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## **Personal News**

Amy & I had a super few days in very sunny Marbella, last week. She had a wonderful ?0th Birthday, being royally looked after in the Fuerta hotel, just yards from the promenade and beach. We would certainly recommend this particular hotel to anyone who is considering staying in the vicinity.

Back at the ranch, new stock has continued to pile in during my absence. The shop is beginning to take my envisaged shape of holding, probably more woods and irons, than most golf retail stores in the County.

We literally stock hundreds of different specs of clubs from Titleist, Callaway, TaylorMade, Cobra, PING & Yonex. You are welcome to try any of our demo woods or irons on the range or, of course, book a Custom Fit session. I am sorry that we cannot allow these to be taken on the course as we constantly need these for booked fitting sessions or customers turning up impromptu wishing to try them on the range.

We do, however, have three sets of Titleist irons, alongside our demo product, that are specifically for our customers to take on the course, if they wish. We have limited this to a maximum of 2 tries per customer to allow access to as many people as possible. The T200 irons have been incredibly popular so far with three sets being ordered after trial on the golf course.

We have invested in the Scotty Cameron putters this year with three demo putters that can be taken onto the practice putting green. For the same reason as above, we ask that they are not taken onto the course as they will be in constant demand to trial. With wedges, we have many demo's in stock, in Callaway Jaws and SM8's, so there is no problem if anyone would like to test them on the second practice ground or the course. Wedges need to be struck off grass to get the full, feel, benefit.

> We are extremely keen on our prices, such as; TaylorMade Sim Drivers - from £379.00 Callaway Mavrik Drivers - £399.00 Cobra SZ Drivers - £319.00 PING G410 Drivers - £369.00 Scotty Cameron Phantom Putters - £359.00

Also, just in – The new range of FootJoy 2020 shoes. The star style, in my view, is the Contour Casual spike less shoe at £89.00. They are incredibly comfortable. I literally live in mine, from teaching, to in the shop and driving home. I have just worn them on our trip abroad, walking an average of 10,000 steps per day, in Marbella, along the seafront. No blisters, no discomfort, lovely to wear.



# **Teaching Tip - Matt**

Observing golfers practice putting prior to playing is always interesting, several attempts at the same putt and occasionally a well-executed 3 putt.

Prior to playing practicing missing the hole and 3 putting surely wouldn't be on a "to do list".

Consider what you are hoping to achieve before playing? Confidence, feel perhaps?

For confidence - practice holing out from no further than 2 feet, 1 ball, 1

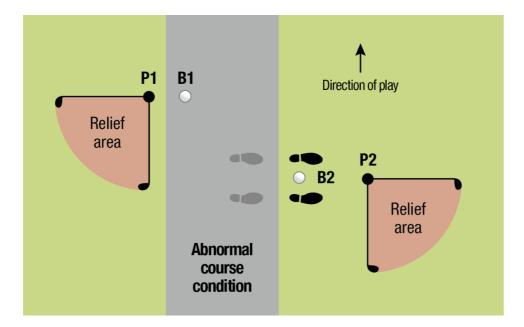
attempt. Build up memory of the ball finding the bottom of the cup, take that confidence to the course.

For developing feel - use 3 balls and from any point on the green attempt to stop the ball as close to the edge of the green as possible. Each ball a different target area.

However you choose to practice, my advice would be to always use the routine you adopt on the golf course, quality over quantity.

## **Rule of Golf - Nigel**

Currently, we have a number of ground under repair areas due to the bunker redevelopment plan. In the shop, we are repeatedly asked what is the correct dropping procedure. In the Rules, ground under repair is classed under abnormal course conditions and is Rule 16.1 a/b.



So, when taking relief from ground under repair, it must be the nearest point of complete relief (see above diagram). A reference point must be established, that is nearest to the ball's original spot, but not nearer the hole than that spot (my recommendation is to define this point with a tee peg). The ball then is dropped within one club-length of the reference point and must be in the "general area" (a) After the ball has been dropped, the ball must not finish nearer the hole than the reference point and in the relief (a) General Area: (Definition) The area of the course that covers all of the course except for the other four defined areas: (1) the teeing ground, (2) all penalty areas, (3) all bunkers, (4) the putting green of the hole you are playing.

While consulting my comprehensive rules book, this information was of interest.

**NOTE:** The nearest point of relief must be strictly interpreted. A player is not allowed to choose on which side of the ground under repair the ball will be dropped, unless there are two equidistant nearest points of complete relief. Even if one side of the ground under repair is fairway and the other is bushes, if the nearest point of complete relief is in the bushes, then that is the player's nearest point of complete relief.

## Junior Report - Zhane

February Half Term Junior Boot Camps:

# **Junior Golf Boot Camps**



We would like to invite you to attend our Junior Golf Boot Camps over the February Half-Term. Open to children aged 5 – 16.

Each day is filled with a variety of games and drills designed to balance fun and skill.

The day will cover activities on Putting, Chipping and work on the Driving Range.

Dates we are offering include:

Tuesday 18th February: 9:00 – 12:00 Friday 21st February: 9:00 – 12:00



£15 per child, 3 Hour Sessions

Please dress appropriately for weather conditions as we will be outside for the duration. For more details or booking, please contact us at:

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# Academy Taster Day

Our next FREE taster day is February 22nd at 2.00pm. If you have a friend or relative who would like to "give golf a go" please let us know. All equipment provided.

Happy golfing,

All the very best Michael, Amy & the team



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