



April 2019

ROYAL MOUGINS GOLF COURSE



Dear Member,

*Nothing is so beautiful as Spring –
When weeds, in wheels, shoot long and lovely and lush;
Thrush's eggs look little low heavens, and thrush
Through the echoing timber does so rinse and wring
The ear, it strikes like lightnings to hear him sing;
The glassy pear tree leaves and blooms, they brush
The descending blue; that blue is all in a rush
With richness; the racing lambs too have faired their fling.*

It's great to see most members back after a long winter. We are all excited about the upcoming season; we're all fired up to provide you lots of FUN during the 2019 season. There is trouble enough in the world around us and what we long for is that Royal Mougins Golf Club is the safe haven in all our lives away from Brexit, gilets jaunes, strikes, the Mueller report, etc., etc. Royal Mougins Golf Club is your small worry-free kingdom away from the sometimes beautiful but often ugly big world outside.

During the winter season the various teams at Royal Mougins Golf Club have been very busy creating various improvements for you to enjoy. I thank all members who played regular this winter for accepting all the works necessary and I am grateful of their patience and understanding.

Now here's an update of all our (winter) efforts.

DRIVING RANGE



January 2019



April 2019

Due to legal procedures against RMGC and the town of Mougins we were forced to evacuate 4.300 m³ of soil. At the same time, we had to replace the new irrigation and the drainage systems completely. New topsoil was brought in and hydro-seeding took place in February. Due to low temperatures growth was slow. In reaction we fertilized several times and seeded again; especially areas where the grass was growing slower.

After 4 months of intensive labor the only thing left to do, is to wait for the grass to grow and the roots to dig well into the soil. We will open the driving range in about two weeks as to allow the grass and its roots to grow strong enough to guarantee green range throughout the season.

We are avoiding heavy machinery on the range as this would not help. We have therefore ordered a robotic mower which will be operational in less than two weeks. This light weight machine will cut the grass without damaging it.

A second robot will be delivered in July as unfortunately we are forced to wait for the newest model. This robot will collect balls day and night and drop them off in the right place from where they are transported to the golf ball dispenser.



New staff to maintain the driving range 😊

To further complete the driving range, we have ordered and just received new furniture like stands to ‘park’ your golf bag, dividers and buckets.

I apologize for all the disturbance the closed driving range has caused you. Believe me that I will be even more happy than you when we reopen full-time and I can leave the lawsuits and visits to the Gendarmerie behind me. We obviously never intended for all this to happen.

BUGGY PATHS



Another important project undertaken this winter was overseen by our member Stéphane HANSEN (who was equally involved with the driving range) and (also member) Philippe MARANGES of EIFFAGE Route Alpes du Sud.

Major parts of the buggy paths were repaired and recreated. Additional parking places have been constructed. Anti-slip was applied on holes 2 and 12 for more security. Proper areas for golf furniture like the bins and ball-washers were created on each hole. All in all, they did a great job.



Hole 1

HOLE 12

The area where the lake used to be has recently been re-seeded again (as some was washed away during a storm) and should look good shortly. Buggy paths were changed near the green for your convenience. It might look like minor changes but a lot of work by various companies like Celtic Golf Management and Green Art (Mougins) has been put in.



Hole 12 - the lighter areas have been (hydro)seeded

T-BOXES

The t-boxes on holes 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 have been leveled and re-turfed. All T-boxes are now open. Wishing you great teeing off!



BUNKERS

A special pre-mix sand has been delivered and the team has started to fill bunkers with necessary quantity of sand over the winter months. This is part of the normal winter jobs and has been dealt with as daily golf maintenance.

You will also notice that we have changed all rakes all around the course upon your recommendations.

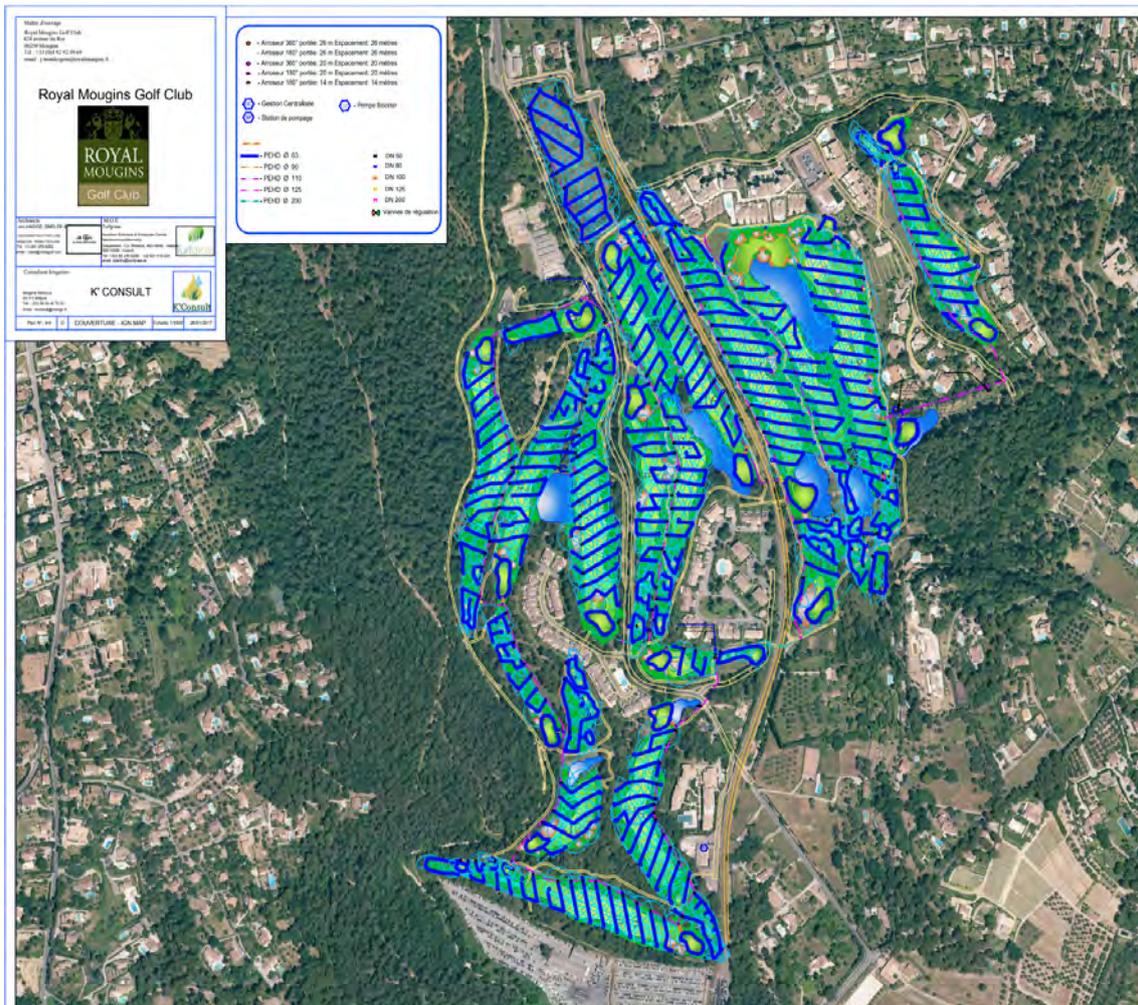


HOLE 2

A new dropping zone was recently constructed on hole 2. All around new turf was laid out.



IRRIGATION



No less than 60 additional sprinkler heads were installed on holes 5-16 (this is after phase of the new irrigation constructed during the winter of 2017-2018). This to ensure the water going exactly where we want and need it. As we will no longer feature hardlines like before we had to ensure water in places where we did not have it before.

As you will go around the course you will notice that we have planted flowers, etc. in various areas (thanks to member Robin PAUL of "Au Fil des Jardins"). These areas will need water to ensure some color throughout the year.



Landscaping holes 18 and 13

At the same time a lot of work went into repairing and re-turfing various entries and exits on and off fairways. Scars from the 2018 irrigation project have been reseeded. Other areas were prepared and were hydro-seeded. In total 4.500 m² was turfed and 18.000 m² was seeded.

Advantages of Hydroseeding over Dry Seeding

1. Hydroseeded areas grow faster than dry seeding. The contact of the seed with water will trigger the germination cycle.
2. Hydro seeding has an attractive green appearance that looks far better than areas dry seeded and covered with straw mulch.
3. Unlike straw that is often used as a protective cover for a newly seeded area, hydroseeding mulch has NO weed seed. Straw is loaded with weed seed.
4. Hydroseeding allows the custom tailoring of the proper seed for your job. It is not uncommon to use two or even three seeds custom spraying the right seed for different areas. Many custom hydroseeding contractors will use one seed for shady areas, one for high traffic areas, one to make the front lawn a showpiece.
5. Hydro Seeding mulch adds to the humus content of a lawn as it decomposes. The bacterial action of straw will leach nitrogen from the soil as it decomposes.



Hydro-seeding

COURSE FURNITURE & SIGNAGE

As mentioned, before we will replace all furniture and signage. A big job which unfortunately is still in progress due to late delivery. However, during these works we will not disturb play. A special starter's desk has been custom made for Royal Mougins Golf Club as we will work with a starter whenever we can and whenever needed.

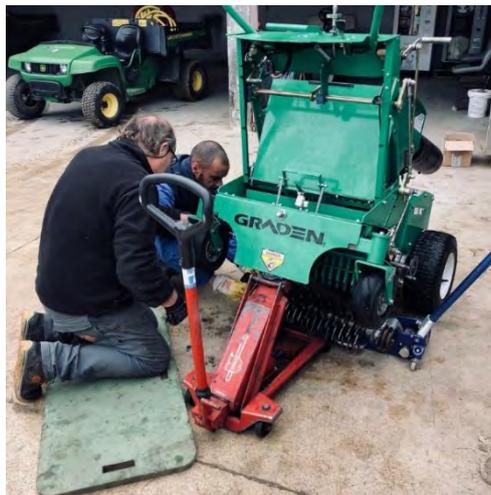


signage

DOUBLE GRADEN & TOPDRESSING OF FAIRWAYS

The graden of the greens and topdressing on all fairways was done and completed in March. Although these operations obviously have had an impact on playability, they are of the utmost importance to get us through the 2019 season with healthy greens and fairways.

The T-boxes have also been spiked, etc. Obviously, these works are to be scheduled every year around February or March. The effect besides a healthier course is that we will disturb you less during the season as only light spiking will be required.



By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail



Double Graden in progress



The bottom line on why golf courses go through any process of aerified greens is that over time it keeps the greens healthier. This is the case because:

- Aeration loosens soil that has been compacted by golfers walking over it and machines rolling over it.
- This opens up growing room for the roots and increases oxygen to the roots.
- The roots of the turfgrass thus can grow deeper, creating a healthier putting surface.

FOUNTAIN LAKE HOLE 15/16

We finally replaced the broken fountain in the lake between holes 15 and 16. It looks great and the fish and turtles are happy.

All that remains to be done now is to have a small cascade installed for the lake on 14 to keep the animals equally happy over there. We want happy fish and happy turtles.



Fountain between 15 and 16

ALL NEW TORO MACHINES

In may all Toro greenkeeping machines will be replaced with brand new ones. Some new machines will be added. It gives us a huge Christmas feeling but all this is to ensure and deliver to you a well-maintained course; exactly the way we want it. This investment is worth well over 650.000 euros.



HANS THE MAN

A big thank you to Hans Rieter for all his hard work in helping me to manager all these golf-related projects. He did a great job!



Hans Rieter and his loyal assistant at work.

AND THE MEN



Paul GOETTELMANN, Kieran BRAUDERS, David HOGAN (all Celtic) and Hans RIETER (here shown hard at work)

OTHER WINTER WORKS

LOCKER ROOMS AND PROSHOP

I am sure that one of the first changes you noticed were the new carpets in the locker rooms and the Shop. We have also changed the lay-out of the Shop a bit to open it up and display in another way our new collection for the season which was carefully selected by Elisabeth BOISSON and Choleh KAVOUSSI. We have added many accessories in order to serve you better.

We have even changed our telephone hardware and software. However; I suggest you use the Royal Mougins Phone Application as much as possible to book your future T-times.

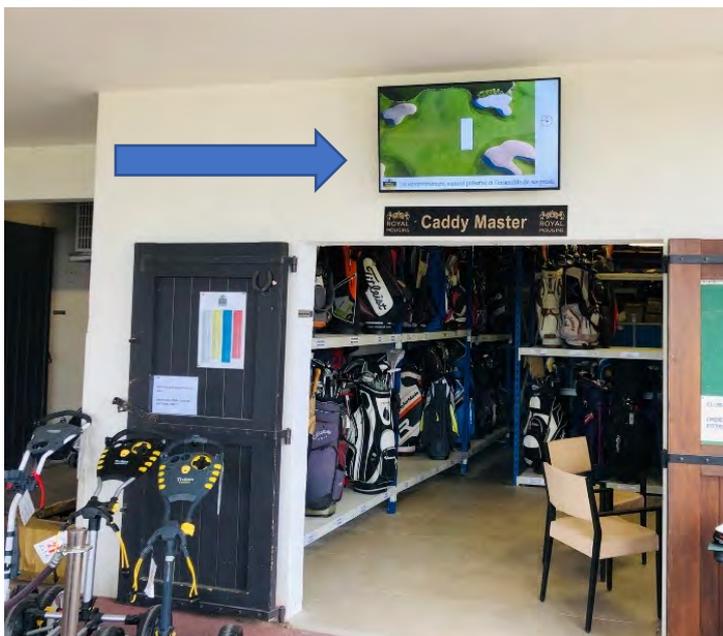


Ladies Locker Room



ProShop

Please note that we have installed a tv screen above the caddy Master's office entrance. We will display daily golf information like the speed of the greens, positions of the flags, weather forecast and other important information needed for you to play a winning round of golf.

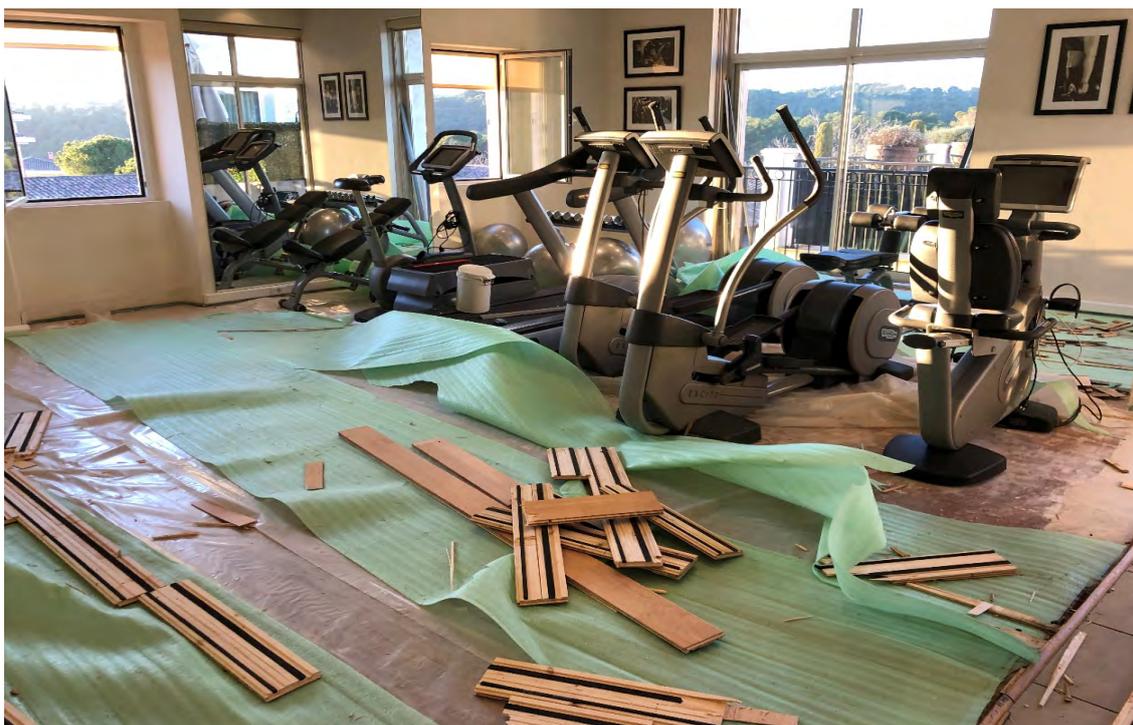


SPA & FITNESS

The Royal Mougins Spa featuring Cinq Mondes products (which you will now find throughout the Clubhouse and the locker rooms) has exciting treatments and packages to offer. I suggest you visit their website www.spa-royalmougins.fr or visit them directly.

As member of RMGC, you benefit of -20% on the treatment menu (excluding packages) and -50% on all annual subscriptions (access to the Spa facilities with hammam, sauna, relaxation room, fitness room, and swimming pool during the opening season from April to October).

We have renovated the floors in both fitness and spa areas.



POOL

Even though the pool is reserved exclusively for Hotel Shareholders, Hotel guests and Spa guests we had to engage in major works as the terraces and the pool itself were leaking all over. The entire terrace has been removed and a crew is still working to reconstruct (in the proper way) the entire pool area. Opening is planned for the second week of May.



HOTEL

All winter several teams worked in and around the hotel to ensure improvements in many areas. Obviously, all rooms were re-painted and a major paintjob was undertaken in the hallway behind the rooms 202 – 212. The balconies were freshened up and new decorations were added to the interior. New sofa beds will be placed in all suites and tables inside and outside will also be changed soon for brand new ones specially (and custom) made in Portugal.

And major parts of the gardens were redone as well. Flower up!

Olivier PARRA has done a great in job creating a special all redecorated and repainted room for the breakfast buffet. It looks great and I am sure that hotel guests will love it. The assortment of breakfast items has been largely increased as well taken current trends into consideration.

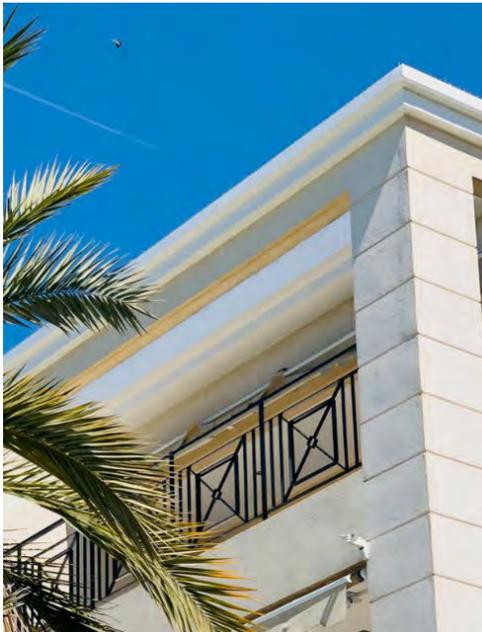




New bed-sofas



New carpets in Clubhouse/Hotel reception area



Paintwork



We are proud that we received, for the third time in a row, the title “Best Golf Hotel in France”. We have also received an invitation to join QL Hotels www.qlhotels.com as their very first hotel in France. Chapeau to Ann-Sophie Gillet and her team.

NEW OFFICES

Part of our strategy was to create a true Business Center where the former Real Estate Agency used to be. Thus, obliging ourselves to create new office space for Myriam ABECASSIS and her team as well as for the Financial Department of Royal Mougins headed by Jean-Francois STEFANI and Gina BROCHET. These offices are located just underneath the Spa next to the Hotel and Clubhouse entrance.

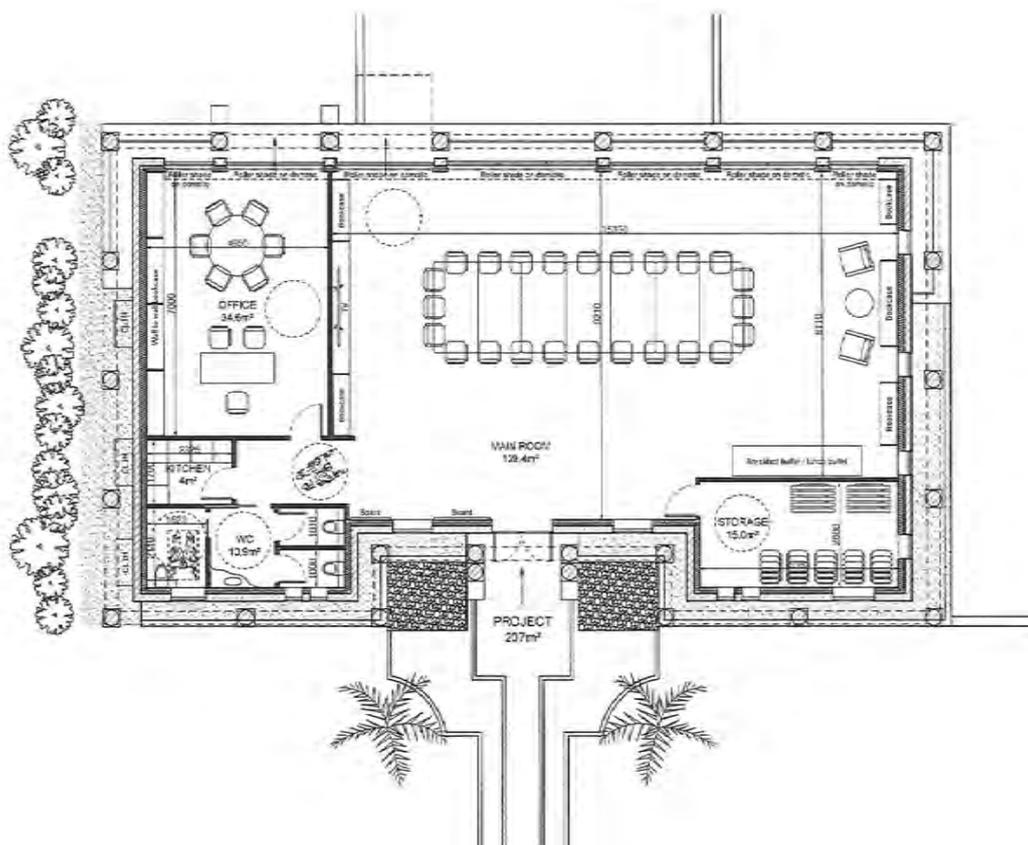
Myriam ABECASSIS has created a new company called Royal Real Estate which is owned and directed by herself. Myriam and her 4 colleagues have already moved into the new offices. Please do visit her to congratulate her on her new adventure.



BUSINESS CENTER

Unfortunately, we had to cut all palm trees as they were sick beyond healing. However; the views from there have only become more spectacular. And it's completely safe again to organize a nice cocktail as we have replaced and heightened the wall on the right side of the garden.

Julie Bellaiche is in the progress of creating a multi-functional space to be used for serious meeting or more FUN events. If you have anything to celebrate do not hesitate to contact her.



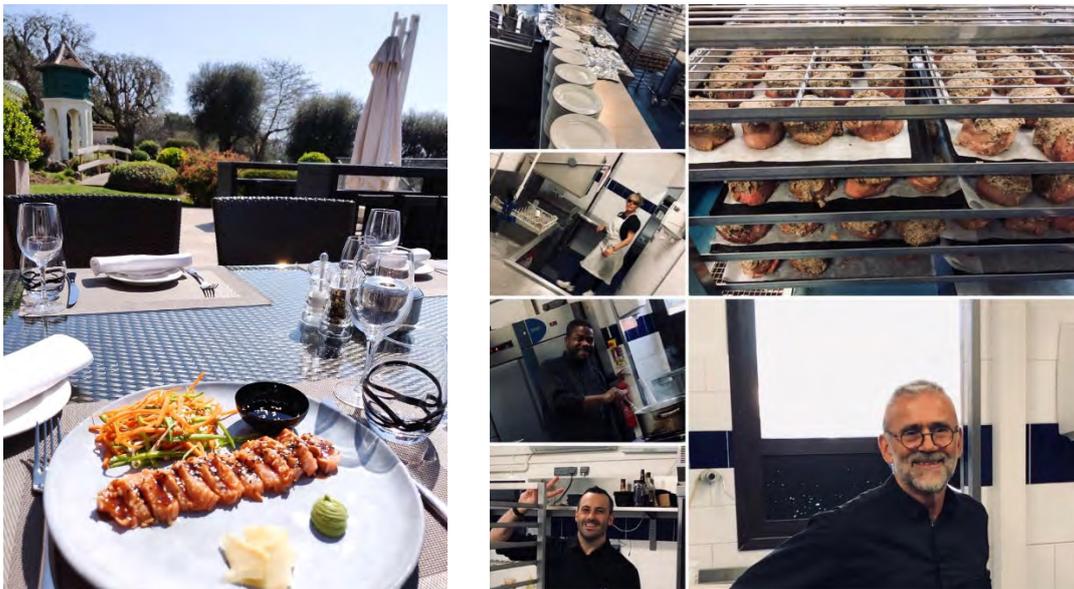
First draft Future design of the RM Conference center

RESTAURANT DU 18

I urge you to visit our restaurant team and taste some of the new dishes created by Chef Philippe Artaud and his team. One more novelty will be the arrival of the Eurocave Wine bar which will be installed behind the Bar. This will give Olivier Parra the opportunity to serve great wines by the glass.



"Specialize in having fun!"



Philippe Artaud, his team & 'tatakis de thon'

MORE NEWS

BUGGIES

Wonders do exist (at least so we hope)! We have been promised that screens will be installed on all buggies with GPS and many more functions. Welcome to the year 2019 😊.

However, we have also designed and printed new Birdie Books for those who still prefer paper (and pencil).

I have a tip that can take 5 strokes off anyone's golf game. It's called an eraser.

We will also reprogram the GPS to limit buggies driving in areas where they should not be.

Talking about that I am happy that we have a team of at least 12 member Marshalls who will be operational just after Easter.

The disciplinary committee will issue exact guidelines of how to deal with misconduct and disrespect of the course, other members, etc. In case of incidents they will be forced to issue warnings, yellow flags and in worst cases red flags.

Please note that we will be very strict to make sure all players respect general golf rules and etiquette. As you have understood from this newsletter, we have invested a lot into improving YOUR course. We will not tolerate behavior that is Royal Mougins unworthy!

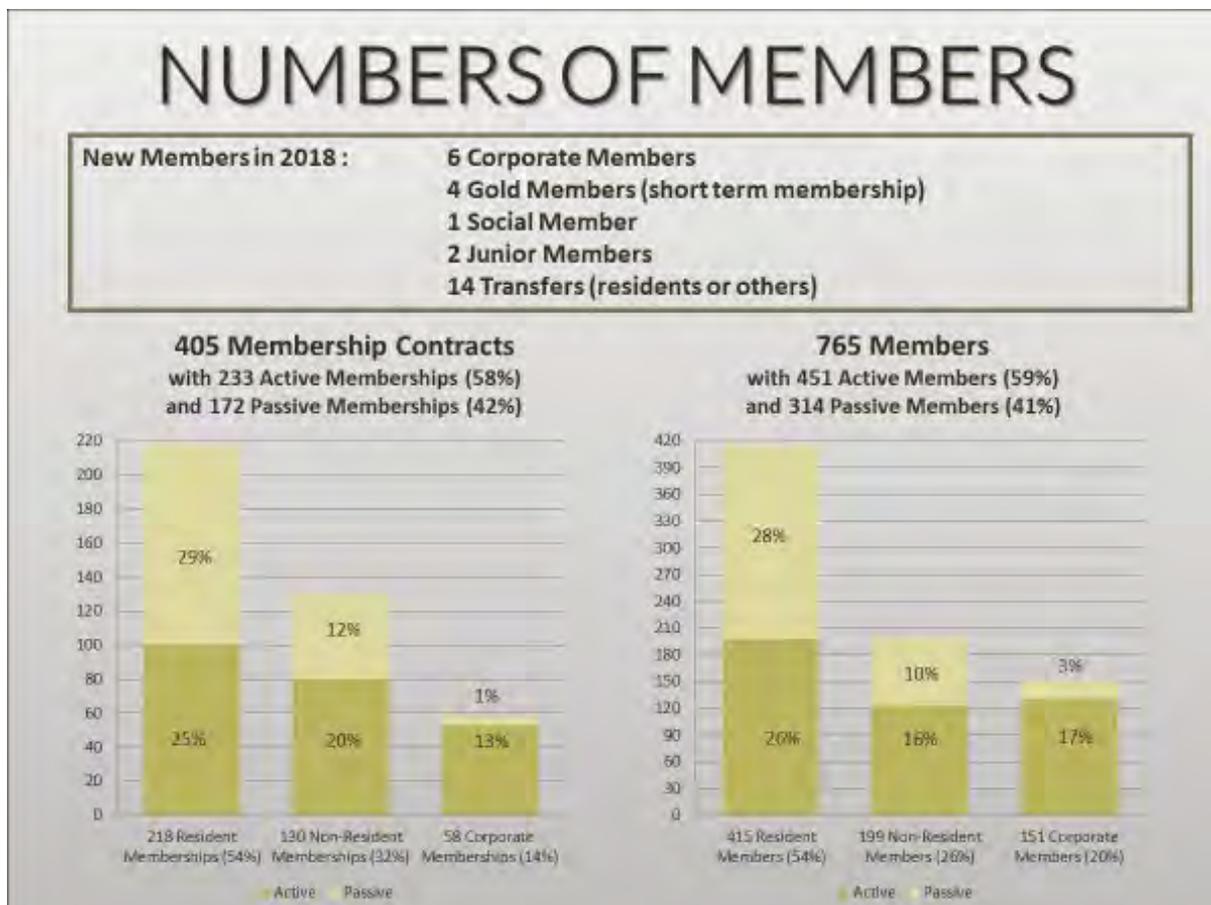
The object of golf is not just to win. It is to play like a gentleman, and win.

Here are the 2018 statistics regarding rounds played on our course. It shows it cannot only be non-members who interpret our rules in different ways. Please respect signs on the course from our greenkeepers and any demand from one of our fine Marshalls. Life will be easier for all!

NUMBER OF ROUNDS OF GOLF PLAYED IN 2018

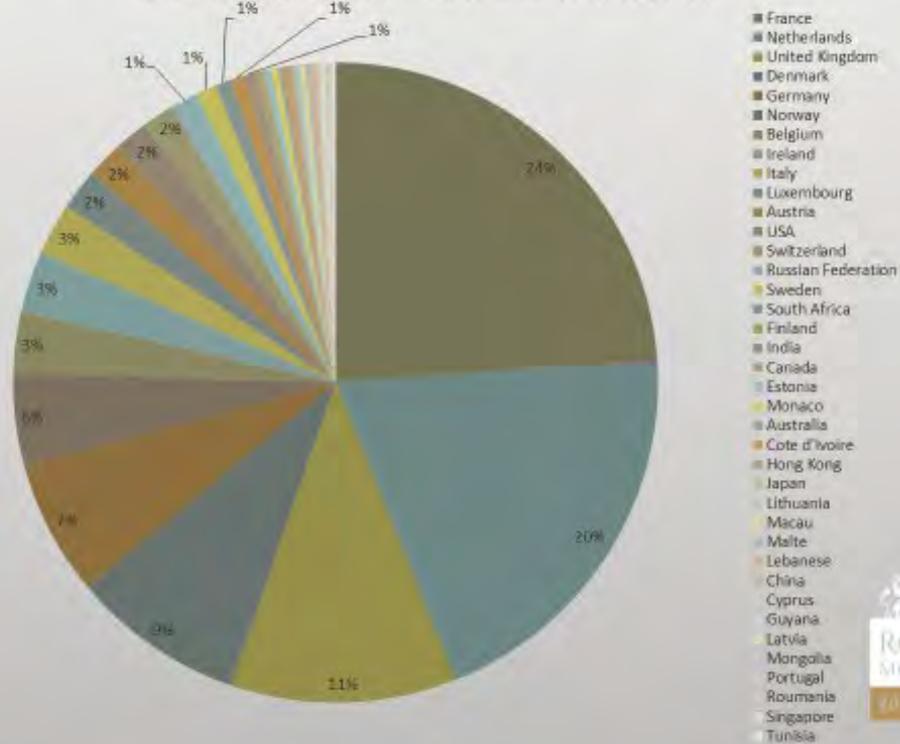
Members	12 288	66%
Members guests	1620	9%
Hotel guests	991	5%
Tour- Operators	213	1%
Outside players	3594	19%
TOTAL	18 706	100%

SOME MORE INTERESTING STATISTICS

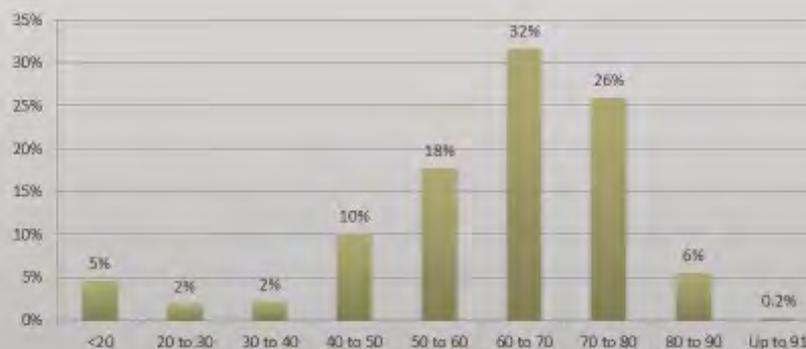
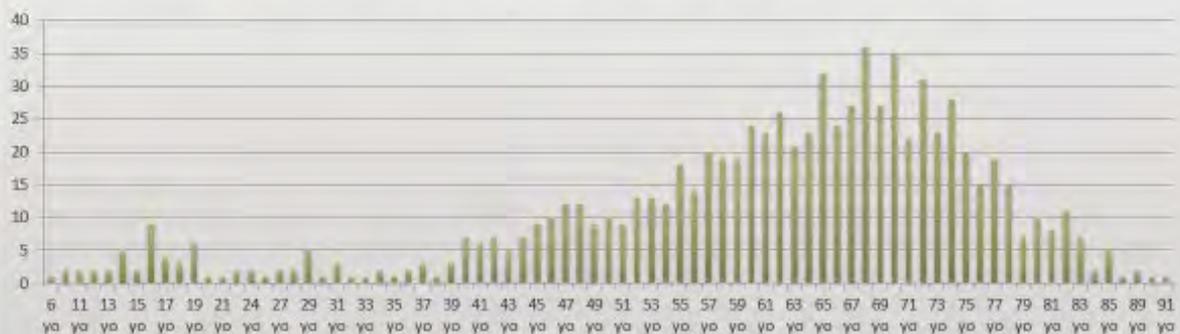


38 NATIONALITIES

1 new nationality in 2018 : 2 new residents members are Lebanese

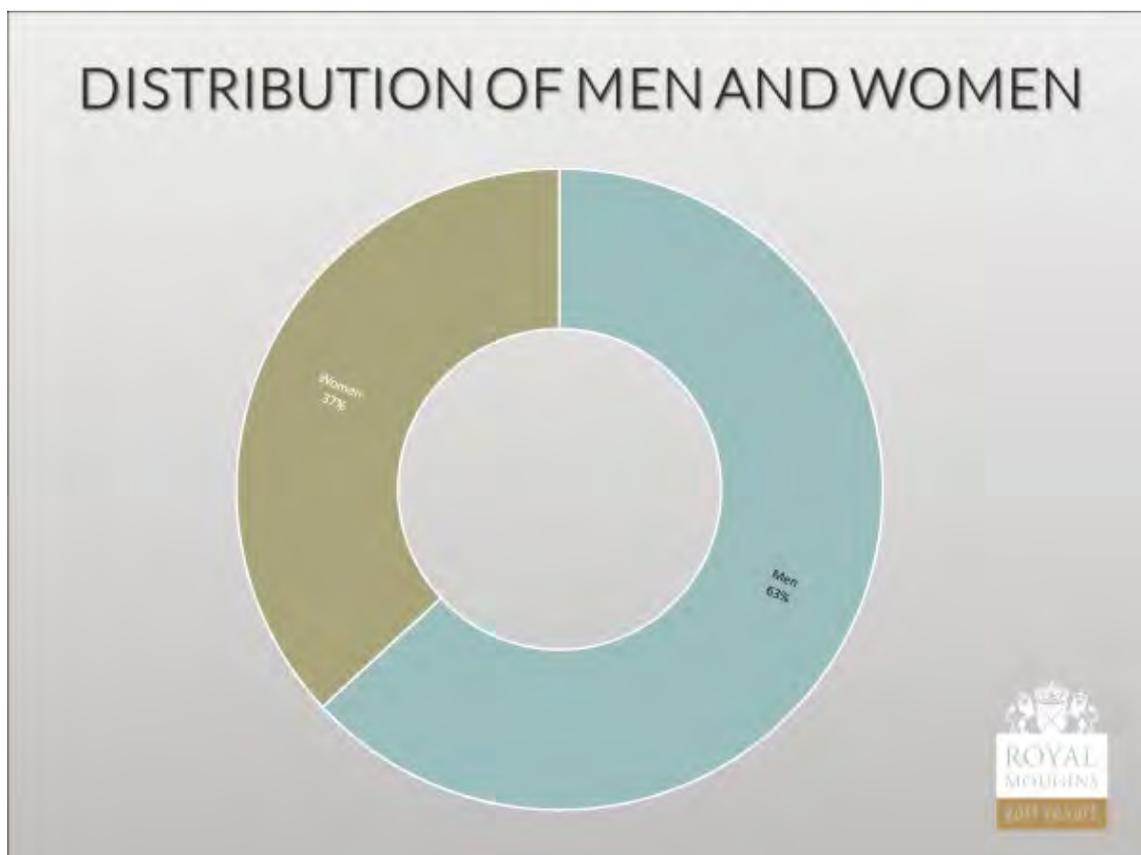


NUMBER PER AGES



82.2% are senior members (up to 50 y.o.)





GOLF RULES 2019

Let me refer you to a website that explains all new rules. The Player's Edition of the Rules of Golf is intended for you, the golfer. It contains the Rules situations that occur most commonly on the course and is an abridged version of the full Rules. Although its text is edited, it gives you the same answer that is in the full Rules of Golf and so it is a functioning Rule book.

www.randa.org/en/rog/2019/pages/players-edition

*"On a recent survey, 80 percent of golfers admitted cheating.
The other 20 percent lied."*

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

As mentioned in prior Newsletters we have decided to make it more difficult to join our wonderful lifestyle club. Each application will require at least two recommendation letters from existing members (in good standing). Furthermore, a membership Application Committee will consider each request and decide to grant or not grant membership. All depending on reputation, etc.

Royal Mougins Golf Club features a private golf course where a limited number of non-members are permitted to become 'member for a day' in order to discover and enjoy our golf course.

Do not hesitate to recommend all your friends and family for membership. New members referred by existing members is the best way to ensure the international flavor and quality of our Club and Royal Mougins's family.

2019 GOLF RULES

Mondays

Closed till 10.00 am for maintenance

Other days

Till 9.00 am	2 and 3 balls only & reserved for Members and Members guests only Thereafter 4 balls
Till 12h00	Members, Members guests and Hotel guests only Thereafter non-members (green fees in season 200 € per person per round, max 5 times a year)
<u>Small groups</u>	Priority to groups staying at the hotel

Members Guests

The members' guest rate is now at 85 € (instead of 84 €) but the golf cart rate for your guests is now at 25€ per person (instead 27 €). All members' guests are limited to 5 accesses to the golf course per year.

ROYAL MOUGINS NEW WEBSITE AND PHONE APPLICATION

I keep repeating that we have a wonderful phone application. Please install on your phone and use as it is a great facility to communicate with your Club or other members. Furthermore, we advise you to use the application to book your T-times and pre-order your snack or drink at the Mi-house.

We are also very proud of our new website. I invite you to have a look. The address is www.royalmougins.fr

UNIFORMS

Each member of our great and enthusiastic team had been issued new uniforms. Shine & smile!

Looking good and feeling good go hand in hand!

RATTAN CHADHA CUP

All I can say is: «WOW!».

So many of you participated in this tournament. Even more of you were present during the prize giving and dinner dance. That's exactly the spirit of our Club; that's what sets us apart from other Golf Clubs. A great kick off! Thank you!

Congratulations to the 1st in gross: SCHOUTEN Raf, MANNIK Indrek, STOFATI Didier and MOURET Morgan; to the 1st in net: DECESARI Philippe, PERIOTTI Gianluca, DECESARI Anne and SURKYN Morgan and to all the participants.

You can see all the Rattan Chadha Cup pictures on this link :

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/123k0BDfzupC3t8-NJOPRkyrixNFGok7M?usp=sharing>

IN SUMMARY

I thank all members of the Board of the Association Sportive Royal Mougins for all their recommendations. They have helped in many ways to steer us in the right direction regarding the necessary improvements on and off the course.

Obviously the Royal Mougins Team thanks Rattan Chadha for his continuous support, advice and guidance. I also thank all 29 companies that were involved in all these projects and undertaking. A total investment of over 1.6 million euros was involved.

And I thank the teams of RMGC, Celtic and Riviera Spa who are at your service every day of the year.

I am looking forward to finishing off all projects shortly now. So does the entire team. It means we put all efforts and focus into providing you the quality and service you deserve.

Serving happiness is our passion!

I am glad that 2018 is behind us. No use in looking back. The future is ours! And my motto for 2019 remains: **“Let’s have FUN!”**.

“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.”

More motivated than ever and on behalf of your Royal Mougins Team, I remain,

Yours Sincerely & at your service!

Thankful and happy that YOU are member of this great Golf Club.

Jurgen WONDERGEM

“Eyes on the stars and feet on the ground!”

PS : Do not forget to watch the French Movie ‘Just a Gigolo’ which came out on April the 17th featuring at least 4 scenes filmed at your Club! In cinemas all over this wonderful country.

