai.

Winning this month's Medal sponsored by Park Hyatt Dubai, was Mini Philip with a 64 (-7). Congratulations, Mini what a fantastic score! Taking first place in Division A, with a score of 72 net (+1), was Shiba Wahid, and the Division B winner was Keiko Oshima who scored a 73 net (+2).

We had two on-course prizes this week, rewarding the very best approach shots. These were won by Mini Philip on the 5th hole and Janet Kim on 14th hole.



PING DUBAI CREEK LADIES AMATEUR OPEN

Saturday 18th February 2023

A mild February morning met our early starters on the 1st tee as they got the 2023 edition of the PING Dubai Creek Ladies Amateur Open underway with drives into a pretty dusk sky, the sun yet to rise over the palms.

This year's event witnessed a higher number of participants compared to the previous year, and it was all made possible by our generous sponsor, PING.

Anca Mateiu emerged as the winner of the event, scoring +4 (75). She put up an excellent performance, displaying her skills and determination throughout the tournament. Seoyeon Kim secured the second position on a count back of better back 9

and Eve Garvey finished third with a score of +7 (78). In the net category, the winner was Jasmin Fitch, finishing with a score of -3 (68). She displayed her talent and determination to win, putting up a solid performance throughout the tournament.

Yulia Golubeva secured the second position, finished with a score of -2 (69). Glory Xavier finished third with a score of E (71).

The tournament was a great opportunity for ladies in the region to showcase their skills and compete at a high level. It also provided a platform for Pto demonstrate its commitment to supporting the growth of women's golf in the Middle East.

TITLEIST DUBAI CREEK JUNIOR OPEN

Sunday 26th February 2023

An unusually hot February day troubled our junior golfers as they headed out to compete for the 2023 edition of the TITLEIST Dubai Creek Junior Open.

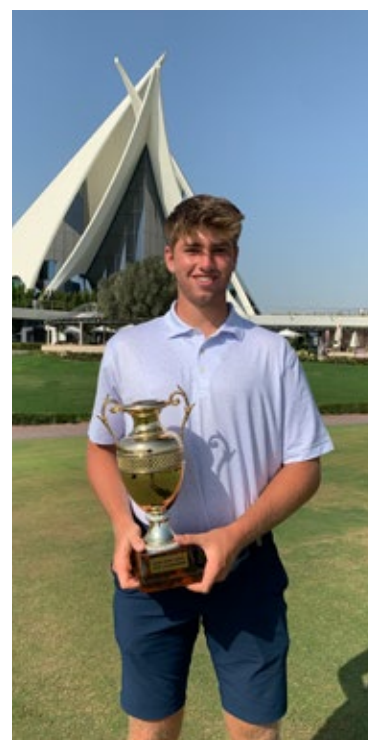
It was a resounding success, with a record-breaking 57 juniors participating in the event. And this was only made possible by the generous support of our sponsors TITLEIST, one of the world's leading golf equipment manufactures.

The competition was fierce, with many talent young golfers vying for the top spot. However, it was Joe Jones who emerged victorious, with a stunning

score of -5 (66) to become the 2023 Junior Open Champion.

Jamie Camero finished second with a score of -1 (70), while Seoyeon Kim won the Net division with a count back of better back 9 holes and a score of -4 (67). Sara Ali finished second in the net division.

We had two on-course prizes, rewarding the very best approach shots. The girls nearest to the pin on hole 8 was won by Sara Ali and our boys nearest to the pin on hole 14 was won by Sam Durbin.



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SAADIYAT BEACH GOLF CLUB

TO HOST SECOND CHALLENGE TOUR EVENT IN ABU DHABI

The Emirates Golf Federation and European Challenge Tour have today announced that Saadiyat Beach Golf Club will host the second of back-to-back events in Abu Dhabi from May 4 - 7, 2023.

The Road to Mallorca returns to the United Arab Emirates for the first time since 2018 when the Abu Dhabi Challenge takes place at Abu Dhabi Golf Club from April 27-30, before Saadiyat Beach Golf Club takes centre stage the following week as part of the European Tour group's long-term partnership with the Emirates Golf Federation.

Saadiyat Beach Golf Club, designed by nine-time Major champion Gary Player, was the Arabian Gulf's first beachfront course and it provides an unforgettable golfing experience.

The magnificent layout incorporates the beauty of Saadiyat Island while offering stunning views of the Gulf's glittering ocean and boasts state of the art practice facilities.

Abu Dhabi has a rich history in hosting major golf events including the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, long established as one of the premier events on the DP World Tour, forming part of the prestigious Rolex Series and generating countless memorable moments since its inception in 2006.

Earlier this year the emirate hosted the inaugural Hero Cup which saw Challenge Tour alumnus Adrian Meronk hole the winning putt

as Continental Europe defeated Great Britain & Ireland 14.5-10.5 to win in style at Abu Dhabi Golf Club. Abu Dhabi, the capital of the UAE, has developed into a luxurious tourism destination with its immaculate beaches, top-notch restaurants and cutting-edge attractions including Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque and Ferrari World Abu Dhabi.

Jamie Hodges, Head of Challenge Tour, said: "I am delighted that the wonderful Saadiyat Beach Golf Club will host our second UAE event on the 2023 Road to Mallorca.

"The UAE has provided us with numerous memorable moments since our first visit to the region in 2013, including the pinnacle of our 2018 season when the Challenge Tour Grand Final was held at Al Hamra Golf Club in Ras Al Khaimah.

"We give special thanks to the Emirates Golf Federation and the DP World Tour because these two new events in Abu Dhabi have been made possible by their long-term partnership, which is aimed at developing golf in the UAE.

"I am also grateful to our sponsors and all at Saadiyat Beach Golf Club for their help and hospitality. Through our collective partnership and teamwork, our members will be treated to a first-class tournament and an event that will be eagerly anticipated on the Challenge Tour schedule."



Christopher May, Chief Executive Officer of Viya Golf, said: "On behalf of the team at Saadiyat Beach Golf Club, I would like to extend my congratulations to the Emirates Golf Federation and the European Tour group on securing this event and wish all competitors including the golfers from the Federation best of luck over the four rounds."

"It is an honour for Saadiyat Beach Golf Club to host this prestigious event on the Challenge Tour."

General Abdallah Alhashmi, Vice Chairman of the Emirates Golf Federation, said: "As one of the first beachfront courses in Abu Dhabi, the Gary Player-designed Saadiyat Beach Golf Club lends itself perfectly to present the rising stars of professional golf on the Challenge Tour with a significant challenge, and will provide an excellent showcase of golf this coming May."

"Hosting the second Challenge Tour event at Saadiyat Beach Golf Club is important for the Emirates Golf Federation and UAE golf. Having back-to-back events in Abu Dhabi will allow the players and Tour to provide exposure to great infrastructure that is in place here in Abu Dhabi."

"With both venues confirmed [Abu Dhabi Golf Club and Saadiyat Beach Golf Club] we can now focus on performance and player development using these events as a pathway for the EGF invites and National Team players."





CAPTAIN'S DAY

Yas Links Abu Dhabi hosted Francois Bosch and Leonie Sullivan's Captains day which saw 48 golfers compete.

The overall winners were Aart Lehmkuhl, Damien Ward, James Cook and Ricus Lehmkuhl with an impressive score of 92 points. An amazing score which consisted of one gross eagle and seven gross birdies. Runners up with a score of 87 points was Eric Keyes, Henry Kim, Manny Ostojic and William Royce.

The team got off to a great start with Henry making a net eagle and Manny making a gross birdie on hole 2. In Third place

was the team of Eamonn Sullivan, Leonie Sullivan, Deirdre Dudeney and David Dudeney with 84 points (BB9). Between them they found one gross birdie and six net birdies throughout their round with the highlight coming on hole 13 where Deirdre managed a gross birdie.

In fourth place was Andrew Banks, Alexander Banks, Gul Khan and Oliver Seldon with a score of 84 points. The team started strong with Andrew making a gross birdie on hole 1 and Alexander making a gross birdie on hole 2. On course competition winners were William Royce, Henry Kim and Oliver Seldon.





JANUARY MEDAL

Sunday 8th January 2023

On Sunday the 8th of January Yas Links Abu Dhabi hosted the January Medal with 18 Golfers competing on the Championship Course.

The overall winner of Category A – 12 & Lower was Hisham Kabbani with an excellent score of Net 71. Hisham's highlight of the day started very early with an outstanding eagle on the second hole. From then on Hisham produced a stream of birdies on holes 12, 13 and 14 to secure him first place.

Runner up was Aart Lehmkuhl with a solid Net 79 BB9. Aart made two birdies on holes 3 and 5 to give him second place. Third place was Ali Fassa with another score of Net 79. Ali played very steady throughout his round as he scored a mixture of pars, birdies and bogeys to give him third place.

Category B – 13 & Higher was won by Ying Hoon Fun with a fantastic score of Net 70. Fun started strong with a net birdie on hole 1 and another on hole 2. This was then followed with an outstanding net eagle on 5. A well-deserved first place win for Mrs Fun.

Runner up was Saleh Al Ameri with a good score of Net 76. Saleh had a combination of four birdies five bogeys and 9 pars to give him second place. Third place was won by Bak Send Tan. Mr Tan's highlight was back-to-back birdies on holes 3 and 4.

Best gross was won by Manny Ostojic with a +4 76. Manny's highlight was a solid birdie on one of the most difficult holes, hole 16.

FEBRUARY MEDAL

Saturday 4th February 2023

On Saturday the 4th of February Yas Links Abu Dhabi hosted the February Medal with 20 golfers all battling it out on the Championship Course.

The overall winner in Category A – 12 & Lower was Ali Fassa with a great score of Net 74. Ali had an outstanding back nine with 4 net birdies made on the last 9 holes.

Runner up was won by Tirth Shergill with a score of Net 76. Tirth had a fantastic round as he made 7 excellent net birdies however too many bogeys were made which costed him the winning prize.

Third place was won by Karl Bishop with a Net 77 BB9. Karl's round was pretty steady and full of pars until he scored a solid net eagle on hole 12.

Category B – 13 & higher was won by Colin Gow with a score of Net 74. Colin's highlight was a beautiful net eagle on hole number 4 followed with a net birdie on hole number 5. Runner up was Wayne Grigsby with a good score of Net 77 BB9. Wayne had a steady round with two net birdies on the front 9 and three net birdies on the back. Third place was Paul Wilson with a Net 77.

Paul also had a very steady round with a flurry of birdies on the back 9 which helped his way up the leaderboard and on to third place.

Best gross was won by Nicholas Marriott with an impressive score of +8, 80. Nicholas had an impressive with 12 pars and 6 bogeys.

JANUARY STABLEFORD

Saturday 28th January 2023

On Saturday the 28th of January 26 golfers participated in the January Stableford sponsored by Saadiyat Rotana Resort and Villas.

With only one week after the HSBC Championship, the course was still very punishing from the rough and extremely quick around the greens. However, many golfers excelled in these difficult conditions, and some very good scores were produced.

The overall winner in category A 12 & lower was Gul Khan with an excellent score of 37 Pts. Gul played very steady throughout his round with his highlight being two back-to-back net birdies on the front 9. Runner up was Oliver Seldon with a solid score of 35 Pts. Oliver's highlight was a fantastic net eagle on hole number 3. Third place was Aart Lehmkuhl with 33 points. Aart played well throughout the 18 holes with only a few dropped shots.

Category B 13 & higher was won by Nicolas Durdu with an outstanding score of 36 Pts BB9. Nicolas started the competition very well with a net birdie on hole 1 and 2. Runner-up was Colin Gow scoring another fantastic 36 Pts.

Colin scored very well on the front 9 with an impressive net eagle on hole 9. However, a few dropped shots on the back 9 cost him first place.

Third place was our Ladies Club Captain Leonie Sullivan with 33 points. Leonie had a nice round with a mixture of pars, birdies and bogeys.

Nearest the Pin competition on Hole 8 was won by Gul Khan.

FEBRUARY STABLEFORD

Saturday 28th January 2023

On Sunday the 19th of February 35 golfers participated in the February Stableford sponsored by Saadiyat Rotana Resort and Villas. The windy conditions made the course play incredibly long with many members stating that the 18th was especially difficult into the wind.

The overall winner in category A 12 & lower was Alexander Banks with an excellent score of 37 points. Alexander's highlight of the day was holing out for eagle from 204 yards into the wind on hole 18. Runner-up was Saleh Al Ameri with a solid score of 35 points BB9. Saleh played incredibly well as he scored four net birdies and two net eagles around the Links. Third place was Mark Benn with 35

points. Mark played very well as he posted a lot of net birdies and even a net eagle on hole number 2.

Category B 13 & higher was won by Mike Langan with an outstanding score of 38 points. Mike had an excellent day as he recorded 6 net birdies around the Links. Runner up was Ying Hoong Fun scoring a fantastic 36 points BB9. Mrs Fun's highlight was a net eagle on hole number 13. Third place was won by Tirth Shergill. Tirth had a fantastic front 9 with four net birdies and one net eagle however, unfortunately a no score on hole 8 costed him from posting a winning score.

Nearest the Pin competition on Hole 13 was won by Oliver Seldon.



CAPTAIN'S DAY

This year's Captains' Day was a memorable occasion; we not only welcomed Club Captain Nick Richards back for his second term as Captain (with the last term being cut short due to the covid outbreak) but also welcoming the inaugural Ladies Club Captain Joyce Joman to join him.

The Pairs Scramble event was supported by over 50 members and guests, a great way to start the year. On-course events were won by Loreen Gordon, Subhash Bhatia, Adam Zahri

& Tony Healy who took home a range of four-ball vouchers from other Viya/Dubai Golf properties. Adam Zahri and his partner Greg Brabec played excellent rounds of golf winning a Ping Hoofer bag each with a score of 48 points, beating the pairs of Subhash Bhatia/Emmanuel Hategeka & Phil/Helene Simmons to the top spot.

We wish the best of luck to Nick and Joyce during their Captaincies in 2023!



ICC LADIES

Wednesday 22nd February 2023

Saadiyat played host to our leg of the ICC Ladies series on Wednesday 22nd February with ladies from Saadiyat, Trump International & the Emirates Golf Federation battling it out in a series of different formats.

For the Individual Stableford, EGF's Sara Ali had a fantastic round scoring 44 points with another EGF representative Aoife Kelly taking 2nd place with 39 points. The mixed Interclub Team Competition involved a player from each club in the same flight playing against the other flights – Adelle Adelina, Sara Ali & Carole Martin clinched victory with 86 points, narrowly beating the 2nd place team by 1 point.

The overall winners of the day were the EGF with a great score of 271 points, Trump International came 2nd with 247 & Saadiyat Beach Golf Club finishing 3rd with 238 points.



SAADIYAT SCRATCH TEAM

Throughout the winter season, the Club's finest golfers have been playing in the Scratch Leagues highest division. Paired against Trump International, Emirates Golf Club & Yas Links Abu Dhabi, there have been home and away matches – with the top two teams at the end of the season going through to the Semi-Finals. With wins and draws against Yas Links & Emirates, the squad have secured 2nd position and will be moving onto the semi-finals at the end of April!



SAADIYAT ROTANA STABLEFORD SERIES

DIVISION ONE

1st Place: Mark Slater (37 points)

2nd Place: Raj Tandon (33 points)

ON COURSE EVENTS

Nearest the Pin (Hole 3): Garry Frost

Nearest the Pin in Two (Hole 14):

Mark Slater

DIVISION TWO

1st Place: Joyce Joman (39 points)

2nd Place: Subhash Bhatia (35 points)



MEMBERS MEDAL PRESENTED BY PARK HYATT

DIVISION ONE

1st Place: Iain Selkirk (73 Net)

2nd Place: Pekka Ettala (75 Net)

ON COURSE EVENTS

Longest Drive (Hole 11): Iain Selkirk

Lowest Gross: Ron Berry (75 Gross)

DIVISION TWO

1st Place: Morris Lyness (74 Net)

2nd Place: Raj Tandon (75 Net)



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AL PORTO

Experience luxury at its finest with Al Porto's pool at Park Hyatt. With breathtaking waterfront views and mouthwatering Italian cuisine, indulge in the ultimate relaxation while sipping on your favorite cocktail.

Viya is currently offering up 15% discount on pool passes, making it the perfect opportunity to escape the city's hustle and bustle. Whether you're unwinding after a long day or spending quality time with loved ones, Al Porto's pool experience is the perfect retreat.



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