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## EAST SUSSEX NATIONAL OPENS ITS GOLF COURSES IN UNRIVALLED CONDITION



East Sussex National Golf Club is bringing Augusta Nationals course conditions to the UK

East Sussex National Golf Club is now open for its members to play. This encompasses both the East and West courses, as well as the practice grounds. Both golf courses, under the control of Ken Siems and his 40 strong greenstaff, will be maintained to give the finest inland playing conditions available in the UK.

Both 18 holes will also be primed for a number of special events that East Sussex National has agreed to host this season. These include the visit of the GB and Ireland Curtis Cup team. They have selected East Sussex National to stimulate the speed and contours of the greens they will be confronted by during their defence of the cup in America. This practice week-end will be the 30th June and 1st July. Later in the year, the club's West course will play host to the Montorola Classic. This satellite tour event will be followed by the inaugral Wilson Amateur Masters invitation event.



## FORMER WENTWORTH COURSE MANAGER JOINS JOHN JACOBS

Kevin Munt, who was until recently course manager at Wentworth, has been appointed a director of John Jacobs Golf Associates Limited, the Hertfordshire based golf course design and project management company.

Mr Munt joins John Jacobs as part of a major expansion programme. Several large contracts have been won in recent months and the company is now developing its activities in both the UK and Europe.

Kevin Munt, who is 32, has 15 years greenkeeping experience, eight years of which have been spent in golf course management. He was links supervisor at the Royal Dornoch Golf Club, ranked as the 12th best course in the world by 'Golf Digest' magazine.

But it was at Wentworth in October 1987 that his name first hit the headlines when he and his team worked round the clock to save the Suntory World Match-Play Championship from disaster after the worst storm on record brought down some 300 trees, flooded the greens and made the course totally unplayable.

The following year Kevin Munt (below) prepared the Wentworth courses for the Volvo PGA, World Match-Play and English Ladies Stroke Play championships and in each case they were generally recognised as being in the best possible condition for championship events.

It was during his time at Wentworth that much of the work on the John Jacobs' designed new South Course took place and although not directly concerned with its construction, a lasting relationship was forged with John Jacobs and the company's managing director, David Pottage.



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