

PGA European Tour purchases Tytherington Club

CHOBHAM, SURREY, England — PGA European Tour Courses PLC has acquired The Tytherington Club near Manchester International Airport from Tytherington Ltd., a subsidiary of Club Partners International, and partnered with the Bedford Estates to acquire a 50-percent interest in Woburn

Golf and Country Club Ltd., operators of the Duke's and Duchess' courses at Woburn.

The Tytherington Club includes an 18-hole private course, practice range, and associated facilities. The club regularly hosts professional tournaments, including a Ladies Tour event scheduled for May.

The purchase price was £500 plus the repayment of a £1.525 million loan owed Club Partners International by Tytherington Ltd.

The sale was part of Club Partner's consolidation, according to company spokesman Wayne Sheffield. Club Partners continues to operate the Lambourne Club, a private

course in Burnham Bucks, and may look at further acquisitions in the future, Sheffield added.

PGA European Tour Courses purchased its interest in Woburn for £5,749,900. Plans are to build a third course there to international tournament standards and extend the existing clubhouse and facilities. A major European tournament should be staged at Woburn beginning in 1999.

Said PGA Tour European Courses Managing Director Sean Kelly of the Woburn acquisition: "This transaction gives our UK operations a flagship and fulfills our strategic aim of acquiring high quality assets in good locations where earnings can be improved through the extension of existing facilities and promotion by hosting televised European golf events."

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Burley now with IMG Singapore

SINGAPORE — Paul Burley has joined IMG Singapore as director of operations.

Born and educated in the United Kingdom, Paul spent seven years working for the Midland Bank, completing a diploma in accountancy and monetary economics before turning to golf.

He turned professional in 1985 and spent 18 months as a tournament professional before being appointed resident golf professional at The Gary Player Country Club at the Sun City Resort in South Africa. While there, he became involved in the overall club management and also the organization of the Million Dollar Golf Challenge tournament.

When Sun City's second golf course, The Lost City, opened in 1993, Burley was appointed head golf professional responsible for management of the resort's entire golf operation.

A member of the British Professional Golfers Association and the Club Managers Association of America, Burley was appointed director of operations for IMG Real Estate Services for the Asia Pacific region last November.

CCA acquires second UK club

HERTFORDSHIRE, England — CCA Holdings Ltd., the Hong Kong-based private club developer and operator, has acquired Brockett Hall, the 18th century home, its 543-acre estate and the Brockett Hall Golf Club.

Built in 1760, the mansion has been converted into an international conference center with 46 bedrooms and suites. It is located 24 miles from central London and has hosted many high level government meetings.

Brockett Hall is CCA's second major investment in the UK. The company also operates the London Capital Club, opened in September 1994 and now boasting 1,000 members.

The CCA Group is a privately held firm founded in 1980. It manages 5,000 staff and 80,000 members at its 30-plus private clubs in Asia, Australia and Europe.