



One of the most beautiful Golf clubs in Gower, South Wales

## Quarter 1 Newsletter 2008

### News from the Greenkeepers

Over the winter months the greenkeepers have been hard at work implementing the next phase of Fairwood Park's long-term drainage project. Those who know the 17<sup>th</sup> fairway will be aware that this is the wettest area of the golf course by some distance, often necessitating the use of a temporary green. But following the hard work of Philip Williamson and his team, temporary greens on the 17<sup>th</sup> are now a thing of the past! Completed last October, the new and extensive network of drains have meant that we haven't been on a temporary green even once all winter. Another great stride forward in keeping Fairwood Park open for play every day of the year!

### Junior News

Following the huge success of last year's coaching sessions, the Pro Shop will once again be running group lessons for junior members every Saturday morning from 9:30am. These sessions cost £2.50 a go and bookings should be made through Gary or John in the Pro Shop on 01792 299194.

In other junior news the club also welcomes Mrs Lisa Davies as our new Junior Organiser. If you'd like to register an interest to play for the Junior first team, or indeed to find out more information about Junior competitions, call Lisa on 01792 390927.

Well, it took a while in coming but as the saying goes, the good things in life come to those who wait. In March 2007 the club submitted an outline planning application to the local Council seeking permission to replace the existing clubhouse buildings with a 42 bedroom 4-star hotel, health and spa club, function and banqueting rooms, and restaurant. Almost exactly one year to the date of submitting our planning application, Councillors on the Planning Committee voted to approve the scheme.



Artist's impression of the new clubhouse when viewed from the 18<sup>th</sup> fairway

This great news now allows us to push on with seeking a full planning consent over the coming months with the objective of creating what will undoubtedly be the finest golf resort in South-West Wales. And with the Ryder Cup coming to Wales in 2010, this new and exciting project will help to ensure that Fairwood Park develops into one of the country's most prestigious golf destinations.



John Harston (left), with Fairwood Park Head Professional, Gary Hughes

### Fairwood Park's Newest Member!

Last month the club welcomed one of Swansea's most famous sons into the ranks of its membership. John Harston has had a long and distinguished football career playing for the likes of Arsenal, West Ham, Celtic and, of course, Wales. But having decided to retire from the game at the age of just 33, John has now moved back to Swansea, the place he has always called home.

Having played his first 18 holes as a member, John was especially complimentary about the condition of the greens and noted how dry the course was playing for the month of February. Praise indeed for the Greenkeepers from one of Wales' most recognisable sporting ambassadors.

