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ABOUT WOBURN GOLF CLUB

"In 1974, my late father had the foresight and courage to see that a world-class golf facility could be created at Woburn. He was inspired by the traditions of sportsmanship and courtesy he saw in the game of golf, values which he considered highly important.

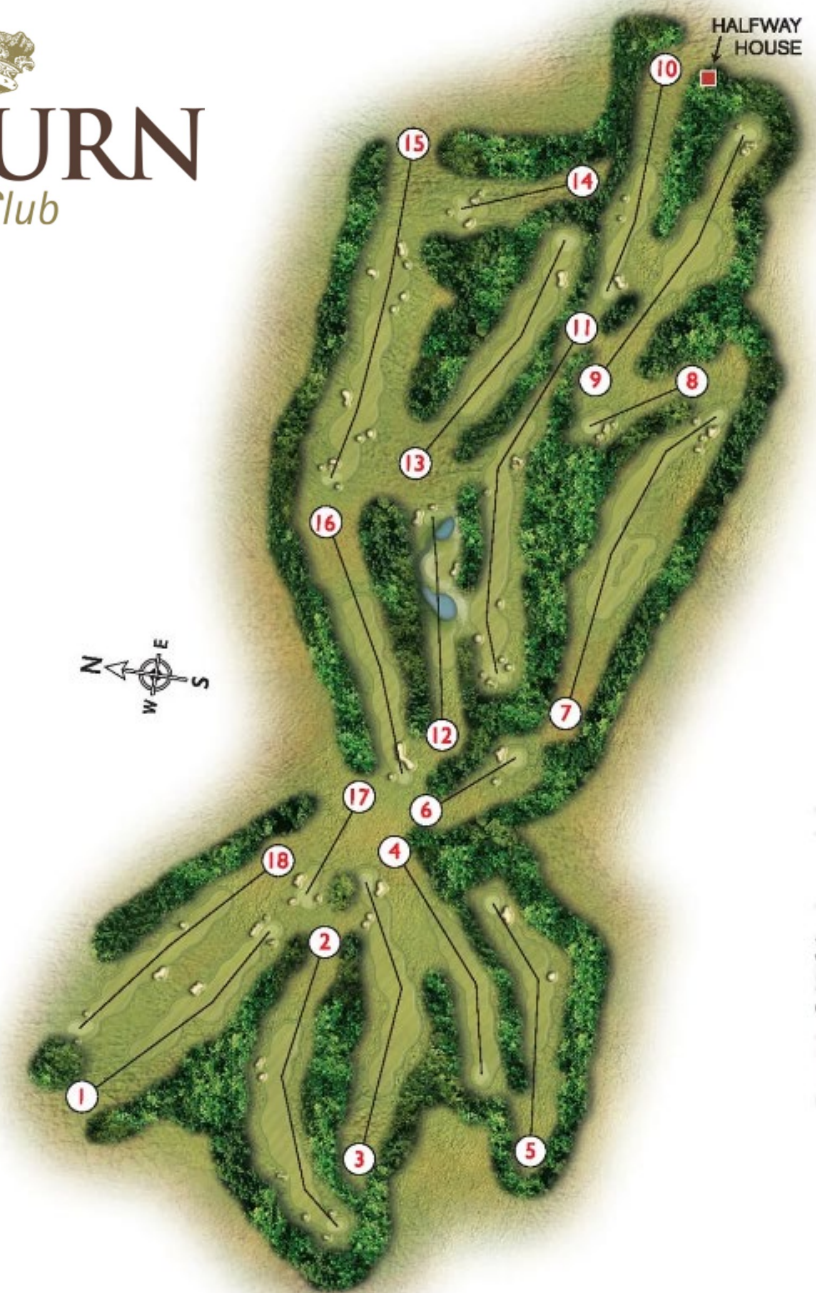
The first of Woburn's three courses, the Duke's Course, was opened in 1976 and this was followed in 1978 with the opening of the Duchess' Course.

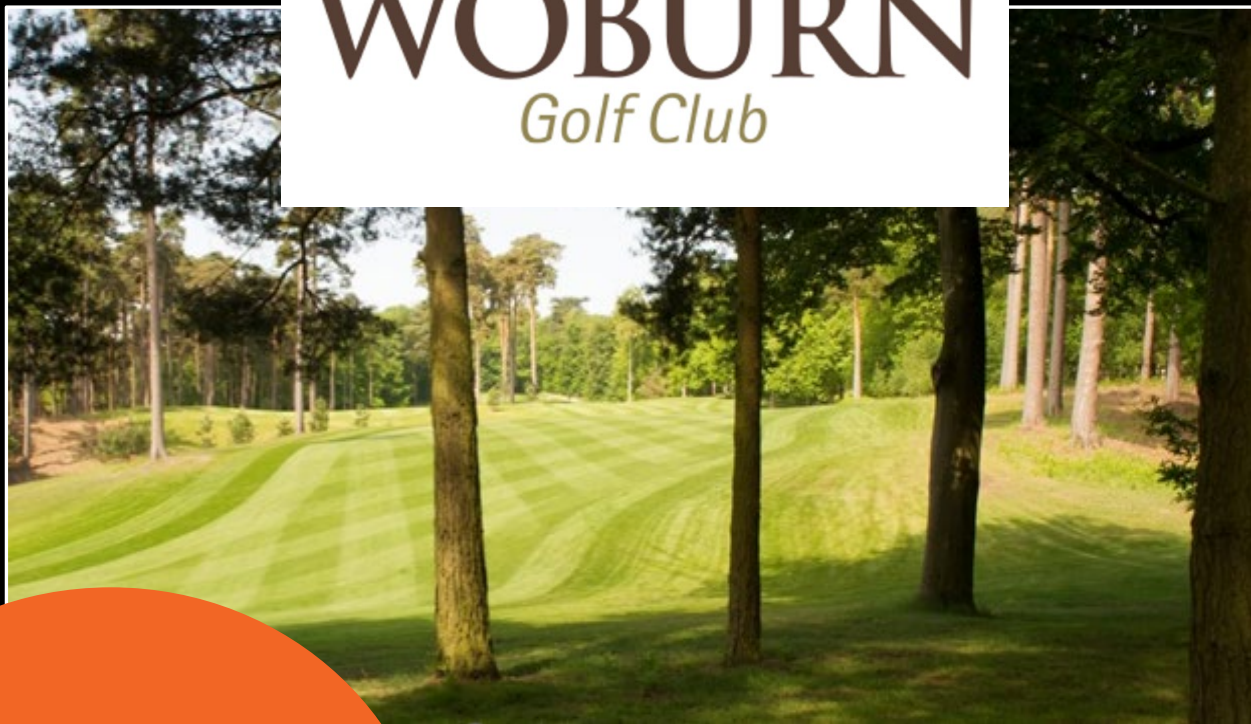
Former BBC Golf Commentator, the late Alex Hay came to Woburn as our Club Professional in 1978 and in 1985 was appointed as Managing Director. Together with my father, Alex was instrumental in the development and success of the club. They were also the driving force behind tournament golf coming to Woburn and in the creation of the Marquess' Course which opened in June 2000.

As a family, it is our intention to continue their work for generations to come. We will strive to ensure their vision is delivered for the benefit of all those who are able to experience our three tournament hosting courses and enjoy our clubhouse facilities"

Andrew Bedford, 15th Duke of Bedford
President Woburn Golf Club

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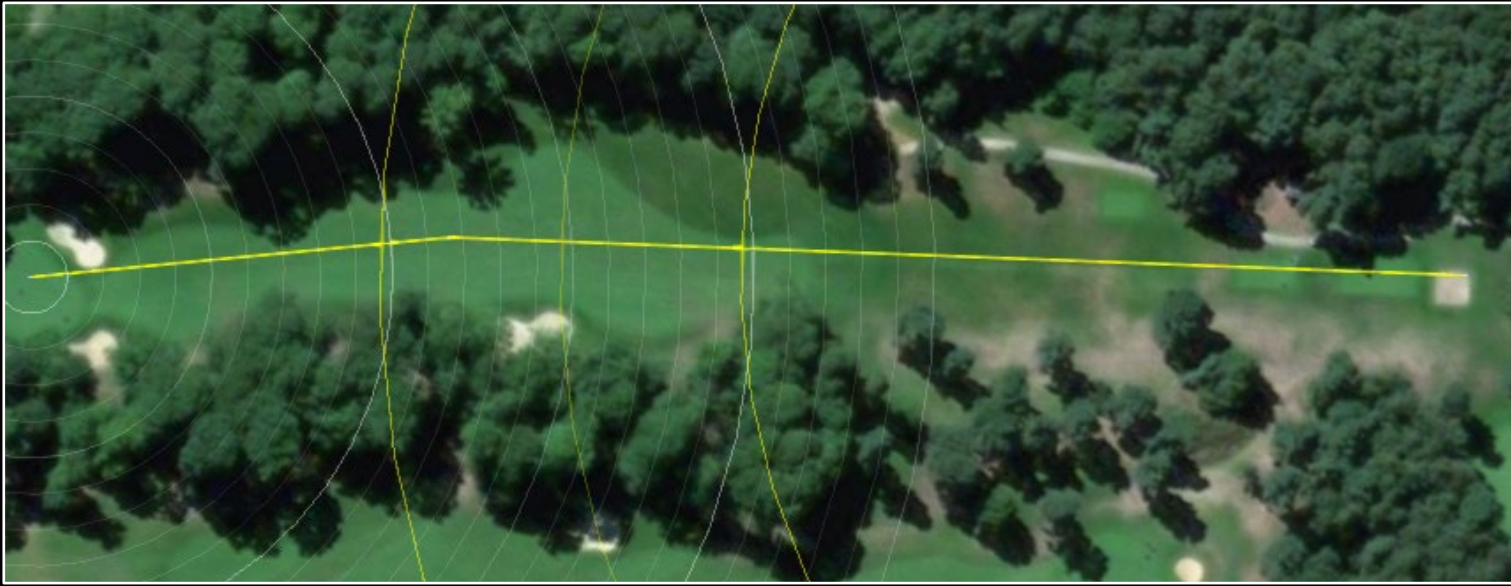
The Marquess' Course, designed by Peter Alliss and Clive Clark, European Golf Design (Ross McMurray) and Alex Hay opened in June 2000. The course was named after the then Marquess of Tavistock and was soon referred to as the 'Jewel in the Crown'.

Set within 200 acres of mixed woodland the Marquess's course overlaps the county boundary dividing Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire and presents a variety of rolling and undulating terrain. The predominant tree species are pine, spruce, sweet chestnut and oak, while there are a number of rare specimens such as Corsican pine, yew, rowan and beech.

The Marquess course has hosted four British Masters tournaments, the first within just a year of opening, and hosted the English Amateur Championship in 2011.

Between 2014 and 2017 the course was one of four in the country used to stage Final Qualifying for The Open Championship. In October 2015 The British Masters supported by Sky Sports was staged on the Marquess course.

In July 2016 Woburn hosted its first Major Championship on the Marquess course, The Ricoh Women's British Open, which returned in 2019 as The AIG Women's British Open.



HOLE 1

Par 4 | 346 Yards

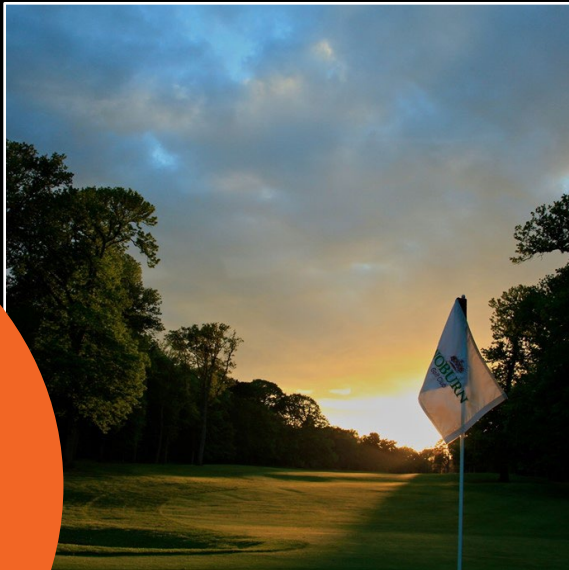
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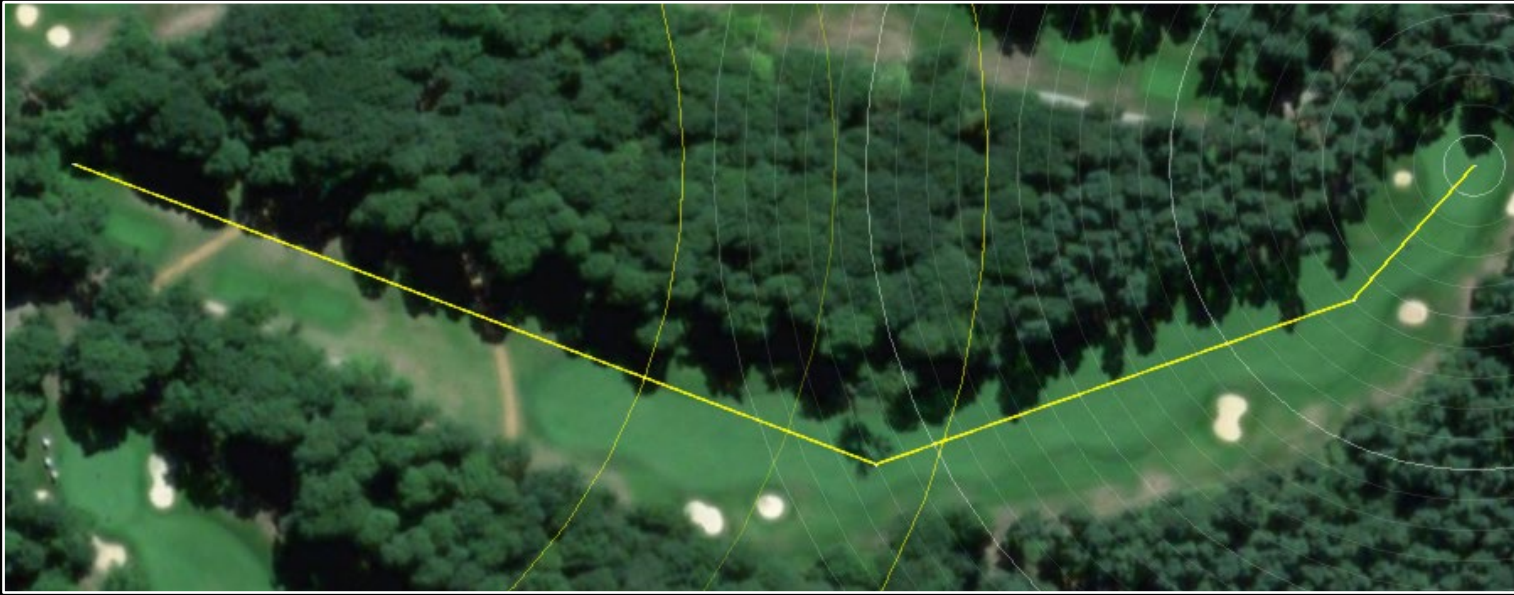
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**The Marquess' of Tavistock
opened the course with a
cracking drive down this fairway.**

It was his wish that the opening hole
as with the 10th should be gentle and
generous openers and that is the way
they both are. Don't be fooled!
Make the most of it.

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HOLE 2

Par 5 | 439 Yards

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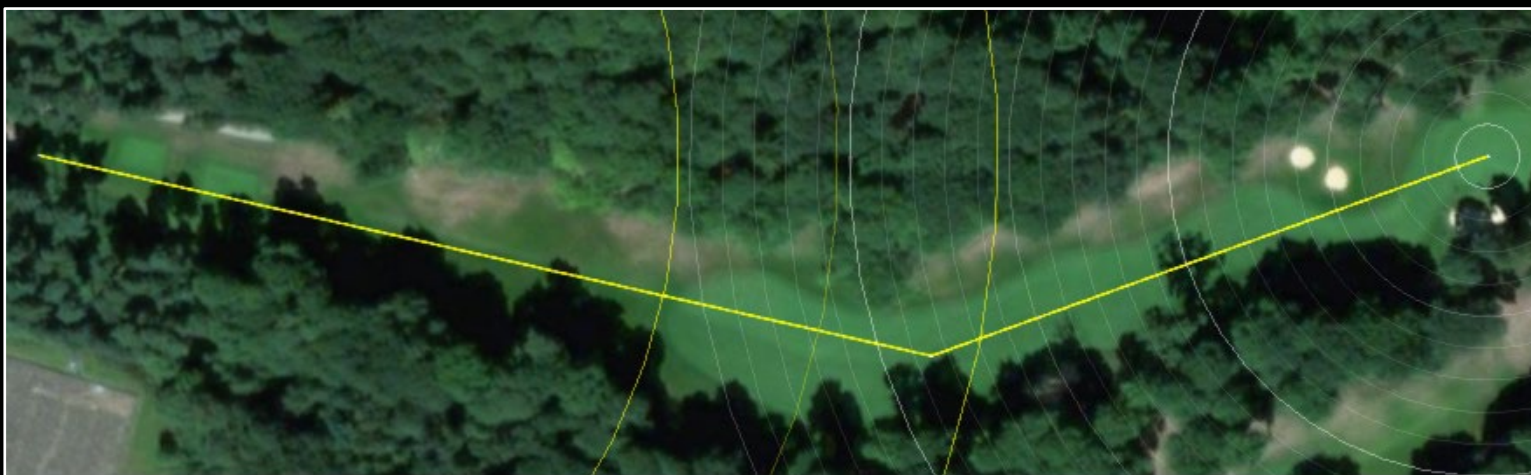


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You begin to sense the design skills.

Subtle bunkers combine with historic lofty trees to let you know this is a thinking golfer's course. There is little reward for attempts to cut corners.



HOLE 3

Par 4 | 420 Yards

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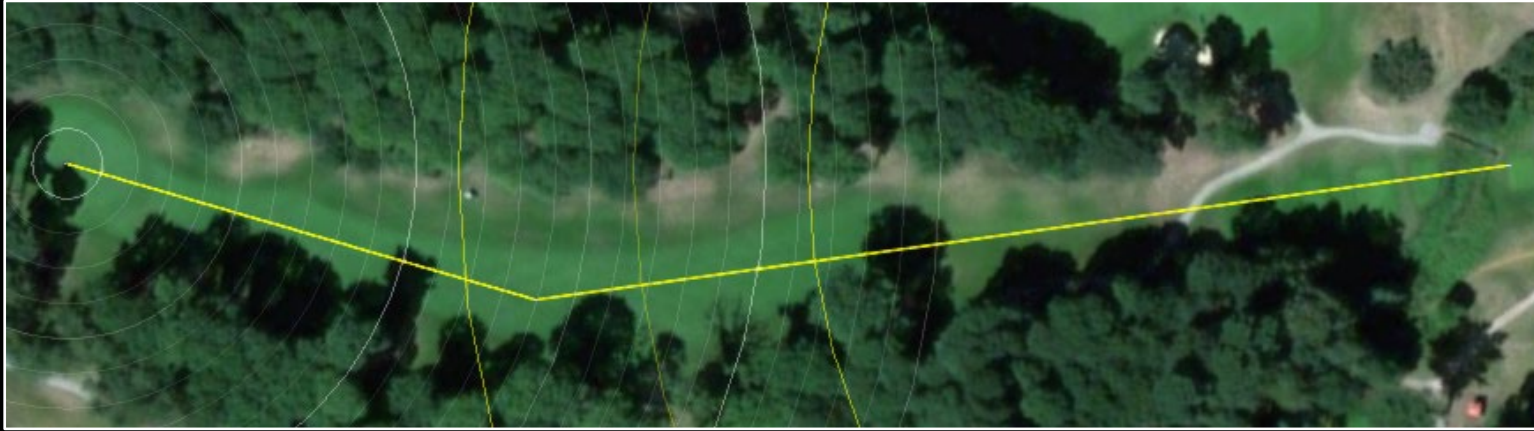


Dog-legging left over the crest of a slope which then offers a magnificent view to the green.

However, the two bunkers on the left give the illusion of being close to it, when actually it is some 50 yards short. Many fall for this and under club.



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HOLE 4

Par 4 | 381 Yards



From the back tee there is an uncanny likeness to Augusta's 17th.

The tree on the left resembles Augusta's Eisenhower Tree in height, shape and position. Then like Augusta's 14th there are no bunkers but a similarly difficult green to get near the flag.



HOLE 5

Par 4 | 357 Yards

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Very few holes anywhere are as attractive.

Two glorious beech trees guard the corner and greedy drivers can find trouble on the left when attempting to steal a few yards.



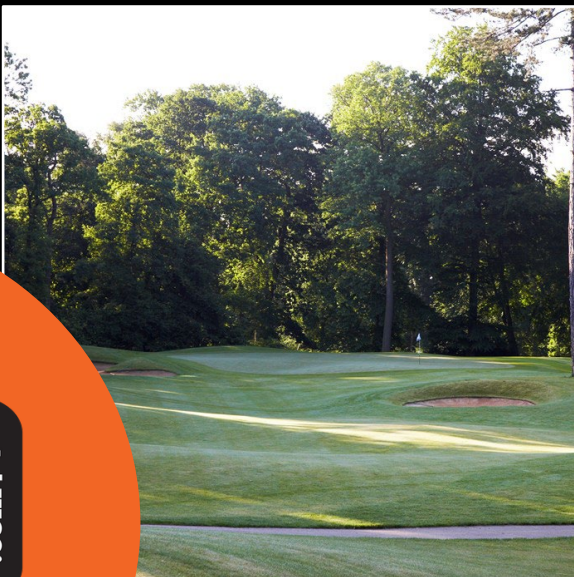
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HOLE 6

Par 3 | 143 Yards

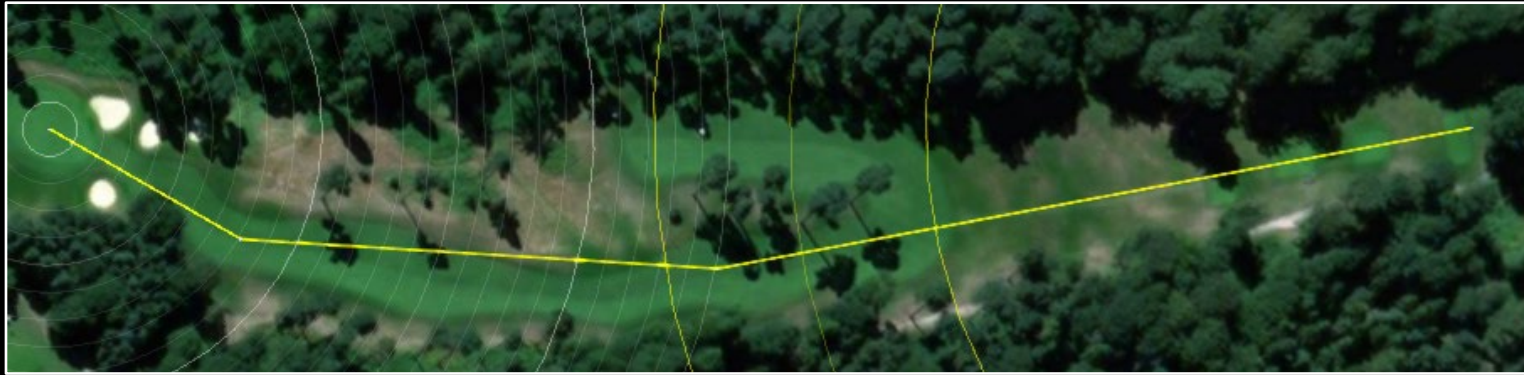
Competition Hole
'Closest to the Pin'



It looks a piece of cake, but beware!

The massive tree short of the green makes everything look closer than it is so the 'bite' at the front of the green gathers many balls.

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HOLE 7

Par 5 | 483 Yards



**This is the signature hole
on the course.**

With its stunning split fairway,
it offers the choice of playing the
hole as a conventional Par 5 up the left,
or taking the risk of playing up the
right and attempting to reach in two.

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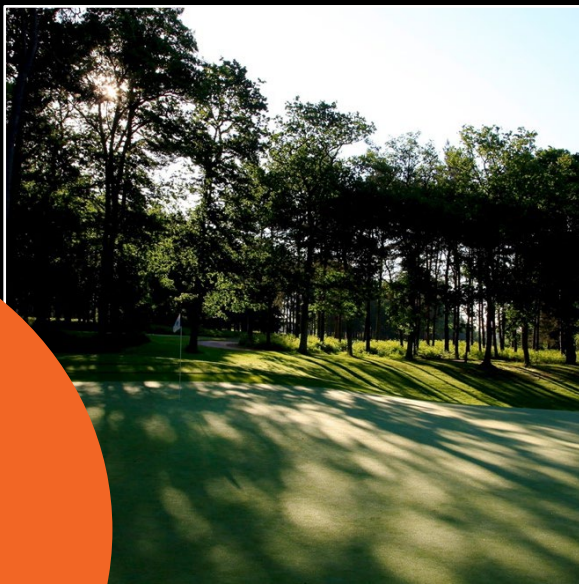
Tips from Ian Poulter



HOLE 8

Par 3 | 141 Yards

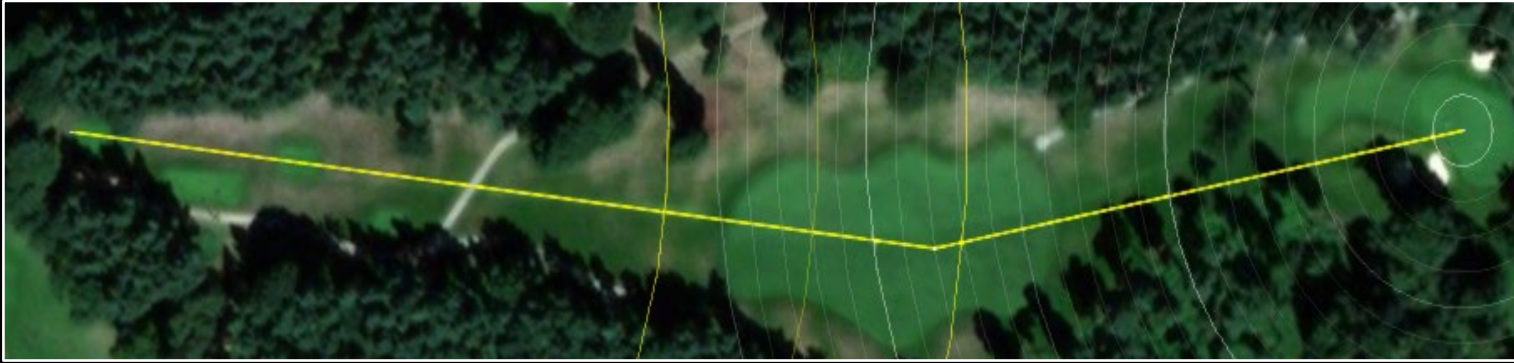
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Perfect choice of club is the key.

A raised and undulating small green makes this short hole play tougher than it would suggest.

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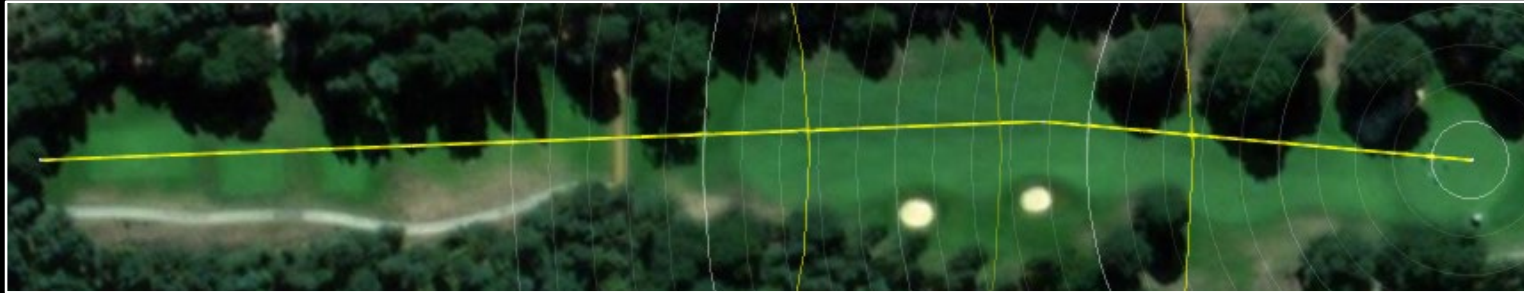
HOLE 9

Par 4 | 427 Yards



**With a helping wind some may
tee off with a 3 wood to stay
short of the ravine.**

Be warned, do not stay too far short
of it and do not favour the left
from where a wonderful oak
must then be carried.



HOLE 10

Halfway Hut

Par 4 | 341 Yards

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Left of centre from the tee is the
sensible line to the gentle
start to the back nine.

Club selection is key for your second
shot in order to find the right part
of this large green. Enjoy this hole
because things get tougher from here!

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HOLE 11

Par 5 | 512 Yards

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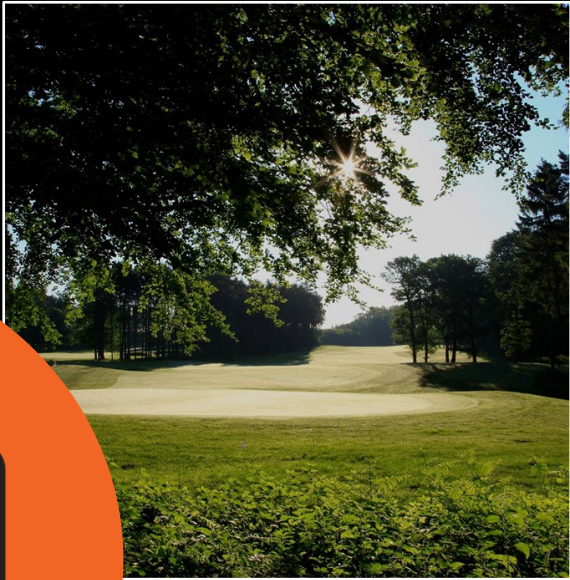


Longest Drive

Neil Coles, one of golf's most respected Professionals, claims this to be one of the best par fives anywhere.

It is long, few would ever get home in two, its gentle undulations feed balls into the sand at every strategic point, then a tough green awaits.

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HOLE 12

Par 4 | 270 Yards

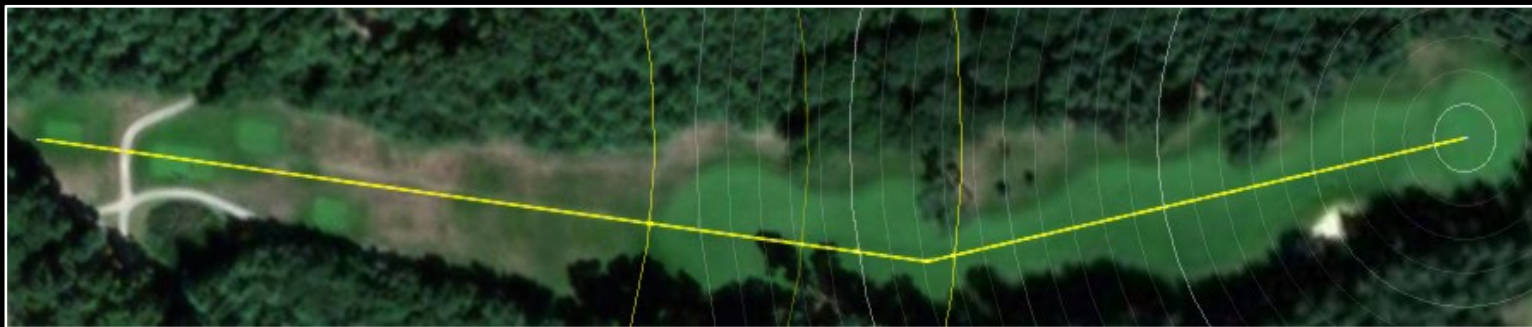
Every good course has its controversial hole.

When the first British Masters was played here Sam Torrance claimed this, from the back to be the only poor hole.

On the final days the tee was moved forward. Sam stated we had the best 'optional' hole on the circuit. The choice of a drive to the green or a 5 iron to the island was great strategy, the perfect risk and reward hole.



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HOLE 13

Par 4 | 422 Yards

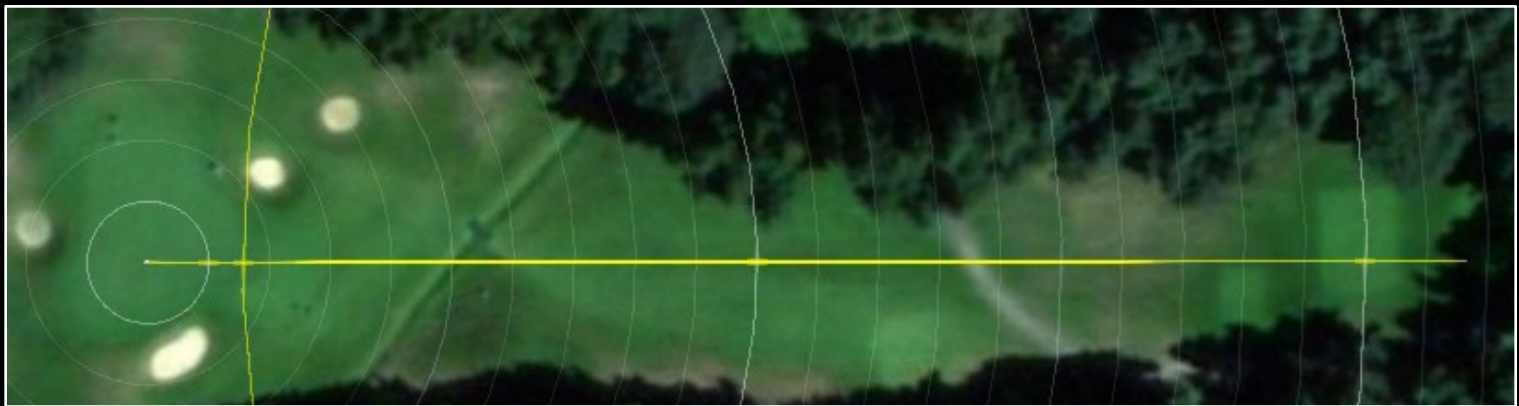
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Stroke index one, where being long is a great advantage.

For the second shot the need to come in from the right by average length hitters is thwarted by the hole's only bunkering. A par here feels like birdie!

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HOLE 14

Par 3 | 196 Yards



The much loved late Chairman of Woburn, Lord Swaythling, thought this to be one of the best short holes he'd ever seen.

Long and demanding, often taking everything you've got but with its huge rolling green waiting to reward the best of shots, almost a reflection of the man. It is called Swaythling, enjoy it.



HOLE 15

Par 5 | 532 Yards

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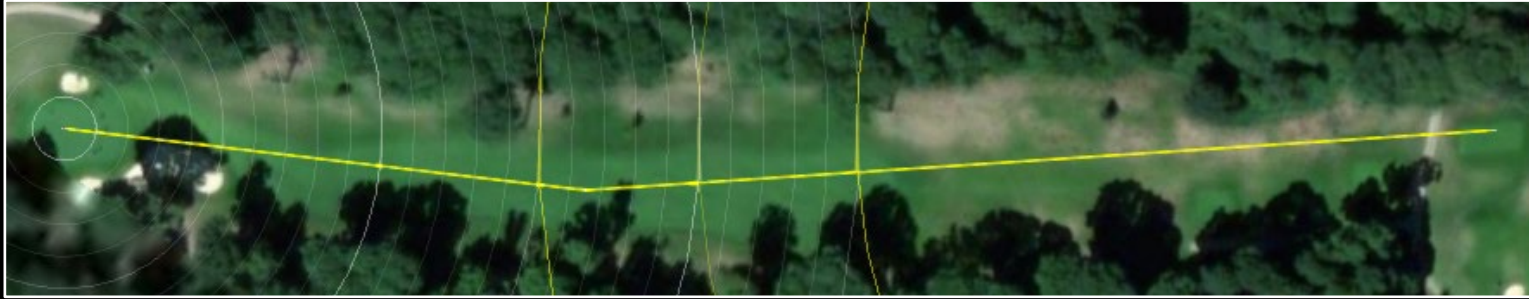


Take time to visit the back tee and enjoy the panorama, which Woburn's former Managing Director and BBC Commentator, the late Alex Hay, considered one of the most magnificent in golf.

The third shot into this difficult green is one or sometimes two clubs more than you think, especially into the generally prevailing wind.

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HOLE 16

Par 4 | 382 Yards



**Ewan Murray, on Sky Television,
once described the last 5 holes
as the toughest played on the
European tour.**

You are now in the middle of
them. Carrying the huge greenside
bunker from such a long way out is the
most difficult task. Often better to come
in from the right and avoid it.



HOLE 17

Par 3 | 155 Yards

Competition Hole
'Beat the Pro' &
'Hole in One'

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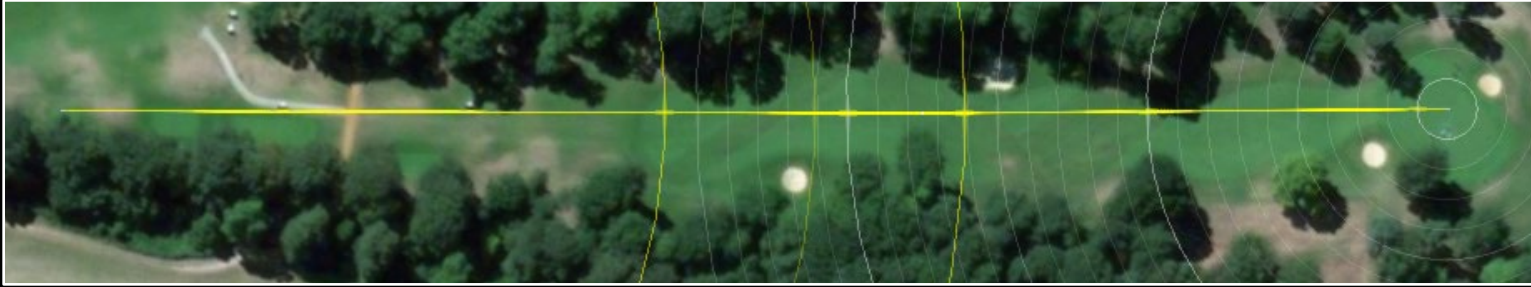


**Should the pin be back and left this is
not the pushover hole it looks.**

Take plenty of club and let the right to
left slope of the green sweep the ball
around. Under any circumstances do
not be fooled into under clubbing.



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HOLE 18

Par 4 | 382 Yards

Competition Hole
'Longest Drive'

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'Bombs Away!'

In the gully, to the right of the tee, a greenkeeper found the fin of one of 78 Mustard Gas Mortar bombs. Woburn's forest had sheltered military weapons prior to the invasion of Normandy and the bombs, which incidentally had exactly the same range as the hole's yardage were accidentally left.



HOLE 19

Clubhouse

Woburn's Clubhouse facilities offer the same excellent standards as its three championship courses. Woburn is renowned for its warm and friendly atmosphere and the Clubhouse offers a relaxing setting. There is WiFi access available throughout the building.

Their Head Chef, Antony Rae and his team are renowned for the quality and variety of dishes from breakfast to barbecues and buffets, to the popular carvery lunches and dinners. All menus demonstrate the hospitality team's flair and imagination and use of fresh, quality produce, including a range of vegetarian options.

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