



THE GOLFING EXPERIENCE

Being a member of The St Ives Golf Club is not all about playing golf but it will always be the main focus of our activities. In understanding this the members have created one of the finest golf courses in the Eastern Counties for the keen golfer.

THE GREENS

Whenever golfers get together to talk about their round invariably the question will be asked, 'What were the greens like?'. At The St Ives Golf Club the greens are fast, fair and true with their own links-feel borrows. The favoured grass variety for overseeding greens is now 'Velvet Bent'; at St Ives we have been fortunate in being the first course in the country to be able to use this right from the start in the construction. 'Velvet Bent' provides a close sward that prevents the invasion of other grasses and a fast true roll of the ball. Due to the high specification used in the construction, the well struck shot will hold. All greens have drainage as well as first class irrigation.

THE FAIRWAYS

The fairways were all capped with 40 mm of sand when constructed to give that links feel under the club. This will be regularly topped up during annual maintenance. All fairways have been given drainage systems at the construction stage and can be irrigated during spells of very dry weather. All bunkers also have their own drainage to avoid filling with water. Marker discs are placed in the fairways at 200 yard, 150 yard and 100 yard intervals.

PRACTICE FACILITIES

The floodlit driving range is split into two parts, one half is dedicated to the members with four covered bays, a teaching bay as well as outside grass tees. The other is provided as the 'TITLEIST NATIONAL FITTING CENTRE' where club golfers as well as top professionals can be custom fitted with the best equipment to suit their game. The large putting green is constructed to the same quality as the greens on the course in order that you can get a true feel for putting before that important round. There is also an area dedicated to the practice of the short game.

COMPETITIONS

Annual singles knockouts, Club championships, monthly medals, and stablefords are all provided for the serious golfer as well as social golf events such as two clubs and putter and string competition. Inter-club matches are an important part of our golfing calendar with regular fixtures for teams from the Men's, Ladies, Senior and Junior sections.