



WOBURN
Golf Club

INTRODUCTION



In 1974, my late father had the foresight and courage to see that a world-class golf facility could be created at Woburn. He saw in the game of golf the traditions of sportsmanship and courtesy, both of which were values he considered highly important. In 1976 the Dukes course opened, followed by the Duchess course in 1979.



Marquess 9th



Dukes 4th

The late Alex Hay came to Woburn in 1978 as Club Professional. In 1985 he was appointed as Managing Director and together with my father, he was instrumental in the development and success of the Club. They were also the driving force behind tournament golf coming to Woburn in 1979 and the creation of the Marquess course in 2000.

As a family, it is our intention to continue their work for generations to come. We will strive to ensure their vision is delivered for the benefit of all those who are able to experience our three tournament hosting courses, the Dukes, Duchess and Marquess and enjoy our clubhouse and practice facilities, including the Tavistock Shortgame Area.

Andrew Bedford

Andrew Bedford. 15th Duke of Bedford,
President Woburn Golf Club



FOREWORD

Woburn Abbey and the surrounding Estate provide a stunning backdrop and historical setting for Woburn Golf Club. Whilst the Club is quiet and secluded, it is centrally located 10 minutes from Junction 13 off the M1 and just over an hour from London, Birmingham, Oxford and Cambridge.

Woburn, with the Dukes, Duchess and Marquess courses, is the first 54 hole venue to have all three courses ranked in Golf Monthly Magazines Top 100 Courses in the UK and Ireland.

The AIG Women's British Open, won by Japan's Hinako Shibuno in 2019, was Woburn's second major and the 60th professional tournament to have been played at Woburn, the first being the Dunlop British Masters in 1979. Woburn staged the British Masters for the 17th occasion in 2015, when hosted by Woburn's Tournament Professional, Ian Poulter and supported by Sky Sports, it was won by Matthew Fitzpatrick on the Marquess Course. Woburn has been the venue for the Women's British Open eleven times with the 2016 Ricoh Women's British Open, won by Ariya Jutanugarn, the Club's first major. Other tournaments staged at Woburn include The Ford Ladies Classic and The Travis Perkins Masters, last staged in 2018 following 18 years with winners including Colin Montgomerie, Mark James, Des Smyth and Tony Johnstone.

The role of honour reads like a Who's Who of world golf with eleven former winners who are members of the World Golf Hall of Fame: Seve Ballesteros, Dame Laura Davies, Sir Nick Faldo, Sandy Lyle, Colin Montgomerie, Greg Norman, Ayako Okamoto, Patty Sheehan, Lee Trevino, Karrie Webb and Ian Woosnam. There are also a further four major winners with Ariya Jutanugarn, Justin Rose, Hinako Shibuno and Henrik Stenson.

In 2005, the Seniors Open Amateur Championship was staged on the Dukes and Duchess courses and in 2011, the English Amateur Championship was played on the Duchess and Marquess courses. The Marquess course was one of four courses in the country used to stage Final Qualifying for The Open between 2014 and 2017. The most recent tournament at Woburn was the Rose Ladies Series played on the Duchess Course in May 2021.

Despite its rich history of prestigious tournaments and events it is however, the spirit of sportsmanship that continues to thrive and makes Woburn Golf Club such a special place.

THE DUKES COURSE

Having challenged many famous names in golf, the 6,971 yard Dukes course is still the course that most people think of when they hear the name Woburn.

Designed by Charles Lawrie and opened in 1976, the Dukes course was the home of the British Masters for twenty years, as well as hosting the Women's British Open championship. Up until 2019, the Dukes course hosted the Travis Perkins Masters.



Dukes 13th

"IT'S ALWAYS SPECIAL TO COME TO WOBURN GOLF CLUB. I'VE HAD FOND MEMORIES ROUND HERE EVER SINCE I PLAYED IN MY FIRST BRITISH MASTERS IN 1989, IT WAS FANTASTIC TO GET MY FIRST SENIOR TOUR WIN HERE IN 2013. THE COURSE ALWAYS LOOKS PERFECT AND THE SET UP HERE IS SUPERB, AND SEEMS TO SUIT MY GAME. HIS GRACE, THE DUKE OF BEDFORD, AND EVERYONE AT WOBURN ALWAYS MAKES YOU FEEL SO WELCOME."

Colin Montgomerie



Dukes 11th



THE DUCHESS COURSE

The Duchess course, the shortest of the three course at 6,555 yards, proved a true test for the best women's European professionals when it hosted the Ford Ladies Classic for 10 consecutive years and has its own personality and charm.

It has been host to the 2005 British Senior Open Amateur Championship and together with the Marquess course, it staged the 2011 English Amateur Championship.



Duchess 10th

"WOBURN'S DUCHESS COURSE IS BRITAIN'S BEST KEPT SECRET. MORE THAN MOST COURSES, THIS HIDDEN GEM PUTS A BIG FOCUS ON STRAIGHT HITTING. IT'S SO NICE TO PRACTICE ON THE DUCHESS COURSE BECAUSE THERE IS A MASSIVE PREMIUM ON ACCURACY FROM TEE TO GREEN. ANYONE WHO CAN HANDLE THE DUCHESS CAN PLAY JUST ABOUT ANY COURSE."

Ian Poulter
Woburn Touring Professional



Duchess 2nd



THE MARQUESS COURSE

Opened in 2000, the course was named after the then Marquess of Tavistock (later the 14th Duke of Bedford – the man who brought golf to Woburn) and was soon referred to as the 'Jewel In The Crown'.

With its rolling and undulating terrain, set within 200 acres of mixed woodland, the Marquess course provides an enjoyable and testing challenge for golfers of all levels, the longest of the three courses at 7,218 yards, with each hole possessing its own distinctive character.

In 2015 the British Masters returned to Woburn when supported by Sky Sports and hosted by Ian Poulter, it was staged on the Marquess course for the third occasion. Matthew Fitzpatrick had his maiden victory as a professional.

The English Amateur Championship was played on the Marquess course in 2011. From 2014 to 2017 it was one of four courses in the country used to stage Final Qualifying for The Open.

In 2016 Woburn welcomed its first major championship when the Ricoh Women's British Open was staged on the Marquess course. The championship returned in 2019 as the AIG Women's British Open when it was won by Hinako Shibuno.



Marquess 18th

"I WAS SO HAPPY TO BE BACK PLAYING THE MARQUESS COURSE. I KNOW EVERYONE ALWAYS SAYS THEY LIKE THE COURSES WHERE THEY HAVE WON BEFORE BUT I THINK I ACTUALLY WON BECAUSE I LOVED EVERYTHING ABOUT MY WEEK IN WOBURN SO MUCH. THE CROWDS WERE AMAZING, THE FACILITIES WERE PERFECT, THE COURSE SUITED MY GAME AND, OF COURSE THERE ARE LOTS OF LOVELY PLACES AROUND WOBURN TO VISIT."

Ariya Jutanugarn
Winner 2016 Ricoh Women's British Open



Marquess 16th



Marquess 7th

"I THINK I'LL HAVE A SOFT SPOT FOR WOBURN FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE AFTER WINNING MY FIRST PROFESSIONAL TITLE THERE. EVEN IF I WASN'T A LITTLE BIASED AFTER THE BRITISH MASTERS, IT'S A BEAUTIFUL COURSE IN A SUPERB SETTING AND ALL OF THE STAFF I MET WERE INCREDIBLY FRIENDLY AND HELPFUL."

Matthew Fitzpatrick

Winner 2015 British Masters supported by Sky Sports

WOBURN'S TOURING PROFESSIONAL IAN POULTER

Ian has been associated with Woburn Golf Club as a Touring Professional since 2003 and is a great ambassador for the Club. He is extremely supportive of junior golf having held the IJP Junior Invitational at Woburn between 2006 and 2015.

Ian made his debut in the 2004 Ryder Cup and has since represented Europe in 2008, 2010, 2012, 2014, 2018 and 2021. On all seven occasions he has never lost a singles match and is referred to as 'The Postman'. His most notable Ryder Cup was in 2012 at Medinah when he won all four of his matches.

In 2015 Ian was extremely instrumental in the return of the European Tour to Woburn, when he hosted the British Masters supported by Sky Sports on the Marquess course.

Ian playing
at Woburn



"WOBURN IS MY HOME FROM HOME. IT'S BEEN FANTASTIC TO HAVE SUCH A GREAT CLUB TO HELP DEVELOP MY GAME. I TRULY DON'T THINK I'D BE WHERE I AM IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW IF NOT FOR WOBURN BEING AVAILABLE TO ME. THE ADDITION OF THE TAVISTOCK SHORT GAME AREA HAS BEEN BRILLIANT, I HAVE NEVER SEEN A FACILITY ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD THAT COMPARES, YOU CAN SPEND AN ENTIRE DAY WORKING. I LOVE IT."

Ian Poulter
Woburn Touring Professional



Ian and His Grace, The Duke of Bedford



"WOBURN WAS THE CLUB WE ALL WANTED TO PLAY WHEN I WAS GROWING UP. NO ONE EVER TURNED DOWN THE CHANCE TO PLAY THERE."

Ian Poulter
Woburn Touring Professional

GOLF FACILITIES

TAVISTOCK SHORT GAME AREA

Designed by former Ryder Cup player Manuel Piñero, the Tavistock Short Game Area is a world class short game practice facility located in the pines and modelled on the Woburn courses.

This facility gives players the opportunity to play and practice a selection of shots from within 90 yards from different lies with the flexibility to allow multiple users.

The area is so versatile that it can be used by beginners to learn and more importantly enjoy playing a variety of shots in a golfing environment, offering a different dimension to range practice whilst still having the facilities needed for elite level practice.

The Tavistock Short Game Area can be booked by members and visitors for short game coaching lessons and clinics with Woburn PGA Professionals.

David Cooke @hirstyg

Did you use the short game area at Woburn and if so thoughts?



Matt Fitzpatrick @MattFitz94

World class! Not seen a better one on tour other than Augusta National.

GOLF PROFESSIONALS

In addition to Woburn Touring Professional, Ian Poulter, Woburn is home to a team of PGA Professionals. Lead by Head Professional and Fellow of the PGA, Daniel Grieve, Woburn's Professionals are on hand to provide a comprehensive support service to members and visitors. This includes golf clinics, lessons and on course challenges.

PERFORMANCE CENTRE

Woburn Golf Club was one of the first golf clubs in the country to offer members and visitors a full indoor club fitting and simulator studio. Featuring the latest in launch and simulator technology, the centre provides custom club and ball fitting, practice options and the chance to play a selection of top class golf courses in simulator mode.

ADDITIONAL PRACTICE FACILITIES

In addition to the Tavistock Short Game Area, Woburn provides a warm up area with range balls available. There is also an additional practice area within the perimeter of the Duchess course. Golfers are also able to enjoy the use of two practice putting greens.



Tavistock Short Game Area

CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES

The clubhouse, with its tasteful, stylish interior, provides not only a comfortable and relaxing environment but also flexibility and exclusivity for golfing parties of all sizes.

From small gatherings of golfing friends to corporate parties of up to 220 guests, Woburn offers an all round memorable golfing and social experience.

The warm and friendly atmosphere within the clubhouse is apparent from the moment you arrive. The reception area guides members and visitors to welcoming bar and dining areas offering a wide choice of dining options. The Masters Lounge provides members and visitors with a comfortable area to relax.

The efficient service provided by our staff helps to ensure all members and visitors feel welcome and very much at home.



The Masters Lounge



Hay Room

For further information, please contact us on 01908 370756 or email golf.enquiries@woburn.co.uk



CORPORATE GOLF DAYS

With its three championship courses, stylish clubhouse and first rate hospitality, Woburn Golf Club is the ideal venue to host a quality corporate golf day.

Woburn offers a wide selection of golf day packages. Subject to your requirements, we are able to offer a tailor made service providing bespoke packages, catering from arrival to the

end of the day with the support of a dedicated event co-ordinator.

We offer a range of dining options to complement your golf day including breakfast, light snacks, lunches and formal dinners. The Masters Bar and Russell Bar also provide a relaxing environment during your visit.



"I HAVE BEEN STAGING GOLF EVENTS ACROSS THE UK FOR OVER 30 YEARS. WOBURN IS MY FAVOURITE VENUE AND POSSIBLY THE BEST VENUE IN THE UK AT WHICH TO STAGE A CORPORATE OR CHARITY GOLF DAY. THE CLUBHOUSE FACILITIES ARE SUPERB AND THE COURSES AND PRACTICE FACILITIES ARE SIMPLY EXCELLENT AND ALWAYS PRESENTED IN THE BEST POSSIBLE CONDITION. ABOVE ALL, THE ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND LEVEL OF SERVICE RECEIVED ARE SECOND TO NONE."

Stephen Russell
Managing Director, Clarion Golf Management & Marketing Ltd

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A CLIMATE LEADER

As a Club, we are committed to protecting the environment and reducing the resource footprint. Having been a Golf Environment Organisation (GEO) qualified facility since 2013, Woburn Golf Club was immensely proud in November 2021 to be recognised as one of five golf clubs in the world to be named a Climate Leader.

Our work towards a more sustainable future has included an extensive Woodland

Management programme, the construction of a 110,000m³ reservoir to reduce potable water consumption, the planting of a wildflower meadow, the use of LED lighting throughout the clubhouse and facilities and the recycling of all waste material produced at the Club.

The future generation is always at the forefront which is very much in evidence with the important focus we place on Junior golf.

MEMBERSHIP

Woburn Golf Club prides itself on its warm and friendly atmosphere while still delivering a service that is second to none. As well as enjoying our three championship courses, members are able to participate in a variety of competitions and social events at the Club. In addition, members and their families can enjoy preferential rates and benefits across the Estate's businesses including Woburn Safari Park and Woburn Abbey. As a member, you are also entitled to play golf on payment of a reduced green fee rate at a number of venues with whom we have a reciprocal arrangement.

FULL

Full membership entitles you to play at Woburn Golf Club at any time. Members are also entitled to introduce up to three guests to play the courses at any one time.

SOCIAL

Available for the husbands and wives of full members. The associate membership offers full use of the clubhouse facilities and swimming pool.

COUPLES

For couples who are both full members of the Club, a discount is applied to their annual subscriptions and to their initial entrance fee.

JUNIOR

At Woburn, we are dedicated to creating and encouraging an enthusiastic and successful junior section. We provide a junior membership for members' children under the age of 18 as well as offering a limited number of junior memberships to under 18's whose parents and guardians are not members. In addition, preferential membership rates are charged for members under the age of 30.

CORPORATE

Woburn Golf Club offers a selection of corporate membership opportunities designed to meet the business needs of corporate clients. A corporate membership at Woburn allows companies access to three of the most renowned golf courses in the country, whilst providing a unique opportunity to experience corporate hospitality in a warm and friendly environment.

Membership of Woburn Golf Club has reached capacity, but a waiting list is open for those interested in joining.



Duchess 12th

"HAVING ENJOYED A LONG-STANDING RELATIONSHIP WITH WOBURN GOLF CLUB, THE DECISION TO BECOME CORPORATE MEMBERS WAS EASY, FROM OUR INITIAL MEETING WITH JASON AND THEN HIS MEMBERSHIP TEAM. SINCE DAY ONE WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN MADE TO FEEL WELCOME AND VALUED MEMBERS OF THE CLUB. FROM ENTERTAINING OUR CORPORATE GUESTS, ENJOYING THREE MAGNIFICENT COURSES OR IN THE WELCOMING AND RELAXED ATMOSPHERE OF THE BAR AND DINING FACILITIES, WOBURN CONTINUES TO EXCEL. THE EXCEPTIONAL BENEFITS THE CLUB OFFERS HAVE PROVED A GREAT ASSET TO OUR COMPANY AND TO US AS MEMBERS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO MANY MORE ENJOYABLE YEARS."

Chris and Bob Goodman
Managing Directors of A Goodman & Son
and J E Goodman Ltd



AIG Women's British Open 2019



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