

# Hole of the



■ No. 16  
Royal St. George  
Sandwich, England



# Month

## One of the Greats — Maybe the Greatest

It is perhaps the finest golf course in the United Kingdom. Of course, that statement could be argued for hours — especially by those faithful to St. Andrews or Carnoustie — by enthusiasts of European golf course design. But one thing is for sure: Royal St. George, site of this year's Open Championship in Sandwich, is one of the great golf courses in England and Europe.

Royal St. George, which opened in 1887, hosts its 13th British Open, set for July 17-20. The club hosted its first Open in 1894. It hosted its last Open in 1993, which was won by Greg Norman.

This Open, however, will play more than 240 yards longer. To keep up with the big hitters (and the Big Bertha drivers), Royal St. George officials have lengthened the course to 7,106 yards.

St. George is known for its tall and deep bunkers. Here's betting the guys will be hitting a lot of irons off the tees, even with the increased distance. Remember to play the John Deere Major Challenge.

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