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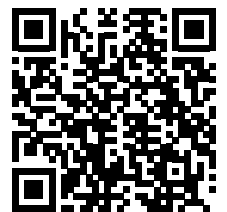
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CLUB MANAGER'S MESSAGE

STEPHEN HUBNER
CLUB MANAGER, JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES

I very much hope that you are keeping well and for those of you who have been travelling, you have enjoyed your time away. Despite the warm summer temperatures, it has been wonderful to see many of our Members still having a lovely time on the golf courses, at the Country Club, in our restaurants, and at the wonderful Tommy Fleetwood Academy.

The team has been working extremely hard in preparation for the upcoming busy season and we have lots of exciting plans that will help us to continue to enhance your experience at the Club.



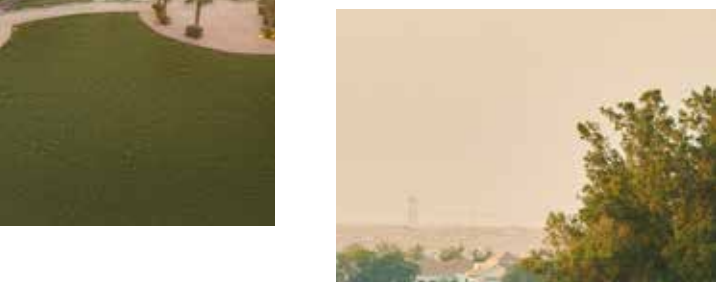
EARTH TERRACE LAWN

Those of you who have visited the Country Club recently may have noticed work being carried out on the Earth Terrace next to the Oasis Pool Bar. With the high usage that the lawn receives from community events and gala dinners, it is extremely difficult to consistently present the grass in good condition. We are replacing the grass lawn with high quality synthetic turf which will allow us to improve the presentation of this area and upgrade your experience. I hope that you will enjoy this new addition.



WATERFALL UPDATE

As mentioned in the April Club Update, the waterfall feature from the Clubhouse Terrace to the back of the 18th green of Earth Course was switched off due to substantial leaking beneath the structure. The comprehensive study of the underground system is nearing completion, and the necessary rectification work will begin soon. The waterfall is of course a key feature of the club's aesthetics, and your patience is appreciated.



CLUBHOUSE SECURITY

Significant upgrades to the Clubhouse security and CCTV were made in 2022 and again earlier this year. The final phase of the project includes an additional 70 cameras and the installation of a security booth near the main car park which will be completed by the end of September. These enhancements will further assist us in ensuring a safe and secure environment for our Members to enjoy.

Please be reminded of the below security hotline numbers which I suggest you save to your telephone contact list.

Community Security Hotline | 055 414 2975

Clubhouse Security Hotline | 04 586 7784



GOLF COURSE LANDSCAPING

Our Golf Members and residents living adjacent to the golf courses, will have seen the large landscaping projects that have been ongoing during the year. 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 Earth Course, cover natural sand areas with wood-chip. In addition, trees that are close to boundary walls are being removed to avoid root damage to properties.

Much of the work across the two golf courses has been completed with just a few sections pending. Please do not be

alarmed if you see tree branches which have been cut down lying on the ground on Earth Course for three – four weeks.

Our Agronomy Team are working around the course with our wood-chippers and will have the branches chipped and scattered soon. 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. Thank you again for your patience and support.



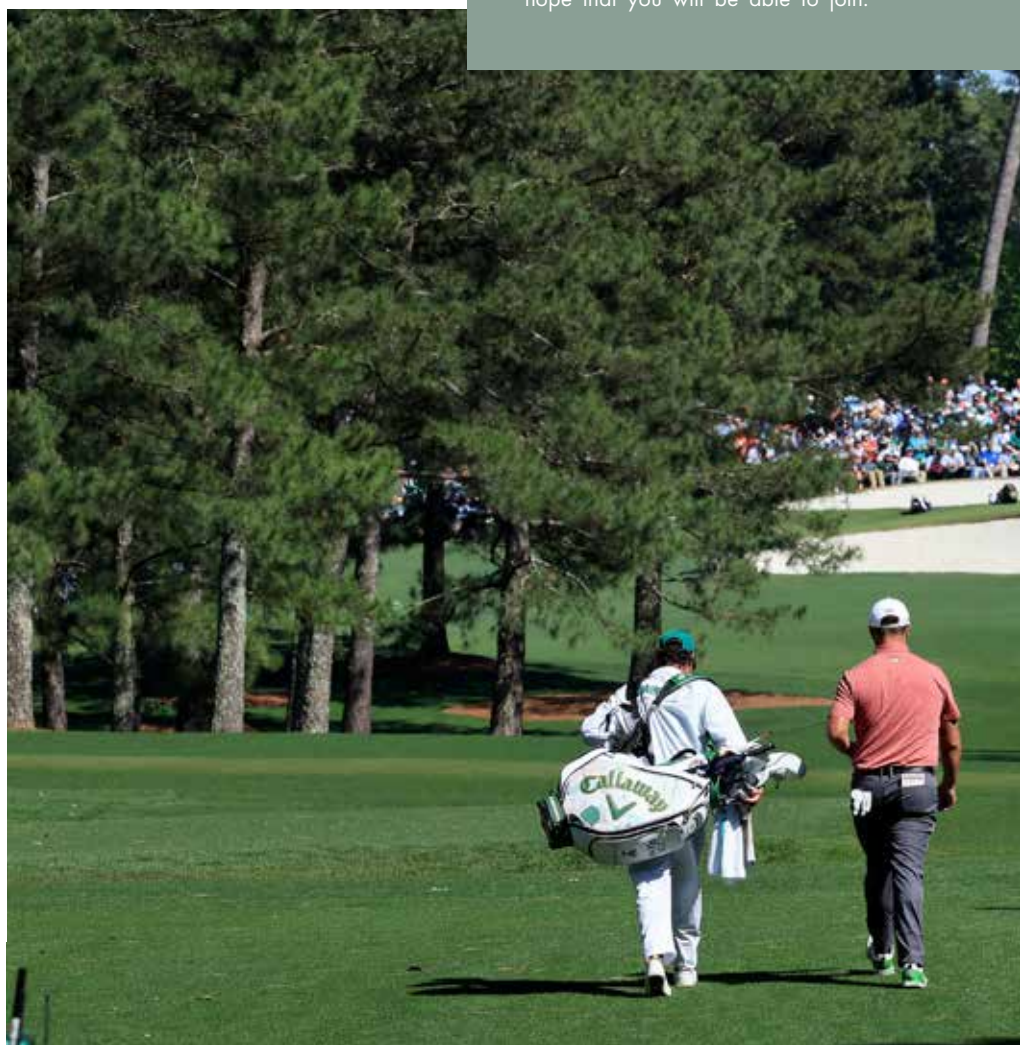


UPCOMING MEMBER GOLF TRIPS

Previous Member golf trips have been extremely popular and so we will soon be announcing two new trips for the coming season. The first will be to Oman to enjoy the superb Almouj Golf Club in Muscat from Friday 27th – Sunday 29th October 2023.

We are also excited to shortly be launching a bucket-list trip for the members of the Dubai Golf and Viya Golf clubs to The Masters Tournament from Thursday 11th – Wednesday 17th April 2024. The trip includes golf at some of the finest country clubs in the United States, amazing hotel experiences, and tickets to enjoy the final round of The Masters!

Details of these trips will be announced soon, and I very much hope that you will be able to join.





RENE ROMANO

We were deeply saddened by the recent passing of our Golf Operations Staging Supervisor, Rene Romano. Rene joined the team at Jumeirah Golf Estates back in 2009 and was always extremely popular with both Members and colleagues due to his kind and caring nature, incredible work ethic, and the support he was always happy to give those around him. He truly was a Jumeirah Golf Estates superstar.

I would like to thank everyone who came together in support of one another during what was an extremely difficult period. We have a very special community culture at Jumeirah Golf Estates that was, again, highlighted by the overwhelming financial contributions made by both Members and colleagues to assist Rene's family.

We are all extremely fortunate to have worked, laughed, and played with Rene. He will be sorely missed at the Club, but his spirit lives on in his many close friends at Jumeirah Golf Estates

On behalf of all the team here at the Club, I would like to thank you for continuing to choose to spend your valuable leisure time with us and we are all looking forward to another wonderful season at Jumeirah Golf Estates both on and off the golf course.



CLUB MANAGER'S MESSAGE

DAVID TAGGART

CLUB MANAGER, DUBAI CREEK GOLF & YACHT CLUB

Welcome back to all our Members after what has felt like a 'normal' summer. It seems as though bad weather followed us all wherever we travelled with returning members that have been to India complaining of monsoons and those that have been to the UK and Ireland bemoaning freezing temperatures and rain. An all too welcome return to the glorious early winter weather in Dubai!

It has been a news filled summer and we have lots to update you on.



FORZA EMA!

Firstly, hot off his first selection in the Men's Scratch Team, Emanuele Galeppini has performed very well in his European summer. He placed second in the Italian U14 Boys Championships and then third in the Reid Trophy (English U14 Boys Championships). He has also been selected to represent Italy at the U14 World Cup in September. Well done Ema!



NEW ARRIVALS

Congratulations to Ed Fearn, Ben Jones and Andy Southall who have all welcomed new fathers over the summer! We wish you a lifetime of happiness and plenty of sleep!

CAPTAINS TRIP

By the time you are reading this Gene Cha, our 2023 Men's Captain, will likely already have hosted his Captains Trip to Bangkok. He and Jehangir Makhdam have worked tirelessly to put this together and it is a fantastic tradition to reinstitute at the club that we hope will grow year on year.

AGRONOMY UPDATE

Harry Wells already had an incredibly busy summer but the news of the Tour arriving has only served to add to his workload. Testament to his efforts over the last few years the Tour Agronomy Team had very little in the way of feedback but there will be some minor changes to make sure the golf course presents well for Television and tournament golf



DUBAI INVITATIONAL

Many of you will have seen by now that Dubai Creek has returned to the DP World Tour Schedule. We are very excited to showcase our beautiful Club to the world. So many Members have stopped me to express their pride and anticipation, not least those that remember the staging of the Desert Classic in 1999 and 2000.

The event will be a Pro-Am format, currently slated to be 60 Professionals and 60 Amateurs and have a similar feel to the Dunhill Links Championship and held the week commencing the 8th January to the 14th January 2024. We are in very early stages of planning but we will keep you abreast of updates as and when they are released. Like the events at Jumeirah Golf Estates and Emirates Golf Club, there will be volunteer opportunities for those that want to get involved with the event.



DINING

This winter we are launching a new menu in Lakeview. All our classics will remain but with a talented new head chef and a superb restaurant manager, we are going to pivot towards a more Gastropub style. Lakeview deck is being re-laid as we speak and will be ready in time for what promises to be a busy winter of sport. The Rugby World Cup, Cricket World Cup and Ryder Cup will all be shown on the big screens at Lakeview, whilst you sip on our a selection of new brews during our new Oktoberfest!

Outside of the sporting calendar we are looking to bring you a more curated dining experience this winter. Look out for whiskey tastings, wine and cheese nights, the re-emergence of our cigar offering as well as limited runs of a selection of wines, beers and spirits to pique your interest. Lastly, starting in October we will be hosting a Sunday Roast on Lakeview terrace that will include pool access for your family should they wish to join you.

CLUB MANAGER'S MESSAGE

JULIAN DANBY
CLUSTER CLUB MANAGER, VIYA GOLF

For Viya Golf, it's been a very busy summer on a number of levels. Across our three Abu Dhabi facilities we have a lot of projects in various stages of development, all due to complete in 2023.

YAS ACRES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Before the end of October, Yas Acres Golf & Country Club will be showcasing their new indoor Kids Club, elevated locker room design, a fresh new lobby design, an enhanced outdoor play area for children, as well as a new 'dog garden' called Happy Tails!

The pool and outdoor areas will feature a new food truck to better service the membership and local residents with a great selection of food and beverages. The focus at Yas Acres Golf & Country Club is on enhancing the facilities to attract and entertain families from

within the local community, specifically those residents looking for a premium leisure and lifestyle membership where they can spend quality time relaxing, being active or entertaining their friends and family across our range of restaurant offerings. We have recently included within the membership, complimentary access to our four Padel Tennis courts, with a means to add additional value to the membership and encourage more Members to take up the fastest growing sport in the region.



SAADIYAT BEACH GOLF CLUB

At Saadiyat Beach Golf Club we have been working through the process to renovate Hawksbill Restaurant and the Dolphin Bar. We have a fast-tracked programme in place to deliver the new look facilities by the end of October.

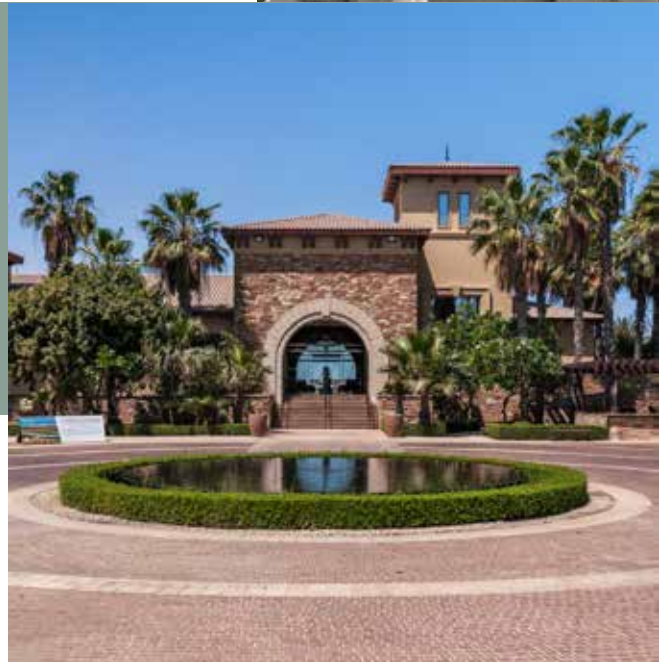
The new design of Hawksbill will be clean and modern, whilst complementing the classic Andalusian architecture of the Clubhouse. Members and guests alike can expect to see a larger indoor restaurant space, supporting the growth of the membership. A casual and relaxed ambience during the daytime with the ability to watch live sport, and then an elevated dinner service in the evening creating a more refined and formal atmosphere. Dolphin Bar will receive a general uplift to improve the overall appearance of the building, along with new furniture and a new addition of a children's play area to attract more families to the Club.



Other projects at Saadiyat, which are quickly moving forward and are at various stages of design development and tendering include:

- Floodlighting of the short game area;
- Renovation of the two on-course pavilions;
- New addition of a 1st tee starters hut;
- And, arrival of a new food and beverage cart, which will mean we will have two carts rotating around each nine holes of the course, to support the pavilion operations.

Aside from these main projects, there are various smaller upgrades taking place which are designed to either improve the overall aesthetics of the Club or improve operations. All of these will be completed for when the winter season begins to ramp up. We truly believe this will make a huge difference to the overall experience as a member of the club.



YAS LINKS ABU DHABI

At Yas Links we have been busy with the restaurant renovation across the entire first floor of the Clubhouse, where we will be introducing our, now extremely popular, sports bar brand from Jumeirah Golf Estates, Crafty Fox Gastropub & Sports Bar. Crafty Fox is a gastropub-style outlet with a premium look and feel. We will be showcasing a great range of quality draft beverages, serving tapas style pub favourites, show an endless range of live sporting events and provide great spaces for you to relax with your friends and family, including a Member's only Lounge with its own private bar.

Let's also not forget our pool tables to keep you entertained after a fun round of golf on the Links! Suffice to say, we expect Crafty will be a big hit on Yas Island with Members and guests alike, and we're confident that it will bring an exciting, fresh and fun dimension to our membership experience. We are full expecting 'doors open' by the last weekend of September



Other ongoing projects which are moving forward at the Club include:

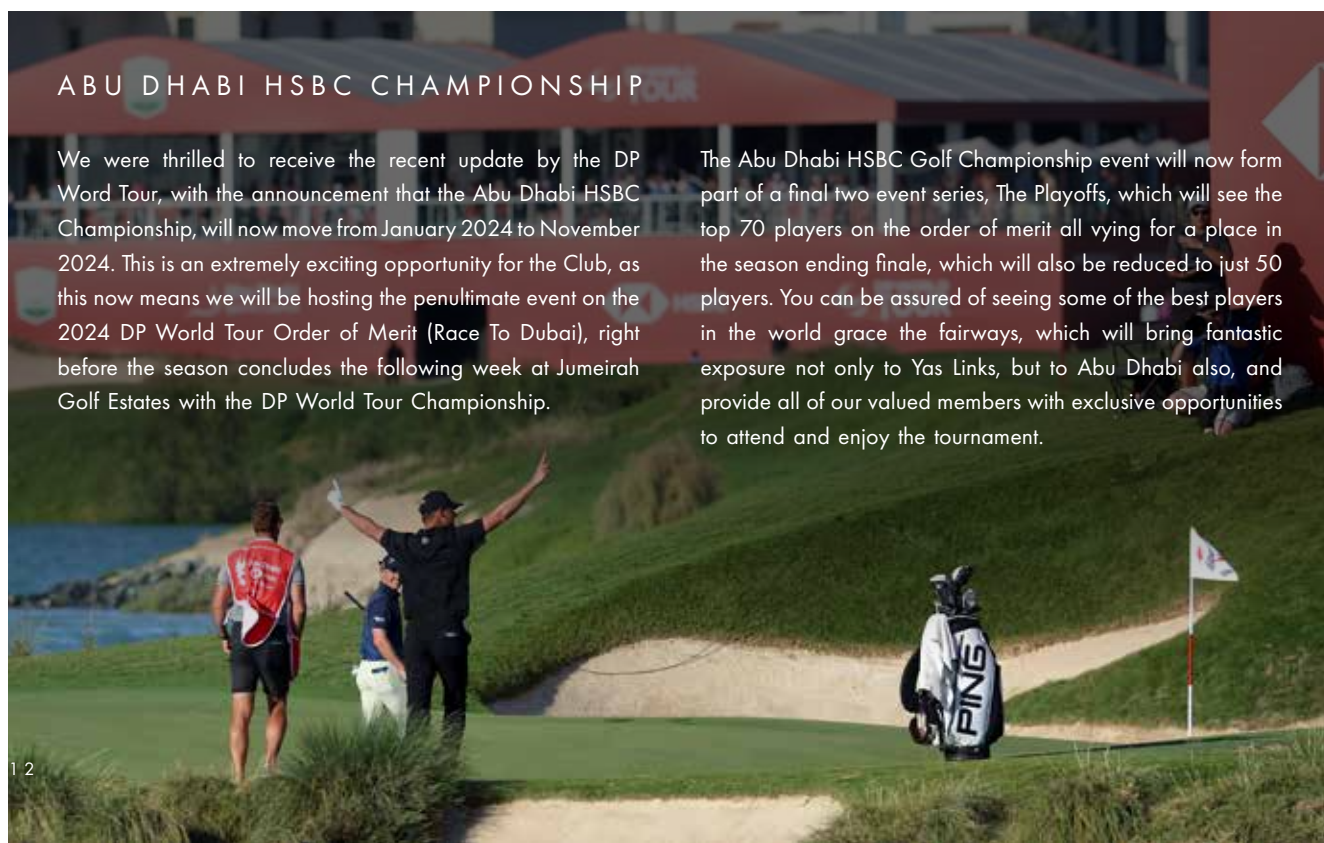
- The renovation of the main entrance lobby area, which will feature a new reception desk, a dedicated tournament and membership desk and a new entrance way into the Proshop to improve the overall customer journey;
- The renovation of our Golf Academy building featuring a new dining outlet and a dedicated 'junior lounge';
- Renovation of our gym, which includes the extension of the studio and a new range of services for you to enjoy;
- And, an uplift to Hickorys Restaurant, both inside and on the outdoor terrace, which is being planned to take place shortly after the opening of Crafty Fox.

Aside from these main projects, you will continue to see various smaller upgrades continue to take place to improve the overall aesthetics of the Club, the next one being the landscape beatification of our entrance roadway.

ABU DHABI HSBC CHAMPIONSHIP

We were thrilled to receive the recent update by the DP World Tour, with the announcement that the Abu Dhabi HSBC Championship, will now move from January 2024 to November 2024. This is an extremely exciting opportunity for the Club, as this now means we will be hosting the penultimate event on the 2024 DP World Tour Order of Merit (Race To Dubai), right before the season concludes the following week at Jumeirah Golf Estates with the DP World Tour Championship.

The Abu Dhabi HSBC Golf Championship event will now form part of a final two event series, The Playoffs, which will see the top 70 players on the order of merit all vying for a place in the season ending finale, which will also be reduced to just 50 players. You can be assured of seeing some of the best players in the world grace the fairways, which will bring fantastic exposure not only to Yas Links, but to Abu Dhabi also, and provide all of our valued members with exclusive opportunities to attend and enjoy the tournament.





VIYA GOLF ACADEMIES

In September we will be launching a new Viya Golf Junior Development Programme across all our three Viya Golf facilities with the aim of creating a clear pathway for any child at any level of ability to progress their skills to elite level if that is their desire. The programme will feature four terms of eight weeks throughout the year, with an assessment day at the end of each term, that will ultimately determine the level they will progress to Bronze, Silver, Gold & Platinum. All Platinum level children will have the chance of qualifying for their 'home Club' team and then the Viya Golf Elite Team, all of which will receive additional free coaching and access to elite level events.

On 1st October, we will launch our new Viya Golf Junior Club which will provide all junior members with complimentary access to the practice facilities at each of our Clubs, all of which will soon feature Toptracer Mobile technology to further enhance their practice time and enable any of our Driving Range users to better understand their strengths and weaknesses and track their progress. Additionally, all Junior Club Members will receive access to supervised practice sessions, Par 3 League, full golf course events, special VIP clinics, day trips to Tour events and much more.

With all of the projects and initiatives taking place, we're all extremely excited to welcome in the winter season. The golf courses will be in incredible shape thanks to the remarkable talents of Corey Finn, Gregg Hood, Jackson Joseph, James Taggart, and their exceptionally talented Agronomy teams. Not to forget Martin Ritchie who heads the maintenance of our entire machinery fleet and does an incredible job enabling each Club to deliver to the highest of standards. Our Golf Operations teams, led by Martin Duff and aptly supported by Daniel Richards and Kurtis Shortman, have also been very busy working on an events calendar that will see some fun and competitive new events added, starting with the "Vyder Cup", a new annual Ryder Cup style match between Saadiyat and Yas Links Members, taking place over the weekend of 23rd and 24th September, the week before the real Ryder Cup!

We're looking forward to welcoming all our Dubai Golf and Viya Golf Members to our Clubs this winter, and as always, please do feel free to reach out to myself if you have any questions, suggestions or if you need and support with your bookings.

THE LATEST FROM TOPGOLF DUBAI

MIKE WALTON

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, TOPGOLF DUBAI



It's been a massively successful summer season at Topgolf Dubai as we break records in visitor numbers and take on massive investment to our venue to make sure that every experience our guests have, is even better than the last. We are extremely excited for the cooler season to kick in as we introduce a host of fantastic new offers throughout winter, a brand-new restaurant, and major enhancements to all areas of the venue.

Until then, guests are still able to enjoy Dubai's buzzing entertainment hub, with our air-conditioned units remaining a permanent fixture to our second and third floors, to make sure you have the 'coolest' experience possible – summer and winter.



SUSTAINABILITY AT TOPGOLF DUBAI

In line with our consistent sustainability efforts at Topgolf Dubai, we are delighted to be carrying out our ongoing Solar Panel Car Park project at the venue. Throughout summer, please note slight disruption in our car park as we carry out the project, which will continue to be under progress for the next few months, however, once completed, we can't wait to offer shaded parking for our guests, as well as a sustainable energy source. It's a win-win and we can't wait for you to enjoy an enhanced experience with us.

THE YARD SPORTS BAR & TERRACE

With an unmissable sports schedule coming up, make sure to join us to watch the world's best across our seven mega screens. Open until 2.00AM, seven days a week, there is no better place to catch all the action whilst enjoying an unbeatable host of dining offers throughout the week. There is no place you would rather be.

STAY TUNED

The upcoming season is going to be bigger and better than ever. From an unforgettable golfing experience across our three floors to a mouth-watering dining experience across our restaurants, we have so much in store in the winter months to make every time you join us an occasion to remember. Stay tuned on our social media and website to find out what is in store – from seasonal events, new additions to the venue, and so much more, we're not just golf, we are Topgolf Dubai.



WE HAVE BEEN NOMINATED

As we strive to offer our guests with an unmatched experience, we are delighted that our efforts have been recognised in multiple awards. We are pleased to announce that The Yard has been nominated for the Best Sports Bar at the What's On Night-life Awards, we have been nominated under multiple awards for the Middle East Excellence Awards for 2023 and also the BBC Good Food Awards. All your support has been greatly appreciated throughout our operations and we would greatly appreciate your participation in voting for us. To do so, please visit our website to learn more!

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TOPGOLF ACADEMY

We have had a massively successful summer at the Topgolf Academy with extremely successful participation for our Junior Summer Camps. We have been beyond impressed with how many of you joined us during the summer heat and cannot wait for the next season to host these exciting activations again. Make sure to check out our website to find out more about our ongoing camps and seasonal offers to make sure you don't miss out!

For those eager to start the game of golf, don't forget about our ongoing 'Get into Golf' programme, offering 10 beginner group lessons for one month with our PGA Professionals at Dubai's top entertainment venue. Learn the game and enjoy a boatload of fun for only 595AED and progression packages to make sure you continue your golfing journey and start hitting the back targets! There is no better way to start the game of golf.

AGRONOMY UPDATE

MATTHEW PERRY

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT, EMIRATES GOLF CLUB



COURSE CLOSURES

We finished another closure on each course which was lighter than the one early in the summer. This really helped get the levels on the greens to where we wanted and had quick recovery times. The courses are now done with the heavy work and the grass is showing great growth and density. We will continue to have Monday morning closures going forward so that we can do light verti-cutting and needle tining to maintain good plant growth and trueness.





It's certainly been a long tough summer for the team, and managing workloads is something we have really been focusing on given the temperatures and humidity. I am really pleased with what has been achieved so far and we continue into September with small projects, ready for the coming season at Emirates Golf Club.



SUMMER PROJECTS

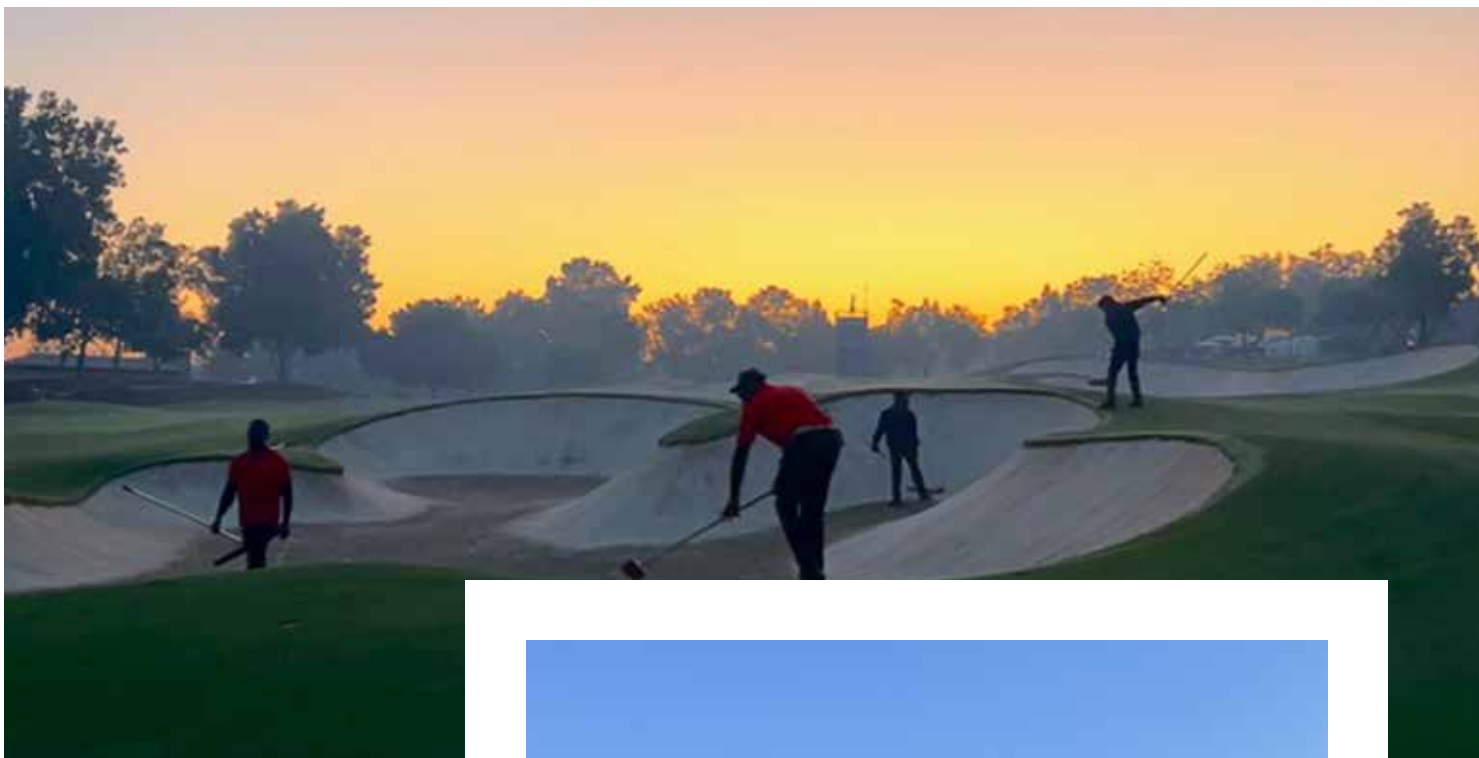
As mentioned last month, there were a lot of projects to do throughout summer whilst the courses are a lot quieter with less disruption of play. There are some tee tops we still need to enlarge, and they will be ready in October for play, ready for the winter season.

- The back bunkers on the 9th and 18th green on Majlis Course will be adjusted in size and has grown in well. As mentioned, this will help us move the hospitality away from the putting green and not have tunnel next year. It will help the putting green get more sunlight and less traffic from people during Desert Classic week.
- The tee enlarging project has gone well and we will see a huge benefit during the busy season. The spreading of wear is vital for tee tops and with the increase we can do that. The 1st, 11th and 4th holes are completed with holes 9 and 13 still to complete.
- Perimeter tree trimming was done on Majlis Course and is currently being completed on Faldo Course. This is done every two years and really opens to the course to sunlight and air movement.
- We had our two-week Driving Range closure, which was a huge benefit for us. We were able to do all our hollow coring and topdressing with quick recovery. We also sprigged grass in any areas needed and have filled in the left side and front to full grass to help the aesthetic view of the Driving Range.

We continue to work on projects throughout September and I look forward to showing you once grown in and looking forward to hearing feedback on the changes.

AGRONOMY UPDATE


STUART HORWOOD
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT, JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES



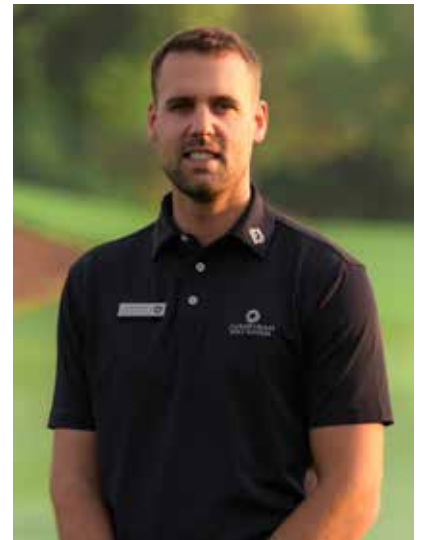
A big thank you again for all the support over the summer months with aeration closures. These are now complete on both Fire and Earth Course for 2023 and the focus now moves to general maintenance and detail work.

Our preparation work will start for the upcoming DP World Tour Championship on Earth Course which includes landscape trimming, adding wood-chip to the perimeter on each hole, bunker sand replacement, turf health and firmness along with many other tasks.





Our biggest success so far this year has been the control of weeds and turf coverage throughout the summer months. The greatest help was not over-seeding the roughs for winter meaning we could continue spraying herbicides year-round and no weak Bermuda for the summer. The same for 2023/24 winter, roughs will remain Bermuda grass but this year more established and stronger. We have worked very closely with Professor Fred Yelverton from NC State University on a plan to control all types of weeds, and those that have been a Member for some time will see the difference, especially on Fire Course where the Tropical Signal grass had taken over on a lot of the playing surfaces.



I'd like to share some great news that Oliver Maskell has been promoted to Assistant Golf Course Superintendent. Ollie has been with the Jumeirah Golf Estates' Agronomy team for two years and has been a great support to me and played an important role in improving the condition of the courses in his time. He started off on Fire Course as Second Assistant and is now looking after Earth Course at First Assistant and we look forward to seeing his development within his new role and the impact he will continue to play in making sure the courses continue to improve for all golfers.

This has created an opening for Chris Dodds, our previous intern, to join our team again. Chris will be responsible for Fire Course as Second Assistance Golf Course Superintendent. Chris has joined back after spending a year at the Condor in France. He has been joined by Jose Ramon, our Assistant in Training and we are extremely excited to work together in producing the best possible surfaces throughout the cooler months.



AGRONOMY UPDATE

HARRY WELLS

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT, DUBAI CREEK GOLF & YACHT CLUB

It has been an incredibly busy summer as we get ready for the upcoming cooler season and are delighted that after the announcement of the 2024 DP World Tour scheduling at our Club, that we have received only minor feedback regarding work to be done before we host the Dubai Invitational. We are very excited on the progress the course has taken over the last few months and the continued efforts within the Agronomy team to consistently provide a memorable playing experience.

Throughout summer and into the winter period, we have a host of ongoing projects underway to support our efforts and provide players with the pristine conditions we always strive to provide.



THE DRIVING RANGE

The Driving Range tees have been rebuilt to remove unwanted grasses and weeds as well as to level it and increase its size and is scheduled to open during the start of October. At the same time, we took the opportunity to make some more robust target greens on the Driving Range floor.





GREENS NURSERY

This is a key project that many will not see. Over the past 2 years, any time there was damage or weak areas on the greens we had to take fresh grass from the Putting Green or the edges of the afflicted greens. Not only did we not have enough grass but it also looked unsightly. Now with a separate nursery green we will be able to avoid this.

BUNKER STEPS

Starting at Hole 10, the Agronomy Team have installed steps in and out of the bunker. For safety reasons these cannot be placed in the line of play but will make it easier to access the bunker.

CHIPPING GREENS

Additionally, we have taken the decision to rebuild our Chipping Greens which had become very small, soft, and full of different grasses. Once finished, the greens will play much like those on the main golf course and is scheduled to be complete early November.



ROUGH MAINTENANCE

At the start of the summer, many Members thought we had killed the rough. In fact, this maintenance has dramatically improved how our rough plays. Last winter the rough did not support the golf ball and often balls would sit very deep. By cutting all the rough down to bare soil and letting it regenerate, we have worked to create fresh new growth that has many more leaves. Think of this like pruning a hedge. Each year this will make the rough more and more consistent.

SUMMER MAINTENANCE

Our goal for summer maintenance every year is to make the golf course firmer, faster and more wear resistant. With varying levels of intensity we did this on all surfaces by removing as much dead plant material as possible and replacing it with sand. We also aerate the soil which facilitates deep roots meaning we can water the grass less often. Now in our third winter without over-seeding, I hope you enjoy the fruits of the Agronomy team's labour throughout high season.



AGRONOMY UPDATE

COREY FINN

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT, YAS LINKS ABU DHABI,
SAADIYAT BEACH GOLF CLUB & YAS ACRES GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

Summer is an extremely busy time for all the Agronomy teams across the Clubs, however, this is the most important time of year for our cultural programmes to ensure the golf courses are prepared and ready for the winter golf season.

All the teams are motivated to deliver a high-quality product; however, this requires a lot of intensive work, performing key maintenance tasks during the summer months. An intensive cultural renovation has been carried out with two successful closures at each respective golf club, which began in May. Works have included multiple types of scarification, deep tine aeration, hollow core aeration, sand infill and key fertilizer amendments to improve soil structure added. All the works combined with a goal of removing a large build up of dead organic material for which the turf produces leaving what will be firm, fast but most importantly healthy turf surfaces for the winter season.





What is not common, but something I am extremely proud of, is during the renovations closures all Agronomy colleagues from the three clubs have come together on the one site to support each other with these works. The ability to combine these resources means the teams perform these tasks efficiently, effectively, and safely during the hot summer months and creates a brotherhood amongst the teams.

I would like to thank all our Members and guests for their patience during these periods of works, however, rest assured, we are at the end and the cooler months are near and high-quality golf course conditions will be delivered across all the clubs.



SUMMER WITH FITLAB

DOUGIE GAIR
HEAD OF RECREATION, EMIRATES GOLF CLUB

It's been great to see the Club busy again after what seemed a very quiet period. I hope that wherever and however you spent the summer, you managed to get some rest and are ready to go again for the new season ahead.

After not having a swim lesson provider since the start of the year, I am delighted to announce that we have two new providers, now available on the property. Babysplash will join us following the closure of the meadows facility and will provide lessons to children from three months to three years old. These classes will be on Thursday, Saturday & Sunday mornings. For three-year-olds to adults, Torpedo Swim Academy are available from Monday to Friday between 3 to 7pm. More information on these clubs can be found on the website or by popping into FitLab.

Our studio class timetable is also bustling with options for you to reignite your fitness goals. Old favourites including Yoga, Pilates, Zumba and Aqua Aerobics are joined by Gymnastics, Drama and Karate classes with more to follow soon. Come and get a taste for these classes during FREE CLASS week from Wednesday 2nd to Tuesday 8th October 2023, where selected classes will be completely free to join! Overindulged this summer? Or just want to get fitter? Our Personal Trainers are all now back in action and ready to welcome you to work up a sweat in the gym. For Squash,



We are delighted to keep The Flying DAF as our academy for another year. As an Emirates Golf Club Member, be sure to take advantage of a complimentary introductory session to start your squash journey! And of course, for after your workout you can enjoy a lovely relaxing massage with SensAsia Spa or a delicious coffee and cake combo from Roseleaf Cafe! See you soon!

For more information on any of the above, please contact FitLab Reception on 04 417 9850 or erecreation@dubaigolf.com



The Padel Tennis team are excited and looking forward to another busy season following what was also a busy summer this year with our first indoor courts inside the Pavilion at Emirates Golf Club. These courts proved to be a great addition and were a huge success amongst our members and guests, with approximately 20 hours of play each day across the courts.

Now back outdoors, there are 22 courts to choose from across our properties, with ample opportunities to play the fastest growing sport worldwide! As well as general play bookings (90-minute bookings are AED 50 each for all Dubai Golf Members), there are nine coaches ready to take your game to the next level, as well as lots of options to join up and socialise with others and fall in love with the game together.



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES YOU CAN'T MISS

SOCIAL NIGHTS

Join for AED 110 and play with players of a similar level whilst getting tips and hints from our coaches. Available most nights across the venues.

LADIES MORNINGS

Play with our female coaches for 60 to 90 minutes and then grab a coffee and croissant and have a chat, what could be better?

PLAY WITH A COACH

Test yourselves against our coaches in this fun 90-minute match and receive help and tips on improving at the same time. Can you beat them?

INTRODUCTION SESSIONS & LEVEL ASSESSMENTS

New to the game? Come for a 30-minute Introduction Session and then book in for a Level Assessment so we can match you up with similar level players and become a regular on the court!

TOURNAMENTS

Up for a challenge? Join our regular tournaments and enjoy the social aspect whilst trying to win prizes! Our season will begin at Emirates Golf Club on Monday 7th October 2023!

JUNIOR PADEL

Kids with nothing to do, or lots of energy? Sign them up for our weekly Junior classes, running every Wednesday and Sunday. Our first block begins on Wednesday 20th September across the venues. Check out our social me at @rr.padel or website at dubaigolf.com/padel/juniors for more details.

For court bookings, or to book any of the above activities, reach out to the team on WhatsApp at +971 56 179 8324.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

FRANK DUGGAN

CLUB CAPTAIN, EMIRATES GOLF CLUB

Welcome to the 2023/2024 Emirates Golf Club season, starting on Friday 1st September. This, by tradition coincides in our Club with handing over of the baton from the 2022/2023 season Captains to the new Captains. With this handover, the logical place to start is a big congratulations to Lady Captain, Marivi Arias, and Club Captain, Campbell Steadman, for their dedication and leadership which has greatly contributed to the fantastic season for all Emirates Golf Club Members. I know I echo the Club Members' feelings by expressing a big thank you to both.

Looking ahead I am very much looking forward to working alongside Lady Captain, Fiona Berry. I am acutely aware as the "husband" of a past Lady Captain how much more time, effort and commitment goes into this role compared to the mens role. This strong leadership over the years from the Lady Captains has greatly contributed to the vibrant ladies section at the Club. I believe the strong ladies section is a major contributor to the DNA of Emirates Golf Club and the lively social atmosphere we all enjoy. I am sure Fiona will keep this strong tradition and I wish her every success.

I am also looking forward to working and collaborating closely with our Vice Captains. I know both Vice Captains, Josie Tracey and Joseph Andrade, will be of great support to Fiona and I. In my case, Joseph also brings experience as he was Captain at Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club some years ago.

This is a strange start of the season as at the time of writing this piece, Emirates Golf Club is without a General Manager or Director of Golf. We say thank you to Barney and Cian for their excellent work over the years, and from me, for the cooperation in my Vice Captain tenure. We look forward to working with the incoming management team, but no doubt we will all have a steep learning curve in the early months to ensure the continued smooth operation for this golfing season.





The timing of the changes is not ideal but we will take on the challenge and we are very fortunate at the Club to have wonderful and dedicated colleagues, from the grounds people to the marshals to the food and beverage colleagues. All contribute in their roles to give the Members a positive experience at the Club. I ask that we treat them all with the respect they deserve and we continually thank them for their services.

Every Captain wants to bring a different perspective and objectives to the role. It is clear that being Captain of Emirates Golf Club is an honour and has a prestige, not only in the UAE, but also globally as our Club through the history of the Desert Classic is well respected among the global golfing fraternity.

I believe also that Emirates Golf Club has become one of the iconic symbols of Dubai as a result of the golf courses and Clubhouse beaming across peoples screens during cold and dark January mornings every year in the Northern Hemisphere. Another critical element of building the brand, identity and legacy of a great golf club is the contribution of the Members, not only to the financial well being of the Club, but more importantly, to the Club's identity, character and the culture. While I fully appreciate, and I am thankful for the honour of the role as the Captain, I equally want to bring the voice of the members to Emirates Golf Club, Dubai Golf and wasl management, to support them, to take the best decisions to fuel the continued growth of the legacy of our Club.

We all know that the Club is a commercial operation, and many of us from our professional business lives understand the pressure of continuous growth targets for the bottom line, so it is a delicate balance to achieve these without impinging on the well being of the main customer, the Members. The vehicle for Members to voice our views and inputs is through the Members Consultative Committee (MCC), and as Captain, I hope to represent you, understanding the limitation continue to challenge decisions that can affect the Member experience such as Falcon's Health & Safety approach of the Dubai Desert Classic construction, recognition of the Members contribution to the Desert Classic or the need for further restaurants in the middle of the course, which are some of the issues raised at last year's MCC meetings, and are in the minutes on Member Zone. Maybe we will not stop any of the decisions that could impinge on the Members' experience, but hopefully we can reshape some of them. Therefore, I am open to receive members constructive inputs to bring forward to the Committee.

I am looking forward to the golfing season, especially after spending July in Ireland where we had the wettest month on record, while most of Europe struggled with heat waves. I will only return to Dubai at the beginning of October as in September we have a long planned vacation with some fellow Emirates Golf Club friends to France for the Rugby World Cup, where, of course, I will be following Ireland. And then on to Ryder Cup to support team Europe.

I stand to be corrected, but I think I may hold an unenviable record, that is not so positive, as I may be the Club Captain with the highest handicap. But this is the beauty of golf, that I suffer the same frustrations with golf as a scratch player but only more of them as a high handicapper. Golf has a fantastic attribute that it can bring people together from all ages, nationalities, cultures and backgrounds to enjoy the highs and lows of a sport and the follow-on social activities. Emirates Golf Club is a poster child for this harmonious global cultural interaction. However, we can do more on this side, for example, I would really appreciate to see more of our Japanese and Korean male Club Members taking part in the various weekend men's competitions.

The Emirates Golf Club Members have a strong tradition of helping people less fortunate than our Members, this is an area that the Lady Captain and I want to continue in the 2023/2024 season. I would like to see the men's section take a leaf from the ladies section and implement the 10 AED contribution to the charity jar that we will put in our locker room. I intend to select the ninth hole on Majlis Course and the seventh hole on Faldo Course for the charity jar, I know now I will contribute a lot of notes. Also peer pressure is not only encouraged but essential that the men end the season with a bigger collection than the ladies. More on the charity later.

As golf is rumoured to be a recreation, let us all have fun and "craic" on course and especially at the 19th hole.

LADY CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

FIONA BERRY
LADY CAPTAIN, EMIRATES GOLF CLUB

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the incoming Lady Captain for the season 2023-24. My name is Fiona Berry, I am English and have been a member of Emirates Golf Club since 2012.

My association with the Club, however, is much longer than that as I moved to Dubai in 1986 as a newly-wed and my husband, Tim, was part of the team that constructed the Clubhouse. I have vivid memories of the transformation of a patch of desert into what is now a stunning, mature golf course. We attended the opening ceremony and, even then, people were still wondering how it could possibly be a success. The rest, as they say, is history.



We then moved to Malaysia, Turkey and Indonesia before returning to Dubai in 1998 and then 2002. I learned my golf on the sand course at the Dubai Country Club and still have my piece of Astroturf as a memento. Local moves to Oman and Abu Dhabi preceded a return to Dubai in 2012. Altogether I have moved 13 times over the years; Oh the joys of having a husband in the construction industry!

I am passionate about my golf and the Club which has afforded me so many golfing experiences and lifelong friendships. I feel deeply honoured to follow in the footsteps of so many distinguished Lady Captains and I know I can rely on their wise counsel as and when I need it. I also know that I have the support of our new Lady Vice-Captain, Josie Tracey.

Emirates Golf Club is such a special Club which has the feel of a family about it. As an only child myself, I am always intrigued by how well Members and colleagues interact and come together to enjoy good times and support each other during the bad times.



In my role as Vice-Captain last year, I mentored a group of beginners and I would like to see some of them make the step across into the Ladies Section and start playing in the weekly competitions. Don't be intimidated, embrace it.

A full calendar of events has been organised for you ladies with a formal start on 12th September. By the end of October we will have had the Season Opener, two medals, the Breast Cancer 'Pink' Day, the Halloween Scramble and the ever-popular mixed Diwali Scramble so we hit the ground running.

My aim over the next year is to ensure that ladies continue to enjoy their golf. I will expect them to be fiercely competitive on the course but leave that all behind as you walk off the last hole.

As Payne Stewart said "But in the end it's still a game of golf, and if at the end of the day you can't shake hands with your opponents and still be friends, then you've missed the point."

I for one can't wait for the season to start.



LADY CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

EVELYN DOWNHAM

LADY CAPTAIN, JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES

SUMMER LADIES DREAM TEAM: ENJOYING GOLF THROUGH THE HEAT

During the hot and humid summer months, many golfers take a step back from the greens to seek refuge from the heat. However, amidst the summer hiatus, a group of dedicated, or maybe crazy, ladies at Jumeirah Golf Estates continues to hit the fairways every Wednesday morning. These golf enthusiasts, undeterred by the rising temperatures, form what we fondly refer to as the "Summer Ladies Dream Team." Their commitment to the game is truly inspiring, as they persevere to pursue their passion even in the face of the blazing sun.

One highlight of the summer came in the form of an extraordinary achievement on the Earth course. Jane Vorster, one of our resilient Dream Team members, recently accomplished a golfing feat that's the envy of many – her first hole-in-one! This took place on the 4th hole of Earth. I had the pleasure of sharing Jane's celebration as her playing partner that morning. Tucked behind the bunker, the pin was placed at the back left, so by no means an easy pin position. A true testament to skill and a stroke of good fortune, this accomplishment was witnessed by one of our marshals, Deepak who was jumping for joy as we made our way to the green. Congratulations Jane, I am delighted to have shared this moment!

THURSDAY CURRY CLUB: A DELIGHTFUL TRADITION CONTINUES

Our Thursday Curry Club has proven to be more than just a gastronomic indulgence – it is a testament to our dedicated Members who continue to endure the summer humidity. Every week, golfers gather for the Curry Club, showcasing their admiration for the game, or maybe it's the curry! Among these Curry Club supporters, our lady members, Philippa Stumbles, Jane Vorster and Sara Chadwick stand tall, having secured places on the winner's podium. Congratulations ladies!



ROYAL TROON: A MAJESTIC GOLFING EXPERIENCE

As July and August have carried some of us to distant lands, some of us have had the privilege of experiencing golf in settings rich with history and prestige. One such notable journey took me to the Royal Troon, situated along the west coast of Scotland. This iconic course, set to host the 152nd Open next year, proved to be an unforgettable golfing destination.



While teeing off on the renowned "postage stamp" hole, memories were made, and lessons learned. A slight pull found my tee shot in the middle of the famous "coffin" bunker. However, I am proud to say, a par was salvaged, becoming the highlight of my round. This journey also emphasised the joys of meeting fellow golfers across the globe – a member from Royal Troon who frequents Dubai kindly hosted us, making the experience all the more enjoyable. We look forward to hosting him back at Jumeirah Golf Estates!



As summer starts to fade and a new season beckons, let's embrace the friendships, the challenges, and the joys that golfing at Jumeirah Golf Estates brings.

See you in the new season!

LOOKING AHEAD: A SEASON OF COMPETITIONS AND REMEMBRANCE

As September approaches, anticipation builds for the start of the ladies' golf season. We have many competitions lined up, including our monthly Stableford Medal, supported by the Lounge Spa, and the monthly Pairs Event, sponsored by The Park Hyatt. We extend our thanks to our loyal sponsors for their continued support and generous prizes.

In the spirit of competition, we are also excited about the future of our ladies' inter-club competition in the upcoming season. Following the departure of our long-time organiser, Pia Fleury, we're working diligently to continue her legacy and bring you a new and exciting league. Watch this space for more information as we strive to

foster camaraderie through friendly rivalry

Finally, as we celebrate our shared passion, we also take a moment to remember one of our own – Rene Romano. We were all deeply saddened and shocked to learn of his passing. Rene was a kind soul who not only looked after the resident cats that many of the ladies hold dear but also touched our hearts with his gentle nature. Rene was a true gentleman and always smiling and ready to help in any way he could. His memory lives on within our ladies golfing community, and he will be dearly missed but forever remembered. May he rest in peace.



CLUB CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

GENE SUNG CHA

CLUB CAPTAIN, DUBAI CREEK GOLF & YACHT CLUB

With summer months winding down and cooler weather approaching, we are all looking forward to a new season of tournaments and events at Dubai Creek. Over the summer our Agronomy team headed by Harry Wells has done a fantastic job of carrying out course maintenance works to improve greens, fairways, rough, and tee boxes. The course has recovered very well and it has never looked any better. We can look forward to superb course conditions throughout the peak season.

Golf services manager, Tom Hall, will be leaving the club to join a charitable organization in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He has done an excellent job at the Creek for the last four years and he will be sorely missed. We wish him the best of luck.





Inaugural annual Captain's Trip will take place from September 30 to October 5 in Bangkok, Thailand. Four of the best courses in Bangkok are chosen for the trip, Alpine Golf Club, Riverdale Golf Club, Royal Gems Golf Club, and Thai Country Club. It will be a fun and exciting trip.

A new annual tournament Nations Cup will be held in October. This is a four-man team event to determine which nation will be the best golfing country at Dubai Creek.

Congratulation goes out to junior golfer, Emanuele Galepini, for finishing second in the Italian U14 championships and third in the English U14 championships. He has also been selected to represent Italy at the Evian World Cup in September. Well done. We are all proud of you.

LADY CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

SHIBA WAHID

LADY CAPTAIN, DUBAI CREEK GOLF & YACHT CLUB

It's been a fantastic summer season, despite the warmer weather as we enjoyed a brilliant host of much-anticipated tournaments, but also bitter-sweet as we say goodbye to valued colleagues at the Club. Regardless, we have had a brilliant time on the course and spending time within Members as they have come and gone throughout the summer period and look forward to an exciting season ahead.

SEPTEMBER TEES OFF WITH A BANG

As the calendar flips to September, golf enthusiasts can gear up for another exciting month of action-packed tournaments. The Season Opener, scheduled for the Wednesday 20th September, promises to kick-start the fall season with a splash. Participants can look forward to a day of competitive play, renewed rivalries, and the joy of reuniting with fellow golfers after the summer break. For the ladies, Friday 27th September marks a significant event, the Ladies Monthly Medal. This is an opportunity for female golfers to showcase their skills and foster camaraderie among themselves. It's not just about the scores, it's about celebrating the love for the game and the sense of community that golf brings to all who partake.

MAX BURROW EMERGES WINNER WITH IMPRESSIVE AN SCORE

As the warm breeze ushers during the final days of summer, our golfers gathered to enjoy the much-anticipated Ping Dubai Creek Summer Open in August. The tournament brought together seasoned golfers and enthusiastic novices alike, all vying for a shot at glory under the sun-drenched skies. This year's Ping Dubai Creek Summer Open witnessed a remarkable display of skill, strategy, and sportsmanship.

Amidst the picturesque backdrop of the golf course, players showcased their prowess in every swing and putt. However, it was Max Burrow with an exceptional score of (-3) under gross who emerged as champion. Likewise, I was delighted to be the winner of the ladies' division! It was a brilliant day of golf, and I was very pleased to complete a brilliant round of golf, hitting the shots I had hoped for and staying focused throughout.





A FOND FAREWELL TO TOM HALL

In the realm of golf operations, Tom Hall has been an instrumental figure at our Club for the past three years. With his deep dedication to the sport and his endearing personality, Tom has played a pivotal role in enhancing the overall golfing experience for all Members.

Whether it was a warm greeting at the Clubhouse or his tireless efforts to support the ladies' division, Tom's contribution has left an indelible mark. Sporting his signature blue eyes and a perpetual smile that could light up any fairway, Tom has been a true embodiment of the spirit of golf. His departure from the Club leaves a void that will be hard to fill, but his legacy of camaraderie, support, and enthusiasm for the game will undoubtedly continue to resonate within the golfing community.

We all wish you the best of luck, Tom, on your new adventure ahead and look forward to hopefully seeing you back at the Club for a visit soon!



CLUB CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

FRANCOIS BOSCH
CLUB CAPTAIN, YAS LINKS ABU DHABI



EXITING NEWS FOR THE HSBC CHAMPIONSHIP

Talking about future events, I'm not sure you have heard about the good news recently published by DP World Tour who has announced that the HSBC Abu Dhabi Championship will move from its traditional January date to Thursday 7th – Sunday 10th November 2024 and will feature the leading 70 players on the Race to Dubai Rankings, whilst the top 50 at the end of the tournament will qualify for the season ending DP World Tour Championship at Jumeirah Golf Estates from Thursday 14th – Sunday 17th November 2024.

This is great news for us at Yas Links Abu Dhabi as we now can watch the top players complete during the DP World Tour Play-Offs. With this new date, we as Members will have the privilege to play the course in championship condition during the peak of our winter season. Furthermore, with all the grandstands and Tour set-ups removed by end November, our beautiful Club facility will allow for unhindered views during the festive season in December.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT YAS LINKS ABU DHABI

In the July/August edition of Club Life, I mentioned our plans to start a new inter-Club competition between Yas Links Abu Dhabi and Saadiyat Beach Golf Club. I am pleased to say that this inaugural event called the "Viyder Cup", will be played on the Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th September. Based on the Ryder Cup concept, and played the week before the Ryder Cup, this event will certainly provide lots of excitement, banter, and fun in the run-up to the Ryder Cup. I want to thank Martin Duff for taking ownership in putting this event together, supported by Mark Slater, Club Captain from Saadiyat Beach Golf Club, and myself. I believe we have a format that will set the scene for good rivalry over many years to come.

More details from our Golf Operations team to follow soon, but in the meantime please diarise these two dates.

As we get closer to year-end, another important event on our calendar is "The Links Charity Golf Day" to be played on Saturday 14th October. This is a very special day where we as golfers can support a good cause and to give back to our community. Besides the golf, you can look forward to a gala event in the evening with the highlight being the auction of many items and some interesting vouchers. This charity event is presented in partnership with Marriott Business Council with all proceeds going to Operation Smile UAE.

Many of you had the opportunity to take a well-deserved break, and for those who travelled, welcome back. As we are entering the tail end of summer, we can look forward to some very exciting events planned for September and October.

CLUB MATCH PLAY

The Club Match Play events will kick-off soon. This promises to be another very exciting series with many matches to be played. As this event stretches over a couple of months, we depend on all payers to adhere to the playing schedules and ensure that all matches are played in time. All the best to everyone, and above all enjoy.

Lastly, I am keen to play with new Members and have the opportunity to introduce you to our Club and facilities, should you want to join me, please reach out to James Harris from our Golf Operations team and he will make the necessary arrangements. Play well and enjoy the great experience offered at Yas Links Abu Dhabi.



THANK YOU!

I must say, the past few months have been hot and humid with very challenging playing conditions. We heard many stories from Members where they decided to rather stop playing and not push the limits, obviously the safer call to make. It made me realise again how difficult it is for our Operations teams, working outside and sweating their way through each day.

We have some 15 staff attending to all our needs from Bag Drop to the Driving Range to tee-off and marshalling. On behalf of all our Members, I want to reach out to this team and say thank you very much for all you do under very difficult working conditions, we as members salute you!

Our Operations team has come up with various new ideas this summer to make it more interesting and to attract more players. The new 6/6/6/ competition was very popular, and we got good feedback. We would like to hear your comments and feedback and new ideas that can make our summer seasons more attractive, so please do reach out to me and the rest of the team.



HELP OUR AGRONOMY TEAM

Earlier I reached out to our Members to assist our Agronomy team attending to divots, pitch marks and raking of bunkers. Did you know, a pitch mark can take up to two weeks to recover, if not repaired immediately, as for a divot, up to three weeks to recover if not attended to? We as Members have a responsibility, it will only take you a few seconds with little effort to do the necessary repairs.

Please join our Agronomy team and other Members in a concerted effort to look after our beautiful golf course. I must flag a matter of concern, it is with some Members hitting their approach shots into the Agronomy teams while busy working on the course, this is obviously not acceptable and certainly not safe. Please ensure you wave the workers away before any shot is played.

LADY CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

JOYCE JOMAN

LADY CAPTAIN, SAADIYAT BEACH GOLF CLUB

Greetings to the wonderful ladies of our esteemed golf club! As we transition from the sweltering summer heat to the pleasant embrace of autumn, I am thrilled to reconnect with you all through this article and share some exciting updates about our golfing journey.

A warm welcome back to each and every one of you after our summer break. It's a pleasure to see our golfing community reuniting, re-energised and ready to take on the challenges and opportunities that lies ahead.

Summer, as we all know, presents not only scorching temperatures but also distinct challenges and opportunities. Despite the soaring mercury and the shimmering sands of our beautiful Abu Dhabi oasis, our golfing spirit remains unyielding. The intense heat did not deter the dedicated hearts of our summer golf members, who boldly stepped onto the greens to indulge in their passion.



As we gather on the greens adorned with pink accents, we will not only showcase our golfing abilities but also contribute to a meaningful cause. The Pink Ladies Event reflects our commitment to making a positive impact beyond the course, and I like to urge each of you to participate wholeheartedly. With delight I also like to announce the highly anticipated Ladies Open on Sunday 15th October. This event promises not only a day of spirited competition but also an opportunity to showcase our skills on familiar terrain.

We extend a special invitation to the talented ladies from both Abu Dhabi and Dubai to come together and participate in this esteemed tournament. The Ladies Open is more than a competition; it's a celebration of our shared passion for golf, an occasion to forge new friendships, and a platform to demonstrate the dedication and sportsmanship that define us as golfers. Therefore, mark your calendars and prepare to join us for a memorable day of fun and a fantastic round of golf!

During the past few months, our golf club temporarily paused our cherished Ladies Mornings. However, this break did not diminish the enthusiasm of our golfing community. Many of our ladies took advantage of the summer hiatus to explore international courses.

Cathy Collburn played the Northwoods Golf Club in Three Lakes Wisconsin in the United States, Sandra Rochte played at Golf Bogliaco at Lake Garda in Italy, Kay Bartenschlager played in Bad Wörishofen in Allgau Germany, Anita Wanningen played at The International in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Min Watkins played at Dale Hill Golf Club in Kent, United Kingdom, Bouchra Thonhauser played in Gamlitz, Grazz in Austria. I played at the Old Quarry Golf Course in Curacao. Most impressive to mention is Stephanie Bochet, who had a hole-in-one at Golf de Tignes, in the French Alps. Bravo Stephanie, that is quite an achievement!

These experiences have not only improved our golfing skills but also fostered a sense of camaraderie that transcends borders. The connections formed through shared rounds and experiences speak a universal language that unites us all.



Considering the challenges of the scorching UAE summer, I admire the determination displayed by our summer golf members. Playing golf amidst such heat demands skill, precision, and unwavering resolve. It takes a unique dedication to brave the elements and continue refining our skills, and I am truly proud of each of you.

The summer months have also provided a chance to reflect, recharge, and renew our commitment to the sport we hold dear. As the Lady Captain, I extend a heartfelt invitation to our summer golf members to consider Saadiyat Beach Golf Club as their golfing home, beyond summer. Our pristine fairways, world-class facilities, and warm golfing community await you.

Now, as the summer heat gradually yields to milder temperatures, we eagerly await the second half of our golfing season, commencing in September. Thursday mornings will once again resound with the satisfying thwack of the club meeting ball, laughter echoing across the fairways that defines our golf club.

However, it's not just about resuming our regular routines. We have an exciting event on the horizon, the Pink Ladies Event on Thursday 5th October. This event is more than a tournament; it's a celebration of the strength, elegance, and unity that define us as women who love golf.

In closing, dear ladies, let's approach the upcoming season with renewed enthusiasm. Let's celebrate the resilience that defines us as golfers and women, embracing both challenges and triumphs ahead. As we gather on the greens under the autumn sun, remember that it's our collective spirit that makes our golf club a haven of joy, friendship, and shared passion.

Wishing you a delightful second half of the season, filled with memorable rounds, cherished memories, and the joy of forming new connections. Until we meet on the greens, take care, and keep swinging.



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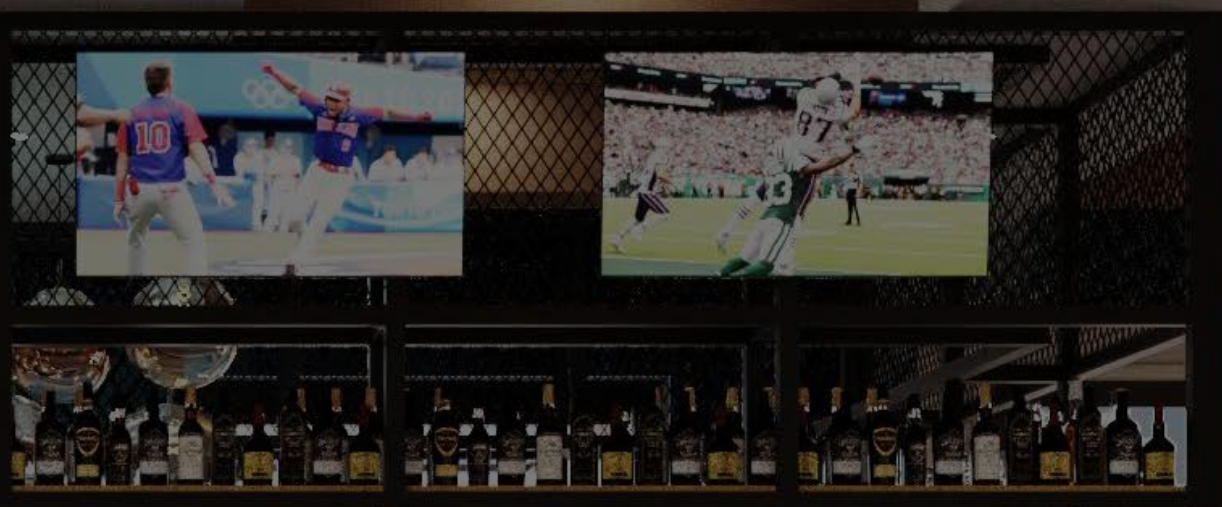


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EVERY THURSDAY

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Indulge in our delicious Tapas platter whilst quenching your thirst on unlimited house grape for two hours for only AED 169 per person.

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CHEF'S CHOICE

BEEF CHEEK & GUINNESS SUET CRUST PIE



TOPGOLF
DUBAI



- CHEF JAMES HITCHENS

This recipe is one of my all time favourites. It's so delicious and always reminds me of a hearty home dinner. Beef cheeks = massively underrated!! People don't cook beef cheeks enough in my opinion. The flavour they produce is worth hunting down. You might not have heard of suet crust pastry before but let me tell you, it's versatile, simple and doesn't need a delicate hand to make it. The low melting temperature of the suet (beef or veggie) gives the pastry a great texture and packs it full of flavour, and I'm all about the flavour! This recipe takes a bit of time, but trust me, it's worth it. However, if you don't have the time, you can always try mine at Toad in the Hole, Topgolf Dubai!

SERVES ONE PLATE

SUET CRUST PASTRY

INGREDIENTS

Plain Flour	1kg
Baking Powder	20gm
Cold Diced Butter	130gm
Sea Salt (Maldon)	10gm
Cracked Black Pepper	5gm
Fine Chopped Thyme	7gm
Beef Suet	300gm
Smoked Cheddar Cheese	150gm
Water	400gm

1. Add the flour, baking powder and salt to a food processor and blitz to mix. Then add the cold diced butter, grated cheddar, pepper and thyme and blitz until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs.
2. Turn the mix out into a large mixing bowl and add the grated suet. Mix with your hands, add the water, then bring together, turn it out onto a bench and knead until completely combined.
3. Wrap the result in cling film and pop it in the fridge for 30 minutes before rolling it out.

You can divide this into smaller quantities and freeze it for up to a month. Then, you can take it out and use it anytime you want!

BRAISED BEEF CHEEKS

INGREDIENTS

Washed Chopped Carrots	250gm
Peeled Chopped Brown Onion	250gm
Washed Chopped Celery Stem	120gm
Washed Chopped Leek	200gm
Peeled Garlic	60gm
Cleaned Beef Cheeks	2kg
Thyme	8gm
Bay Leaves	2pcs
Butter	50gm
Veal Stock Powder	50gm
Tomato Paste	50gm
Draught Guinness	2 pint
Water	1ltr
Sea Salt (Maldon)	20gm
Cracked Black Pepper	7gm
Vegetable Oil	20gm

PIE FILLING

Finely Diced Celery	50gm
1 cm Diced Carrot	120gm
Quartered Brown Mushrooms	250gm
Crushed Garlic	10gm
Finely Chopped Thyme	2gm
Finely Dice Shallots	100gm
Corn Flour	120gm
Water	20gm
Pulled Beef Cheeks	
Beef Cheek Braising Liquid	
Olive Oil	40gm
Butter	40gm
Suet Pastry	As needed

LET'S COOK!

1. Pre-heat your oven to 130*c.
2. Season the beef cheeks all over with salt, pepper, and a little oil. Seal them off in a heavy bottom pan until nicely coloured all over. Set to one side in a deep pan or pot.
3. In a large pot on a medium to high heat, add the oil, butter, all the chopped cleaned vegetables. Sweat it all off for 5 minutes, then add the herbs. Continue to sweat for a further 5 minutes until the vegetables have softened and have a nice colour.
4. Add the tomato paste and cook for 1-2 minutes. Then de-glaze the pan with the Guinness, scraping the bottom of the pot to release all the flavour. Add the veal stock powder and bring to a simmer for 5 minutes.
5. Pour the previous over the over the beef cheeks and add enough water to cover the contents of the pan/pot. Cover your pan/pot with tinfoil, making sure there are no gaps.
6. Braise in the oven for 3 hours or until the cheeks are nice and soft. Remove from the oven and let it cool until it reaches room temperature. Remove the cheeks from the cooking liquid, pull them into decent, bite-sized chunks, then put the cheek meat in the chiller for later.
7. Strain the beef cheek cooking liquid through a fine sieve and put in the chiller until the fat has started to harden. Remove the fat from the top and keep to one side.

PIE FILLING & ASSEMBLY

1. Add butter and olive oil to a large pot on a medium heat and heat until the butter has melted. Add all the diced vegetables and sweat until they have started to soften. Add the thyme, garlic, and mushrooms and cook for around 10 minutes.
2. Add the beef cheek braising liquid to the pot and bring to the boil. Make a paste with the corn starch and the water and use this to thicken the sauce. Add the pulled beef cheeks and stir gently to incorporate - try not to break up the cheeks too much! Season to taste.
3. Put it all into the chiller until it has become cool enough to handle without it setting.

BUILD THE PIE

Now, it's up to you if you would like to build one big pie or smaller individual pies like we have on the menu.

1. Roll out the pastry so it's about 3-4mm thick. Line your desired pie dish with butter and then the pastry. Make sure you have extra pastry hanging over the edges.
2. Generously fill with the pie mix, then roll out the pastry on top to the same 3-4mm thickness. Egg-wash the edges, then place the pastry lid on top. Use a fork or your fingers to press the lid of the pie to the edges to create a tight seal. Egg-wash the top and bake in the oven at 180c for 45 minutes.

MEET THE CHEF BEHIND TOPGOLF DUBAI

Topgolf Dubai's Executive Chef, James Hitchens is the genius making culinary waves since its opening in 2021. Ahead of the launch of James' new concept, Toad in the Hole, within Topgolf Dubai, we sat down with the chef to talk about culinary controversies, smelly foods, and essential ingredients.



What would be your last recipe to cook on Earth and why?

That's so hard to choose, but if I had to pick one, I'm going to have to be cliché and pick my roast beef dinner with all the trimmings! Most importantly a banging Yorkshire pudding and proper beef bone gravy.

My mum spoiled us with a roast every Sunday so a lot of my cooking is inspired by wholesome memories of loved ones sitting around the table and enjoying food together.

When curating a new menu, what is your biggest inspiration?

Oh, by diving into different thoughts, feelings, and memories that I have surrounding the menu's cuisine.

For me, building the Toad in the Hole menu was taking a trip down memory lane: picking out my favourite British dishes that remind me of proper Gastropub back home with all the heart-warming classics.

The thing I've loved is combining that inspiration with the contemporary flair of Topgolf. It's been a really exciting process so far and I'm just so excited to bring everything to life!

A dish no one could convince you to like — does a dish like this exist?

That's a tough one, as I like almost everything there is to eat - It's kind of my job!

But, there is one thing I can't stand - tripe. I can still remember the smell of it cooking at my Grandmother's house.

So if I had to choose one, it would be that. You will not be seeing it on any of my menus soon - But, if you feel like you can convince me, you know where I am!

What was your favourite comfort food growing up?

It has to be bangers and mash! We would always have it at home with baked beans instead of peas - cowboy style! Is that as controversial as pineapple on pizza? Not sure, but don't knock it until you try it!

What are the three ingredients you couldn't live without?

Wow! That's a tricky question to ask a chef! But I would have to keep it classic; salt, pepper, and butter. Anything you make needs ample seasoning... and absolutely everything tastes better with a little bit of butter.

We've heard exciting things about Toad in the Hole! Can you give us three words to describe the new menu and its dishes?

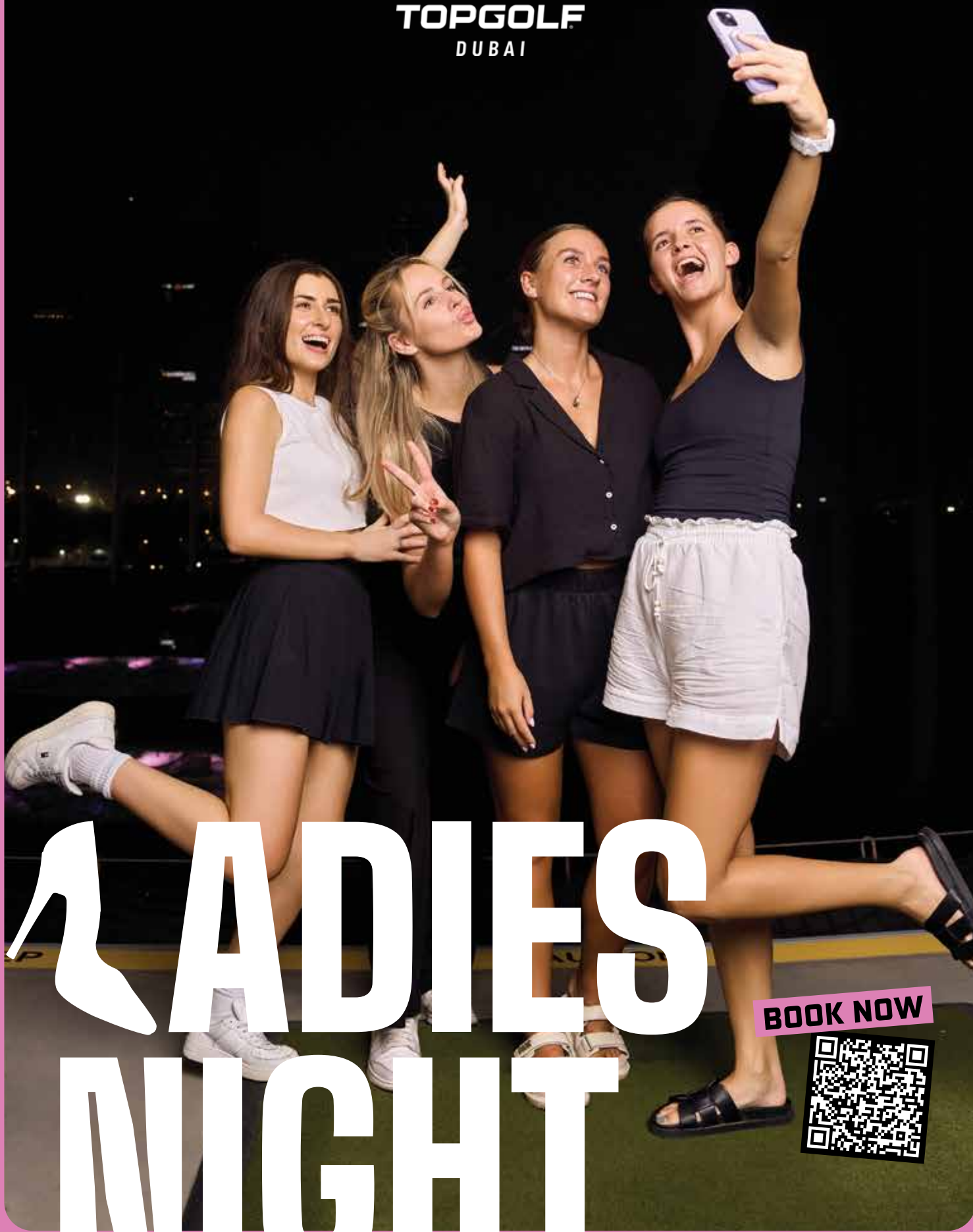
1. Nostalgic 2. Banging 3. Delicious

What else can we expect from Chef James in 2024?

Oh well, we can't be giving away too much! But obviously, there's Toad in the Hole, make sure to check out the special board, and the classic Topgolf Menu is always evolving - I chop and change it two or three times a year - I'll have plenty of show-stoppers coming your way!

The Topgolf Food Truck will be driving by some of the major Dubai events for my street food options.

The growth of Topgolf in the region and me as the Executive Chef is an exciting topic with so much going on behind the scenes! Where will the next Topgolf be? What concepts will we be launching next? Keep your eyes peeled. More to come soon!



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From delectable Turkey Takeaways to sumptuous Christmas Brunches, and engaging Festive Quizzes to a grand New Year's Eve Gala, we've curated a diverse range of experiences to cater to every taste and desire.

Mark your calendars because bookings for our magical celebrations will be available soon.



RED HOT OPEN

Saturday 12th August 2023

Emirates Golf Club hosted the annual Red Hot Open with 74 golfers competing on the Majlis Course.

The overall winner was Deepak Nicholas with 39 points (BB9). Deepak played an incredible round of golf which consisted of five net birdies. Runner up was Ross Barlow with 39 points. Ross had a strong start to his front nine where he played his first four holes in two under par, which was also followed by gross birdies on holes 11 and 13. Third was Vijay Devnani with 38 points, Vijay had an amazing start to his back nine where he made one gross birdie and two net birdies in three holes.

Special Events:

Nearest to the Pin – Hole 4: Tej Chhabra

Nearest to the Pin – Hole 15: Vikas Sachar

Nearest to the Pin in Two – Hole 16: Sanjay Dhandra



JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES

THURSDAY CURRY CLUB

Thursday 6th July 2023

On Thursday this week, the Earth course at Jumeirah Golf Estates hosted Jumeirah Golf Estates weekly Thursday Curry Club, which is played as a 9-hole pairs scramble.

A record number of 40 players took part in the sweltering Afternoon heat. The teams comprised of new and long-standing Jumeirah Golf Estates members along with some of the golf management team.

Ladies were teeing up from the orange tee markers, with gents playing off the signature tee markers. Each team received a 50% course Handicap Allowance from 35% + 15% lowest to highest handicaps.

The winners of this week's edition of the Thursday Curry Club were first time players of the Curry Club, Ravi Khanna and Roma Khanna with a fabulous 31 net (5 under par).

The pair worked well to navigate the front nine of the Earth Course and their excellent teamwork showed, finishing a shot clear of our runners up. Both winners will receive a 4-ball complimentary round on the Earth Course.

Falling just short of the winner's this week and finishing runners up were new members Philip Childs and Andrew Parsons who scored a well-respected round of 32 net (4 under par). The pairing of Martin Issott and Noel O'Leary made up the top 3,

also scoring a 32 net (4 under par) however, missing out on second place on a count back.

There was a selection of special events on the front nine of the Earth course, with players competing to win vouchers for a 2 Week pass to the Tommy Fleetwood Academy. Winning longest drive on hole 2 was James Harrison who left himself with just an iron into the long Par 5. Winning the nearest to the pin on Hole 6 was Marc Beattie who hit an incredible shot to a couple of feet.

After golf, the fantastic Kasturi restaurant hosted all players to delicious sharing curries.



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

Saturday 8th July 2023

This month's edition of the OMA Emirates Medalford in Association with Christie's International Real Estate Dubai was well attended, seeing 57 participants play over the Earth Course. It was another sizzling summer's day as the players battled it out over in the Afternoon sun here at Jumeirah Golf Estates.

Participants played a Medalford Individual Stroke Play format and also recorded Stableford scores. Ladies were playing from the orange tee markers, with gents playing from the OMA Emirates tee markers. The Handicap allowance was 95%.

The Medalford field was split into two divisions, participants with a playing with a 10.4 handicap and below participating in 'Gents Division A' and those with a handicap of 10.5 and below competing in 'Gents Division B'.

Wael Soliman (22) was the July Medalford champion with a superb net 64 (8 under par). Soliman produced a classy round including two net eagles and 5 birdies.

The winner of the Gents Division A was Ronan Keating, who plays off a handicap of 7. Keating produced an excellent round of net 68 (4 under par) to take the win in Division A.

Finishing one behind Keating and in the runners-up place was Kenneth Johnston (5), who scored a respectable net 69 (3 under par). Stuart Carr (5) came third in the Gents Division A, shooting a net 71 (1 under par). The Gents Division B winner by a commanding six shots was Moustafa Shafin (25), with a net 67 (5 under par).



Gregor Sword (18) was the runner-up with a score of net 73 (1 over par). The third-place position went to Lewis Brown (20), who shot a net 75 (3 over par). Four ladies competed in the Medalford; the winner of the ladies category with a score of net 71 (1 under par) was Shiba Wahid (13). Wahid stormed ahead with her impressive scoring and won the category by three shots.

The senior's category was won by Kevin Moroney (6) who shot a respectable net 73 (1 over par) in tough conditions. Winning the gross category with a superb personal effort was David Marshall, who shot a gross 69 (three under par). Marshall had an incredible back nine of four under par, which included three straight birdies. The runner-up to Marshall was Simon Howells, who shot a consistent 72 (level par) which included one eagle and one birdie.

David Warham (14) won the Stableford category with a fantastic score of 38 points, including an amazing back nine with 21 points. The runner-up position went to Jayson Hilton (2), who finished one point behind Warham with a score of 37 points.

THURSDAY CURRY CLUB

Thursday 13th July 2023

On Thursday this week, the Curry Club, which is played as a 9-hole pairs scramble, returned to the Fire course at Jumeirah Golf Estates.

A strong number of 38 players took part in what was a glorious Afternoon on the Fire course. The teams comprised of new and long-standing Jumeirah Golf Estates members along with some of the golf management team.

Ladies were teeing up from the orange tee markers, with gents playing off the signature tee markers. Each team received a 50% course Handicap Allowance from 35% + 15% lowest to highest handicaps.

The winners of this week's edition of the Thursday Curry Club were the duo of Lewis Brown and Harry Northrop with a fantastic 30 net (6 under par). The pair worked well to navigate the front nine of the Fire course which included an eagle and four birdies on their way to winning. Both winners will receive a 4-ball complimentary round on the Fire course. Missing out



on the top spot by a count-back this week and finishing runners up were regulars of the Curry Club, David Warham and Richie Green who also scored a great score 30 net (6 under par).

The pairing of Alex Whayman and Finlay Galloway made up the top 3, scoring a respectable 31 net (5 under par). It was a good comeback from the pair after starting with a double bogey on hole 2 of the Fire course.

There was a selection of special events on the front nine of the Fire course, with players competing to win vouchers for a 1 Week pass to the Tommy Fleetwood Academy. It was an outstanding performance on the special events this week by James Harrison, who won both the Longest Drive on hole 5 and the Nearest to the Pin on hole 8.

JUMEIRAH PAIRS BY THE LOUNGE SPA

Saturday 15th June 2023

It was the return of the Jumeirah Pairs by The Lounge Spa this Saturday on the stunning Earth course. There was a strong field of 38 pairs participating in the humid morning shotgun.

The format was a Pairs Scramble Stableford where each player tees off: the best tee shot from the pair is selected. Then both players play their ball from within a club length of the selected ball and the best one is selected again. This process continues until the ball is holed out.



Richard Green (7) and David Warham (12) claimed the top spot scoring a superb total of 46 points, winning on count back. Richard and David played consistent golf to shot 23 points on both the front nine and the back nine.

The runners-up were Noel O'Leary (8) and Ronan Keating (5) with an impressive score of 46 points, just falling short of first place. The pair played particularly well on the front nine, picking up 26 points.

Defending off four groups on 43 points picking up the third-place prize were Fergus Gilmour (11) and Kuda Kuzviwanza (13) with a score of 44 points. They managed to secure third place by having two net eagles on their scorecard.

There were two on-course competitions; winning Nearest the Pin on hole 13 was Oli Bass (1). Oli hit a fantastic shot into the green, leaving his ball 4 feet from the hole. There were four competitors that managed to put their ball within the 10 feet of Tommy Fleetwood Academy Teaching Professional, Diarmaid Fraser, but it was Ronan Keating (5) who was drawn to win the beat the pro prize on hole 6.

THURSDAY CURRY CLUB

Thursday 20th July 2023



The weekly Thursday Curry Club took place once again this week, this time played over the front 9 holes of the Earth course. Bringing in a fantastic field size of 32 golfers in humid weather conditions, the event was battled in a Pairs Scramble format. The afternoon golf was followed by a presentation and dinner in Kasturi restaurant.

To present the prizes Adam Stastny, Assistant Golf Services Manager at Jumeirah Golf Estates invited Evelyn Downham, Lady Captain to the stage. The winners of the day scoring net 28, -8 under par were Richard Green and David Warham. After a 2nd place finish last week, and winning Jumeirah Pairs by The Lounge Spa the duo came back to win by three shots. The pair won by scoring six birdies throughout their round, what an impressive display of golf!

Second place went to Mark Schofield and Simon Pearson who had an impressive score of net 31, -5 under par, completing a bogey-free round. Third place with a score of net 33, -3 under par winning on a three way count back, was the team of Kieran Casey and Craig Wylie, recording two gross birdies on their scorecard!

Congratulations to Jane Vorster for winning the longest drive whilst Edward McCullagh won the Nearest the Pin. Congratulations to you both!

After the game, all players gathered at Kasturi for the presentation and to share a variety of curries from different regions of India.

THURSDAY CURRY CLUB

Thursday 27th July 2023

On Thursday this week, the Curry Club, which is played as a 9-hole pairs scramble, returned to the Fire course at Jumeirah Golf Estates. A solid number of 26 players took part in what was a glorious Afternoon on the Fire course. The teams comprised of new and long-standing Jumeirah Golf Estates members along with some of the golf management team.

Ladies were teeing up from the orange tee markers, with gents playing off the signature tee markers. Each team received a 50% course Handicap Allowance from 35% + 15% lowest to highest handicaps.



The winners of this week's edition of the Thursday Curry Club were the duo of David Martin and Kieran Casey with a fantastic 31 net (5 under par). The pair worked well to navigate the front nine of the Fire course which included an eagle and three birdies on their way to winning. Both winners will receive a 4-ball complimentary round on the Fire course.

Missing out on the top spot by a count-back this week and finishing runners up were regulars of the Curry Club, Alex Whayman and Alan Dobbins who also scored a great score 31 net (5 under par).

The pairing of Alistair McIlroy and Noel O'Leary made up the top 3, scoring a respectable 32 net (4 under par).

There was a selection of special events on the front nine of the Fire course, with players competing to win vouchers for a 2 Week pass to the Tommy Fleetwood Academy.

Winning the Nearest to the Pin on Hole 2 was Kevin Perrins with a cracking shot finishing only a couple of feet from the pin. Martin McGuigan took the Longest Drive on Hole 7 with an excellent shot straight down the middle.

THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP SCRAMBLE

Sunday 23rd July 2023

With the spotlight on the Open Championship Final Round back at Royal Liverpool this weekend, Jumeirah Golf Estates certainly brought the heat whilst holding an alternative Open Championship Scramble for members and guests on the fantastic Earth course. The event was battled in a Pairs Scramble format with a brilliant field size of 74 golfers in hot and humid weather conditions.



In a round consisting of seven gross birdies and no dropped shots, Annabel Ayres and Bradley Webb managed to come out on top with the extremely impressive scoring of a net 58, -14 under par!

Trailing only by four shots Connor McGlave and Gerry Donaldson finished in second place with a score of net 62, -10 under par. The pair played especially well on the back 9 to record four gross birdies to score net 30.

Finally, in third place with a score of net 63, -9 under par was the team of Aharron Leo and Mark Castley. On their scorecard the pair recorded two net eagles!

Congratulations to Aharron Leo for winning the Nearest the Pin on hole 6 whilst Manu Chauhan won the Nearest the Pin on hole 17. Special mention to Manu who was only 1 foot away! Congratulations to you both.

After the game, all players gathered in the ballroom for a superb British styled buffet prior to the commencing of the Prize presentation.

RED HOT OPEN

Saturday 29th July 2023

Jumeirah Golf Estates hosted our annual Red Hot Summer Open, a great event played in a stableford format allowing the Men's category to play off the forward tees and the Ladies to play off our Junior tees. This allowed a unique test for our players – also allowing for some exciting scoring!

Exciting scoring is exactly what we got; Henry Lamont (17) recorded a fantastic front nine of 23 points on his way to a 45-point total, enough to see Lamont crowned the Winner of the Red Hot Open. Wael Soliman (17) recorded an amazing 44 points securing 2nd place, also scoring 23 points on the front nine.

Third place was secured by Annabel Ayres (13) who scored a respectable 43 points. Just missing out on third on a count back was Kieran Casey (12), who also returned a score of 43

points.

The winner of the Gross Stableford was Brent Michael Osachoff who shot a fantastic score of 43 points (65 gross). The spectacular round included 6 birdies and 1 eagle. Finishing

runner-up was Nicholas Whiteford with a score of 40 points (68 gross). A highlight of the round was on the 12th hole where Whiteford drove the green with a 3-wood to 10ft, setting up a tap-in birdie.

Onto the on-course events and securing Nearest to the Pin on Hole 2 was Alex Whayman. Ian McNerney secured Nearest to the Pin on Hole 8 with a fantastic shot to 8 inches. Another close one went to Harry Northrop who hit it to 7 inches to claim Nearest to the Pin on Hole 11. Onto Hole 14 and Jay Chinchankar claimed the Nearest to the Pin with a great shot to 3 feet.



THURSDAY CURRY CLUB

Thursday 3rd August 2023

Some great scoring was showcased in this week's Thursday Curry Club Pairs Scramble competition played across the front 9 of the Fire course. Despite humid conditions, the competition still brought a fantastic field size of 26 golfers. After the afternoon golf. The presentation and dinner were held in Kasturi.

The winners of the day scoring a net 28 (-8 under par) were James Finnigan and Alan McNamara. The pair made an impressive 7 birdies throughout their 9 holes. A fantastic display of golf by the pair!

We then had a three-way tie at Net 33 (-3 under par) for second place. Men's Captain Jonathan Hall and Daniel Dickinson managed to come out on top winning on count back with a bogey-free round and making a birdie on the last hole to get the edge!

Finishing 3rd Overall was the team of Jane Vorster and Mark Castell, recording two gross birdies on their scorecard!

Unfortunately, finishing last on count back despite a great performance was Stephen Hubner and Lee Johnston in 4th place overall. After Scott Booth hit a 307-yard drive (Boom!), He won the longest drive whilst James Finnigan won the Nearest the Pin on the 8th. Congratulations to you both!

After the game, all players gathered at Kasturi for the presentation and to share a variety of curries from different regions of India.



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

Saturday 5th August 2023

This month's edition of OMA Emirates Medalford in Association with Christie's International Real Estate Dubai, the event brought 71 participants and was played over the Fire Course. This morning's event was battled out in hot and humid conditions here at Jumeirah Golf Estates.

Participants played a Medalford Individual Stroke Play format and recorded Stableford scores. Ladies were playing from the orange tee markers, with gents playing from the OMA Emirates tee markers. The Handicap allowance was 95%.

Ravi Khanna was the August Medalford champion with an excellent score of net 68 (4 under par). Ravi produced a fantastic round with eight net birdies on his scorecard. The winner of the Gents Division A was Rory Woodland, who scored a net 69 (3 under par). He managed to win by two shots, having two net eagles in his round to win Division A.

In runners-up place was Gerhard Vorster, who scored a respectable net 73 (1 over par). Lee Hewitt came third in the Gents Division A. Unfortunately losing on count back to Gerhard, shooting a net 73 (1 over par).

The Gents Division B winner by only one shot was Steve Noon, with a net 68 (4 under par). Louis Pearson was the runner-up with a score of net 69 (3 under par). The third-place position went to Duncan



O'Sullivan, who scored the same as Louis a net 69 (3 under par) but just lost out on count back.

Two ladies competed in the Medalford; the winner of the lady's category with a score of net 81 (9 over par) was Jane Vorster. After Jane had a hole in one on Wednesday, Jane came back to defend off Lady Captain Evelyn Downham to win the two-way count back. The senior's category was won by Alistair McIlroy who shot a great score of net 70 (2 under par). Alistair had seven net birdies throughout this round.

Winning the gross category with a superb score in some challenging conditions was Carl Downham, who shot a gross 71 (1 under par). Carl had an incredible front nine of three under par. The runner-up was David Marshall, who shot a consistent 72 (level par) which included four birdies.

Ian Mellows won the Stableford category with a fantastic score of 39 points, including an amazing back nine with 21 points. The runner-up position went to Paul Ludlam who scored 37 points.

Massive congratulations to Robert Standing who got a Hole in One on the 8th as well as winning Nearest the Pin. While on the 14th hole Michael Lennon was 11 feet away which won him the Nearest the Pin. Finally, Beat the Pro was located on hole 2, only three golfers managed to beat our Tommy Fleetwood Academy Teaching Professional Jackson Bell. Congratulations to Duncan O'Sullivan who was lucky enough to be drawn out.

THURSDAY CURRY CLUB

Thursday 10th August 2023

Thursday Curry Club was once again hosted over the front 9 holes of the Earth course. This week brought a record number of 40 players despite humid conditions. A total of 20 pairs took part in the chance to win a two-month access pass to Tommy Fleetwood Academy. Afterwards all golfers gathered in Kasturi restaurant for the presentation and dinner.

For the first time in Thursday Curry Club history there was a 4-way tie for first place with an excellent score of net 32 (-4 under par). Rony El Haber and Simon Pearson managed to defend off multiple other pairs to secure their win on count back. Separating Rony and Simon was their net eagle on the 8th hole which helped them win.

In second place also on net 32 (-4 under par) was Brandon Grieve and Rob Whelan, their scorecard considered of a bogey-free round and making three net birdies throughout. Finishing third was the team of Peter Martensson and Men's Vice Captain Noel O'Leary scoring net 32 (-4 under par) the pair managed to make two gross birdies on their scorecard! Unfortunately, finishing last on count back and just missing out on the prizes was James Finnigan and Alan McNamara.

Congratulations to Luke Gregory who won the longest drive on the 7th hole whilst James Finnigan won the Nearest the Pin on the 4th. Congratulations to you both!

JUMEIRAH PAIRS BY THE LOUNGE SPA

Sunday 13th August 2023

Jumeirah Golf Estates once again hosted the popular Jumeirah Pairs sponsored by The Lounge Spa. The Sunday afternoon shotgun brought 60 players to participate over the Immaculate Earth course.

The format was a Pairs Shambles where each player tees off their own ball and the best one is selected. From the selected tee shot both players play their own ball until the hole is finished.

There were two on-course competitions; winning Nearest the Pin on hole 17 was Gerhard Vorster. Gerhard hit a fantastic shot into the green, leaving his ball 2 inches from the hole.

There were seven competitors that managed to put their ball within the 12 feet of Tommy Fleetwood Academy Teaching Professional, Ginger Delacretaz, but it was Dan Dickinson who was drawn to win the beat the pro prize on hole 6.

The winning score was Net 63 (9 under par) which was scored by the pair of James Finnigan and Alan McNamara. James and Alan seem to be an unbeatable pair at the moment, especially after winning the Thursday Curry Club just two weeks ago. The highlights came from Alan's net eagle on the 8th while James had four gross birdies throughout.

The runners-up were Simon Pearson and David Martin with an impressive score of Net 64 (8 under par). The pair played consistent golf with both net 32 on both front and back 9.

Third-place prize were Steve Noon and Andrew Speirs with a score of 64 (8 under par) unfortunately just losing out on second place on a card play-off.



THURSDAY CURRY CLUB

Thursday 17th August 2023

Jumeirah Golf Estates held its weekly event 'Thursday Curry Club', for the first time over the back 9 of the Earth course. Once again, the number of participants increased with a record of 44 players participating. A total of 22 pairs took part to battle out in a pairs scramble, with a chance to win a three-ball voucher over the fire course. Afterwards all golfers gathered in Kasturi restaurant for the presentation and dinner.

Congratulations to Assistant Golf Services Manager, Adam Stastny and his partner Martin Issott who scored a net 31 (-5). The pair scored five gross birdies throughout their round to secure their win. In second place was the pair of Lady Captain Evelyn Downham and Gregor Sword scoring net 32 (-4). Evelyn and Gregor managed to fend off three other groups on the same score to win a four-way count back. Separating the pairs was their net eagle on the 18th which helped them win the count back.

Finishing 3rd also with a score of net 32 (-4) was the pair of Richard Stumbles and Philippa Stumbles. The pair managed to have five net birdies! This left them 2nd on the four-way count back.

Unfortunately, just losing out on the 4-way count back were the pairs of James Harrison and Tanya Harrison. As well as Membership Services Executive Kian Higgins and playing partner Alan Dobbins.

Congratulations for playing some fantastic golf.

Nearest the Pin - Hole 17th – Michael Lennon

Longest Drive - Hole 14th – Jane Vorster



THE SUMMER OPEN

Saturday 19th August 2023

Jumeirah Golf Estates held its yearly 'Summer Open' over the immaculate Earth Course. As the humid weather climbed up, an impressive 100 golfers participated to battle over taking the trophy home. The event was held on Saturday with a 95% course handicap allowance with a maximum of handicap of 24 for men and 28 for ladies. Also on offer was an Individual Stroke Play event.

Massive Congratulation to Craig Rooney for taking top spot with 41 points. His round consisted of two net eagles and five net birdies! Craig managed to win by a clear three points to take home to win.

In second, was Carl Downham who scored 38 points. Also playing well finishing in third was Thomas Stephenson with 38 points unfortunately just losing out on card playoff with Carl. Fantastic golf was played scoring 38 points meant both Carl and Thomas scored 70 gross.

Finishing in 4th place was Ronan Keating also scoring well with 37 points. With the highlights of his round coming from his five net birdies. The best gross score went to David Bainbridge with a score of 70, beating his fellow scratch teammates Carl and Thomas, while best

ladies went to Jumeirah Golf Estates Lady Captain, Evelyn Downham. Winning Nearest the Pin on hole 6 was Vice Captain Noel O'Leary whilst Aaditya Oka won Nearest the Pin on hole 17. Congratulations to you both.



PING DUBAI CREEK SUMMER OPEN 2023

Sunday 6th August 2023

The Ping Dubai Creek Summer Open 2023 showcased the true spirit of golf, with close to 60 enthusiastic participants taking part in this honours board event on a scorching summer day at the creek. The tournament proved to be a resounding success, highlighting the players' skills and determination to conquer the challenging conditions.

The tournament focused on promoting gross scores, and amidst tough competition, we are delighted to announce Max Burrow as the deserving champion of the PING Dubai Creek Summer Open 2023. With an extraordinary score of 3 under par (68), Max demonstrated exceptional prowess on the course, earning the well-deserved title.

In the runner-up position was won by Mark Williams with a score of 2 over (73) earning him a well-earned spot on the leader board.

The men's net category Tadaaki Ito emerged victorious, finishing with an impressive 2 under (69). Meanwhile, in the ladies' net category, our esteemed lady captain, Shiba Wahid, capturing the title with a score of 2 over (73). Adding to the excitement of the event, we recognized the players' exceptional approach shots on specific holes. Bone Clark's accuracy on hole 8 and Mark Williams approach on hole 14, securing yet another recognition. The Ping Dubai Creek Summer Open 2023 was



a celebration of talent, sportsmanship, and camaraderie, as participants battled against the elements and each other, making it a memorable event for all involved.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the players, sponsors, and spectators who contributed to the resounding success of this tournament. Your unwavering support and dedication to the sport of golf have been truly inspiring.

YAS LINKS ABU DHABI

THE YAS LINKS JULY MONTHLY STABLEFORD

Sunday 9th July 2023

Yas Links hosted the monthly Open Stableford with 21 golfers all competing against each other on the Championship Links course.

The overall winner in category A 12 & lower and winning a Footjoy shirt was Mark O'Sullivan with an excellent score of 43 points. Mark played very steady throughout his round with his highlight was a fantastic score of 22 points on the back nine.

Runner-up and winning a dozen Titleist Tru-Feel golf balls was Hamda Al Suwaidi with a solid score of 36 points. Hamda had a great round of golf and her score of 19 points on the back nine edged her into second place as she beat third place Mark Williams by count back. Category B 13 & higher and winning a Footjoy shirt was won by Ying Hoong Fun with an outstanding

score of 35 points. Fun played consistent throughout her round making very little mistakes on the course.

Runner-up and winning a dozen Titleist Tru-Feel golf balls was Sally Hardman scoring 31 points. Sally scored very well on the front-nine as she went out in 19 points. However, a few dropped shots on the back-nine costed her of first place.

Third place was Pablo Gimenez with 30 points. Pablo had a nice round with a mixture of pars, birdies, and bogeys.

In the on-course events, it was Aart Lehmkuhl bagging the Nearest the Pin on hole four with a great shot within 14 feet and on hole 13 it was Eric Hardman who stiffed his shot to 3 foot 6". Both Aart and Eric won a sleeve of Titleist golf balls.

THE OPEN SCRAMBLE

Saturday 22nd July 2023

Yas Links hosted the fan favourite Open Scramble with 28 golfers all competing in a pairs Texas Scramble format around the Links course.

Onto the results and the on-course Nearest the Pin on Hole 8 went to Natalie Storey and the Nearest the Pin in 2 on Hole 12 went to David Ross, both Natalie and David won a Half Dozen "The Open" Edition Titleist Pro V1 golf balls.

Onto the main event, securing the third spot and earning two "The Open" Caps were David Ross and David Roberts both achieving an impressive score of (-6) under par (66). Finishing in second place and narrowly missing out due to count back, yet claiming "The Open" Backpack each, were Julian Danby and Natalie Storey, who achieved a remarkable (-10) under par (62).

Ultimately, emerging as the champions of The Open Scramble, edging past Julian and Natalie, were Alec Smith and Jack Wilson. They proudly walked away with a Titleist Stand Bag - The Open Edition each.



THE YAS LINKS JULY FRIDAY STABLEFORD

Friday 28th July 2023

On Friday the 28th of July Yas Links hosted the Friday Stableford with 12 golfers all participating against each other on the Championship course which presented a notably greater challenge due to a blend of scorching summer heat and the accelerated pace of the greens.

Nevertheless, impressive scores were achieved across the course, and a big thank you goes out to all participants. Onto

the results, in first place goes to the golfer on a lot of form this summer Mr Mark O'Sullivan, who showcased an outstanding performance with 36 points BB9.

Mark's achievement earned him a dozen Titleist Pro V1s. Securing the runner-up position was Darren Taylor, who displayed a strong performance with 36 points, and he's rewarded with a dozen Titleist Tour Softs.

YAS LINKS PAIRS 6/6/6

Sunday 30th July 2023

Yas Links hosted the Pairs 6/6/6 competition with 28 golfers showcasing their skills on the championship course with the first six holes being played in a Betterball format, the following six being played in a Scramble format and the final six being played in a Shamble format.

In first place with a score of 45 points and winning two 500 AED Golf Shop vouchers was the dynamic duo of the current on form golfer Darren Taylor and Yas Links' Jaco Stander. The runners-up with a score of 44 points and winning two 200 AED Golf Shop vouchers was the husband-and-wife pair of Eamonn

Sullivan and our Lady Captain Leonie Sullivan. The best score in the Betterball format with 14 points and winning two sleeves of Titleist golf balls was won by another husband-and-wife pairing of Ying Hoong Fun and Bak Seng Tan.

The best score in the Scramble format with 16 points and winning two sleeves of Titleist golf balls was won by the pairing of Francisco Giles and Yas Links' Martin Duff. The best score in the Shamble format with a score of 15 points and winning two sleeves of Titleist golf balls was by the pairing of Ali Fassa and Ming Wong Shiang, winning by Better back nine.

YAS LINKS PAIRS BETTERBALL

Saturday 12th August 2023

On Saturday the 12th of August 18 golfers participated in the Pairs Betterball Competition. The golf course, as always, was in tremendous condition and the golf played today was outstanding especially when it averaged a scorching 43 degrees outside. Onto the results and beginning with the winners of the pairs Betterball event and winning two Golf Shop vouchers worth 250 AED each, congratulations go to

the father and son duo of James and Richard Griffiths with an outstanding score of 44 points BB9. Runners-up and winning two sleeves of Titleist Pro V1X golf balls each, congratulations go to Jaco Stander and George Roberts with an excellent score of 44 points. The Nearest the Pin winner on hole 13 goes to James Cook and he wins himself two Sleeves of Titleist AVX Golf Balls.



SOUTHERN SUN SUNDOWNER

Friday 14th July 2023, Friday 21st July 2023, Friday 28th July 2023 & Friday 4th August 2023

This year, Southern Sun and Eurostar Cellar hosted the 10th Anniversary of the Southern Sun Sundowner at Saadiyat Beach Golf Club. A nine-hole summer series event which is hosted every Friday playing alternative nine holes every week. This is a great social event for Members and guests to play during the summer period.

ROUND SEVEN: FRIDAY 14TH JULY 2023

- 1st Place: Asheesh Narayan (17 Points)
- 2nd Place: Paul Simmons (17 Points)
- Men's Nearest to the Pin: Nick Gleeson
- Men's Longest Drive: Alex Heler
- Ladies Longest Drive: Lina Tyson

ROUND NINE: FRIDAY 28TH JULY 2023

- 1st Place: Jerome Martin (18 Points)
- 2nd Place – Daren Smith (17 Points)
- Men's Nearest to the Pin: Alex Heler
- Men's Longest Drive: Nick Gleeson
- Men's Nearest the Pin in 2: Tony Healy

ROUND EIGHT: FRIDAY 21ST JULY 2023

- 1st Place: Khalid Askar (22 Points)
- 2nd Place: Michael Sun (21 Points)
- Men's Nearest to the Pin: Mark Harvey
- Men's Longest Drive: Luke Joy
- Ladies Longest Drive: Oksana Hess

ROUND TEN: FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST 2023

- 1st Place: Nick Gleeson (20 Points)
- 2nd Place: Khalid Askar (19 Points)
- Men's Nearest to the Pin: Michael Hess
- Men's Longest Drive: Paul Haggart
- Ladies Longest Drive: Oksana Hess



RED HOT CHALLENGE

Saturday 15th July 2023

Saadiyat Beach Golf Club hosted our inaugural Red Hot Challenge this year which was a 4 person Texas scramble off the red tees. 8 teams teed it up, with the red tees playing under 5300 yards, this allowed great scoring with plenty of birdies and even an albatross on the Par 5 15th hole from Walid Hatoum which helped their team secure second place on count back. Holding off a late charge from third place who had 3 birdies and 1 eagle in the last 4 holes, to narrowly miss out on second place.

- 1st Place: David Mason, Stewart Highett, Michael Neal & Ian Weekes (Net 52, (-20) under par)
- 2nd Place - Kelly Scholl, Kevin Barry, David Bearn, and Walid Hatoum (Net 54, (-18) under par)
- 3rd Place – Gary Webber, JR Batas, Justin Miller, and Mason Geddes (Net 54, (-18) under par)

SUMMER SCRAMBLE ROUND 3

Saturday 22nd July 2023

The third round of the Saadiyat Summer Scramble took place on the calm morning of Saturday 22nd July with low winds, the golf course was score-able. Scratch team player Philipp Khlor and his partner Wei Tan won win 10 birdies a convincing score of gross 62, 10 under par winning by 5 shots over Nick Gleeson and Justin Miller with a very respectable score of net 67, 5 under par.

- 1st Place: Philipp Khlor & Wei Tan (Net 62, (-10) under par)
- 2nd Place: Nick Gleeson & Justin Miller (Net 67, (-5) under par)



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HARMAN LIFTS CLARET JUG

By Worldwide Golf



Brian Harman claimed his maiden Major title in style at The 151st Open Championship after producing a front-running master-class to storm to a six-shot victory.

The American left-hander went into the final round at a very wet Royal Liverpool Golf Club with a five-shot lead and suffered his only real scare when Masters Champion Jon Rahm closed to within three after just five holes on Sunday afternoon.

Harman rallied, though, firing back-to-back birdies at the sixth and seventh before bouncing back from his third bogey of the day on the 13th with two successive gains on the 14th and 15th to put one hand on the Claret Jug.

And he closed round with three successive pars to sign for a final-round 70 and finish the tournament on 13 under par. Harman's only other 54-hole lead at a Major had come at the 2017 U.S. Open Championship at Erin Hills, where he began the final day with a narrow one-stroke cushion but finished in a tie for second.

He was not to be denied this time, though, as a world-class chasing pack failed to truly threaten his commanding lead.

World Number Three Rahm, Jason Day, Tom Kim and Sepp Straka finished in a tie for second on seven under, with four-time Major

Champion Rory McIlroy and first-round co-leader Emiliano Grillo another shot back.

Harman said: "It's pretty surreal. It really hasn't sunk in yet. I'm not going to let (the Claret Jug) out of my sight for the time being.

"To win what I consider the greatest prize in golf is as good as it gets.

"I've got to thank my wife and family back home. I sure miss them and can't wait to get back to them tomorrow.

"First I'm going to have me a couple of pints out of this here trophy, I believe.

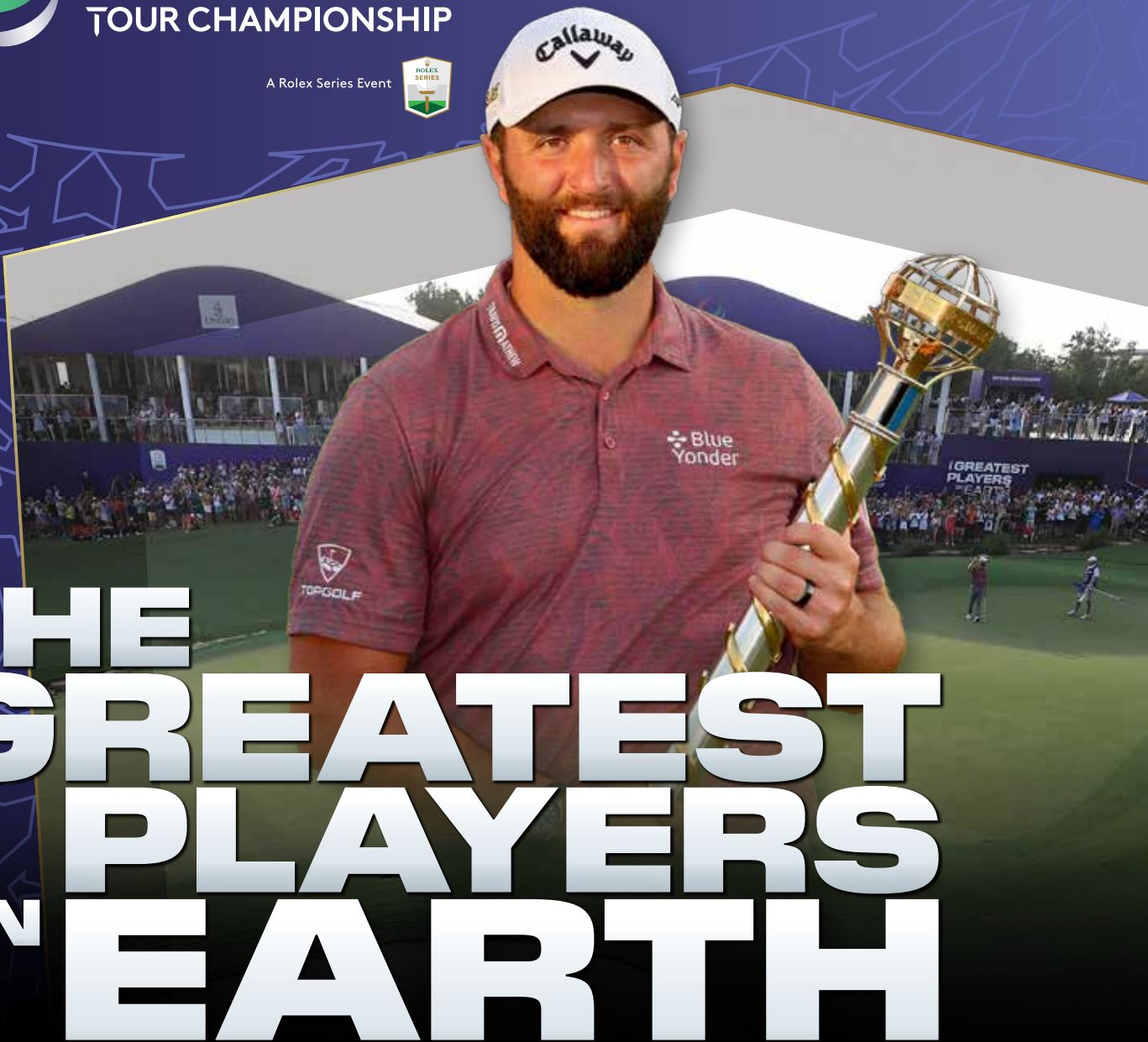
"This golf course was a real test. It was set up so great even with the weather, so thanks to everyone that helped put it together.

"I want to thank the R&A for putting together such an incredible Championship. I couldn't be happier to be its champion."



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GLOVER BAGS THE WIN AT FEDEX ST JUDE

By Dave Shedloski



The 18-inch putt he missed to lose in a playoff for a US Open berth might have crushed another player, but Lucas Glover wouldn't let it beat him. He departed that US Open qualifier in Columbus, Ohio, in early June frustrated but still certain he was on the right path to curing his putting woes by switching to a long putter.

"Walking back to the car after missing that putt," Glover recalled, "my dad [Jimmy] was there, and Tommy [Lamb, his caddie] was with me, obviously, and Tom just looked at me and goes: 'I don't really care that you missed that putt. This is a process with this new putter, and there's going to be some bumps, but I can't tell you how much better you look and how much more confident you look.' I needed to hear that at that moment, even though I was kind of dejected."

Glover ventured north the next morning to the RBC Canadian Open and started to see results he was looking for. He wasn't shaky over short putts. He took a step forward. His stubborn belief in himself was rewarded.

"That was a big week for me," Glover said. "Yeah, that's when I started to feel really good about what I was doing. I finished 20th. Finishing 20th sucks now, but it was nice at the time."

Glover laughed at the thought. He's having the last laugh a lot lately.

On an oppressively warm afternoon in the home of the blues, Glover refused to buckle, even as his swing was deserting him and World No. 4 Patrick Cantlay was stalking him. Thanks to a series of big putts in regulation and one solid hole in a sudden-death playoff, Glover won for the second time in as many weeks on Sunday, capturing the FedEx St Jude Championship at TPC Southwind.

The victory, worth \$3.6 million, was the sixth of his career and continued an amazing run for the 43-year-old South Carolina native who in June wasn't even in the running to keep his PGA Tour card. In the playoff, Cantlay, seeking his fourth win in his last six playoff starts, pulled his tee shot left at the par-4 18th hole and watched it trickle into the water hazard, costing him a penalty stroke. Glover, after safely finding the fairway and the green, two-putted from 22 feet and then watched as Cantlay, putting from almost the same distance and line, burned the right edge on his par save.

Coming on the heels of his win last Sunday at the Wyndham Championship, the victory in the opening FedEx Cup playoff event made the former US Open champion the sixth player over age 40 to win back-to-back tournaments in the last 40 years. Vijay Singh did it three times, most recently in 2008 when he won the FedEx St Jude Championship and Dell Technologies Championship. Glover also is the first player over 40 to win a playoff event since Tiger Woods at the 2018 Tour Championship.

"I said yesterday that the big guns would be coming and they came. I was just the last man standing," Glover said after converting for the first time in 10 tries with a 36-hole lead thanks to a closing one-under 69. He finished at 15-under 265, while Cantlay stormed into the playoff thanks to a bogey-free 64.

"Yeah, just hooked the ball a little too much off the tee, bad shot, obviously, and paid the price," Cantlay, winless this season but winner of the last two editions of the BMW Championship, said of the playoff hole. "It's been a long year, so I'm looking forward to the next two weeks and the opportunity I have."

Glover arrived last week at the Wyndham 114th in the FedEx Cup standings and moved into the post-season 49th. He now advances to the BMW Championship at Olympia Fields in fourth place and with a realistic chance to win the \$18-million bonus for the season-long title.

"I mean, if you would have told me this three months ago, I'd tell you you're crazy. But at the same time, if you asked me legitimately did I think I was capable, I'd say yes, even then," said Glover, who has risen from 119th to 53rd to 30th in the Official World Golf Ranking the last two weeks. "It's just one of those sad ways athletes are wired. We always believe in ourselves no matter how bad it is."

Rejuvenated thanks to switching to a long putter at the Memorial Tournament that was similar to the one Adam Scott had been using, Glover had a chance to win the tournament in regulation but left a 21-foot birdie putt a foot short at 18. He struggled with his full swing for much of the day, but the putter bailed him out time and again. He converted par saves of seven, 20 and 11 feet on his inward nine plus a 29-foot bogey putt after finding the water at the par-3 14th.

"Today it was a fight. It was a physical fight. I was fighting my swing and wasn't hitting it great," Glover said. "My short game was there, and that's the only reason I'm sitting here now is my chipping and putting yesterday and today."

Glover began the day one stroke ahead of Taylor Moore, who proceeded to bogey his first two holes to allow breathing room. Jordan Spieth converted two early birdies to get within one, and Tommy Fleetwood also made a run at Glover, but neither ever caught him.

Cantlay finally did, however. Having begun the day five back, the 2021 FedEx Cup champion slowly worked his way up the board and also got within two when he chipped in from 24 feet at the par-4 10th. He sprang into the lead with birdies at 15 and 16, but he couldn't capitalise on birdie tries of 18 and 20 feet, respectively, on

the final two holes. Glover's tap-in birdie at the par-5 16th set up extra holes.

Playing alongside Cantlay, Rory McIlroy birdied the last for a bogey-free 65 to end up tied for third with Fleetwood, who shot 68 but missed birdie tries on his final two holes that could have tied Cantlay. The top three in the FedEx Cup standings remained the same with Jon Rahm, Scottie Scheffler and McIlroy. Glover and Cantlay round out the top five.

In the race for the top 50 and the second leg of the playoffs at the BMW Championship, two men earned their way in and two fell out. Cam Davis closed with a three-under 67 and finished in a large group at 11-under 269, good for T-5, to move from 62 to 44. Former Masters winner Hideki Matsuyama played his final six holes in five under par for a clutch 65 and 281 to end up T-16, lifting him 10 places to 47th.

Top 50 status also earns exemptions into the eight 2024 signature events in 2024.

The odd men out were Mackenzie Hughes (51) and Nick Hardy (52), who began the week 47th and 50th, respectively.

Glover is now a lock for the Tour Championship at East Lake. He was asked what this unlikely run says about him.

"Maybe I'm really stubborn," Glover replied. "You know, 10 years up until this run, I've underachieved and knew it. It was all because of putting. I won the [John] Deere [Classic, in 2021] because I hit it in the grip a bunch for a week basically and snuck them in somehow."

"Yeah, it was just believing in myself, and hard-headed and stubborn enough to not give up. Never really thought about it, honestly. It was just, I'll figure it out, and it took something drastic to figure it out, but it's worked, obviously."



ZACH JOHNSON ANNOUNCES SIX CAPTAIN'S SELECTIONS TO COMPLETE 2023 UNITED STATES' RYDER CUP TEAM

BURNS, FOWLER, KOEPKA, MORIKAWA, SPIETH AND THOMAS SELECTED TO COMPETE FOR THE U.S. IN ROME

By Ryder Cup

United States Ryder Cup Captain Zach Johnson today announced that Sam Burns, Rickie Fowler, Brooks Koepka, Collin Morikawa, Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas have been named to the U.S. Team as Captain's Picks for the 44th Ryder Cup, which will take place September 29 - October 1 at Marco Simone Golf & Country Club in Rome, Italy.

Burns, 27, is making his first appearance on the U.S. Ryder Cup Team, and will bring his strong match play experience to Rome. He won the 2023 WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play for his fifth career PGA TOUR title in March. Burns ranks 11th on TOUR and third on the U.S. Team behind only Xander Schauffele and Max Homa in Strokes Gained Putting (0.584) this season.

Fowler is set to participate in his fifth Ryder Cup, making him one of the most experienced members of the U.S. Team alongside Spieth. The 34-year-old registered a career-best 18 top-25 finishes in 2023, including a victory at the Rocket Mortgage Classic in July. Fowler also set a U.S. Open record by totaling 18 birdies over his first 36 holes at Los Angeles Country Club.

Koepka, 33, will be competing in his fourth consecutive Ryder Cup. He owns a 6-5-1 career record and has never lost a singles match (2-0-1). Koepka captured his third PGA Championship victory and fifth Major title earlier this year at Oak Hill Country Club. He is just the third player to win three or more PGA Championships since it became a stroke play event in 1958. Following a T-2 finish at the 2023 Masters Tournament and his win at Oak Hill, Koepka has finished either first or second in nine of his last 24 major starts.

Morikawa returns for his second Ryder Cup appearance after debuting in 2021. The 26-year-old went 3-0-1 to become the first U.S. rookie to go 3-0-0 or better in Foursomes and Four-balls combined since Larry Nelson in 1979. Morikawa is a two-time Major Champion and has finished in the top-10 in seven of his 15 Major starts. He leads the PGA TOUR this season in Approaches from 100-125 yards (16'2" Avg).

Like Fowler, Spieth will be competing in his fifth Ryder Cup. The 30-year-old owns an 8-7-3 career record, including 5-2-0 in Four-balls, and has come from behind in six of his eight Ryder Cup match victories. Spieth has registered the third-most top-5 finishes on the PGA TOUR over the last six months (5) behind only Scottie Scheffler (9) and Rory McIlroy (7).

Thomas will be appearing in his third consecutive Ryder Cup. The 30-year-old is a two-time Major Champion and 15-time winner on the PGA TOUR. Thomas is 6-2-1 in his career at the Ryder Cup, including 3-0-0 in Four-balls and 2-0-0 in Singles. He won two matches in 2021 at Whistling Straits after trailing by three holes (Four-balls with Patrick Cantlay vs. Tommy Fleetwood/Viktor Hovland and Foursomes with Jordan Spieth vs. Bernd Wiesberger/Viktor Hovland).



LUKE DONALD NAMES HIS SIX CAPTAIN'S PICKS FOR THE 2023 RYDER CUP

By Ryder Cup

Luke Donald has selected Ludvig Aberg, Tommy Fleetwood, Nicolai Højgaard, Shane Lowry, Justin Rose and Sepp Straka as his six Captain's Picks to complete his 12-man European Team for the 2023 Ryder Cup in Italy.

They join Matt Fitzpatrick, Tyrrell Hatton, Viktor Hovland, Robert MacIntyre, Rory McIlroy, and Jon Rahm, all of whom qualified automatically for the contest against the United States, which takes place at Marco Simone Golf & Country Club, Rome, from September 29 – October 1.

Sweden's Aberg, Denmark's Højgaard and Austria's Straka will each be making their first appearance for Europe in the Ryder Cup, while Ireland's Lowry will be playing in his first on European soil having been part of the team at Whistling Straits in Wisconsin two years ago.

It will be Englishman Fleetwood's third consecutive Ryder Cup, following his memorable debut in 2018 when he won four points out of five in Paris, while his compatriot Rose returns to the European Team for the first time since that contest at Le Golf National five years ago. Rose will make his sixth Ryder Cup appearance overall, having previously featured in 2008, 2012, 2014, 2016 and 2018.

European Captain Donald said: "I am delighted to announce Ludvig, Tommy, Nicolai, Shane, Justin and Sepp as part of Team Europe for the Ryder Cup, joining the six players who qualified automatically.

"We have great depth of talent in Europe, and that is perfectly illustrated with the team we now have confirmed for Rome, which is a strong blend of players with previous Ryder Cup experience combined with exciting and talented rookies.

"I'm really pleased to have this team now in place, and we are all looking forward to going to Rome later this month and trying to win back the Ryder Cup."





NEW-LOOK LANDSCAPE ACROSS THE UAE AND BEYOND AFTER DP WORLD TOUR CALENDAR SHAKE-UP

By Matt Smith

The new-look DP World Tour schedule for 2023-24 consolidated the UAE's place at the top table of world golf, with five events slated across the emirates, including a season-ending double-header.

Following the traditional early-campaign events in Australia and South Africa before the Christmas break, the Tour rolls into the UAE in January for three back-to-back tournaments — including a new arrival in the form of the Dubai Invitational at Dubai Creek Resort (January 11-14), before heading to Emirates Golf Club and the 35th Hero Dubai Desert Classic (January 18-21). The Ras Al Khaimah Championship at Al Hamra Golf Club rounds out the triple-header (January 25-28).

Both the Dubai Invitational and RAK event offer prize money of \$2.5 million, with the Rolex Series Desert Classic having \$9 million up for grabs.

In another revamp to the calendar, Bahrain will be joining the DP World Tour. From February 1-4, the Royal Golf Club will host some of the world's top players to the resort, south of Manama, with a purse of \$2.5 million. In one of the most significant changes, the Abu Dhabi Championship has been moved from its traditional January

spot to form a season finale play-off along with the DP World Tour Championship.

Running in November, these two final Rolex Series events of the season will have a pool of \$19 million in prize money. The Abu Dhabi Championship will welcome the leading 70 players on the Race to Dubai Rankings to Yas Links, before the top 50 head back to Dubai for the showdown at Jumeirah Golf Estates, where the DP World Tour's Number One player will be crowned.

At the conclusion of the DP World Tour's 2024 season, the leading 10 players will share a \$6 million bonus pool. The top 10 DP World Tour members on the final 2024 Race to Dubai Rankings (not otherwise exempt) will earn PGA TOUR cards for the 2025 season.

"Our 2024 season will see our members come together to compete across a global schedule, with greater opportunities and rewards than ever before," said Keith Pelley, the DP World Tour's chief executive. "The many new and original enhancements we have introduced will guarantee drama and excitement for our fans, our broadcasters and all our stakeholders across the entire season and means, more than ever, that every week counts on the DP World Tour."

HERE IS THE FULL 2023-24 DP WORLD TOUR SCHEDULE

OPENING SWING

November 23-26	2023 Fortinet Australian PGA Championship (Royal Queensland GC, Brisbane, Australia)
November 23-26	Joburg Open (Houghton GC, Johannesburg, South Africa)
November 30-December 3	ISPS Handa Australian Open (The Australian GC & The Lakes GC, Sydney, Australia)
November 30-December 3	Investec South African Open Championship (Blair Atholl Golf & Equestrian Estate, Lanseria, Johannesburg, South Africa)
December 7-10	Alfred Dunhill Championship (Leopard Creek CC, Malelane, South Africa)
December 14-17	AfrAsia Bank Mauritius Open (Heritage La Réserve GC, Heritage Bel Ombre, Mauritius)

INTERNATIONAL SWING

January 11-14	2024 Dubai Invitational (Dubai Creek Resort, Dubai, UAE)
January 18-21	Hero Dubai Desert Classic (Emirates GC, Dubai, UAE)
January 25-28	Ras Al Khaimah Championship (Al Hamra GC, Ras Al Khaimah, UAE)
February 1-4	Bahrain Championship (Royal GC, Kingdom of Bahrain)
February 22-25	Magical Kenya Open (Muthaiga GC, Nairobi, Kenya)
February 29-March 3	SDC Championship (TBC, South Africa)
March 7-10	Jonsson Workwear Open (TBC, South Africa)

ASIAN SWING

March 21-24	Singapore Classic (Laguna National Golf Resort Club, Singapore)
March 28-31	Asian Event TBA (TBC)
April 11-14	The Masters (Augusta National GC, Augusta, Georgia, USA)
April 18-21	Korea Championship (Jack Nicklaus Golf Club Korea, Incheon, South Korea)
April 25-28	ISPS Handa Championship (Taiheiyo Club, Gotemba Course, Gotemba City, Japan)
May 2-5	Volvo China Open (Hidden Grace GC, Shenzhen, China)
May 16-19	PGA Championship (Valhalla GC, Louisville, Kentucky, USA)

EUROPEAN SWING

May 23-26	Soudal Open (Rinkven International GC, Antwerp, Belgium)
May 30-June 2	European Open (Green Eagle Golf Courses, Hamburg, Germany)
June 6-9	Volvo Car Scandinavian Mixed (TBC, Sweden)
June 13-16	US Open (Pinehurst Resort & CC, Pinehurst, North Carolina, USA)
June 20-23	KLM Open (The International, Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
June 27-30	Italian Open (TBC, Italy)
July 4-7	BMW International Open (Golf Club München Eichenried, Munich, Germany)

CLOSING SWING

July 11-14	Genesis Scottish Open (The Renaissance Club, North Berwick, Scotland)
July 11-14	Event TBA (TBC, USA)
July 18-21	The 152nd Open (Royal Troon GC, Ayrshire, Scotland)
July 18-21	Barracuda Championship (Tahoe Mt Club, Truckee, California, USA)
August 1-4	Olympic Men's Golf Competition (Le Golf National, Paris, France)
August 15-18	D+D Real Czech Masters (Albatross Golf Resort, Prague, Czech Republic)
August 22-25	Danish Golf Championship (Lübker Golf Resort, Aarhus, Denmark)

THE BACK 9

August 29-September 1	Belfred British Masters (The Belfry, Sutton Coldfield, England)
September 5-8	Omega European Masters (Crans-sur-Sierre GC, Crans Montana, Switzerland)
September 12-15	Horizon Irish Open (Royal County Down GC, Newcastle, Co Down, Northern Ireland)
September 19-22	BMW PGA Championship (Wentworth Club, Virginia Water, Surrey, England)
September 26-29	Acciona Open de España presented by Madrid (Club de Campo Villa de Madrid, Madrid, Spain)
October 3-6	Alfred Dunhill Links Championship (Old Course St Andrews, Carnoustie & Kingsbarns, Scotland)
October 10-13	Open de France (Le Golf National, Paris, France)
October 17-20	Andalucia Masters (Real Club de Golf Sotogrande, San Roque, Andalucia, Spain)
October 24-27	Event TBA (TBC)

DP WORLD TOUR PLAY-OFFS

November 7-10	Abu Dhabi Championship (Yas Links, Abu Dhabi, UAE)
November 14-17	DP World Tour Championship (Jumeirah Golf Estates, Earth Course, Dubai, UAE)



INTERNATIONAL PAIRS UAE TOURNAMENT RETURNS

By Worldwide Golf



The International Pairs UAE Tournament is back for a second season, with players vying for the chance to secure an all-expenses paid trip to the International Pairs World Final to be held in November, 2024 at the Royal Obidos Spa & Golf Resort and Bom Sucssso Resort in Portugal.

This is the second season of the International Pairs to be hosted in the UAE as part of a worldwide initiative for amateur club golfers and is arguably the world's largest amateur pairs golf competition.

Since its inception in 1998, over 2.5 million amateur golfers from over 50 countries have competed in this prestigious tournament.

Entries in Pairs are now being taken for the UAE Qualifying Rounds with players being able to enter more than one Qualifying Round with priority for those entering their first event. For all details on entries visit: <https://uae.internationalpairsgolf.com/>

There are four rounds designated for Club Members only at their respective clubs in addition to nine rounds open to EGF Members holding an Official Handicap, whether Members of Golf Clubs or Direct EGF Members. The handicap limit for Men is 24 and for Ladies is 36 with 75% of the full course handicap allowance in a betterball format. The minimum age for players is 13 years-old.

The leading three pairs from each Qualifying Round will go forward to the UAE National Finals to be held over the National Course at Abu Dhabi Golf Club on Saturday, 9th March in an afternoon Shotgun.

The winners of the UAE National Finals will qualify for an all-expenses trip to the International Pairs World Final to be held in November, 2024 at the Royal Obidos Spa & Golf Resort and Bom Sucssso Resort in Portugal, featuring players from 26 other countries, the overall winners being crowned the International Pairs World Champions.

The 2023 – 2024 International Pairs UAE Tournament has Callaway as a proud sponsor and is supported by the Emirates Golf Federation (EGF).

THE CALENDAR FOR THE UAE FIXTURES IS AS FOLLOWS:

Sunday, 3rd September, 2023	Jumeirah Golf Estates, Dubai, Fire course (Members Only) – Morning Shotgun.
Saturday, 16th September, 2023	Al Zorah Golf Club (Open to all EGF Members) – Tee Times.
Saturday, 23rd September, 2023	Al Hamra Golf Club, Ras Al Khaimah (Open to all EGF Members) – Mid-Morning assigned Tee Times.
Wednesday, 4th October, 2023	Dubai Creek & Yacht Golf Club (Lady Members Only) – Morning Shotgun.
Saturday, 7th October, 2023	Dubai Hills Golf Club, Dubai (Open to all EGF Members) – Morning Two Tee start with assigned Tee Times.
Saturday, 14th October, 2023	Saadiyat Beach Golf Club, Abu Dhabi (Open to all EGF Members) – Morning Shotgun.
Tuesday, 24th October, 2023	Emirates Golf Club (Ladies Members Only) – Morning Shotgun (Majlis Course).
Saturday, 4th November, 2023	Al Ain Equestrian Shooting & Golf Club (Open to all EGF Members) – Morning Shotgun.
Saturday, 18th November, 2023	Abu Dhabi Golf Club, Abu Dhabi (Open to all EGF Members) – Mid-Morning assigned Tee Times.
Tuesday, 9th January, 2024	Montgomerie Golf Club (Ladies Only – Open to all EGF Lady Members), Dubai – Morning Shotgun.
Saturday, 20th January, 2024	Montgomerie Golf Club (Open to all EGF Members), Dubai – Afternoon Shotgun.
Saturday, 3rd February, 2024	The Els Golf Club, Dubai (Members Only) – Morning Two Tee start with assigned Tee Times.
Saturday, 10th February, 2024	Arabian Ranches Golf Club, Dubai (Open to all EGF Members) – Afternoon Shotgun.

“We are excited to be launching the International Pairs 2023 – 2024 Calendar of Qualifying Rounds. Last year we had over 300 golfers competing and this year, with 13 events we are confident of attracting over 1,000 players. This year’s edition will be a significant ramp up from our year one pilot project with enhanced player interaction, sponsor delivery and media activity a key priority. We encourage all UAE based EGF golfers to enter these events, which we promise will be a memorable experience over the best golf courses in the UAE, with the opportunity to represent the UAE in the International Pairs World Final.”

– B.S. Bali of ICON Sports, the UAE Promoters.





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