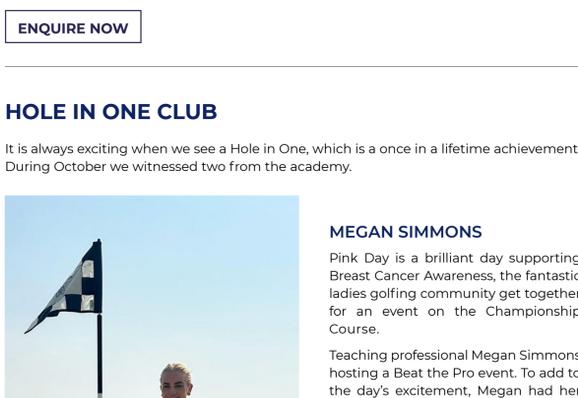


WHERE GOLF MEETS MAGNIFICENCE

ACADEMY UPDATES

With the new season under way and the cooler weather around the corner we would like to share some updates from the academy.

4 WEEKS OF COACHING



Commencing the week beginning Monday, 20th November you have the opportunity to join our programme for the remaining 4 weeks before the Christmas break.

The cooler weather is here and if you haven't started to work on your game this season now is the perfect time to start.

We have options for all levels of ability for our Men's, Ladies, their mixed classes and Junior classes.

To find out more details

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HOLE IN ONE CLUB

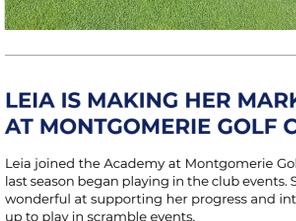
It is always exciting when we see a Hole in One, which is a once in a lifetime achievement. During October we witnessed two from the academy.



MEGAN SIMMONS

Pink Day is a brilliant day supporting Breast Cancer Awareness, the fantastic ladies golfing community get together for an event on the Championship Course.

Teaching professional Megan Simmons hosting a Beat the Pro event. To add to the day's excitement, Megan had her first Hole in One on the 6th hole, adding a little more magic to the event!



ANA

Ana started her golfing journey taking lessons from Michael two years ago. Some golfers can go a lifetime without a Hole in One but clearly Ana didn't waste any time!

Playing at the T. Club Calvia Mallorca on the 15th Hole, Ana holed her tee shot with a 7 iron to join the Hole in One club!

Hopefully many more to come!

LEIA IS MAKING HER MARK AT MONTGOMERIE GOLF CLUB DUBAI

Leia joined the Academy at Montgomerie Golf Club Dubai as a Troon Junior member and last season began playing in the club events. Since then our Ladies captain Ingrid has been wonderful at supporting her progress and integration into the club, where she often pairs up to play in scramble events.

This has built up to Leia winning the October club stableford with 39 points. Leia and Ingrid really are the two stars of the Montgomerie Golf Club Dubai!



PLAYING STRATEGY WITH RYAN DEERY



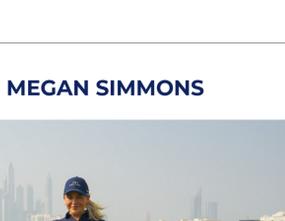
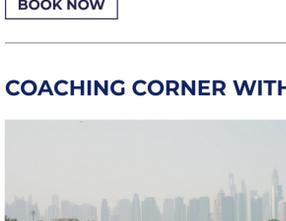
Handling the iconic approach on the 18th green!

Since arriving at the club, one of the most difficult shots that I have faced is the approach shot into the 18th green.

The reason for this is the shape of the green, while it is very wide it is not very big back to front. While also having water in front of the green and bunkers behind.

When faced with a difficult shot like this, I look at two things that the tour professionals do best.

The first is their pre-shot routine, this process of analysing the shot (allowing them to determine where the miss is for that shot, in this example, long is better than short to avoid the water). While also having a practice swing or two helps them think of the shot as a regular shot, like they have practiced for hundreds of balls on the range (rehearsing the regular swing thoughts given to them by their coach).



The second thing that Tour Professionals do extremely well is distance control. Inside of 150 yards, they control how far the ball goes on every shot extremely well, which is key on this shot with how shallow the green is. You can work on your distance control through technique, improving consistency and dialing in those distances with the team at the Academy using Trackman.

To book a lesson with Ryan, please get in touch using the button below.

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COACHING CORNER WITH MEGAN SIMMONS



One of the most difficult aspects of the game is dealing with an uneven terrain and various slopes. To truly elevate your game, it is essential to learn how to hit a golf ball from different slopes. These simple and effective techniques can help you conquer these challenges with confidence.

UPHILL LIES: CONQUER THE HIGH GROUND



A golf ball on an uphill lie will normally fly much higher and a lot less distance than usual. To help you with this shot:

- **Adjust Your Stance** | Position the ball slightly further back in your stance, to help with the launch angle
- **Tilt with the Slope** | Maintain your balance by leaning into the hill while keeping your spine angle consistent, when striking the ball try and not fall back with the hill
- **Choose the Right Club** | When you are on an uphill slope always choose a club more due to the slope and to normalise the ball flight

DOWNHILL LIES | KEEPING IT UNDER CONTROL



The slope will actually de-loft the club at impact, this effectively turns an 8 iron into a 7 iron and making it travel farther with a lower trajectory. To help with this shot:

- **Position the ball forward** | Place the ball slightly ahead in your stance, no further forward than your left shoulder
- **Tilt with the slope** | Just like with uphill lies, maintain your balance by leaning into the hill while keeping your spine angle consistent with your shoulders
- **Choose the right Club** | Take a club less than what you would normally hit for the appropriate yardage

SIDEHILL LIES | DEALING WITH THE ANGLE

Sidehill lies, where the ball is either above or below your feet, require a few careful adjustments:

BALL ABOVE YOUR FEET



This can often cause a golfer to hit fat strike or pull the ball go left of the target. To help you with this shot:

- **Alignment** | Aim more right of your target to tackle face plane tilt, this happens because the sole of the club is at an angle rather than being perfectly level on the ground
- **Grip Modification** | Grip down the club as the ball is higher on the ground than your feet, the ball is closer to your hands than it normally would be
- **Balance** | Keep the weight more on the balls of your feet to try and keep balance to avoid falling backwards

BALL BELOW YOUR FEET:



This can often cause a thin strike or hitting the ball right of the target

- **Alignment** | Aim more to the left of your target again to tackle face plane tilt, this is because the sole of the club is at an angle rather than being perfectly level on the ground
- **Balance** | Create a stable base for your shot by making sure to create balance in your feet. This does depend on how steep the hill is. If you were to stand with your weight towards your toes this could lead to you falling forward
- **Bend your Knees** | The ball is considerably lower than it normally would be so you will need to bend your knees more than usual as well, to get closer to the ball
- **Swing smoothly** | Maintaining balance on this slope is a priority so swing smoothly and club up one more club than you would for that yardage

COURSE MANAGEMENT

Sometimes, the smartest move is to accept a difficult lie and aim for a better position on the next shot.

As you practice and gain experience, you will develop a feel for adjusting your technique to various conditions. Keep in mind that these challenges are what make golf such a fascinating and rewarding sport. So, the next time you face a challenging slope remember my advice and face it with confidence.

To learn how you can adopt this in your game, follow the link to book a lesson with Megan.

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