



DEVELOPMENT UPDATE  
2<sup>nd</sup> Edition

Dear Member,

Please find attached the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the Resort News Bulletin.

Some of the points from the 1<sup>st</sup> Bulletin are still relevant so have been included in this edition.

It is available to view on the website, via email, around the clubhouse, in the golf & leisure changing rooms and through the club officers.

As ever I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and patience as we work to improve the facilities for your future enjoyment.

Yours faithfully

Stephen Towers  
Resort Director

PS. Please check with the membership team that your email address is up to date and encourage your fellow members to do the same. The bulletin will be placed on the notice boards, however email allows everyone to receive information in the most timely manner.

W/C - 10<sup>th</sup> November 2008

## **Communication**

This is now the second edition of the news bulletin, which I hope is helping members to better understand what is happening around the club. For leisure members there is now a feedback board, where Wendy Evans has been formally responding to members' questions, which is visible for all to see.

The bulletin goes out on email and is displayed on notice boards. If you do not receive it via email, please visit the membership office and check we have your details correct. The bulletin is an additional communication vehicle for our members. We do not send it out via Royal Mail, as there will always be a time delay of up to 10 days between printing and sending out. In addition the cost of fulfilment, printing and postage is significant and not something the majority of members have any appetite for, particularly when there is a very cost efficient medium available to most.

Naturally there may be some questions you have that have not been covered in the bulletin. If this is the case please ask a member of the golf or leisure team, who will be only too happy to help or indeed for golfers please use the executive committee, which is there to serve and communicate with the members. **Please remember if the executive committee, or staff are not aware of your thoughts, ideas or concerns then they are unable to act on them.**

## **Club House**

The new St Neot room is now open. A member of the team will be delighted to show you around.

The new St Cleer room, located opposite Main Reception, will open in December.

Work also continues in the International suite and bar, the gallery and the premier suite and will be returned in early December as the new St Mellion suite and bar, along with the Bewdern Brasserie.

Casual dining for members will continue to be provided in the foyer area over this time.

At the end of November there will be a short programme of works to the lower ground floor lobby where the leisure reception is located. While this programme of works has not been fully planned out, there will be some disruption. We will ensure you have access to the facilities throughout and we greatly appreciate your patience while the environment is improved for all. As soon as the plan of works and timings are finalised, these will be communicated.

## **Golf Course & Driving Range**

Works to the back nine of the Nicklaus course, including new irrigation system, bunkers, tee construction and buggy paths are on schedule for completion at the end of November.

The driving range has been shaped and seeded and should be back in operation in Summer 2009 subject to satisfactory weather conditions. The temporary range will be open until this time.

The Resort course is currently Nicklaus 1-9 followed by Old Course 1-9

All full golf members can collect their buggy from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee of the Nicklaus course. If the weather does not permit buggies on the old course a number of complimentary pull trolleys have been allocated for your use. They will now be located at the 10<sup>th</sup> tee of the Kernow (Old) course (by the starter's hut)

## **A Quick 18 Hole update of the Kernow Course with Mike Bush (Course Manager):**

Works to the Kernow (Old) course have been heavily impacted by the weather; however these are now nearing completion. The opening periods for new holes is heavily dependant on supportive weather conditions, however you will be updated as the new holes grow in. Due to the weather over the last several weeks Holes 1 and 17 will not start until spring 2009.

### **New Hole 1. (Old 1st and 2nd Holes)**

The old first will remain in play off a temporary tee to temporary green and the old second will also remain off a temporary tee through the winter. Due to the heavy rainfall in August, September & October, up 126% on 2007, the finishing work to the new first fairway has now been delayed until early Spring 2009, which would delay full opening until late Summer 2009.

### **Hole 2. (Old 2<sup>nd</sup>, Par 3)**

This hole will be closed for 1 week during Spring 2009 for bunker refurbishment work, during this week we will use the 4th temporary green.

### **New Hole 2. (Old 3<sup>rd</sup>)**

The new tees and fairway work will be completed for Spring 2009. Up to this time the old third will remain in play off a temporary tee.

### **New Hole 3. (Old 4<sup>th</sup>)**

There will be no changes to this hole.

### **New Hole 4. (Old 5<sup>th</sup>)**

The new fairway and greenside bunkers will be opened in Spring 2009. Apart from this work the hole remains in normal play. Work has now been delayed on this hole due to the weather.

### **New Hole 5. (Old 6<sup>th</sup>)**

There will be no changes to this hole

**New Hole 6.** (Old 7<sup>th</sup> with new green)

The new bunkers and green are due to open in Spring 2009. The new fairway grasses will be mown down and we will be preparing fine turf areas for the fairway and approach, between now and opening. The new fairway bund will continue to grow in over the winter and golfers will continue to take relief from this area and play over the bund to current green.

**New Hole 7.**

The new tees are due to open in Spring 2009, playing to original 7th green  
The new fairway grasses will be mown down and we will be preparing fine turf areas for the fairway and approach, between now and opening.

**New Hole 8.** (Current 8th extended)

New ladies tee, new green, greenside and fairway bunkers will open Spring 2009. The new fairway grasses will be mown down and we will be preparing fine turf areas for the fairway and approach, between now and opening. When new green opens there will be some work to complete, removing the existing old 8th green

**New Hole 9.** (Old 18<sup>th</sup>)

The new 9<sup>th</sup> hole will be open for play by Summer 2009. Until this time golfers will continue to play from a temporary tee to a temporary green.

**New Hole 10.** (Old 10<sup>th</sup>)

The new tees are due to open in Spring 2009. The new green is due to open in Summer 2009, depending on seed germination & establishment over the next 2-3 weeks. The weather & temperature will be crucial. Play will continue from the temporary tee to temporary green until these times.

**New Hole 11.**

This new hole is due to open in Summer 2009

**New Hole 12.**

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**New Hole 13.** (Old 11<sup>th</sup>)

The fairway bunker around the tree will revert to a grass hollow. Work to this will take place over the Winter.

**New Hole 14.**

There will be no changes to this hole.

**New Hole 15.** (Old 13<sup>th</sup>)

The fairway grasses to be mown down & preparing fine turf areas for fairway/approach.  
The new fairway bunker is due to open in Summer 2009. The fairway will remain open at all times, but will play to a temporary green for 1-2 weeks to carry out finishing. This is due to open in Spring/Summer 2009

**New Hole 16.** (Old 14<sup>th</sup>)

Bunker work will be completed shortly and bunkers will reopen in Spring 2009. This work has now been delayed due to the weather.

**New Hole 17.** (Old 15<sup>th</sup>)

Work started on the new fairway and approaches on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The development of the new green started on 2<sup>nd</sup> October and will be opened in Summer 2009. The 15<sup>th</sup> will remain playing to the current green until this time and old 16<sup>th</sup> will play to a temporary green until the opening of the new holes. Work has now been delayed on this hole until Spring 2009 due to the weather. It is now due to open late Summer 2009.

**New Hole 18.** (Old 17<sup>th</sup>)

Work started on the new tees on the 2<sup>nd</sup> October, which will be opened Summer 2009. Until this time there will be a temporary tee located 50 yds in front of original 17<sup>th</sup> tee. The hole will remain open at all times, but will play to a temporary green for 1-2 weeks to carryout finishing. This is due to open in Spring/Summer 2009.

**2009 Golf Subscriptions**

In 2008, in anticipation of the disruption expected on the course, subscriptions were maintained at the 2006 level. Over the summer the works planned were heavily affected by record rainfall, up 30% on 2007 and 112% on 2006. This was exacerbated even more during August and September with levels up 85% and 306% on 2007 and 2006. Given the rainfall levels it was satisfying to note member roundage dropped only 5.3%.

Notwithstanding these statistics we recognise that the rainfall has delayed the works to the course and affected the expected disruption to golf members. In recognition of this golf members on a one year contract renewing in 2009, will receive a credit on the 2009 membership subscription to return it to 2006 levels. For example a full 7 day single golf membership in 2009 will cost £1150 for a new member, however existing full 7 day single golf members renewing will receive a credit to the value of £150, meaning their subscription will remain at the 2006 rate of £1000.

Those members on a fixed three year contract, which ends in 2010, will receive a top up to their levy card equivalent to the credit an annual member will receive, with their tariff remaining at the contracted rate. Using the example above this top up would equate to £150 and membership tariff £1000.

All levy credit amounts for different categories will be announced over the forthcoming weeks, however for your information had the club been applying a 5% increment since 2007, the membership subscription would be sitting at £1158 for a full 7 day single in 2009, slightly over the new 2009 rate.

We hope this demonstrates not only our support to the membership, but also clearly indicates the importance members play to the club in the future.

## **Golf Shop**

The new Golf Shop opened its door on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2008, The comments from both our membership and people within the trade is that St Mellion now have a retail shop to be truly proud of. The exciting new ranges including Galvin Green and Oscar Jacobson are proving very popular and the shop will now be gearing up for a busy Christmas period. Please continue to use the new external access following the signage. There will be a short period where access to the shop will be internally from the hotel foyer. This is to allow construction of new access to the changing areas. As soon as this programme is finalised you will be updated.

## **Aero Leisure Club**

The leisure team have introduced a new member feedback system allowing all leisure members to put forward their comments to the team in order to ensure we are continuing to enhance the facilities and experience offered by Aero Leisure Club. The feedback forms are available at the leisure reception desk.

The responses from the Leisure Manager are being displayed on a board by the Spa.

As a result of some feedback we have now placed mats at the foot of the stairs to the leisure club and at the entrance to both changing rooms to ensure we are doing all we can to ensure the continued cleanliness of the facility.

Following the closure of the Swimming pools and changing rooms in October we are pleased to say the upgrades to the dosing system, air handling unit and pool water heating system have made a vast improvement to the facility both short term and long term.

If you haven't had chance to visit the brand new Elemis Spa yet please pop in and have a look around. We have a range of fantastic Elemis gift packs available which would make the perfect Christmas present for anyone who deserves a real treat this year.

## **Road works**

We are in the final stages of completing the works to the new access road from the Viverdon Down roundabout, which will join the existing access road opposite car parks 2 & 3. This is scheduled to open on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2008, with the existing entrance to the main road closing on the same date.

The new road outside the club house is scheduled for completion on the 17<sup>th</sup> November 2008. The old road will then be fully closed and works will begin on completing the new entrance turning circle and associated buggy parks. This may cause some restrictions to access through the main door or golf shop, however overall access will be maintained throughout. This work, along with car park one will be completed in December 2008.

## **Car Parking**

The new shelters have now been erected in Car Parks 2 and 3. These will be fitted with an intercom service to the club reception as part of the new access road and associated works to the front of the club house.

In the meantime should you require a courtesy pick up from the car park please don't hesitate to contact the club reception on 01579 351351, extension 6.

Following a review of the resort plans and feedback from members, car park one, originally designated as hotel resident only parking, will now be permanently opened to all. This will have in excess of 100 spaces. The lighting scheme for here and the other two car parks is currently going to planning, however interim temporary lighting will be provided in this area, in the same way it has been in the other parking areas.

For golfers there will now be a buggy access route to car parks 2 & 3, which again addresses another major concern raised by the golf members. This too should be completed in December.

For those golfers concerned about security of their clubs when enjoying post round refreshments in the new golf bar or brasserie, there will be a number of secure external golf lockers in close proximity to the golf shop entrance. These cannot be installed until the hotel is completed.