

Trump International Plans Proceed

Following the Scottish Government's decision to grant outline planning permission, Trump International – Scotland has submitted its detailed masterplan for the entire site and designs for its championship golf course to Aberdeenshire Council.

The first phase of the development is the championship golf course, designed by Dr Martin Hawtree.

"The golf course follows a classic pattern of two out-and-back loops of nine holes. All 18 holes thread their way engagingly through the dunes, rising here to find views of the sea and coastline, plunging there into secluded valleys, offering a sequence of superlative topographies, landscapes, alternating between spaciousness and enclosure, then panoramic views, and the whole time a rich texture of vegetation and wild-life habitats surrounding the golf holes," said Martin.

"The golf course will lack for nothing. It will produce simply the most dramatic, stimulating, invigorating stretch of golf anywhere I have seen in my career."

The application will be determined by Formartine Area Committee later in the year.

The construction contract has been won by SOL Golf Course Construction Limited. SOL has worked on many of the world's best golf courses and is currently working on various Open Championship courses on behalf of the R&A including Royal Liverpool, Royal Lytham & St Annes, Muirfield and Royal Birkdale.

Trump International work

undertaken since December 2008 includes:

- Masterplan for the whole development
- Full details of siting, design, external appearance and landscaping for the championship golf course, including a driving range, a short game area, a putting green, turf nursery and access to the championship golf course
- Construction plans for the championship golf course
- Topographical surveys
- Plans for roads, footpaths and cycleways
- Detailed environmental assessments and an environmental management plan
- Details of all landscaping, planting and screening works
- Appointment and establishment of Ecological Clerks of Works
- Appointment and establishment of MEMAG (Menie Environmental Management Advisory Group)
- Tree surveys and plans
- Otter, badger and goose management plans
- Habitat management and enhancement plan incorporating mitigation and compensatory measures for birds, bats, invertebrates and plants
- Site water management plan
- Details of sustainable urban drainage systems for championship course
- Details of championship course landscaping works
- Archaeology scheme
- Construction method statement for the championship golf course



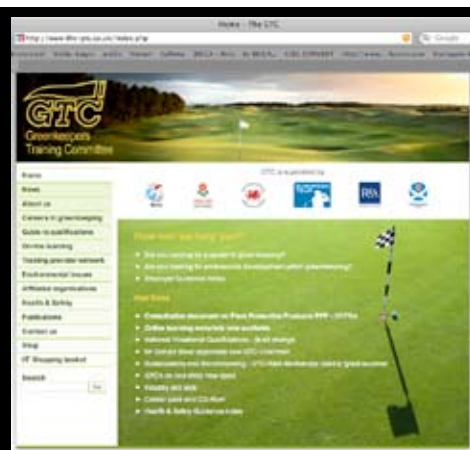
On-line Learning Now Available from the GTC

The GTC, in association with the Virtual College, is to offer the first in what is hoped is a series of on-line learning programmes.

David Golding, the GTC's Education Director, explains how the GTC is looking to promote best practice through modern technology and we hope individuals and greenkeeping students and turf staff at our Approved Centres enjoy the new Maintain the Health of Sports Turf on-line learning option.

David added that the GTC has developed learning materials which both individuals and GTC Approved Centres can access through hard copy and CD format and clearly to make these available on-line is the way forward as they can be accessed world-wide.

All the training materials can be accessed through the GTC's website www.the-gtc.co.uk or for further information call 01347 838640





CMAE Heads to Spain

The CMAE has moved its AGM into the continent of Europe for the first time, and partnering with Club Managers Spain, will be jointly staging the International Club Management Congress at the Villaitana Wellness Golf & Business Sun Resort, Benidorm, Spain from April 14-17.

This move reflects the growing number of CMAE members outside the UK and Ireland, and the feedback that we have received from members asking us to consider staging our business conferences

in attractive tourism destinations. The CMAE wish to encourage club managers, suppliers, owners and operators to gather in Benidorm two weeks after Easter to discuss issues affecting our industry and share solutions and ideas to allow clubs to grow and prosper.

The conference theme is "Lead your Club into the Future" and already some keynote presentations have been confirmed:

- Gregg Patterson – General Manager of

the Beach Club, Santa Monica, California and inspiring educator and presenter

- Jim Singerling – CEO of the Club Managers Association of America
- Peter Walton – CEO of the International Association of Golf Tour Operators
- Gary Firkins – PR and Media Specialist for the golf industry

For full details of the event and to register, please visit www.cmaeurope.org and follow the links to the International Congress website.