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CLUB MANAGER'S MESSAGE

STEPHEN HUBNER
CLUB MANAGER, JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES

GOLF EVENT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Many members have approached me interested in learning more about sponsorship opportunities at the club for their business. We have many events and are always keen to welcome new sponsors in order to enhance our offering and to add value to their business. If you would like to find out more about this, please reach out to me directly.

CAR PARK SOLAR SHADES

You will have seen that the work to install the new solar shades in the car park has started. It will be completed in three phases to ensure we have sufficient parking during the project which is scheduled to be completed by the end of August. We are looking forward to providing you with an elevated parking experience which is in line with our sustainability goals.

RESTAURANTS

Our Food & Beverage Team has a host of special promotions happening across our five restaurants for you to enjoy. We were excited to launch our Sunday Summer Brunch in Bussola in early June which has been well received. Our new Friday Bingo Nights in Crafty Fox and of course our Thursday Quiz hosted by Rob Duce also continue to be a big hit!



I hope that you are keeping well and adapting to the rising temperatures we are experiencing as we approach summer.

The Club continues to be extremely busy in all areas, which is positive to see and hopefully a reflection that you are enjoying the time you share with us. We are keen to keep you updated on what is happening around the club, and so I hope you find the following information interesting and helpful.

DRIVING RANGE PROJECT

We are delighted to be upgrading the driving range for you to enjoy. Thank you for your patience during the recent short closure periods which allowed our Agronomy Team to extend the lower tee deck by 4 metres and to re-seed the target greens with paspalum grass. A full aeration was also completed on the range floor, along with work on the bunkers and weeding and tidying of the range perimeter. The benefits of these closures will be seen from September onwards when you will be able to enjoy improved turf conditions to play from and enhanced aesthetics of this key area.

GOLF COURSES

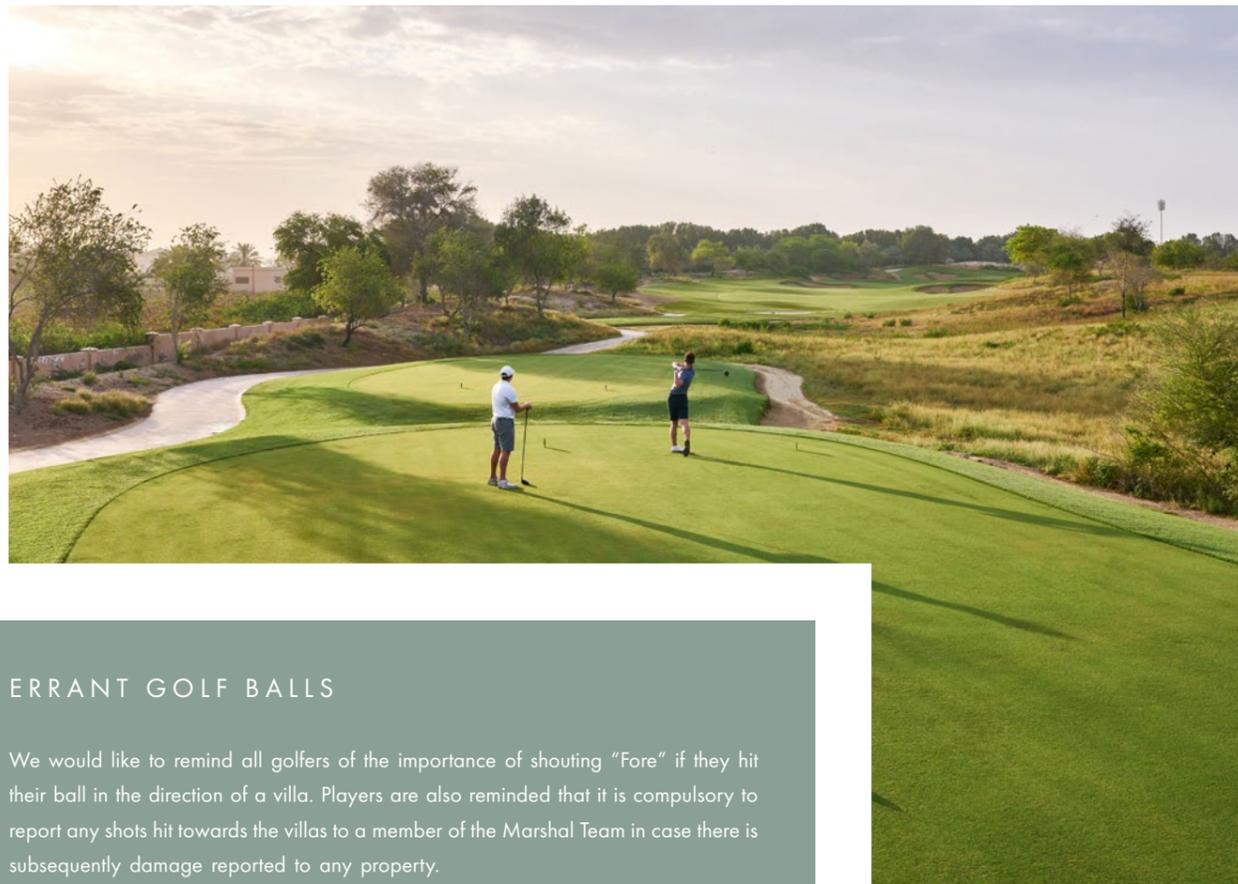
Both the Earth and Fire courses have recovered extremely well after the aeration work carried out in May and early June. Golfers are now enjoying two superbly conditioned courses due to the outstanding work by Stuart Horwood and his team. The final summer aerations will take place from 7th to 13th August on Fire, and 21st to 27th August on Earth. These essential works allow for dead organic matter to be removed from the turf to ensure we can provide you with firm and fast playing surfaces for the golfing season.

FAREWELL LESLEY!

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to our wonderful Membership Services Manager, Lesley Wade who will return home to her native Australia in late June after more than a decade with Jumeirah Golf Estates! In that time, Lesley has made an outstanding contribution to the success of the club, and I would like to thank her for her efforts. We all wish her the very best in her next exciting step and hope to welcome her back to the club at some time in the future.

Lesley's departure will no doubt leave a big gap in our operation, which leads me on to happily announce that Candy Legaspi has been promoted and will be taking on the management of the Golf Membership department. Candy has worked at the club since 2014 in her role as Executive Assistant and throughout that time has worked closely with Lesley to help ensure a wonderful membership experience. Please join me in congratulating Candy in her new appointment!





ERRANT GOLF BALLS

We would like to remind all golfers of the importance of shouting "Fore" if they hit their ball in the direction of a villa. Players are also reminded that it is compulsory to report any shots hit towards the villas to a member of the Marshal Team in case there is subsequently damage reported to any property.

Residents living adjacent to the golf course should immediately contact the club Security Team on 04 586 7784 to report instances of golf balls damaging their property so that the team can investigate and attempt to identify the golfer responsible for hitting the errant shot.

Thank you for your support of our wonderful club and I hope you enjoy the following updates from around the Club.



A NOTE FROM OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF GOLF, FRANCO BOTHA

I am thrilled to introduce myself as the new Director of Golf at Jumeirah Golf Estates. It is an honour to be a part of such a prestigious golf club and I am excited to work alongside the talented team here to continue making this Club one of the best in the world.

My journey in the golf industry began at the end of 2010 when I joined Saadiyat Beach Golf Club as a Golf Operations Attendant. During the 4 year tenure at Saadiyat Beach Golf Club, I gained invaluable experience in managing golf operations, organizing tournaments, and providing exceptional customer service to members. I also used this time to complete the PGA Diploma through the PGA of South Africa and through hard work and dedication received several internal promotions.

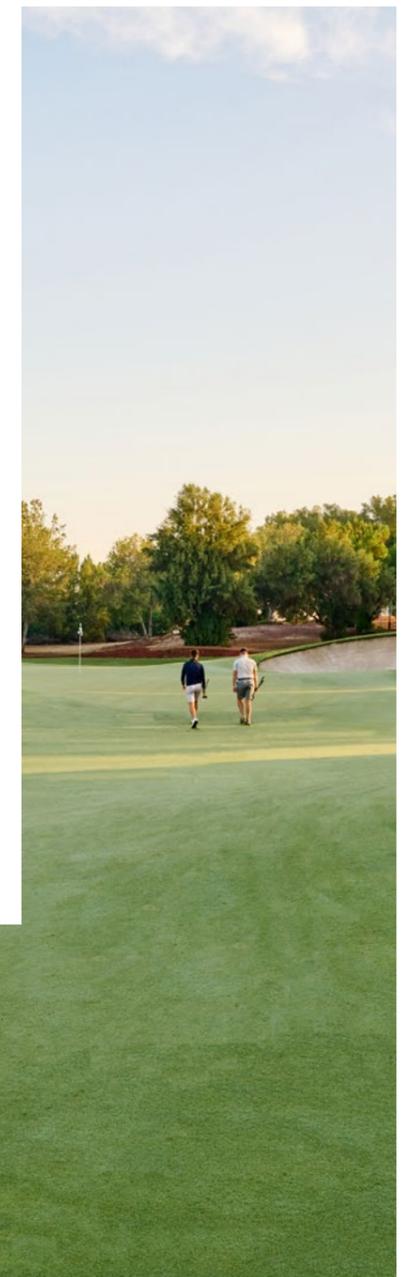
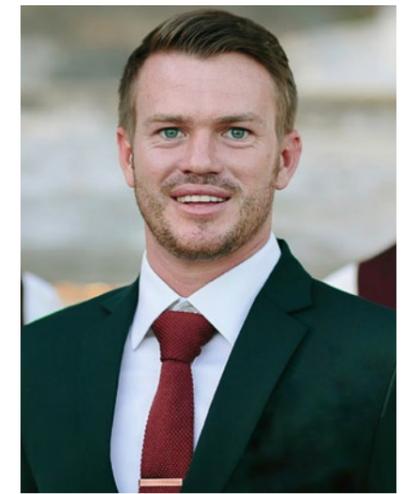
In 2015, I was given the opportunity to move to The Els Club where I served as Golf Operations Manager for just over 4 years, followed by the most recent move in 2019 to Bahrain to join the team at Royal Golf Club as Director of Golf. My responsibilities in these roles consisted of overseeing all aspects of the Club's golf operations, retail operations, and member services while working closely with the golf course maintenance team, to ensure top quality playing surfaces year round.

As Director of Golf, my goal is to ensure that every member of Jumeirah Golf Estates has an exceptional experience every time you step onto the course. If you are a seasoned golfer or just starting out, I am committed to providing you with the best possible golfing experience, from the quality of the course to the level of service you receive from our team.

Whether it's on the course, in the clubhouse, or during events, I am eager to engage with all members and listen to your feedback, ideas, and concerns. My goal is to work collaboratively with the members and the Club's management team to ensure that Jumeirah Golf Estates continues to be a premier golf destination in the region.

Thank you for welcoming me to the Jumeirah Golf Estates community, and I look forward to meeting you all soon.

Sincerely,
FRANCO BOTHA
Director of Golf, Jumeirah Golf Estates



CLUB MANAGER'S MESSAGE

JULIAN DANBY
 CLUSTER CLUB MANAGER, VIYA GOLF

As we roll into July, I think it's safe to say that the summer is well and truly upon us. The tourist and corporate golf season has come to an end, and the levels of golf rounds being played through midweek across each of our courses has reduced dramatically; with the exception of Yas Acres which is coming into its element with night golf being one of the only comfortable times of the day to play.

This is a time of the year where the majority of our colleagues take the opportunity to have a well-earned rest and travel overseas to see family and friends. Although, during the summer period you may see a reduced manning level across the clubs, we still strive to ensure that we deliver the very best service and care to our members and guests.

On this note, the hot summer months is a time for reflection for the Viya Golf management team after a very busy last 10 months. It's a time to address the areas of the operation we can improve efficiencies, as well as re-visit all the key touch-points along our customer journeys and see where we can improve the overall experience. An important part of this process is training, and this is one of our key focus areas for this summer, so that come the busy winter season, you will not only see some of the physical improvements to our facilities, but you will also feel the difference in your day-to-day experience.

It may be a time for some of our front of house teams such as golf operations, food and beverage, events etc., to enjoy the less demanding peacefulness of summer, however two departments which will be at full steam ahead will be our Engineering teams and Agronomy teams.

On our Engineering side, we are very fortunate to have an extremely experienced Director of Engineering – Mohamed Shaker, who looks after all three of our facilities in Abu Dhabi.

Mohamed comes from a strong engineering background in the hospitality sector and has been in Abu Dhabi for nearly 10 years. As our buildings at Yas Links and Saadiyat Beach Golf Club continue to age, more and more emphasis is applied to our regular preventative maintenance programmes to ensure we provide safe, healthy and efficient buildings along with facilities for our members and guests to enjoy.



Our Agronomy teams, aptly led by Corey Finn, have already commenced their summer maintenance programmes, with Yas Acres, Saadiyat Beach Golf Club and more recently, Yas Links, undergoing round one of two extensive and rather evasive renovations across all turf areas (tees, greens, fairways and rough).

To the non-golfer, at first view the course can look in a rather alarming condition, especially during the middle of a coring treatment or graden. However, at this time of year with the grass growing at significant rates due to the heat and extended daylight hours, it never ceases to amaze me how quickly the course recovers. In fact, I was only inspecting the course at Saadiyat recently and you wouldn't have thought there had been a significant renovation taken place in recent months, never mind weeks!

As we look ahead, it's certainly an exciting time for Viya Golf and the clubs under our management.

Yas Acres projects includes the delivery of a new food truck to service the pool and Padel courts, as well as the introduction of a new pet friendly garden outlet, to better serve the community of dog owners on Yas Island. We will also be opening a supervised 'Kids Club' for children aged 4 - 14yrs, to enjoy an indoor-outdoor safe, fun and educational environment under the direct supervision of certified child carers.

Members of Yas Acres Golf & Country Club will receive a set number of free passes each month, so they can enjoy using the Club's facilities in the sound knowledge that their children are having fun and being well-looked after.



Yas Links Abu Dhabi projects will first see the opening of 'Crafty Fox' sports bar, serving all of the well known favourites you'd expect of a sport bar. However, our 'gastro tapas' theme will mean that you can try multiple cuisines with a reduced portion size, great for sharing and also indulging on your own. Other projects which are at various stages of concept development include the renovation of our reception area, golf academy building, gym and Hickory's.

Saadiyat Beach Golf Club will soon see the much-awaited floodlighting of the short game area to facilitate evening practice and tuition. The renovation of our on-course food & beverage pavilions, new food & beverage carts, a new Starters Hut to improve your first tee experience, as well as improvements to Hawksbill restaurant, our outdoor Dolphin bar to name but a few.



Aside from the physical project improvements, the golf operations teams are busy planning an exciting event calendar across all the three Clubs, which aside from the flagship tournaments you will be used to seeing, the calendar will also include more Viya Golf events, which will see members across each of our Clubs, being invited to participate in consolidated events. Keep an eye out for our member and open event calendar due to be released later this summer.

One important message I would like to get across this summer is the importance of hydration. We all know how hot and humid the UAE summer can become, and we easily forget the dangers that it brings – especially to those with medical conditions. Summer golf is no joke,

and as long as you plan your timings well, don't over stretch yourself (9 holes can be enough), stay hydrated, which includes taking supplements, then you can have just as much fun.

This leaves me to wish all of our members and guests a wonderful summer ahead. Whether you are traveling or staying in the UAE, we hope you enjoy some downtime with friends and family and have the opportunity to play some golf along the way. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me personally if you have any comments, feedback or suggestions. Rest assured the Viya Golf team will be hard at work over the next few months to ensure that this coming winter season will be the best one yet!



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MIKE WALTON
DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, TOPGOLF DUBAI

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With over 300,000 guests visits, and over 10 million golf balls hit, Topgolf Dubai goes from strength to strength. We've introduced Premium Bays, hosted our second birthday, updated our menu, upgraded our tee-line air conditioning, built a full Arcade and so much more! The second half of 2023 will be even more magical, with so much planned – and a New Years Eve party like no other! Stay with us this year for more moments that matter, for everyone.



TOPGOLF ACADEMY

Topgolf Academy continues to grow and grow. Whilst so much golf pauses in Summer, Topgolf Dubai Academy is in full operation all year long. We will be welcoming two new coaches, including an Arabic and Korean speaker so we can continue to expand our multi-language lesson offerings. We have been delighted with the number of lessons sold and the fantastic efforts of all our golf coaches whilst we provided an exciting experience in our air conditioned bays using the unmatched TopTracer technology. If you would like to book your lesson with one of our coaches, make sure to visit our website or download Viya!

With the school break this Summer, the popular sold out Junior summer camp returns. Children, aged 6-12, can enjoy the full Topgolf experience whilst learning the game of golf, enjoy swimming, interactive activities, our newly refurbished 'The Bunker Arcade', and so much more! Book for the week to receive a AED 50 discount, and bring a friend to receive an additional AED 50 discount (per junior). Led by our PGA Professionals, and fun Topgolf play makers, enjoy a camp quite like no other!

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SUSTAINABILITY UPDATE

After the successful glass recycling project on 2022, seeing around 4.5 tons of glass recycled monthly, Topgolf Dubai, alongside Emirates Golf Club have now begun works for a new source of power. Solar Panels will be installed in much of the car park, not only giving shade to our many cars, but to create a sustainable energy source. There may be a small level of disruption as we set this up, but there will be plenty of parking space available all summer long. We are incredibly excited for this step, and will continue to review ways to do our part.

CATERER AWARD NOMINATIONS

We'd love to wish a big good luck to our colleagues, Shelston Aguiar and Baby Jane Atienza, for being nominated for Bar Manager of the Year and Floor-tender of the Year at this year's Caterer Awards. Shelston has had a huge impact on everything beverage at Topgolf Dubai, with the speedy service, versatile menu, and at an extremely high volume, Shelston's impact on over 1 million guests has been huge. Baby Jane puts the fun in fun, and has had a huge impact on making the Topgolf experience as fun as it is. Her energy has led to a countless number of 5* reviews. Good luck to them both!



AGRONOMY UPDATE

MATTHEW PERRY
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT, EMIRATES GOLF CLUB

Well summer for the Golf Course maintenance team means closures and projects. It's never easy during the hotter months and feel it has been considerably hotter than previous so far.

COURSE CLOSURES

We had two course closures so far this summer, on both the Majlis and Faldo. This is when we do our cultural practices like scarifying and heavy topdressing. It was the third time the Majlis greens have had any major work done to them and have responded very well to the work. What we wanted to achieve with the Majlis work was to, again, help the levels of the greens and take out any high areas we might have. This was done by scarifying the greens aggressively. The heavy sand then helped with getting the levels and encourage the grass to grow through.

This year we also used a machine called a Verti Drain. This uses solid tines that go into the surface to a much deeper depth. This was so we could add organic fertilisers to the greens and get them down deeper to help the roots and thus help us have a healthier grass. We scarified

the fairways, tees and approaches this year to help remove organic matter and encourage fresh growth. This was followed by hollow coring to help de-compaction from the cart traffic and give oxygen to the roots. The heavy sand applied then helps the grass to creep and fill in the areas. They have all bounced back well and expect them to be very healthy going forward.

On Faldo Course, we carried out very similar work including scarifying greens, tees, fairways and approaches. All these areas came back quickly and shows what good condition Faldo Course has been in this year. We will continue to do our small maintenance during our Monday closures and feel this is a big factor in why this course has been consistently good.



UPCOMING PROJECTS

As the courses are a lot quieter in the summer it means we can do projects. This year will be no different with a few planned to help improve the course from a condition and aesthetic point of view. I have listed below the major ones we are planning and will slowly work throughout the next 3 months.

- The back bunker on 9/18th green Majlis will be adjusted in size so that the hospitality at the Dubai Desert Classic can move further away from the putting green. This has been an issue for us the last 2 years, with the green suffering and losing grass as it gets zero sunlight and a lot of traffic.
- We plan to enlarge more tees on the Majlis course to spread wear during the golfing season. The ones we have ear marked are 1, 4, 9, 11, and 13. This will happen throughout the summer and been grown in for the season.
- Perimeter tree trimming has started on the Majlis course and will move to the Faldo after. This is done every 2 years. We will look at trees that have got too big also, as they course be causing a block in sunlight or issues with dropping leaves.
- The 7th green approach will be removed and re-shaped as it has become quite uneven over time. The aim will be to smooth this out and have a better run off to the water.
- Will again be working on the driving range outfield to improve the condition. The young grass we put down last year didn't cope well with the wear of the ball picker through the winter. We aim to strengthen this grass with roping areas and re-sprigging. Then give it time to mature and be healthy for the season ahead.

I look forward to seeing you after the summer and when all projects and renovations are complete.

AGRONOMY UPDATE

STUART HORWOOD
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT, JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES

It's been a great year so far for the Agronomy team at Jumeirah Golf Estates. The investments made over the past year are starting to show, and to the benefit for all our members and guests. Firstly, is the new grass at the Tommy Fleetwood Academy. In the summer of 2022, we fully re-grassed the Academy with Paspalum grass. This has now been fully established and is not only playing well but presenting extremely well. If you haven't been down to have a look, please do so as soon as possible.

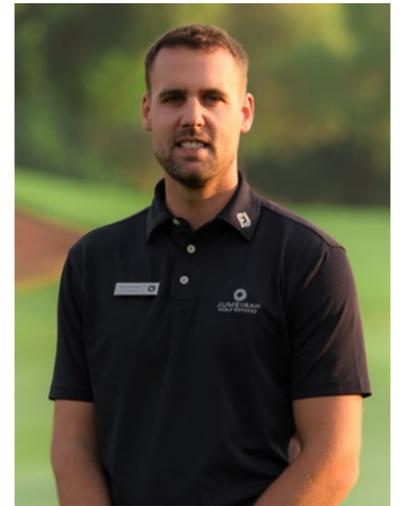


We are already halfway through our summer aeration plans. Both courses have recovered from this and are now playable. Aeration is a normal practice for all golf courses, and although it can be disruptive short term, the more aeration we do, the better the turf conditions in the season and for the long-term health of the asset. We appreciate all the support for these closures which allows us to give you the best possible golf course conditions. Aeration is the removal of dead organic matter that accumulates in the soil profile, replacing this with clean sand and improving oxygen in the root-zone.



Bunkers seem to be the biggest concern this time of year with many comments saying there isn't enough sand. Although in isolated areas this could be true, a lot of the misconception is the compact sand from the amount we have to water in the summer to keep the grass alive. The water here is high in salt so in the morning the moisture is what is making them compact and in the afternoon the dry salt creates a crust.

We continue to do our best year round to improve the conditions in bunkers but most of the work we carry out can be short lived, so it becomes counter productive to our summer project work and aeration tasks if we continue to add more man hours in that area. The good news is, some investment has been made to add sand to all the Earth Course bunkers this season, and the Fire Course bunkers next year. See below a test bunker we have carried out on 11th on Earth, this new sand integration project will be complete in September. The new sand will improve playability and presentation.



The weed management plan continues to be a success. The overall population of weeds is under control which in turn is improving the turf conditions. It proved to be a good decision not to overseed the roughs on both Fire and Earth.

The Tour players had a better challenge, and our members and guests get to enjoy full grass coverage year-round. Below is an example of an area of transition from the over-seeded rye grass back to Bermuda and the same area without the overseed.

The overseed during winter plays an important role in the weed management, it allows us to continue to spray weeds year-round and have stronger Bermuda grass. Moving forward it is unlikely we will overseed roughs again at Jumeirah Golf Estates due to all the benefits we have experienced.

OTHER ONGOING PROJECTS:

- Landscape – lifting canopies, trimming, and cleaning.
- Driving range target greens overseed
- Driving range tee (lower deck) tee extension and levelling

It's an exciting year at Jumeirah Golf Estates, the Agronomy team feel they are in a great spot to really showcase both courses at their best this season.

We are looking forward to the challenges that we will face together and all the hard work that the team has done over the past 12-18 months coming into the limelight. A special thanks to all the Agronomy team that sacrifice daily to work towards the goal of improving the playing conditions for our members and guests.



SUMMER WITH FITLAB

DOUGIE GAIR
HEAD OF RECREATION, EMIRATES GOLF CLUB

I hope all are well, and I presume many of you will escape the summer heat, so please enjoy your travels, and I look forward to seeing you all again after summer! For those that are staying in Dubai, we are here to look after you and your fitness & health needs!

Our indoor Padel courts are now open inside the Pavilion building and have seen a fantastic response already. The fully air-conditioned venue means there is no excuse to not get involved in the world's fastest growing sport, so book your court now!

Sticking on racquet sports, our member Squash ladder leagues are now back up and running and lots of you are already back playing which is great to see. Please add your name to the list to join up on future months if you are interested.



The swimming pool has seen some of its busiest weekends recently with many members taking advantage of the great weather. Our annual maintenance will take place over summer, most likely for a week in August, so we will be sure to communicate this to you in due course. In the meantime, please keep topping up the sun lotion, and if enjoying a few beverages, please drink responsibly.

We are working on bringing in a few new clubs and class options for September that we will update you with in the next edition, but we will have a new Swim Academy, as well as added options in the studio including Karate and Drama classes to supplement our already busy schedule.



For more information on any of our recreation offerings at Emirates Golf Club, please contact the FitLab Reception at:
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As always, please reach out direct to me should you have any questions or queries of a Recreation kind.



CLUB CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

CAMPBELL STEEDMAN
 CLUB CAPTAIN, EMIRATES GOLF CLUB

Having just completed our End of Season competition, and as we approach the last months of Captaincy over the summer, it is surprising to look back and see how quickly the past Season has gone - although it has been memorable in every respect.

The past couple of months have also been rather special, starting with the annual Captain's Dinner, this year held at the Royal Majlis. An excellent evening, and it was a privilege to be joined by many of our Past Captains together with Chris May, Barney Coleman and Cian Hurley. I was also very touched to receive two very kind gifts from the Club which will always bring fond memories of the Captaincy over the past year, and we then ended the evening with our new Club Vice-Captains for the 2023-2024 Season, Josie Tracey and Joseph Andrade, being presented with their Club blazers. Best wishes to both of you for your Vice-Captaincies and Captaincies in the next two years.



The other memorable event in the lead up to the End of Season Scramble was, of course, the Captain's Tour in early May. Following my focus on the culture of golf over the past Season, it was inevitable that the first Captain's Tour post-Covid should be to Scotland! Comprising a group of 16, the majority of us met over breakfast at Dubai Airport before enjoying a "relaxing" flight to Glasgow. With many of the group having invested in waterproof golf kit and sweaters pre-Tour, heavy rain on arrival in Glasgow and en route to Edinburgh clearly met group expectation, and as we then went to a "Welcome to Scotland" whisky tasting and dinner in Edinburgh, it was anticipated that dampness would continue to interrupt the Tour!

The following morning we left for our first match at Luffness New Golf Club – the "New" reference being as the Club was established in 1894. We lost our foursomes match against the Club, but walked round 18 holes in 3 hours following a delicious lunch and played under cloudless, sunny skies! The following day we had a second Tour match, this time playing at Renaissance Club – the home of the Scottish Open.

The weather was, again, excellent, our hosts very engaging, and the result... A disappointing loss! However, we had been privileged to play against Catriona Matthew – a member of the Club, and nine time Solheim Cup player and winning Solheim Cup Captain.

Our final match in Edinburgh was then against Royal Burgess Golf Society – the oldest golf society in the world, established in 1735. In continuing dry and sunny weather, we were hosted for a memorable day, with a great match, followed by a formal club dinner. Unfortunately, we lost the match, and The Burgess won the "Steedman Stick" – a trophy which they are keen to play for during a return match at Emirates Golf Club.

Despite the results, all three matches were extremely enjoyable, and all three clubs were reflective of the values and culture of golf – with friendly, but competitive, games, and engaging and hospitable interaction between the clubs. Although we lost the matches, I was proud of all the Captain's Tour members, who represented Emirates Golf Club to the highest standard, and who demonstrated a culture which will encourage all who we played against to visit the Club in the years ahead.

Following our matches in Edinburgh, the tour group then went to St Andrews, the home of golf, for the second stage of our tour. We did not play against other clubs, but played between the group at two leading links courses – Dumbarnie Links and Kingsbarns. Both courses were tremendous, with the majority of the group rating Dumbarnie very highly. However, Jan Hooftman disagreed and, to demonstrate his preference for Kingsbarns, closed our Tour with a hole-in-one on the challenging 15th hole – Congratulations Jan!

Although we had finished our final round, the Tour was not finished, and we ended with two special events arranged by my former University flatmate, Andrew Soulsby – a putting competition over 18 holes on the Himalayas putting green – the home course of the St Andrews Ladies' Golf Club (the oldest ladies club in the world, having been instituted in 1867). Hosted by Andrew's mother, Dr Eve Soulsby, she joined us for the competition, and then won our putting tournament to provide us with a clean sweep of losses in

all our competitions! However, it was a unique event to close the tour, and was then celebrated over closing drinks hosted by Andrew at the R&A! Overall, it was a very special tour, with a very special group who became, and will always be, good friends. The culture of the tour was reflective of what has been a memorable year as Captain, and I cannot thank all those who joined for delivering such an enjoyable event. I was just sorry that you had no opportunity to use your waterproof kit!





As I close my last article as Captain, I would just like to end with a few thoughts looking back over the Season. It has been a truly memorable year, and it has been a great privilege and honour to be the Captain of one of the world's most special clubs. The support from all the Club colleagues has been reflective of a very special group of people, who work with a unique culture – thank you all.

Our Club colleagues have always been led by a management team of the highest standards under Chris May's overall leadership, and while it has been disappointing to see the season end with Barney Coleman, Cian Hurley and Conor Friel all leaving to pursue the next stage of their respective careers, I will always appreciate all you have done to support my Captaincy, and for all you have done in leading the Club. In addition, the support and friendship which I have been privileged to receive from Marivi, Frank and Fiona has been

exceptional. Marivi has delivered an exceptional Season as Lady Captain, for which my sincere thanks, while I wish Frank and Fiona the very best for a happy and enjoyable year ahead.

Finally, a thank you to all the members of the Club for all your support and engagement throughout the past season. The Club culture which you all contribute to each year makes this Club a very special place, and although it may not often be said, you are all values as members, and friends. Going forward, just remember that fixing pitch marks and divots, raking bunkers, and playing at a good pace are all small deliverables which you can all manage – and which will continue to make Emirates Golf Club one of the world's leading golf clubs.

Best wishes to all in the years ahead, and thank you for delivering a very special 2022-2023 Season!



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LADY CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

MARIVI ARIAS
LADY CAPTAIN, EMIRATES GOLF CLUB

It's already mid-June and once again I'm writing the Club Life article from a very distant place, this time from the other side of the world, my home city, Lima.

As we approach rapidly the heat of the summer, the last couple of month of our season calendar has been very exciting for the Emirates Golf Club Ladies Section. The end of April brought our always fun Curtisy Cup where Team Europe and Team Rest of the World (ROW) have an annual match play battle. 2023 was the year for Team Europe with a strong victory under the lead of our talented Monica Palao.



May started with another awaited tournament... Captain vs Lady Captain. The hopes were very high for both teams, the matches fun and fare. After a friendly but fearless battle, the Lady Captain team won to my absolute delight!

Fast forward towards the third week of May and we arrived to one of the most important tournament of our calendar...The Tournament of Champions (ToC). All the ladies that won a medal or other tournament during the year qualify to play, becoming a wonderful way to remind and celebrate the achievements of our ladies during the year and to feel proud of their efforts and achievements.

The ToC is also important since it also acts as a brooch to officially close the golfing season. During the ToC prize giving we also present prizes for the winners of other annual tournaments like Player of the Year, Eclectic, Rose Bowl for the beginners and The Birdie Tree. This year winner of the Tournament of Champions was Alison Cowley, player of the Year Jayshree Gupta, the Eclectic winners were Anne Gely-Bouigue (Gross) and Marie Benson (Nett), the Rose Bowl winner was Pernilla Daniel and the lady with more birdies of the season was Jayshree Gupta. Many congratulations to all of them for a great golfing season!

I have left to the end of this article, what for me has been the pinnacle of the year as a Lady Captain at Emirates Golf Club... the Trip to Peru. As an established tradition, the Lady Captain organises an annual trip for the whole section. This year the chosen destination was a place close to my heart... my home country Peru!

The organisation of this trip started from the first moment of my captaincy and I knew it was going to be a memorable one, and believe me... I wasn't wrong! 17 ladies committed to participate, 13 husbands, also members of the Club, decided to join us in this epic adventure. Andy Millership (my husband) organised the gentlemen and I took care of my girls.

Together, helped by an extraordinary group of people in Lima, we managed to make the dream come true. The meeting day was the 28th of May in Lima. The group was invited to a Welcome Cocktail at our Hotel courtesy of myself and my husband, Andy.



On the 29th we dedicated the day to explore Lima as a preamble of our golfing part of the trip, and to give us a chance to relax and adjust to a huge time difference (9 hours)!

On the 30th of May we had our first golf game of the tour. Lima Golf Club (LGC), my home golf club, welcomed us with open arms. The LGC Ladies Section organised a game as part of the International Women Golfer Celebration. We had the chance to mingle with the LGC ladies and had a fun round with them. After the game the club invited us with a delicious cocktail where the Emirates Golf Club Ladies and gentlemen were invited. Needless to say, we had a great time and the cocktail turned into a fun party!

The second golfing day of our tour was played at La Planicie Country Club (LPCC), a totally different course close to the hills of Lima (foot of the Andes) - very scenic and quite challenging. Long fairways, plenty trees and huge greens with lots of movement.

On the 1st of June we had our final golf game, back at Lima Golf Club. The winners of the accumulated stableford competition were Michell Champlin (runner up) and Deirdre Kemp (winner).

During the Lima part of our trip, we also had the chance to do a gastronomic tour. We dine in the best restaurants of Lima... Central, Maido, Rafael, Mayta, Matsuei and La Huaca. We had the chance taste the local cuisine and appreciate why Peruvian food is so popular internationally. Their creative combination of flavours and its unique spices make it an irresistible pleasure.

On the 2nd of May we departed to Cuzco, for the cultural / archaeological / tourist part of our trip, I'm leaving a few pictures to try to illustrate the magic of the place but I'm sure I won't be able to make it justice, you have to go yourselves to understand the magnificent of the Peruvian Andes. Thank you to all this beautiful golfing friends who venture with Andy and me to go to my country home. For me this was a dream come true!! I enjoyed every minute of it with you by my side.



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CLUB CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

JONATHAN HALL
CLUB CAPTAIN, JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES

It is incredible how quickly time passes as we approach mid-year. Our competition season is going from strength to strength and it was fantastic to see such a strong turnout in this year's Jumeirah Golf Estates' Community Cup with Alandalus taking the overall prize. Our monthly medal rounds are well attended and it is great to see a variety of different winners each month.

The Jumeirah Pairs competitions, sponsored by the Lounge Spa, continue to be very well received and the terrific recent addition of the Thursday afternoon Curry Club is proving increasingly popular every week. I would encourage new members to get involved in club competitions and ask those who do not regularly play in competitions to consider future involvement.



Our courses continue to stand the test of the summer heat and we will shortly be reaping the rewards of the major aeration works undertaken on Earth. I would like to thank our entire Agronomy team for their considerable efforts during this period whilst maintaining and presenting Fire so well in parallel.

I would like to thank our members for their increasing support of our Junior Colleagues at Jumeirah Golf Estates. I think we all know and agree that the efforts of our colleagues and the relationships they have with us members helps make this a special club. A particular thanks goes to members Neil Raymond and Tim Monks who really kick-started the 2023 Junior Colleague fund with their extremely generous contributions at the Members' Party auction. Let's continue to build on this.



Sadly we say goodbye to a couple of legends. Recently wee Stephen Wilson moved on to an excellent new opportunity and we will shortly be saying farewell to Lesley Wade who has been working at the club for over ten years. I wish them both all the very best in their exciting next steps and thank you both for all your efforts and support.

For those heading home or elsewhere for part of the summer, I wish you safe travels. For everyone else, I look forward to seeing you in the golf club or out on the golf course soon.



LADY CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

EVELYN SWORD
LADY CAPTAIN, JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES

A VIBRANT SEASON OF CAMARADERIE AND COMPETITION FOR THE LADIES OF JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES

As the great golfing weather rolls into the hot summer months, Jumeirah Golf Estates ladies' section was abuzz with exciting events and spirited golfing moments. From the highly anticipated final of the Clash of the Titans game to the engaging colleagues' game, the Club embraced camaraderie, friendly competition, and a sense of community.

Let's take a closer look at the highlights from May and June.

COLLEAGUES' GAME AND PARTY: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN COLLEAGUES & MEMBERS

One of the most anticipated events of the season was the annual colleagues' game, where Club colleagues and members joined forces for a day of golfing enjoyment. This unique event provided an opportunity for colleagues to showcase their skills on the course and foster deeper connections with the Club's members. The camaraderie extended beyond the fairways, as the Colleagues' Party allowed members to express their gratitude and appreciation for the hard work of the club staff. It was heart-warming to witness the community coming together to raise funds for the colleague fund, with Lisa Lynch, one of our MCC lady members, and I taking on the role of bartenders, serving drinks with a smile, of course.



IT'S NOT ALWAYS ABOUT GOLF: SUNNY RAYMOND WINS SILVER MEDALS AT PRESTIGIOUS DANCE COMPETITIONS IN THE UK

Normally, I tend to report on the golfing activities at Jumeirah Golf Estates, but this edition I would really like to pay homage to one of our very talented lady members who shines on AND off the golf course. We are so proud that our own, Sunny Raymond, a Jumeirah Golf Estates resident and member, has claimed silver medals at both "The Open Worlds" and the "Blackpool Dance Festival" in the Latin Pro-Am category. Widely recognised as the most prestigious global events by the dance community, dancers worldwide take part in these competitions, which are held in Blackpool, United Kingdom.

Sunny entranced judges and spectators alike with her breath-taking performances of five Latin dances, including Rumba, Cha Cha, Jive, Samba, and Paso Doble. Against fierce competition, she stood out with her exceptional skills, artistry, and commitment to her craft. Sunny's extraordinary performances also solidified her status as a rising star in the Pro-am Latin dance world.

All the ladies at Jumeirah Golf Estates extend our heartfelt congratulations to Sunny for her wonderful accomplishments. Her dedication, talent, and unwavering commitment to her craft serve as an inspiration to aspiring dancers in the UAE and a testament to the power of passion and hard work. But enough now Sunny... we would like to see you back on the golf course!



AWAY GOLF DAY AND DINNER: FUN, FRIENDSHIP & FANTASTIC CUISINE

Our ladies' golfing adventures extended beyond our own Club, with a delightful excursion to Faldo at Emirates Golf Club.

Following an enjoyable round of golf, our members enjoyed a fabulous dinner at carine, creating memories and cherishing the bonds of friendship. The pictures from the event captured the joy and laughter that accompanied the day, reminding us that golf is not just about the game but also about the cherished moments spent together.

It may not look like it, but there was definitely some golf played!



TARA ROWLEDGE FROM THE LOUNGE SPA JOINS THE COMPETITION

May brought a delightful surprise as our dedicated sponsor, Tara from the Lounge Spa was able to join us in our monthly competition. Tara is usually found behind the scenes at The Lounge Spa, so it was lovely to have her join us where we were able to thank her in person for her continued support of the Jumeirah Golf Estates' Ladies Section.

Congratulations to all the winners, especially Jane Voster, whose exceptional performance, scoring an impressive 44 points with her superb 77 gross, deserves special recognition.

FUN TEAM FORMATS AND THE GOOD, THE BAD & THE UGLY

Amidst the more serious Ladies' Club Singles Match Play season competition, our members also engaged in fun team formats to keep the spirits high. One such format, "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly," challenged players to maintain their focus and skills throughout the game.

Deirdre Joan Kemp and Claudia Kilcullen emerged victorious with a score of net 100 (3 over par). Their exceptional teamwork and moments of brilliance, including a run of net eagle-birdie-birdie-birdie, secured their well-deserved win.

Tanya Harrison and Lady Vice-Captain Anna-Retha Rafferty claimed the runners-up position with an equally impressive score, losing only on a count-back. Bettina Schrockenfuchs and Teresa Sheepwash showcased their excellent teamwork, securing the third-place position with a score of net 103 (6 over par).

A SPECTACULAR AWAY DAY AT THE CREEK

The spirit of camaraderie and friendly competition continued to thrive as the Jumeirah Golf Estates' ladies ventured to The Creek for another memorable away day. The Creek's Lady Captain graciously invited the Jumeirah Golf Estates' ladies to join them for their final game before the scorching summer months. The day was filled with excitement and friendly rivalry, with the Jumeirah Golf Estates' ladies leaving their mark on the side competitions.

Lady Vice Captain, Anna Retha Rafferty, Sara Chadwick and Jane Vorster emerged victorious, showcasing their skill and precision by winning 3 nearest to the pin prizes.



THE INAUGURAL LADY CAPTAIN'S TEAM VS VICE LADY CAPTAIN'S TEAM TROPHY

To end the first half the 2022/23 season we played the very first Lady Captain's Team vs. Vice Lady Captain's Team competition. The Earth Course set the stage for this exciting match play event, with 28 ladies eagerly participating in the afternoon. The format for the event was a pairs Texas scramble match play with a pair from each team competing in each 4 ball. The pairs teams were completely random, and the live draw was done in front of the ladies at the previous Wednesday's prize giving which added a twist of intrigue to the competition.

The Ryder Cup-inspired team element brought an extra level of excitement, with one team point awarded for a match play win and a half point for a tie. The teams also had the opportunity to play for a half point if holes remained. After an exhilarating display of skill and strategy, the Lady Captain's Team emerged victorious, securing a score of 4 ½ against the Vice Captain's Team's 4 points. I was delighted that the Lady Captain's Team claimed the trophy in its inaugural year. The presence of half points proved to be a defining factor in the result, adding suspense and intrigue to the competition. It really was very close!

Throughout the event, three special on-course prizes were up for grabs. Willemijn Roeterdink, showcased her skill and accuracy by winning the Nearest to the Pin on hole 6. The challenge to "Beat Adam Stastny" on hole 13 added an extra layer of excitement. However, luck was on the side of Lady Vice Captain Anna-Retha Rafferty and Lisa Lynch, as they emerged as the fortunate winners of a week's access to the prestigious Tommy Fleetwood Academy, sharing the winnings in a draw.

The season's most prestigious prize, awarded to the individual with the most wins in the 2022/23 season, added an element of anticipation to the proceedings. Among several contenders, Jacqueline De Vries emerged as the worthy winner, securing four victories throughout the season. Her remarkable achievement was acknowledged with a special announcement and prize, reflecting her commitment and skill. Well done, Jacquil

LADIES SUMMER GOLF PROGRAMME

Although a lot of ladies may be escaping the summer heat, the golf in Dubai will not stop! Our Ladies Summer Programme will run from the 12th July until we start our new season on the 6th September. There will be bi-monthly competitions played every other Wednesday morning alongside general play organised in the afternoons of the other Wednesdays. Keep an eye out for the programme that will be communicated early July.

A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN IN GOLF: JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES' SPECIAL EVENT WITH DUBAI CREEK LADIES

Jumeirah Golf Estates continued to embrace the spirit of inclusivity and celebration by hosting a remarkable Ladies' event in support of Women in Golf. This unique occasion brought together the talented lady members of Dubai Creek Golf and Yacht Club and Jumeirah Golf Estates for a morning filled with friendly competition and shared passion for the game. The Earth Course provided a magnificent backdrop as 32 ladies took to the course in the morning.

The chosen format for the event was a Pairs Texas Scramble, injecting an element of excitement and teamwork into the competition. The winners of the Women's Golf Day event were the exceptional duo of Mini Philips and Beatrice Galeppini, representing Dubai Creek. Their combined handicap of 6 proved to be no obstacle as they delivered an outstanding performance, securing a net score of 66 (6 under par). Their remarkable achievement placed them three shots ahead of the rest of the field, a testament to their exceptional golfing abilities.

As winners, both Mini Philips and Beatrice Galeppini received a thoughtful gift from the Jumeirah Golf Estates' Pro Shop, along with an exclusive opportunity to have a 45-minute lesson with golf-teaching professional Ginger DelaCretaz at the esteemed Tommy Fleetwood Academy. Ginger's generous donation of this prize highlighted her commitment to supporting Women in Golf and her ongoing involvement in the ladies' golf section at the Club. The runners-up

in this exciting event were the pairing of myself and Veronica Juul-Nyholm, with a commendable net score of 69 (3 under par). Our performance demonstrated the synergy between our abilities and the effectiveness of our partnership. A noteworthy moment came during the closing holes, where we managed to score three under par through two holes.

I was particularly happy to partner with long-time friend and member Veronica who was playing her last official Jumeirah Golf Estates competition as a member. Hopefully it won't be too long till we see Veronica back on our courses.

Securing the third-place spot with a net score of 70 (2 under par) was the talented pairing of Juliette Castell and Phillipa Stumbles, combining their handicaps to create a formidable team. Their stellar performance on the back nine included a remarkable sequence of three consecutive net birdies. As a reward for their achievement, they received a Jumeirah Golf Estates-branded towel bag and two sleeves of Titleist golf balls each.

This special event not only celebrated the talent and camaraderie among women in golf but also showcased the ongoing commitment of Jumeirah Golf Estates to foster inclusivity and support the growth of women's golf.



LADY CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

SHIBA WAHID
LADY CAPTAIN, DUBAI CREEK GOLF & YACHT CLUB

As the golfing season draws to a close, it's time to reminisce about the incredible events that have shaped our golf Club's journey this year. From spectacular victories to heart-warming community initiatives, we've witnessed remarkable moments that will be etched in our memories forever. Join us as we take a stroll down the fairway of highlights from this eventful season, celebrating the triumphs, camaraderie, and joy that define our beloved sport.

The season kicked off with the highly anticipated Final Championship, where our golfers displayed exceptional skill and determination. Marking a historic achievement, our Club celebrated a winning streak of four wins in a row! To honour this remarkable feat, a joyous celebration was held at AL PORTO, Park Hyatt, where golfers relished in their well-deserved triumphs.

May brought forth the prestigious Ladies Monthly Medal, supported by our generous sponsor, Park Hyatt. The competition witnessed incredible talent and fierce competition among our female golfers. Emerging as the overall winner, Joyce Zhang showcased her exceptional skill with a remarkable net score of 67. The division winners, Shiba Wahid in Division A and Mego Hans in Division B, added to the excitement with their outstanding performances.



To bid farewell to the season, the Club organised the Summer Kissed Soiree, an unforgettable event that brought together 47 enthusiastic ladies, including participants from the Creek Academy and our sister Clubs. Playing in the thrilling Pairs Shamble format, the day was filled with laughter, great food, and spectacular performances, including a mesmerizing magic show.

Mego Hans and Joyce Zhang shone brightly, securing an unbeatable victory with a remarkable score of 49 stableford points. In the Runner-up position, Mysung Soon Kim and H.K. Bea showcased their skills with a score of 44 stableford points. The overall guest category saw Sue Taylor and Janine Dodsan claiming victory with a brilliant score of 49 stableford points. Additionally, the Academy winners, Phoebe and Catalin, were recognised for their outstanding achievement, scoring an impressive 42 stableford points.



The Club joined in a friendly yet competitive home-away tournament with our sister Club, Jumeirah Golf Estates. Despite the scorching heat, our resilient ladies showcased exceptional skills and teamwork, securing a sensational score of (-6) in the Pairs Scramble format. Congratulations were in order for Beatrice and Mini, who emerged as the triumphant winners.

As we bid farewell to yet another memorable golfing season, we cherish the moments of triumph, camaraderie, and laughter that have defined our Club's journey. From championship victories to inclusive community events, our golfers have displayed incredible talent and passion for the sport. As we look forward to the next season in September, let us carry the spirit of these unforgettable moments and continue to create new memories on the greens.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

FRANCOIS BOSCH
CLUB CAPTAIN, YAS LINKS ABU DHABI

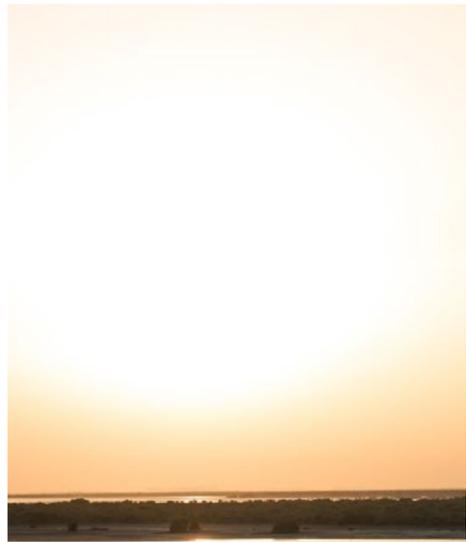
Wow, it is almost the end of June, how did the time fly past this year, especially if you were having fun playing golf on one of the best courses on the planet.

Talking about the golf course, I had the chance to join Corey early one morning and spend some 2 hours driving with him while he assisted his team with the Summer Renovations. Just again realised how massive exercise this was, working long hours and against the clock as they only had 12 days to complete the full programme. I must say, I was super impressed with the teams eagerness and passion in how they tackled their jobs under very challenging conditions with extreme heat and high humidity. We can certainly be proud of our Agronomy team, and under the leadership of Corey and Gregg they maintained our course in Championship condition all year round.

Welcome to all our new Summer Golf Pass members, I know that you will enjoy and appreciate our beautiful course and stunning facility. I do hope that you will decide to stay on and extend your membership to become full members.

This was the year of transitioning for Viya and to get in sync with what Yas Links was offering and to understand its potential. I believe Julian and his team has done really well to reach a point now where they are on top of things. Moving on, we as members can now look forward to a period of transformation with many new things to come, top of the list, the new Crafty Fox Sports Bar upstairs.

I have seen the architectural drawings and liked the new look and feel, the rooftop terrace will become a huge attraction with the best view in town for sun-downers. Other exciting projects/ upgrades to come soon, are the Golf Academy, the Club entrance and reception area, the gymnasium and Hickory's next year. Lots of renovations, but by the end of the year we will enjoy a facility that will not only accommodate our needs as members but certainly that of our visitors and the many tourists coming from abroad.



Some exciting news, we are currently working on ideas to start a new inter-Club competition between Yas Links and Saadiyat Beach Golf Club. The format will be similar to the Ryder Cup and we will alternate play between the two clubs, details for the first event during this September to follow soon.

Earlier this year we started with the shot gun starts with our sponsor days and larger competitions. We received positive feedback, especially with everyone coming together afterwards to enjoy the good spirit and camaraderie between members during the prize giving and dinner. Those that have not yet participated, please join us next time, this format will become the new normal for most competitions.



Recently we received feedback around the prizes and trophies handed out at sponsor days and Club competitions, we have reassessed this and you will now have seen that we reverted back to Proshop vouchers. With regards to the new Proshop, I want to complement Steven Munro and his team for the face-lift and amazing product range on sell currently, this is certainly a huge value add to us.

I am reaching out to all our members with a special request to support our Agronomy team to keep our beautiful course in top condition. This will mean that we will have to step up with a new and concerted effort to rake our bunkers, repair our pitch marks on the greens and fill our divots on the fairways. Please, let us as members go out there and set the example and make our Agronomy team proud, and allow those behind us to enjoy the course. I thank you in advance.

Lastly, do reach out to me and Leonie, our Ladies Captain, or our Vice-Captains, at any time with comments or suggestions, we remain interested in your opinions, together we will make the collective experience at Yas Links, special.

Play well and above all enjoy the experience at Yas Links Abu Dhabi.



LADY CAPTAIN'S MESSAGE

JOYCE JOMAN
LADY CAPTAIN, SAADIYAT BEACH GOLF CLUB

With great pleasure, we present to you the inaugural edition of the Saadiyat Ladies Captain's message in Club Life magazine. This marks the beginning of a new chapter filled with endless possibilities, where we come together to elevate women's golf, empower one another, and inspire female golfers.

At Saadiyat, our commitment to promoting women's golf is evident through our weekly Ladies Morning, which takes place every Thursday morning. It serves as a platform for our members to connect, engage, and enjoy the sport we all love. This article will keep you informed about our previous and upcoming events while celebrating the remarkable achievements of our fellow lady golfers.



One of our most exciting events is the Super Bowl of Saadiyat, a thrilling Stableford competition held every month (except during the summer months). Throughout the year, we organize a total of eight events, with only five counting towards the final prize. The competition is fierce, and the talent on display is truly inspiring.

In the March Super Bowl, we witnessed outstanding performances, with Anita Wanningen (17) emerging as the winner with an impressive 37 stableford points. Claudia Wallace (32) secured the runner-up position with 35 stableford points. The competition remained fierce in April, resulting in a count-back victory for Sandra Rochte (21) and Michelle Lee (32), both with an incredible score of 43 points. May's Super Bowl showcased the skills of Oksana Hess (22), who claimed victory with 37 stableford points, while Michelle Larter (16) secured the runner-up position with 36 points. These exceptional scores are a testament to the talent and dedication of our participants.

In addition to the Super Bowl, we hosted the Spring, Eats & Treats event in April, a delightful Norwegian Stableford tournament combined with delectable food and beverages. The event was a tremendous success, bringing together numerous ladies to celebrate the arrival of spring. Galyna Zagorodnia (1) emerged as the overall winner, showcasing her prowess on the course and winning a coveted 4-ball voucher for Dubai Creek. Leonie Sullivan (20) secured second place and received a beautiful chocolate truffle pyramid.

Another highlight was the Saadiyat Club Championships held at the end of April. Blessed with fantastic weather and ideal playing conditions, it proved to be the most important event of the year. With more lady participants than ever before, we witnessed the rise of a young star, Zurich Kanokpornvasin, a mere 14 years old, who claimed the title of the 2023 Saadiyat Ladies Club Champion with an impressive gross score of 137 over two days. Galyna Zagorodnia achieved an incredible gross score of 148, securing the runner-up position. We anticipate hearing more about Zurich's remarkable achievements in the future.

Notably, the Hawksbill Cup, a team match play event involving both men and women over several months, showcased remarkable teamwork and sportsmanship. After a series of matches, the team of Anita Wanningen (17) and Joyce Joman (15) emerged victorious, defeating the talented duo of Walid Hatoum (15) and Ian Taverner (13).



As the season began to heat up, we organized the "Life's a Beach" end-of-season event. This enjoyable Texas Scramble incorporated fun elements, and all the ladies came dressed in their vibrant beach outfits. It was a scorching day, both in terms of weather and excitement! The winning team comprised Kathryn Carter (16), Anita Wanningen (17), Sandra Rochte (21), and Joyce Joman (15).

Although the competitive ladies mornings will be on hold for the summer, the playing continues! We would like to welcome all the summer members at Saadiyat. Another reminder is our Play 'n Social. Just a friendly round of golf every two weeks to get to know each other and have a coffee afterwards.

As we bid farewell for now, let us look forward to the excitement that awaits us after the summer break. I eagerly anticipate our reunion on the greens, sharing stories of adventures and laughter, and continuing our golfing journey together. Let's embrace the upcoming season with renewed energy, enthusiasm, and camaraderie.

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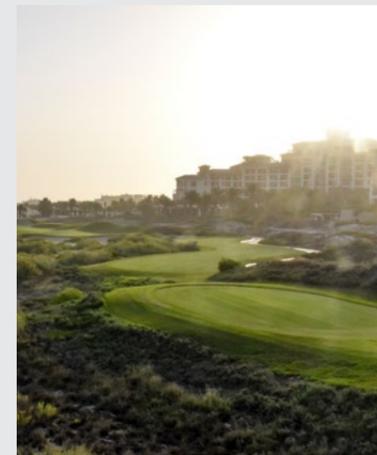
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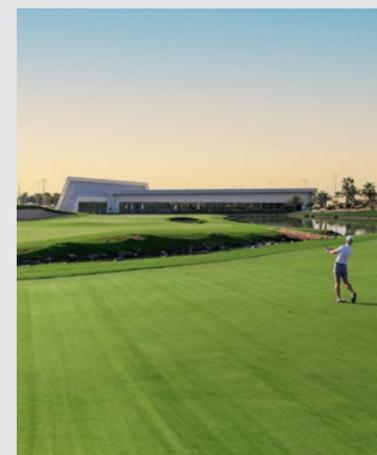
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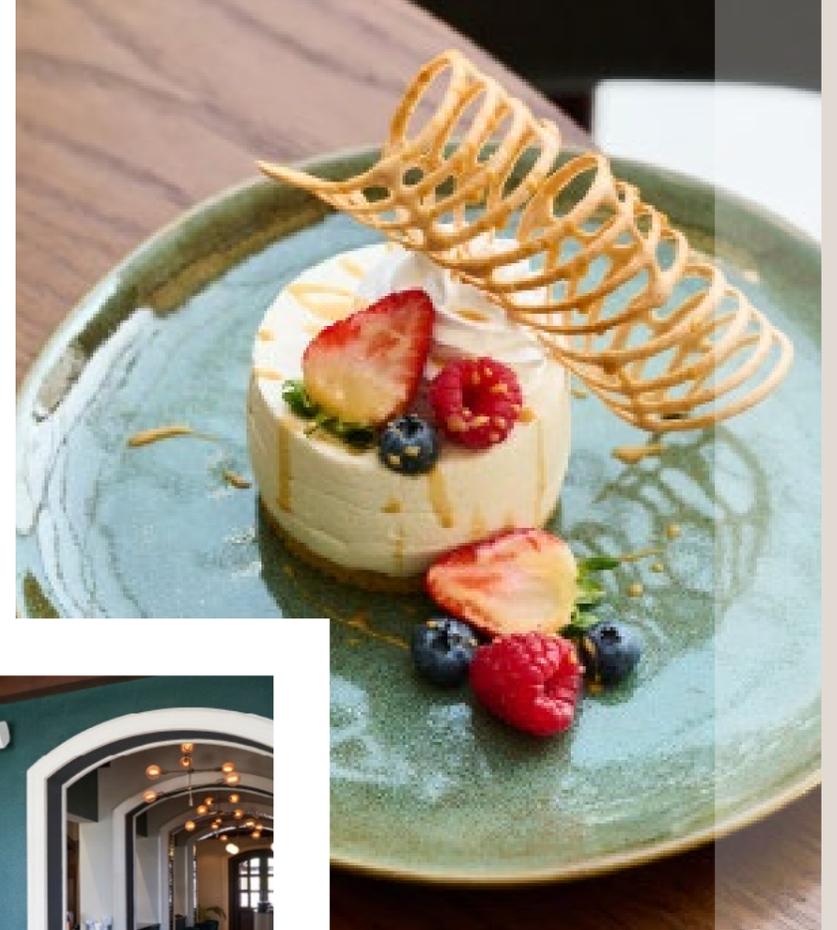


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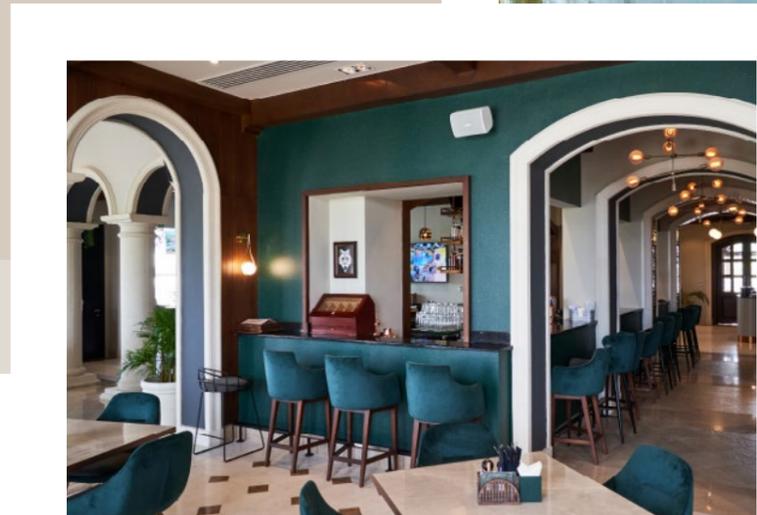
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- Half Mango Cubed
- 10g Chopped Celery
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- 5g Peas Cress
- 5g Chopped Parsley
- 5g Chopped Challots
- Salt & Pepper

THE DRESSING

- 30g Lemon Juice
- 10g Minced Garlic
- 50g Chopped Capers
- 100g Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 30g White Vinegar
- 5g Dijon Mustard

LET'S COOK!

THE DRESSING

- Mix your ingredients to create a lovely dressing.
- Place in fridge to cool!

THE BASE

- Evenly slice the Yellow Fin Tuna and spread evenly across chosen serving plate.
- Arrange your Cucumber slices evenly on top of the Tuna and sprinkle the Salt and Pepper to taste.
- Get your Lemon Dressing and drizzle over your Cucumber and Tuna dish!
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EMIRATES BLACK TEE CHALLENGE

Saturday 6th May 2023

Emirates Golf Club hosted the Black Tee Challenge which saw 99 golfers compete on the Majlis course, setup to Desert Classic tournament standard in a Strokeplay format.

The overall Gross Winner was Takuya Taniguchi of Emirates Golf Club with a 73 (+1 gross). It was an extremely tidy round. After turning in level par 35 with two bogeys and two birdies, a closing birdie four on the last hole sealed the win by one stroke.

Second went to Emirates Golf Club's Sanjay Dhandra with a 74 (+2 gross). Sanjay carded four birdies across the difficult Majlis setup on Holes 2, 8, 11 and 17.

In third place was Jonathan Craddock also representing Emirates Golf Club with a 75 (+3 gross). Jonathan negotiated the Majlis difficult back 9 with nine straight pars, a fantastic effort.

The Winner of Division A (handicaps below 11) was Conor Freeman of Sharjah Golf and Shooting Club with a 69 Net (-3) the lowest net score of the day and winning by two strokes. A fantastic round of golf that included seven net birdies.

Runner up in Division A was Ross Barlow of Emirates Golf Club with a 71 Net (-1) winning with a better back 9. Ross showed he's no stranger to the Majlis course with five net birdies and a net eagle on Hole 14.

The Winner of Division B (handicaps above 12) was Chris McCarthy of Emirates Golf Club with a 70 Net (-1) winning on



a better back 9. Christ managed six net birdies in what was an extremely tight Division B leader board.

Runner up in Division B was Arkady Fosman of Emirates Golf Club again shooting 70 Net (-1). Another prize for Mr. Bell and another solid game on the Majlis. Most noticeable was a Net Eagle on the long par 5 10th.

LADIES MEDAL

Tuesday 9th May 2023

Tuesday the 9th of May saw the playing of the final Ladies Medal event of the 2022/23 season. A total of forty five ladies competed around a pristine Majlis Course from the Pink tees. High temperatures and humidity made the day a challenge for all competitors but the possibility of claiming the final medal of the season proved motivation enough for all ladies to give it their all.

The Silver Division A (Hcap 0 to 14) Medal prize was taken by wining Curtesy Cup captain Monica Palao. Monica carded five net birdies and a net eagle on the day to bring in a net 70 and a one shot victory. Claiming division Silver A's runner spot for this month is Mitsuko Emmerson. Mitsuko played her way to a 71 around the Majlis Course with three net birdies. Wonjeong finished the day in third place after a very respectable round of net 72. A net eagle and a net birdie on the back nine helped her to claim the medal by virtue of back nine countback.

The Silver B Division (Hcap 15 to 23) winner is Haide Wrigh. Haide navigated her way around a tough Majlis course with six net birdie on the day to finish with a score of 71 net. Our runner up this year is Avani Shah.

Avani carded five net birdies on the day with three of them coming on the back nine to finish with a 72 to take home the runners up spot by a single shot. Third place goes to Genie Owiti. It was a day of



consistency for Genie who carded 7 net pars on the back nine to finish with a 73 and take the third place prize.

The Bronze Division (Hcap 24 to 36) for this event was won by Helen Srivastava. Helen carded a net score of 76 on the day to win the Bronze Medal by two shots. Runner up goes to Anita Staahle. Three net birdies in the final five holes helped Anita to a score of 78 net.

Jayshree Gupta won the overall gross prize for the event with a 79 gross. Despite a tricky start of three bogeys in the first five holes, Jayshree played a solid round of golf on the Majlis course to win the gross medal for the day.

OMA EMIRATES MONTHLY MEDALFORD

Saturday 14th May 2023

Emirates Golf Club hosted the penultimate OMA Emirates Monthly Medalford for the 2022/2023 Season on the Majlis Course, with 88 players competing. The overall winner of the Medal was from Division C (21 - 28), and that was Sekhar Reddy with a score of 68 Net. Sekhar played consistent golf throughout his round with a front nine that included three net birdies. Sekhar then doubled his tally with another three net birdies on the back nine to round off a consistent round.

In Division B (11 - 20) our Winner was Karan Badami with a Net 69. A net birdie blitz for Karan, carding eight over his round. Runner Up with a Net 72 was Ronnie Pegna, the highlight for Ronnie a net eagle on Hole 11. Third place went to Nalin Sayal winning on a better back nine countback with a Net 73. Nalin had a great run to start his back nine carding back to back birdies on holes 10 through 13. In Division A (0-10), the winner was Pontus Fredriksson with a Net 69.

A fantastic round of golf for the 1 H'cap, shooting a two under par 70 gross. Pontus round included 5 gross birdies. Runner up was Priyam Godiwala with a Net 71. Priyam finished his round strong, covering the final six holes in three under par net. Third went to Ross Barlow with a level par 72 Net. A net eagle on Hole 12 the highlight in a very tidy round of golf.

In the Gents Stableford event, the winner with 39 points was Suresh Shewakramani, Suresh managed two net eagles back to back on his final six holes. The winner of best gross was Sanjay Dhandra who shot a gross 75. Sanjay played his final three holes in an impressive one under par.

In the Ladies Stableford Event, the overall winner was Maura Duggan with 39 points. Silver Division was won by Xin He with 38 points and Birgit Baur - Gallizioli was the Bronze winner with 37 points.



GENTS TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Saturday 20th May 2023

Emirates Golf Club hosted the Gents Tournament of Champions with 18 golfers competing on the Majlis Course in a Strokeplay format. The overall winner of the 2023 Gents Tournament of Champions was Kabir Luthra with a Net 67. Kabir managed nine net birdies and a gross birdie in an incredible round of golf. Runner up was Sekhar Reddy with a Net 71, the highlight of Sekhar's round a net eagle two on hole 7. Third went to Suresh Shewakramani with a Net 73, a round consisting of seven net birdies. The best Gross score of the day came from Sanjay Dhandsa with a Gross 76. Sanjay finished Birdie, Birdie to take the Gross prize.

CAPTAIN'S MATCHPLAY CHALLENGE

Sunday 21st May 2023

On Sunday 21st May, Emirates Golf Club hosted the annual Captains Matchplay Challenge which saw 36 pairings compete against each other over the Majlis Course, representing either Marivi Arias Lady Captains Team or Campbell Steedman's Captains Team. There was a lot of good Golf played on the day with plenty of competitive action but as always, most importantly, lots of smiles on the faces of our members.

It was the Lady Captains team who was victorious by 4 points (LCT 11 – 7 CT). Both Captains paid tribute to the support of all Members throughout their captaincies and the true honour they both felt at having had the opportunity to represent Emirates Golf Club as Club Captains for 2022/2023.



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LADIES TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Tuesday 23rd May 2023

Emirates Golf Club hosted the Ladies Tournament of Champions on Majlis Course with 21 ladies competing. The overall winner of the 2023 Ladies Tournament of Champions was Alison Cowley with a net 71 (BB9). Alison played an incredible round of golf which consisted of five net birdies throughout her round. Runner up was Monica Palao with a net 72 (BB9).

Monica had a great finish on her front nine where she made a net eagle on hole six and a net birdie on hole 9. In Third place was Naima Maya with a net 72 (BB9). Naima finished strong with a net birdie on hole 18. The best gross of the day was won by Glory Xavier with a gross 80. The highlight of Glory's round came on the back nine where she made a net eagle on hole 10 and a gross birdie on hole 13. In the Ladies Stableford competition Chantelle De Villiers was victorious with 37 points. Chantelle started strong to her round making back-to-back net birdies on holes two and three. In the Silver Division on (25 & below) Avani Shah won with 34 points (BB9). Avani had a strong back nine which included four net birdies.

Mihoko Chayama won the Bronze Division (26-36) with 36 points. Mihoko went on a great run through the middle of her back nine where she made two net birdies in three holes. Congratulations to Jayshree Gupta on winning the Ladies Golfer of the Year.



END OF SEASON SCRAMBLE

Saturday 27th May 2023

Saturday 27th May : Emirates Golf Club hosted the End of Season Scramble which saw 119 golfers competing on the Majlis Course.

The winning team were Afzaal Ahmad, Arbaaz Ahmad, Parvez Ahmed and Edouard Meyer with a net 53. The team put together an excellent front nine performance, shooting a gross 30, including three net eagles and four net birdies. Runners up were Mustafa Khan, Sanjay Raina, Raj Janardhan and Arman Singh with net 54. The team managed three net eagles throughout their round along with four gross birdies on the back nine. In Third place was Oliver Ravenscroft, Nalin Sayal, Niranj Sangal and Nadini Veerasamy with a net 55.

The team put together a particularly strong back nine, shooting a gross 32, with the highlight of the round coming on holes 14 and 15 where they made net eagles.



LADIES TRIPPLICATE COMPETITION

Tuesday 30th May 2023

Emirates Golf Club hosted the Ladies Triplicate Competition on the Majlis Course with 28 ladies competing. The overall winners were Caroline Granger, Maureen Platt, Birgit Baur – Gallizioli and Sabine Choudry with 86 points (BB9). A superb back nine was the difference and all four ladies contributed to the team's success. Most noticeable is the ten net birdies across the back nine.

The runners up just losing out better back nine were Alison Cowley, Laura Mann, Wendy Robinson and Anita Staahle with 86 points. The team had a strong front nine which consisted of three net eagles and seven net birdies. Congratulations to all prize winners.



RACE TO PHUKET

Saturday 3rd June 2023

Emirates Golf Club hosted Race to Phuket with 72 golfers competing on the Majlis Course. In the A Division (0-5.4), Boris Krasnenkov took the top spot with a net 67. Boris played an incredible round of golf which consisted of two gross eagles and two gross birdies. Ian Scott won Division B (5.5-11.4) with a net 68. Ian had a very strong front nine which included two net birdies and one gross birdie in his first six holes.

In Division C (11.5-15.4), the winner was Sekhar Reddy with a net 69. Sekhar went on a magnificent run in the middle of his front nine where he made back-to-back net birdies on holes 5 and 6. Adilbek Jaxybekov won Division D (15.5-20.4) with a net 67. Adilbek started strong on his back nine with three net birdies in five holes. Dmitriy Korshunov won Division E (20.5-25.4) with a net 66. Dmitriy had a superb finish to his round which included four net birdies in his last five holes.

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

Sunday 11th June 2023

Emirates Golf Club played host to the Dubai Golf OMA Emirates June Monthly Medal in association with Christies International Real Estate Dubai. For the summer season, monthly medal tournaments are open to members of all of the Dubai Golf clubs to participate in. A total of 92 took part in the event around a tough Majlis Course in high temperatures and humid conditions.

Taking the top prize of the Overall Best Net medal is JGE's Sam West of Division B (hcap. 11 to 20) with an overall net score of 70. Sam was one of several players to bring in a net score of 70 but with the help of four net birdies coming in his last six holes, Sam won the overall best net prize by virtue of a back nine countback.

Edward Fearn of Dubai Creek Golf and Yacht Club clinched the Division A (hcap 10 and below) prize with a net score of 71. Edward carded an impressive six net birdies on the day to claim the top spot by two strokes over runner up Gary Black. Gary continued his recent run of good form with a solid round consisting of three net birdies to take home division A runner's up prize. Third place was sealed by Simon Elliot of Dubai Creek who also carded a net 73 but just lost out on runners up spot on back nine countback.

With Sam West claiming the top spot in Division B, our runner up spot on the day goes to Benjamin Lee. Ben carded an impressive five net birdies on the day to finish with a score of 70 net. Sekhar Reddy carded a very respectable net 71 on the day to take this month's Division B third place. Scott Harrison of Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club finished the day with a net score of 73 and good enough to claim the Division C top spot and medal prize. Max Burrow continued the strong



representation of Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club as he won the best gross prize shooting a very impressive 70 gross to win out over the rest by a single stroke. Max played solidly all day, carding three birdies and an eagle on the 13th hole.

The Gents Stableford event was won by Michael Patrick with a score of 36 points. Patrick played a very solid round today with four net birdies and a net eagle on the day. The winner of the Ladies Stableford Overall Net for the day was Bhavna Jain with an impressive 39 points. Bhavna carded a four net birdies on the day to win the ladies event by three shots.

We had four on course events today. There were Nearest the Pin prizes on all par 3's. Massimo Gallizioli was closest on the par 3 4th hole after an accurate mid iron approach. Michael Patrick was closest on the 11th hole. Max Burrow took the prize for being the closest on the 7th and Sanjay Advani ended the day with picking up the voucher for closest on the 15th hole.



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THE LOUNGE SPA LADIES

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

The Lounge Spa hosted its final ladies' event of the 2023 pre-summer season. It was a fantastic turnout of 24 ladies playing an individual Stableford. This is the most the ladies' section has seen for their weekly events.

Jane Vorster won the Lounge Spa individual Stableford competition with a mesmerising 44 points over the Fire course. Vorster, who plays off a 10.9 handicap, had 23 points on the front, followed by 21 on the back nine. There were no drop shots on Vorster's card, with a particular highlight coming on the front nine as she picked up five birdies in close succession.

Shelia Mcilroy was playing alongside Vorster throughout her fantastic round of golf and commented, "It was a pleasure to play with Jane yesterday (Wednesday) - It was a true master-class! I was particularly impressed with her golfing ability around the greens".

The runner-up position was won by Kristen Blomeley (30) with a strong score of 40 Stableford points. Blomeley picked up net eagles on both nines with a selection of net birdies. It was a



superb result for Blomeley. Claudia Kilcullen (27.3) was the third-place winner of the individual Stableford competition. Kilcullen had 18 Stableford points on the front and 21 on the back nine to finish with 39 Stableford points.

The Lounge Spa sponsored two exciting on-course competitions. The golf operations team picked two challenging Par 3's involving water. Winning Nearest, the Pin on hole 8 was Valerie Darnault (18.2). Darnault hit a superb shot, landing just seven feet from the cup. The second on-course competition was Nearest the Pin on hole 14. With a shot landing just three feet from the cup was Tanya Harrison (10.8).

JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES LADIES EVENT

Wednesday 10th May 2023

Wednesday morning saw the most prominent ladies' weekday event attendance for the 2022/23 season. Twenty-eight ladies participated. With Earth undergoing important summer aeration maintenance work, the ladies competed over the fire course in a wonderful event.

The ladies were playing in pairs on an 85% course handicap allowance. The format was 'The Good, The Bad and The Ugly':

- The Good: Holes 1-6, best net ball between the pair.
- The Bad: Holes 7 - 12, the worst or highest net score of the 2-person team.
- The Ugly: Holes 13-18, both net scores are combined.

The par for the course 97. Since both players' scores are used, the extra 25 strokes come from The Ugly holes (13-18).

Winning, with a score of net 100 (3 over par), were Deirdre Joan Kemp (14) and Claudia Kilcullen (25). The pair had moments of brilliance on both nines; the front saw Kilcullen secure three birdies on the bounce for 'The Good' section. The second run of form was undoubtedly the defining factor. Holes 12-15 weren't either 'Bad or Ugly' as the pair dovetailed

exceptionally nicely, with both alternating net eagle-birdie-birdie-birdie.

The runners-up were Tanya Harrison (12) and Anna-Retha Rafferty (21) (Lady Vice-Captain). The pair also scored a net 100 (3 over par) but lost in a count-back. The middle section of the round, 'The Bad,' was really quite good as the partnership only went two over for the central six holes of their game.

Bettina Schrockenfuchs (16) and Teresa Sheepwash (26) took third place this week with a score of net 103 (6 over par). A clear example of their excellent teamwork was on the back nine, where on hole 11, they had a combined score of just a net 4 (Schrockenfuchs with a regular birdie and Sheepwash with a net birdie).

The golf operations team at Jumeirah Golf Estates set up two exciting special events on both the front and back nine of the fire course. Winning Nearest the Pin on hole 8 was Mitsuko Emmerson. Daisy Tuliao was Nearest the Pin for the back nine competition on hole 14 - this was particularly impressive considering the difficult pin positioning.

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

Sunday 7th May 2023

This month's edition of the OMA Emirates Medalford in Association with Christie's International Real Estate Dubai was well attended, seeing 89 participants play over the Fire Course. The first real signs of summer came yesterday (Sunday) as the heat of the afternoon sun was beating down over 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'.

Ravi Khanna (16) was the May Medalford champion with a fantastic net 66 (6 under par). Khanna had a particular run of form during his early stages of the back nine, where he went net eagle-birdie-eagle on holes 12, 13 and 14.

The winner of the Gents Division A was Ben Wise, who plays off a handicap of 9. He had four net birdies, two regular birdies and a net eagle on his card to finish with a round of net 66 (6 under par). Wise narrowly missed out on becoming champion having lost to Khanna in a card count-back.

The runner-up was Jamal Marghoob (10), with a net 69 (3 under par). A particular highlight came on hole four, where he made a net birdie; hole 4 is the most challenging hole on the Fire course. Marghoob followed this with a regular birdie and a fantastic net



eagle on the back nine. Scott Marshall (5) came third in the Gents Division A, determined through a count-back, with a net 69 (3 under par).

The Gents Division B winner by one shot was Manu Chauhan (28), with a net 67 (5 under par). Karl Shehfe (17) was the runner-up with a score of net 68. The third-place position went to Martin Stewart (14), also with a net 68 but determined through a card count-back with Shehfe.

Eleven ladies competed in the Medalford; the winner of the ladies category with a score of net 67 (5 under par) was Mitsuko Emmerson (10). Emmerson stormed ahead and won the category by seven whole shots. A particular highlight of Emmerson's round was the back-to-back net eagles secured on holes 17 and 18.

The senior's category was won by Dorin-Mirel Mateiu (11) with a great score of net 67 (5 under par).

Winning the gross category with a superb personal effort was Tom Neale, who shot a gross 68 (four under par). Neale had a very consistent card, only dropped two shots to the course, and was three under for his back nine. The runner-up to Neale was Marcus Dutton, who also shot a gross 68 but lost in a count-back. Dutton played impressive golf, picking up two eagles - one on each nine.

Russel Wilson (16) won the Stableford category with a fantastic score of 40 points, showing a very consistent 20 points on each nine. Runner-up position went to Gregory Mathieu (19), who scored 19 Stableford points on the front nine, followed by 20 on the back nine for a total of 39 Stableford points.



TOMMY FLEETWOOD ACADEMY JUNIOR MONTHLY MEDAL

Friday 12th May 2023

Seventeen juniors competed in Friday's Tommy Fleetwood Academy monthly medal. The format was an individual stroke play over nine holes on a 50% course handicap. All golfers were playing from the orange tee markers.

Thomas Hart (18) was the winner of the net division with a score of net 32 (four under par). Hart handed in a fantastic card which was very consistent and bogey-free. A particular highlight was the run of form on holes 5, 6 and 7 when he made three net birdies.

Just missing out on the top spot was Jameel Choudry (10), with a score of net 33 (3 under par). Choudry had a troubling moment on hole five, where he made a net triple bogey. This had the potential to affect the rest of his round. However, he admirably kept his nerve and scored three under in the final four holes. This fightback got him in with the prizes and a fantastic display of commitment. The gross division went to a three-way playoff between Jameel Choudry (10), Alexander Rushika (0)



and Samabir Kochar (9). All three scored a gross 38 (2 over par). Samabir Kochar was successful in the playoffs, having birdied the hole to win. The playoff was on the first hole of the fire course, with all juniors and parents supporting the exciting finale.

Tommy Fleetwood golf teaching professional: Joseph O'Connor hit his ball into hole 8 to twenty feet for the Beat the Pro competition. Six people managed to get their ball inside Joseph's successfully. The winner by way of a draw was Alexander Rushika.

THE PARK HYATT DUBAI LADIES

Wednesday 17th May 2023

The Park Hyatt Dubai Ladies event, held on May 17th at Jumeirah Golf Estates, proved to be a resounding success. Eighteen talented golfers participated in a day filled with skilful play, friendly competition, and highlighting the vibrant spirit of the women's golf community.

The event followed a captivating format known as "Odds & Evens," where players formed pairs and combined their Stableford scores to determine the overall points. Participants strategically decided which partner would score the even holes and the odd holes before the start of the game.

After an exhilarating day of play, it was Claudia Kilcullen and Gill Stevens emerged victorious, displaying exceptional skill and consistency with a score of 40 points, 22 points on the front nine and 18 points on the back nine. The runner-up position went to Bettina Schrockenfuchs and Victoria Buerk, who scored an impressive 39 points. On top of the main event

there were couple of on-course competitions; Anna-Retha Rafferty claimed the Longest Drive on Hole 7, while Bettina Schrockenfuchs secured the Nearest the Pin on Hole 14 with a stunning shot within 3 feet off the hole.



COMMUNITY CUP 2023

Sunday 21st May 2023

This year's competition was very well attended, with 96 people participating in the afternoon shotgun. The atmosphere was brilliant; there were signs of a great community spirit.

The Fire Course hosted the annual event with teams playing in a pairs better-ball format. The best net score on each hole counted towards the pair's score. The top four pairs per community counted towards the overall community score. The team with the highest score would be crowned Jumeirah Golf Estates' Community Cup Champions for 2023.

Gents were playing off the light blue signature tees and the ladies from the orange tee markers.

The 2023 Community Cup Champions were Al Andalus. The team scored a superb 183 Stableford points. This was a tremendous result for the community as this was the first year that they had entered a team. Whispering Pines scored 177 Stableford points to claim second place. Just six Stableford points behind was Lime Tree Valley who

took third. In the pairs better-ball category, it was fitting that the Al Andalus couple – Jane and Gerhard Vorster, were the winners. Jane plays off a ten handicap, and Gerhard, a twelve handicap. They secured an awe-inspiring number of Stableford points, amounting to 50. Jane's regular participation in Wednesday Ladies' events at Jumeirah Golf Estates certainly paid off over the weekend. Gerhard had the round of his life, shooting his lowest score ever; a gross 74.

The runners-up were Sam West (12) and Thomas Sleep (17) from Jumeirah Luxury Living. They had an impressive 47 points. The position was closely contested and had to be determined through a card count-back with Russell Wilson (11) and Lewis Allsopp (20) from Hillside, who also scored a fantastic 47 points.

The dominance of the Al Andalus team continued as Oliver Henderson (0) and Jason Farr (8) were in on the prizes, scoring 46 Stableford points. Not only did they contribute towards the team's result, but their efforts also landed them in fourth place, the second pair in the top four – a fantastic result.



THURSDAY CURRY CLUB

Thursday 25th May 2023

Jumeirah Golf Estates' inaugural Thursday Curry Club event, held on May 25th, marked perfect fusion of friendly golf competition and gastronomic delights.

The event, hosted at the Jumeirah Golf Estates' Fire Course, brought together 24 enthusiastic golfers for an unforgettable evening of friendly competition and culinary excellence. The event format featured a Pair Scramble played over 9 holes on the Fire Course, followed by a presentation and lovely dinner at Kasturi restaurant.

The winners of the day, Noel O'Leary and Steve Drake, secured an impressive victory with a net score of 30 strokes, 6 under par. Their clean scorecard, with no net bogeys and 6 birdies, truly showcased their well-deserved success. David Tarbotton and Tommy Carr claimed the second place with an equally remarkable net score of 32. Particularly impressive



was their exceptional stretch of 4 consecutive birdies on the last 4 holes, shooting 4 under par. Evelyn Downham and Mick Cairns secured the third place with an equally brilliant net score of 32. After the game, all players gathered at the wonderful Kasturi restaurant and indulged in a variety of sharing curries from different regions of India.

JUMEIRAH PAIRS BY THE LOUNGE SPA

Saturday 27th May 2023

This month's edition of the Jumeirah Pairs by The Lounge Spa was held over the Fire course as the Earth course had undergone essential summer aeration procedures.

The Saturday morning shotgun was busy, with 43 pairs in attendance. Natural signs of the summer were clear; a challenging factor for golfer today (Saturday) to contend with was also the gusty mid-morning winds.

The May Jumeirah Pairs was a Better-Ball Stableford. Each player plays his or her own ball, and the player with the best Stableford score on each hole will count towards the pair's score on that hole. This format was played on composite tee markers for gents and orange tee markers for ladies with an 85% handicap allowance.

The winners of The Jumeirah Pairs by The Lounge Spa were Kieran Casey (13) and Paul Ludlam (18), with a fantastic score of 48 points.

The duo played exceptionally well together and dovetailed tremendously, with 24 points on both nines. Consistency was a critical factor in their game; this showed on the front nine, where Ludlam had four net birdies on holes 5-8. Casey had a fantastic start to his back nine, contributing a net eagle and a net birdie. The runners-up were Imran Dadabhoy (9) and

Nadeem Malak (13), also with a score of 48 points but denied the top spot through a count-back with this month's winners. The pair had a spectacular opening nine, picking up 26 points. A run of form came on hole 3, where they both contributed three net birdies on the bounce, followed by a net eagle on hole 6 and both birdied hole 7.

Securing third place was the pairing of Jonathan Swann (9) and Steve Noon (12), who scored a superb 47 points. The duo had 23 points on the front, followed by 24 points on the back. A particular highlight was the two net eagles Noon secured: one on each nine. The second was the Nearest the Pin competition on hole 14.



NEW MEMBER SCRAMBLE

Tuesday 30th May 2023

On Tuesday this week, the Fire course at Jumeirah Golf Estates hosted a New Members Scramble event. Twenty players took part in the event. The teams comprised newly joined members of Jumeirah Golf Estates, long-standing members and 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 25% - 20% - 15% - 10% lowest to highest handicaps.

The winners of the May edition of the new members scramble were the team of Yousuf Al Hashimi, Shames Al Hashimi, Yaser Al Marzooqi and Eric Shehadeh. The team put together a fantastic score over the 9-hole golf event. They scored four net eagles, one net birdie and two regular birdies, amounting to a superb score of net 25, eleven under par. A stand-out performer was Al Marzooqi, whose putting was sensational and played a massive part in their victory. There was



a selection of special events on the front nine of the Fire course, with players competing to win vouchers to dine at Kasturi. Winning the Nearest the Pin on hole 2 was a new member, Philip Childs, who put his ball just four feet from the hole. In the second special event, it was long-standing member Arjun Khanna who, on hole 8, managed to hit his ball to within 6 feet of the hole. Two outstanding shots.

TOMMY FLEETWOOD ACADEMY JUNIOR MONTHLY MEDAL

Friday 2nd June 2023

Jumeirah Golf Estates hosted its sixth and final round of the 2023 Tommy Fleetwood Academy Junior Monthly Medal. The format was an Individual Stroke play with participants playing from the orange tee markers of 50% of their handicap in the 9-hole event.

Tommy Carr Jr won the gross division for round 6 with a score of 35 gross (1 under par). Carr Jr's performance was the best result of his appearances in the monthly competitions. He had just one bogey on his highly consistent 9-hole game. Birdies came on the first and ninth holes.

The scoring for the net division was very competitive, and the result was determined through a card count-back. The winner was Jameel Choudary, with a fantastic score of net 31 (five under par).

Like Carr Jr, Choudary had just one bogey on his 9-hole card. He had five net birdies and a regular birdie for his excellent five-under round.

The runner-up prize went to Samarbir Kochar, also with a score of 31 net (five under par). A highlight of Kochar's round came on hole four, where he made a net eagle.

Fifteen junior golfers participated in the event over its six-round series. In the second round, the juniors were lucky to meet and speak with Tommy Fleetwood, who attended and awarded prizes. This

was the inaugural year of the Tommy Fleetwood Academy monthly medal. Samarbir Kochar was the successful winner of the Net Order of Merit. Kochar played in all six events, winning one and totalling 87.5 ranking points; this put him 25 points clear of the field to win a Titleist golf bag.

The 2023 Gross Order of Merit winner was Alexander Rushika, with a fantastic record in the tournament. Rushika amounted to 95 ranking points over five events and won two of them. He also won a Titleist golf bag. He is an exciting prospect, and the Academy and very impressed with his progress.





WOMEN'S GOLF DAY AT JUMEIRAH GOLF ESTATES

Wednesday 31st May 2023

Jumeirah Golf Estates hosted a Ladies' event supporting Women in Golf. This was a special event where the Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club and Jumeirah Golf Estates Lady members competed on the Earth Course. A total of 32 ladies played in eight flights in the morning.

The format was a Pairs Texas Scramble with all ladies teeing it from the orange tee markers. A combined course handicap of 35% of the lowest and 15% highest.

The Women's Golf Day winning team were Nini Philips and Beatrice Galeppini (Combined hcp. 6), representing Dubai Creek. They played some exceptional golf scoring a very impressive net 66 (6 under par). This was a superb three shots clear of the rest of the field.

The two had a highly consistent card comprising six net birdies, one regular birdie and just the one bogey to show for their round. A particular highlight came just before the turn, where they picked up a trio of birdies. Both winners received a lovely golf top from the Professional Shop and the opportunity to have a 45-minute lesson with a golf-teaching professional, Ginger DelaCretaz, at the Tommy Fleetwood Academy. DelaCretaz

kindly donated this prize for the day's event in support of Women in Golf and her continued involvement in the ladies' golf section at Jumeirah Golf Estates.

The runners-up were the pairing of Lady Captain Evelyn Downham and partner Veronica Juul-Nyholm (combined hcp. 10) with a great score of Net 69 (3 under par).

The twosome worked exceptionally well together; a particular highlight was their closing holes where they were three under through two. Downham hit an amazing tee shot on hole 17 and converted for a net eagle. Downham also picked up the prize for Nearest the Pin. They received a golf top and two sleeves of Titleist golf balls each for their performance yesterday.

The third-place spot went to Juliette Castell and Phillipa Stumbles (combined hcp. 14) with a score of net 70 (2 under par). The duo had a fantastic back nine, with three net birdies in quick succession. They successfully won a Jumeirah Golf Estates-branded towel bag and two sleeves of Titleist golf balls each. The second special event was a Nearest the Pin on Hole 6. This was won by Xin He who hit her ball to within 4 feet of the hole.



LADY CAPTAIN'S TEAM VS VICE LADY CAPTAIN'S TEAM TROPHY

Wednesday 7th June 2023

Wednesday marked the final official event in the ladies' section calendar before the summer break. The event was a special one, The Lady Captain's Team VS Vice Lady Captain's Team Trophy. It was the inaugural event held on the Earth course. Following aeration work, the course is beginning to show significant signs of growth and repair.

28 ladies took part in the afternoon with a delicious dinner hosted by Kasturi.

The format was a pair Texas scramble in the form of a match play. Each player tees off. The best tee shot from the flight is selected; all players will then play their ball from within one club length of the chosen ball. A minimum of 6 tee shots per person was required. Play was from the same ground condition as the selected ball (rough/fairway/bunker).

The Ryder Cup team element was determined as one team point for a match play win and a half point for a tie. As a twist, teams played for a half point if holes remained. If the remaining holes were drawn, then there was no extra half-point. Groups were allocated a combined course handicap (35% lowest and 15% highest).

The winner of the inaugural Lady Captain's Team VS Vice Lady Captain's Team Trophy was the Lady Captain's Team. They scored 4 ½ to the Vice Captain's Team's 4 points.

Evelyn Downham kindly donated this perpetual trophy to the ladies' section at Jumeirah Golf Estates and successfully claimed it in the first year. The half points were a defining factor in the result.

The Lady Captain Downham also contributed three prizes for special on-course events. A Nearest the Pin on hole 6 was won by Willemijn Roeterdink, who was playing in the final group. Roeterdink received a voucher for The Lounge Spa.

As no one managed to Beat Adam Stasny (the pro) on hole 13, the prizes went to a draw. Anna-Retha Rafferty (Lady - Vice Captain) and Lisa Lynch were the lucky winners of a week's access to the Tommy Fleetwood Academy.

A special announcement and prize were awarded to the person with the most wins in the 2022/23 season. There were several contenders, but the winner, with four, was Jacqueline De Vries.

THURSDAY CURRY CLUB

Thursday 15th June 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.

Thirty-four players took part in the event. 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 pair of Steve Noon and Ian McInerney with a fabulous 30 net (6 under par). The pair worked well to navigate the front nine of the Earth Course and their excellent teamwork showed, finishing two clear of our runners up. Both winners will receive a one month pass for the incredible Tommy Fleetwood Academy.

Falling just short of the winner's this week and finishing runners up were the pair of Aaron Yasities and Lewis Brown who scored a well-respected round of 32 net (4 under par).



The pairing of Andy Drees and Kevin Duffield made up the top 3, also scoring a 32 net (4 under par) however, missing out on second place on a countback.

There was a selection of special events on the front nine of the Earth course, with players competing to win vouchers for a lesson with Tommy Fleetwood Academy PGA Professionals Diarmaid Fraser and Joe O'Connor.

Winning longest drive on hole 2 and a lesson with Diarmaid was Lee Johnston who left himself with just an iron into the long Par 5. Winning the nearest to the pin on Hole 6 and a lesson with Joe was MCC member David Warham who hit an incredible shot to a couple of feet.

JUMEIRAH PAIRS BY THE LOUNGE SPA

Sunday 18th June 2023

It was the return of the Jumeirah Pairs by The Lounge Spa this Sunday on the immaculate Earth course. There was a strong field of 46 pairs participating in the hot afternoon sun on Father's Day.

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

Mattias Rejman (8) and Mathias Bottern (4) claimed the top spot scoring a superb total of 47 points. Rejman and Bottern worked incredibly well as a team especially on the front nine, scoring a mighty 24 points. The runners-up were Kieran Casey (14) and Harry Northrop (10), with an impressive score of 45 points. The pair played particularly well on the back nine, picking up 23 points.

Just falling short of the runners-up and picking up the third-place prize were Rylan Louis Lee (13) and Mohit Singh (9) with a score of 44 points. There were two on-course competitions; winning Nearest the Pin on hole 6 was Russell Wilson (11).

Wilson hit a fantastic shot into the green, leaving his ball a couple of feet from the hole.

There were five competitors that managed to put their ball within the 10 feet of Tommy Fleetwood Academy Teaching Professional, Diarmaid Fraser, but it was Howard Gough (20) who was drawn to win the beat the pro prize on hole 13. A special shout-out goes to his Gough's playing partner Alan Sheepwash, who also beat the pro, hitting the pin with his tee shot!



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THURSDAY CURRY CLUB

Thursday 23rd June 2023

Jumeirah Golf Estates held its Thursday Curry Club event, on June 23rd. The event format was a Pairs Scramble played over 9 holes of the Earth course. The event brought a record number of 38 golfers. The golf was followed by a presentation and dinner in Kasturi restaurant.

To present the prizes Rory Stewart, Golf Services Executive at Jumeirah Golf Estates invited Jonathan Hall, Men's Captain to the stage. The winners of the day were Stephen Hubner, Jumeirah Golf Estates' Club Manager and Derek Gemmel, they held on to win on a two way count back for a net 29, 7 under par. Their scorecard consisted off no bogeys and 6 gross birdies, with 5 consecutive birdies to secure their victory. A very impressive display of golf.

Second place went to Oliver Maskell and Guillaume Adam who had an impressive net 29, -7 under par, with a gross eagle on their scorecard.

Third place with an amazing score of net 30, -6 under par, were Ian McInerney and Martin Issott, a highlight was their

birdie on the hardest hole on the course. Ian McInerney secured his back-to-back top 3 finish in Thursday Curry Club. There were two on course competitions; the longest drive was on the par 5, second hole. A huge drive from Guillaume Adam this meant that he walked away with two prizes. The Nearest the Pin was won by Derek Gemmel on hole 6 which was 2 feet away.

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

Concluding the prize-giving presentation, Rory Stewart Golf Services Executive at Jumeirah Golf Estates, thanked everyone for participating. "This weekly event held over the Earth course and here at Kasturi is an excellent platform for members to enjoy a casual competition, connect with like-minded individuals, and introduce friends to the club. Once again thank you for being a part of this week, and we look forward to welcoming you back."



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

Saturday 7th May 2023

Dubai Creek Golf & Yacht Club hosted the OMA Emirates Monthly Medal in Association with Christie's International Real Estate Dubai. The tournament was a huge success, and we thanked OMA Emirates and Christie's International Real Estate Dubai for their continued support.

Winning Round 5 of the 2023 OMA Emirates Monthly Medal Christie's International Real Estate Dubai with a fantastic -2 (69) was Tariq Al Suwaidi, congratulations Tariq!

Taking the prize for Best Gross score was Obediah Ayton (E, 71)

In the Men's Division A, Michael McInley took the prize with a level Par round, 71, beating Anders Kron on better back 9.

Saqib Mahmood took victory in the Men's Division B with a -2, 69. Anish Bhatia finished second with a score of -1, 70.

The Ladies Division was won by Roma Khanna with a score of +1 (72).

Christie's International Real Estate Dubai sponsored all our nearest to the pin prizes- on hole 5 was won by Shiba Wahid, on hole 8 was

won by Christian Klynge, on hole 14 was won by Janet Kim & on hole 16 was won by Roma Khanna.

After Round 5, our Net OOM is led by Anish Bhatia with 330 points and the Gross OOM is led by Miki Mirza with 355 points. Congratulations to all of our winners, very well deserved!

The winners of the OMA Emirates Medal series 2022 were also awarded, with Shiba Wahid winning in the net category, and Obediah Ayton winning the gross.



INTER SOCIETY CHAMPIONSHIP 2023 SPONSORED BY ISERVICEANYCAR

Saturday 29th April 2023

Dubai Creek Golf and Yacht Club recently hosted the Inter Society Championship 2023 on April 29th, 2023, and it turned out to be a highly successful event with almost 100 golfers competing.

The weather was perfect, and the participants had an enjoyable time. We would like to extend our appreciation to our sponsor, iserviceanycar, for their support in making this event possible.

The team that emerged victorious in the tournament was Creek Stars 1, with a total stableford points of 170, comprising of Anders Kron, Yujung Seo Shankar B, Hannah Major, Simon Fast, Soren Emil Dam Michael Nielsen, and John Fish.

Furthermore, Anders Kron & Yujung Seo, representing the Creek Stars, were declared the best pair, winning on better back 9 with a total of 46 points. The Italians, represented by Edoardo Galeppini & Marco Tedeschi, finished second, and Allan Stanton & Chris Jones from Beers & Birdies finished third, scoring 45 points.

Apart from the primary event, there were four nearest the pin competitions held. Sergio De Souza won the Nearest the Pin on Hole

5, Hannah Major won the Nearest the Pin on Hole 8 & 16, and Bruce Vallance won the Nearest the Pin on Hole 14.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all the golfers who participated in the event and made it a grand success. We would also like to thank our event sponsor, iserviceanycar, for their generous support, which played a significant role in making this tournament possible and supporting the game of golf.



MONTHLY MEDAL

Sunday 7th May 2023

On Sunday the 7th of May, Yas Links hosted the May Medal with 37 golfers competing on the Championship Course. The overall winner of Category A – 12 & lower was Hisham Kabbani with an excellent score of Net 70. Hisham’s highlight of the day was an outstanding net eagle on the 9th Hole. Runner up was Eric Hardman with a net 72.

Eric had a strong start to his back nine where he made a net eagle on hole 11. Category B -13 & Higher was won by Ying

Hoong Fun with a score of net 70. Fun had an outstanding back nine where she posted three gross birdies. Runner up was Sally Hardman with a net 71. Sally had a strong start to her round where she made a net birdie and net eagle on her opening two holes.

Best gross was won by James Cook with a gross 72. James had a great finish to his front nine where he played the last three holes in two under par.

MAY STABLEFORD

Sunday 28th May 2023

On Sunday the 28th of May, 31 golfers participated in the May Stableford sponsored by Saadiyat Rotana Resort and Villas. The breezy weather provided a tough test out on the Links with holes 16, 17 and 18 being especially brutal into the wind.

The overall winner in category A 12 & lower was Hamda Alsuwaidi with an excellent score of 37 points. Hamda played very steady throughout her round with her highlight being a gross birdie on hole 18. Runner Up was Eric Hardman with a solid score of 36 points. Eric played very consistent throughout his round and continues to stay on form throughout the season.

Category B 13 & higher was won Saleh Al Ameri with an outstanding score of 38 points. Saleh played very consistent throughout his round making very little mistakes on the course. Runner Up was Tim Kennett with 32 points. Tim scored very well on the front nine as he went out in 18 points. Nearest the Pin competition on Hole 17 was won by John Gower.



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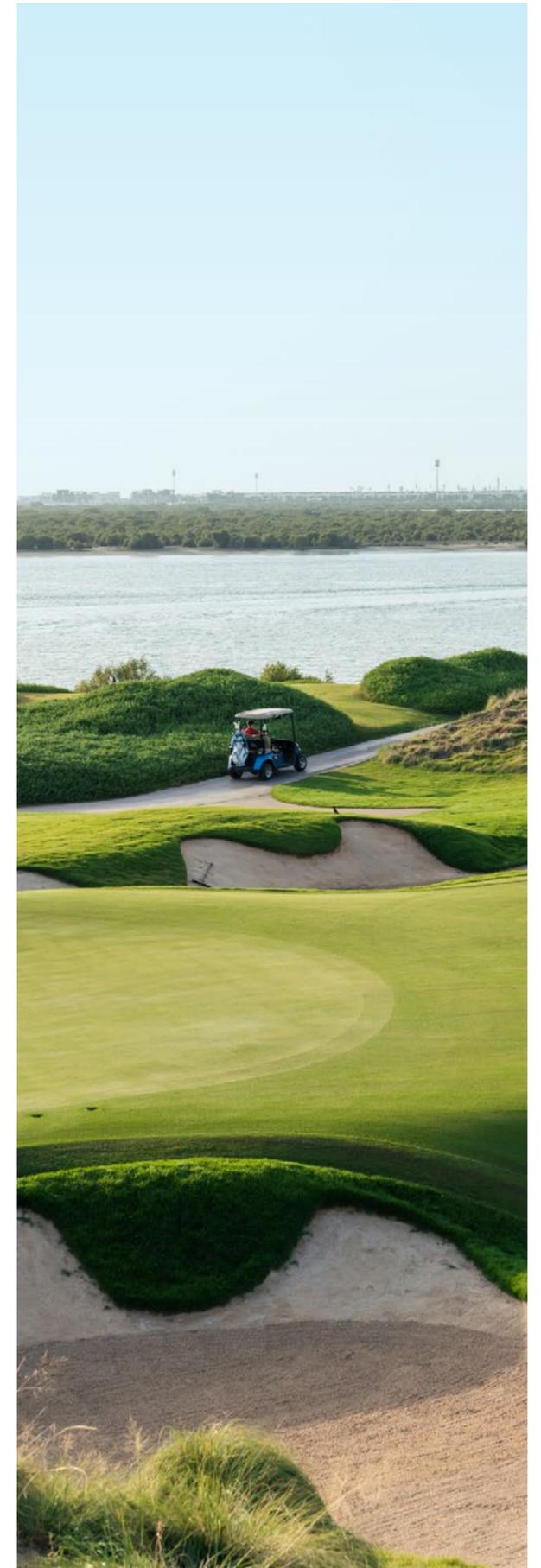
Sunday 18th June 2023

Yas Links hosted the Summer Open supported by Al Masood with 56 players competing on the Links Course.

The overall winner of the Summer Open was Timothy Jordan with 42 (BB9) points. Tim had a strong round which consisted of five gross birdies and one net eagle. The runner up was Mark O Sullivan with 42 points. Mark had a strong start to his round which included two net eagles and two gross birdies on his front nine. In Third place was Eric Hardman with 39 points (BB9). Eric had a great run in the middle of his back nine where he made back-to-back net birdies on holes 11 and 12.

In Division A (0-12), the winner was Edore Okpako with 39 points. Edore had a strong finish to his front nine where he made three net birdies in five holes. In Division B (13-30), Sally Hardman was victorious with 39 points. Sally had a great start to her back nine where she made a net eagle on hole 10 and a net birdie on hole 11.

The winner of the best gross was Pdraig Curry with 37 points. Pdraig played his final three holes in two under par.



SAADIYAT SOUTHERN SUN SUNDOWNER SERIES: ROUND ONE

Friday 12th May 2023

This year, Southern Sun and Eurostar Cellar are hosting the 10th Anniversary of the Southern Sun Sundowner at Saadiyat Beach Golf Club. A 9-hole summer series event which is hosted every Friday playing alternative 9 holes every week. This is a great social event for members and guests to play during the summer period.

- 1st Place: Jerome Martin (21 points) – winning a Japanese Night as well as a bottle of Jameson's
- Men's Nearest to the Pin: Michael Neal – winning a Crate of Beer
- Ladies Nearest to the Pin: Shannon Delfau – winning a Bottle of Wine
- Men's Longest Drive: Justin Miller – winning a dozen Srixon balls
- Ladies Longest Drive: Galyna Zagorodina - winning a dozen Srixon balls



SAADIYAT SOUTHERN SUN SUNDOWNER SERIES: ROUND TWO

Friday 19th May 2023

- 1st Place: Paul Kay (19 Points) – winning a Cheese & Wine night as well as a bottle of Jameson's
- Men's Nearest to the Pin: Morris Lyness – winning a Crate of Beer
- Ladies Nearest to the Pin: Galyna Zagorodina – winning a Bottle of Wine
- Men's Longest Drive: Khalid Askar – winning a dozen Srixon balls
- Ladies Longest Drive: Galyna Zagorodina - winning a dozen Srixon balls



SAADIYAT SOUTHERN SUN SUNDOWNER SERIES: ROUND THREE

Friday 26th May 2023

- 1st Place: Michelle Lee (22 points) – winning a Cheese & Wine night as well as a bottle of Jameson's
- 2nd Place: Nicholas Gleeson (20 points) – winning Jameson's goodie bag
- Men's Nearest the Pin: Keith Easton – winning a Crate of Beer
- Ladies Nearest the Pin: Helene Simmons – winning a Bottle of Wine
- Men's Longest Drive: Justin Miller – winning a dozen Srixon balls
- Ladies Longest Drive: Galyna Zagorodina – winning a dozen Srixon balls



SAADIYAT SOUTHERN SUN SUNDOWNER SERIES: SOCIAL ROUND

Friday 16th June 2023

- 1st Place: Barry Dwyer (20 points) – winning a Cheese & Wine night as well as a bottle of Jameson's
- 2nd Place: Chungjen Sun (18 points) – winning Jameson's goodie bag
- Men's Nearest the Pin: Barry Dwyer – winning a Crate of Beer
- Ladies Nearest the Pin: Shannon Delfau – winning a Bottle of Wine
- Men's Longest Drive: Justin Miller – winning a dozen Srixon balls
- Ladies Longest Drive: Galyna Zagorodina – winning a dozen Srixon balls



SAADIYAT ROTANA STABLEFORD SERIES

Sunday 14th May 2023

The final event of the Saadiyat Rotana Stableford Series welcomed 26 players battling it out for Order of Merit prize. The course was in impeccable condition – a week after the Challenge Tour event at the Club. In Division One, Ray LeBlanc & Adam Zahri produced solid scores of 35 points – with Ray winning on countback. He took home a one-night stay for two & Adam won an AED 500 voucher for The Beach House.

Division Two (Playing Handicap 11 & above) showed some fantastic scores – in second place was Subhash Bhatia with 36 points (AED 500 voucher for The Beach House) & Simone Welgemoed's round of 41 points won her a one-night stay for two.

Even though Subhash missed out on first place in the final round, his best four out of seven rounds were enough to clinch victory – crowning him the Saadiyat Rotana Stableford Series Champion & a two-night stay for two people.





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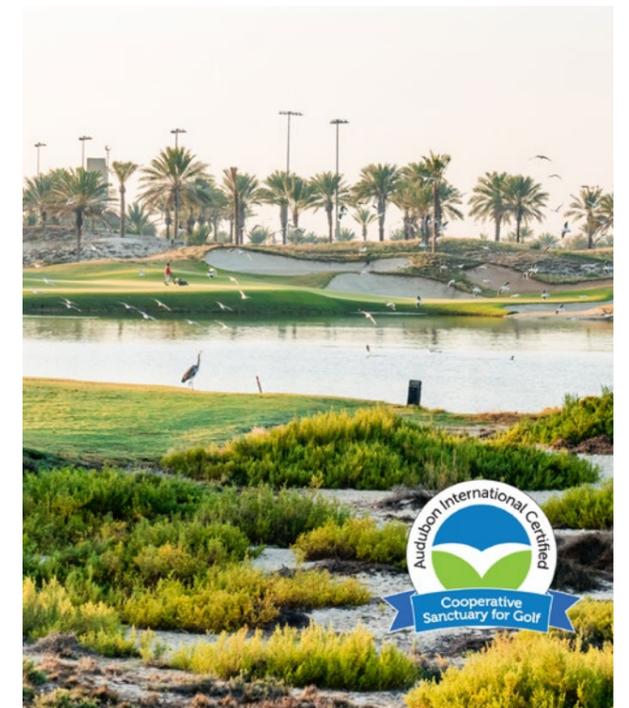
Saadiyat Beach Golf Club has shown a strong commitment to its environmental program. “They are to be commended for preserving the natural heritage of the area by protecting the local watershed and providing a sanctuary for wildlife on the golf course property,” said Christine Kane, CEO at Audubon International.

Saadiyat Beach Golf Club has retained its designation as a “Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary” through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses, an Audubon International program. Corey Finn (Golf Course Superintendent) and Bryan Cox (Assistant Golf Course Superintendent) led the efforts to maintain saznctuary status on this course. Saadiyat Beach Golf Club was designated as a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary in 2019 and is one of over 900 courses in the world to hold certification from Audubon International.



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A STAR IS BORN

Clark Wins 123rd U.S. Open at LACC

By David Shefter, USGA

On a championship Sunday that featured a bevy of leading stars, it was an up-and-comer who had an Oscar-worthy performance at The Los Angeles Country Club.

Playing in the shadows of Hollywood, Wyndham Clark, who had missed the cut in his only two previous U.S. Open starts and finished no better than a share of 75th in six major-championship starts, stole the show to claim a one-stroke victory.

Showing the moxie of a steely veteran, Clark, 29, of Denver, Colo., overcame two late bogeys on Nos. 15 and 16 with a brilliant par save on the 71st hole, then two-putted from 60 feet on the 72nd hole to hold off world No. 3 Rory McIlroy. Clark's even-par 70 gave him a four-day total of 10-under 270.

"You know, this is now my second win on the PGA Tour, and the first one [at last month's Wells Fargo Championship] was surreal and this one is surreal," said Clark. "It hasn't quite hit me yet. Walking up 18 was pretty emotional, and then finishing. It's been a whirlwind the last five, six weeks. Just so blessed and humbled to be here."

Rickie Fowler, a five-time PGA Tour winner who had led the championship the first three days and shared the 54-hole lead with Clark, struggled from the outset in his bid for a first major and posted a disappointing 5-over 75 to share fifth with Tommy Fleetwood and Min Woo Lee at 5-under 275.

World No. 1 Scottie Scheffler also was stuck in neutral most of the day and finished with a 70 to finish in solo third, three behind the winner.

When Clark made it official with his tap-in par on 18, he was immediately hugged by older sister, Kristin, and younger brother, Brendan. One person missing from the celebration was his late

mother, Lise Thevenet, whom the family lost to breast cancer in 2013 at age 55.

"All I really wish is that my mom could be here, and I could just hug her, and we could celebrate together – but I know she's proud of me," said Clark, who will share his victory later with his father, Randall, a former collegiate and professional tennis player.

When his mother lost her battle with cancer, Clark considered walking away from the game. The loss also factored in his decision to transfer from Oklahoma State to the University of Oregon for the 2016-17 year. He went on to win the Pacific-12 Conference title in Boulder, Colo., near his hometown, and was named Golfweek's player of the year. Clark told reporters this week that his mother's advice to him before every tournament was to "play big."

He heeded that mantra this week, especially on the weekend when he found himself in the final pairing with Fowler each of the last two days. While Sunday's round wasn't perfect, his up-and-downs on Nos. 8, 9, 11 and 17 eventually won him the championship. The bogey on the par-5 eighth when he barely moved the ball on his third shot in thick greenside rough was reminiscent of his bogey save late Saturday on the 17th hole.

Most observers were expecting McIlroy, Fowler or Scheffler – three of the biggest names in golf – to hoist the trophy at day's end. They received the most boisterous roars on Sunday, but all three failed to match the adulation on the 7,359-yard George C. Thomas Jr. design that underwent a restoration by Gil Hanse in preparation for the first U.S. Open in Los Angeles since 1948.

McIlroy, who claimed the last of his four majors at the PGA Championship in 2014, birdied the opening par 5 but didn't make another birdie the rest of the day despite a number of golden



opportunities. He three-putted the par-5 eighth for a par and bogeyed the par-5 14th when his 117-yard approach shot came up short of the green.

This was his second major disappointment in the last year; he came up just short to Cam Smith in the 150th Open Championship at St. Andrews. This week, McIlroy hit 59 of 72 greens in regulation, which ties for the most by any player who did not go on to win the U.S. Open.

"The last real two chances I've had at majors I feel like have been pretty similar performances," said McIlroy, referring to last July on the Old Course. "Not doing a lot wrong, but I didn't make a birdie since the first hole today. Just trying to be a little more, I guess, efficient with my opportunities and my looks."

Fowler was trying to be the feel-good story of the championship. He didn't qualify for the last two U.S. Opens – a year ago at The Country Club he was the odd man out as an alternate – and slipped to as low as No. 185 in the Official World Golf Ranking.

But since returning to instructor Butch Harmon, the 2015 Players champion who finished in the top five of all four majors in 2014, had slowly regained his confidence and form. He even said after Round

3 on Saturday that he wasn't afraid to fail because of what he's endured the past two years. After shattering the 36-hole birdie mark with 18, he could only muster five on the weekend, including two in the final round against seven bogeys.

"I just didn't have it today," said the 34-year-old Fowler, whose engaging personality makes him one of the most-liked players in the game. "Iron play was very below average and didn't make anything. That's a big thing in majors, especially on a Sunday."

Meanwhile, Scheffler just couldn't get hot with his putter. The 2022 Masters champion, who had an eagle-birdie finish on Saturday, carded an even-par 70 with three birdies and three bogeys. That's normally a recipe for success in a U.S. Open, but the 2022 runner-up needed more fireworks to overcome a three-stroke deficit to start the day on a course that yielded 10 rounds of 65 or better this week.

Clark carded a first-round 64 that was only two strokes off the record-setting performances of Fowler and Xander Schauffele. He followed with rounds of 67, 69 and 70 to become the fifth consecutive champion to make the U.S. Open his first major title. To find a longer streak one has to go back 50 years (1973-78).

Now he's a major champion in a town that loves its stars.



ALL 22 GOLF CLUBS IN THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES HAVE SIGNED THE R&A'S WOMEN IN GOLF CHARTER. IT BECOMES THE FIRST NATION TO ACHIEVE THE FEAT.

GOLF CLUBS IN THE UAE COME TOGETHER TO SUPPORT WOMEN IN GOLF CHARTER

All 22 golf clubs in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have signed The R&A's Women in Golf Charter to demonstrate their collective commitment to growing golf amongst women and girls in the region.

With the UAE becoming the first ever country to sign all clubs to the charter, representatives from The R&A and signatories gathered to celebrate the occasion at Jumeirah Golf Estates.

The Women in Golf Charter leads The R&A's drive to increase the number of women and girls participating in golf and to encourage more opportunities for women to work within the golf industry. Since being launched in 2018, over 1,300 organisations in 75 countries have signed the Charter, but the UAE is the first country in the world to have all its golf clubs as signatories.

The Women in Golf Charter aims to inspire an industry-wide commitment to developing a more inclusive culture within golf around the world and to enable more women and girls to flourish and maximise their potential at all levels of the sport.

The Women in Golf Charter specifically aims to:

- Strengthen the focus on gender balance and provide a united position for the golf industry.
- Commit national federations and organisations to support measures targeted at increasing participation of women, girls and families in golf.
- Call on signatories to take positive action to support the recruitment, retention and progression of women working at all levels of the sport.
- Set individual targets for national federations for participation and membership and annual reporting of progress.
- Develop an inclusive environment for women and girls within golf.

Adoption of the Charter requires signatories to make meaningful and tangible pledges to build on current initiatives and develop new projects that will focus on encouraging more women and girls to play golf and stay within the sport, while also empowering women to enjoy successful careers working within the golf industry.

Some Charter commitments that have been made by golf clubs in the UAE include:

- Encourage more women and girls' exposure on website and social media channels.
- Providing training and education for staff and stakeholders to promote diversity and inclusion and eliminate barriers or biases that may exist.
- Create a pathway to encourage women to continue to participate in the sport from new women academy members through to membership of the club.
- Establish quarterly reviews between the charter champion and management to evaluate the delivery of existing commitments.

At an event held today at Jumeirah Golf Estates, Jackie Davidson, Director of Golf Development at The R&A and Neal Graham, Development Manager – Middle East and India at The R&A, outlined how the golf industry can work together to achieve these goals at a launch event at Jumeirah Golf Estates, one of the UAE's leading golf facilities and signatory of the Women in Golf Charter.

Davidson said, "The Women in Golf Charter has really galvanised the golf industry around a shared vision for golf and driven change. Since 2018 we have seen over 1,300 organisations in 75 countries, including the United Arab Emirates make their commitment to the Charter and the development of women and girls' golf. We are already seeing the benefits of this in golf participation numbers around the world, a trend that The R&A and all signatories have a responsibility towards continuing."

Graham added, "The United Arab Emirates has a proud history of supporting golf at the very highest levels including hosting professional and elite amateur championships for the world's best golfers. But equally important is providing the opportunity for everyone to experience and enjoy golf."

The R&A is delighted that all 22 golf clubs in the United Arab Emirates are signatories of the Women in Golf Charter which will position golf as a welcoming sport for women to engage with and contribute the further success of golf in the country."

The event was attended by representatives of each golf club who will act as charter champions and lead their club's commitment to the Charter. Also in attendance were other organisations who have pledged their support as signatories of the Charter including the Emirates Golf Federation, IMG and the DP World Tour.

General Abdulla Alhashmi, Vice Chairman of the Emirates Golf Federation said, "The Emirates Golf Federation is proud that the UAE is the first country in the world to have all its golf clubs signed up to the Women in Golf Charter. Today's celebration of women in golf is a great example of the different initiatives that The R&A can bring to the UAE and the region."

With this being Women's Golf Month it is a perfect time to celebrate having all affiliated UAE golf clubs signing the charter and collaborating to encourage women's golf participation at every level including professionally. We look forward to continuing to work with all associations and governing bodies within the sport to grow the game."

Credit: Emirates Golf Federation



GOLF'S SILENT KILLER

(and how to fight it)

By Michael McEwan, Bunkered

By the time you finish reading this, somebody somewhere will have received the devastating news that they have skin cancer.

Inevitably, the words will hang in the air, suspended in an instant of horrified disbelief as their impact and implications sink in.

Skin cancer has become the most common form of cancer in the UK, with 100,000 new cases diagnosed every year. In the US, that number exceeds four million, with between 40% and 50% of all Americans who live to be 65 expected to develop some form of the disease.

Recent research has identified golfers as one of the groups most 'at risk' of skin cancer and yet so many who play the game remain blissfully ignorant as to either its causes or the likelihood of contracting it.

It is time for that ignorance to end.

Broadly speaking, there are three main different types of skin cancer. The most common (and mildest) of these is Basal Cell Carcinoma. It is a cancer that grows on parts of your skin that are exposed to a lot of sun, particularly your nose and face. They typically start off as small, shiny bumps and have a tendency to grow slowly. They are

also unlikely to spread to other parts of your body. The second most common form of skin cancer is Squamous Cell Carcinoma. Again, it's usually found on areas of the body damaged by UV rays – either from the sun or tanning beds – and is a fairly slow-growing skin cancer. Unlike other forms, it can spread to the tissues, bones and nearby lymph nodes, which makes treatment more difficult. However, caught early enough, it's eminently treatable.

Then there's the third type: melanoma. It is the most dangerous form of skin cancer, which develops when unrepaired damage to skin cells – mostly caused by UV rays – triggers genetic defects that cause the skin cells to multiply rapidly and form malignant tumours. According to Cancer Research UK, there are 15,419 new cases of melanoma skin cancer diagnosed in the UK every year, of which as many as two-thirds are associated with exposure to UV radiation from the sun.

Mortality rates for the disease have more than tripled since the 1970s, with around 2,500 deaths – approximately seven per day – recorded in the UK in 2014. Cancer Research UK estimates that one in 54 people will be diagnosed with malignant melanoma in their lifetime.

Skin cancer is also an extremely indiscriminating disease. Anybody can get it. The risk, though, is thought to be higher amongst people



with: fair skin and/or light-coloured eyes; an abundance of large and irregularly-shaped moles; a family history of skin cancer; and a history of excessive sun exposure or blistering sunburns. Those who have lived at high altitudes or with year-round sunshine and those who have received radiation treatments are also a 'high risk' group.

So, too, are golfers.

According to one study, professional golfers receive an estimated 217 times the amount of UV radiation required to cause sunburn over the course of a year. Likewise, typical club golfers can receive as much as 5.4 times the amount of UV exposure required to cause sunburn for every single hour that they're on the course.

That's relevant because, without taking appropriate preventative measures, such as applying sun cream and so on, a golfer's skin can and will burn when exposed to such high levels of radiation – and, according to a 2014 report published in the US, five serious cases of sunburn can increase the risk of developing skin cancer by up to 80%.

There's also this. Men over the age of 40 have the highest annual exposure to UV radiation, with the majority of people diagnosed with melanoma being white men over the age of 50. Melanoma,

meanwhile, is one of only three cancers with an increasing mortality rate amongst men.

The upside – and there is an upside – is that 99% of all skin cancers are curable. Again, according to Cancer Research UK, Approximately 90% of people who are diagnosed with melanoma skin cancer will live for a further ten or more years. But early detection is critical. Knowing what to look for, where to look for it and then having the good sense and courage to get it checked could, quite literally, be the difference between life and death.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, given the amount of time they spend on the golf course and practice range, many professional golfers have been diagnosed with skin cancer down the years.

Less than two years before he won the Masters, Adam Scott had a Basal Cell Carcinoma removed from his face. The surgery required 30 stitches and has left the Aussie with a scar on his nose. "The procedure made me less lazy with applying sun protection because it was quite painful to have removed," he said.

South African Rory Sabbatini had a Squamous Cell Carcinoma removed from his own face in 2010, whilst PGA champion Jimmy Walker, English pro Brian Davis, Tiger Woods' former coach Hank

Haney and three-time major winner Pádraig Harrington have also received skin cancer treatment, Harrington on more than one occasion. Early in 2007, just a matter of months before he won his first major and less than two years after he lost his father to oesophageal cancer, the Irishman had a square-inch of skin removed from his forehead after noticing a spot that wasn't healing. That was the first of four 'things', as he puts it, that he had removed.

"Mine were non-melanoma, fortunately, but of course it's a concern when the doctor first tells you that there's something they need to cut out of you and send away to get checked," Harrington told bunkered. "I tried my best not to worry about it until I got the results. There was nothing I could do at that point so what use was worrying?"

In the end, he got the all-clear but admits that the experiences have changed him. "I'm definitely a lot more diligent about protecting my skin these days," he added. "In fact, if I was starting over, that would be the main thing I'd change.

"It's not that I didn't wear sun cream. It's more that I didn't always pay attention to just how often I needed to apply it. I'd be more careful about that if I got my chance again. That and wearing sunglasses."

Harrington has even 'spotted a few things' on fellow players and caddies that he has brought to their attention and suggested they get checked.

"That's just the way I am," he said. "If I'm in someone's company and I see something, I'll say, 'You know what, you need to get that checked out.' I'll say it to spectators, too. If I'm signing autographs and I see somebody who's cooking, I'll say to them, 'Hey, you'd better watch.'"

Harrington now wears sun cream pretty much every time he's outside. He keeps spray-on cream by both the front and back doors of his house and also makes sure to carry either a spray-on or roll-on stick – if

not both – in his bag so he has, in his words, 'no excuses' for getting burned.

"For a lot of people, it's a time thing," he said. "You know, 'Do I have time to put on sun cream, go and wash my hands and then go and get ready?' Most times, the answer's 'no'. We don't spend enough time warming up, never mind anything else. But you've got to make time. Catch it early and skin cancer is very treatable. Leave it long enough and, well, it's a cancer and it can spread into your body and kill you."

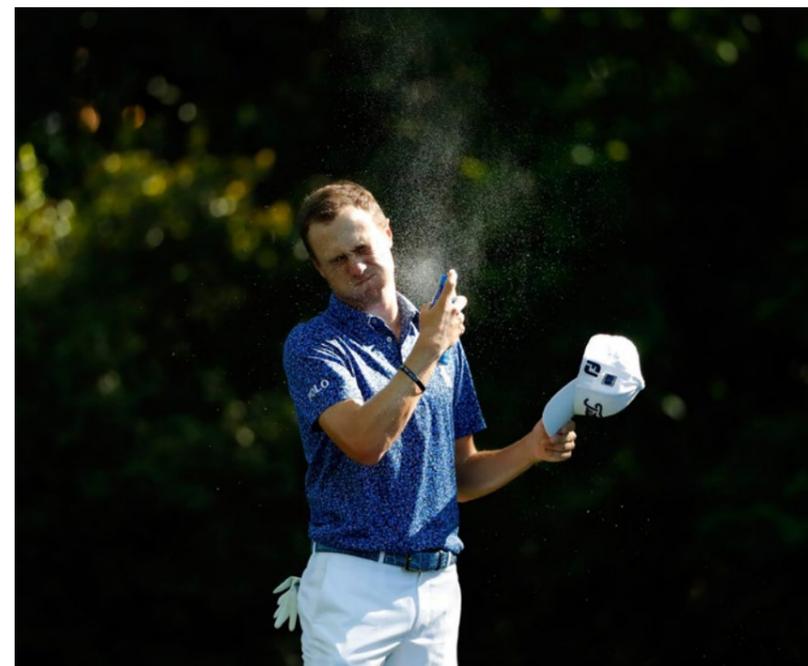
He also says that attitudes towards skin protection are changing on tour.

"Guys used to joke about Tony Johnstone, saying that an acupuncturist wouldn't be able to get a needle in his neck. His skin was that hard. Coming from Zimbabwe, he was well used to the sun. But the way people spoke about that back then, it was almost a badge of honour. It's not like that anymore. People are a lot more aware of the risks."

As its players have become more aware of the dangers posed by long, sustained exposure to the sun, the game's main organisations have started to put practices and procedures in place to both raise awareness and better monitor the risks of skin cancer.

In 2013, the PGA Tour joined forces with the Skin Cancer Foundation for precisely those purposes, creating a promotional video featuring the likes of Rory McIlroy, Luke Donald and Adam Scott talking about the importance of sun protection on the course. At the time, Perry Robins, the president of the charity, described the association as a 'natural fit'. "Both playing and watching golf entail a lot of time spent in direct sunlight, so it's important that players and enthusiasts incorporate sun protection into their lives on and off the course," he said.

The European Tour, meanwhile, is upping its game with regards to how much it knows about what players are doing to protect themselves against the dangers



of unprotected sun exposure. Dr Roger Hawkes, the chief medical officer for the tour, told bunkered that a review was undertaken in recent times to 'fully understand the issues so that we can get our house in order'.

"Whilst we offer screenings, we don't really have a handle on what other measures players are taking, from going for their own private screenings to wearing sun cream," said Hawkes. "We don't really know quite how seriously they take it. This review will help to establish that. I think we've got to do two things, in particular. One, we've got to make taking preventative measures easier to do and, two, we've got to make them available."

The screenings he refers to are carried out multiple times per year on-site at European Tour events by Screen4Life, a mobile private cancer and health screening clinic.

The screenings are non-compulsory, non-invasive and are carried out using a SIAscope, a hand held scanner that provides colour 'bitmaps' called SIAscans. These scans provide accurate images of the melanin, blood, and collagen below moles or lesions to quickly and accurately evaluate how dangerous they may or may not be.

English golfer Philip Golding decided to make use of the screening service in 2012, not long after he became eligible for the European Senior Tour. It turned out to be a very good decision.

"I never expected any problems but I was immediately given a referral to see my GP," explained Golding. "That, in turn, led to me visiting a dermatologist in London, who confirmed that I had a Basal Cell Carcinoma. I finished that season in Mauritius and went to get the growth cut out over the winter. It was a relief to know that the Senior Tour can provide such an invaluable service to our players, who have been exposed to the sun for 30 to 40 years."

In 2015, he again visited the Screen4Life team, this time at the SSE Enterprise Senior Wales Open, where another BCC was identified.

Dr Hawkes added: "We've got a duty of care as employees of the tour to make sure people are educated and there's a trickle-down benefit of that, too. If our players are educated and doing the right things, then the general public will hopefully get the message, too."

The question is: are you?



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