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A letter From Your New Professional

Hello to you all,

Now that I've been in my new role almost a month, I thought I would take this opportunity to say hello and introduce myself to those of you I haven't met yet and catch up with those who I haven't seen for the past 5 years.

The intention of the news letter is to keep you updated on a monthly basis with club competition results, new products, special offers and any current club news that maybe of interest to you.

For those of you who don't know me, here is a brief run down of my golf background:

I joined Ashford Golf club in 1982 aged 10, progressing to a scratch handicap by the age of 15, I went on to win the English boys under 16's championship, South East Junior Championship and Peter McEvoy Championship. The culmination of my Junior success was representing England Boys and England Schools; I also won the Kent Junior, Youths and Amateur Championships in consecutive years.

Gaining professional status aged 20 with a handicap of +2, I was proud to complete my PGA training at Ashford Golf club with my Dad showing me the ropes. In 1996 I managed to get some starts on the challenge tour and played full time between the Challenge tour and European tour with mixed results. In 2000 got a ranking on the European Tour, playing several events with highlights being the B&H Open at The Oxfordshire and good finishes in The North West of Ireland open, Madeira Open, Moroccan Open and Scottish PGA.

In 2005 I was offered the opportunity to run the Golf academy at Birchwood Park in Dartford, part of the Burhill Group. As well as teaching adults, emphasis on introducing and encouraging youngsters to the game saw the Academy coach over 3000 juniors and schools. The success of the Junior coaching, led to the accolade of being nominated and winning, the national award of 'Community Club of the Year'.

That just about brings me to where I am now, taking over from my father Hugh who after his 31 years of service, I wish a very long and happy retirement.

Some of you will already be aware that Tom Muchmore is now my full time assistant, and is registered to start his full PGA training in 2010.

The Pro Shop

The Shop is open every day, with a full range of equipment and clothing, we also provide a full club repair service, small repairs may be able to be done while you wait.

I am a member of the **Foremost** buying group, providing me with greater



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access to all the leading brands (Taylor made, Callaway, Ping, Titleist, Mizuno, Cobra), even if they are not in stock, so if its not in the shop – I can get it for you , and as always it will be competitively priced.

Lessons are available Tuesday – Sunday with the latest video technology available at no extra cost via a program called **Cswing**, this enables you to see your swing instantly on a lap top whilst still on the range. Lesson prices are as follows:

Members

30 min - £20

45 min - £30

9 hole playing lesson - £40

Lesson Package

1 x 45 min (with video)

2 x 30 min

1 x playing lesson

£100

Christmas offer

6 lessons for the price of 5

Latest Special Offers

The perfect gift for the avid golfer as Titleist offer free personalisation of the #1 Ball in Golf

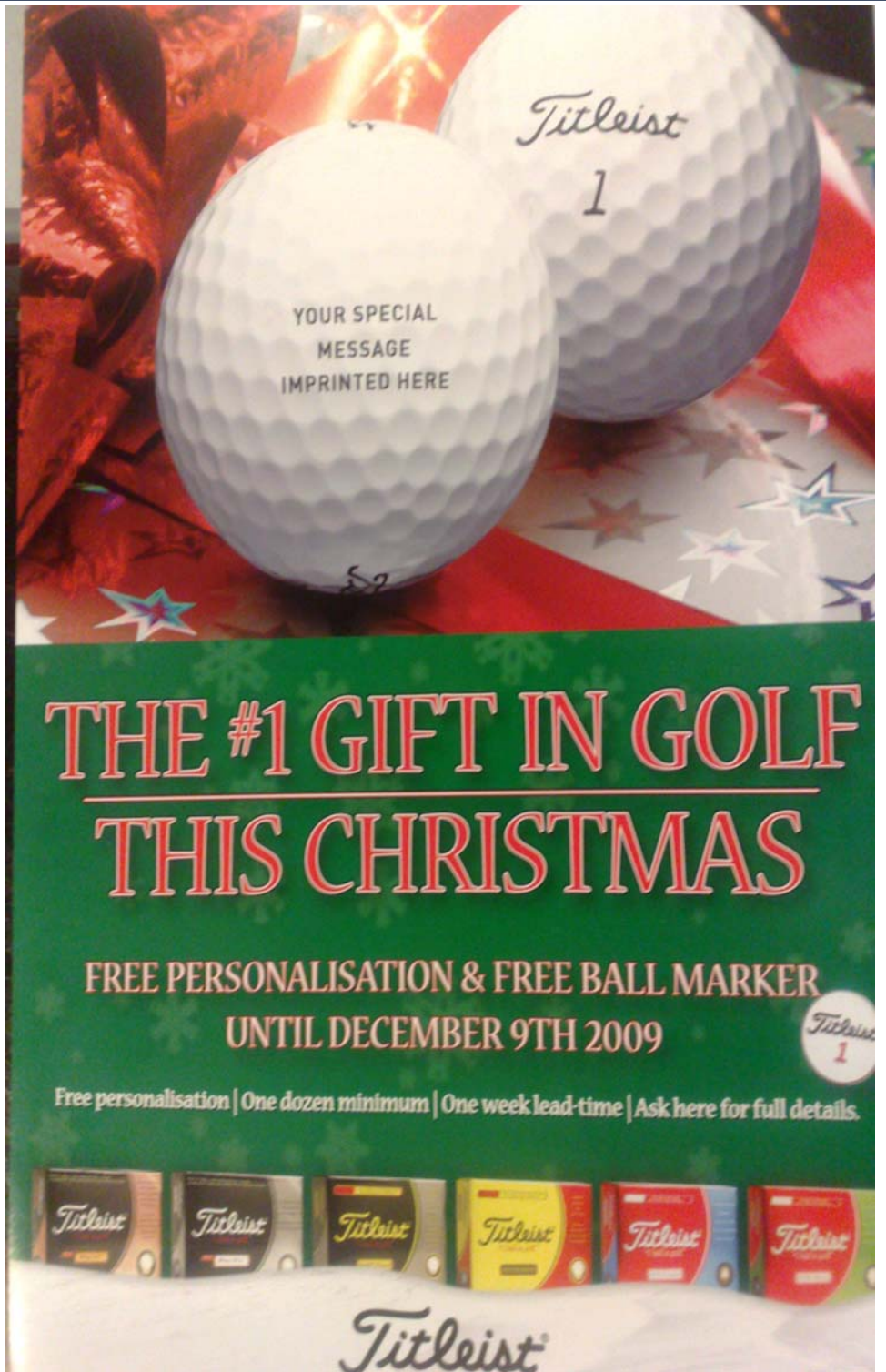
With the festive season fast approaching, Titleist is in the Christmas spirit already and will run its special Christmas golf ball promotion. The #1 ball in golf is offering customers a free personalised printing programme on all Titleist golf ball models. The personalisation can be anything from an individual's initials, a nickname or even a special Christmas message*. The personalisation is printed single-pole on three lines with a maximum of 17 characters per line and is available in a choice of four colour inks - Black, Blue, Red or Green.

In addition to the free personalisation, Titleist will also include a complimentary Titleist ball marker with every pack. Furthermore, each order will also be packaged in a specially designed Christmas wrap to give it that added festive touch.

With a minimum order requirement of just one dozen balls, this offer is available now with the closing date for orders requiring pre-Christmas delivery being **Wednesday 9th December 2009**

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**THE #1 GIFT IN GOLF
THIS CHRISTMAS**

FREE PERSONALISATION & FREE BALL MARKER
UNTIL DECEMBER 9TH 2009

Free personalisation | One dozen minimum | One week lead-time | Ask here for full details.

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JUST IN



Mizuno have just released their new irons for 2010 – these are:



MX 1000



MX300



MP 58



MP68

All the above clubs are available for demo NOW in a range of shaft, flex and lie options from the Mizuno custom fit cart.



Jack Nicklaus[®]



Limited Edition clothing –

To commemorate his 18 major wins Jack Nicklaus has produced a limited edition range of clothing called legacy 18. These vibrant coloured garments are now in stock in shirts, sleeved and sleeveless sweaters.

**Srixon AD333 – The biggest selling 2
piece ball on the market**

FINDING THE BALANCE: DISTANCE AND SPIN



BIG CORE (BIG ENGINE TECHNOLOGY)

At 39.80mm (somewhat larger than previous AD333 model) the highly resilient, and soft Energetic Gradient Growth™ core creates a high launch and low spin off the Driver face, primarily for greater distance.



COVER THICKNESS (THIN COVER DESIGN)

10% thinner than previous AD333 model, the 1.45mm thick, soft Rabalon®HR+ and Pana-Tetra® blended thin cover provides excellent spin and control with the short Irons and a soft feel off all the clubs, especially the Putter face.



333-DIMPLE PATTERN

Reduced aerodynamic drag allows for more carry (therefore more distance) and a penetrating trajectory that has a shallow landing angle - adding roll and total distance.

Club News and Results

For the 1st time since the centenary we hosted a PGA South Region Pro am event. This event consisted of 3 amateurs playing with one of the regions top professionals, playing a medal format of best 2 scores from 4 on each hole to count and also the professional individual competition. We had 27 teams participate on a sunny day in late September and the results were as follows:

Professional Individual

1st – Richard Wallis (Walmer & Kingsdown) 62 -8 **NEW COURSE RECORD**

2nd – Tim Milford (Pedham Place) 67 – 4

3rd – Paul Sherman (Ashford) 69 -2

Gavin Lingard (Poult Wood) 69 -2

Team Event

1st Pro – R Wallis Amateurs- P O Connor S Evans B Britton - London Club

2nd Pro - T Milford Amateurs – R Radmore B Roberts P Williamson - The Ridge

3rd Pro – J Barrow Amateurs – Chestfield Team

4th Pro - JD Lombard Amateurs – R Simmons M Carley A Edwards – Ashford

Captains Day – Playoff

After a tie in the competition in August, Daniel Bennett and Gilbert Jackson played off for the Captains prize, once again after 18 holes both were tied on 33 points, which then had to be decided on count back,



What's on at the club for November

- 2nd - Merit Trophy
- 6th/7th - Ladies Medal
- 7th - 4 Nations
- 11th Vets Stable ford
- 13th – Men's Dinner
- 14th - Ladies Daily Mail
- 20th – Presentation Night
- 20th/21st Ladies s'ford
- 25th – Ladies AGM
- 27th Vets annual dinner



Daniel had a better back 9 making him the winner – Well played DJ

Presidents Prize

- 1st Bob Brisley – 46 points **(this is not a typo!!!!)**
- 2nd Stuart Eldridge – 41 points
- 3rd = Dan Trice Alan Taylor & Kevin Barton 40 points

Mixed Match V Faversham

Another well supported fixture with 7 pairs turning out both sides, Ashford running out a comfortable victory 5 – 2. Wins from Brian McCann & Becky Gammon, Mike & Jackie Leutchford, Richard & Sue Settle, Sheila Pounder & Mick Martin and Dave & Jan Jones.

Capt/Pro Playoff

After a full season of matches Brian and Hugh were only beaten a handful of times, so with Brian's idea of losing pairs being able to 'buy back in' to the play off 10 pairs played with Adrian Vidler and Jason Etheridge narrowly coming out as winners

Shotgun Stable ford

Was held the day after the annual dinner dance, so a lot very sore heads and blurry eyes (B McCann and both Mackay brothers to mention just a few!) appeared for an 8.30 start . The event was well supported with 20 teams (80 players taking part)

- 1st – B Brisley (again...) M Page W Walton G Kirton
- 2nd – P Young R Young T McDonald D Ball
- 3rd – C Shaw M Croft B Wright B Mellin

Special Mention

Goes to Kevin Ruffle who had a hole in One on the 8th in the shotgun stable ford and then amazingly his very next match on Wednesday had another one at faggs folly!!!

Congratulations Kevin

