



Rudding Park

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Record Breaker!

Phil breaks his own course record

Phil Kitching, a member of Yorkshire's Rudding Park Golf Club has been celebrating after breaking the current amateur course record by one shot. For any golfer this is a great achievement but one that Phil is familiar with as he already held the current course record.

Phil, 39, who has only been playing golf for 5 years and already plays off scratch, shot a round of 68, four under par. He set off well making par on the first four holes followed by a birdie on the fifth. By the time he holed his putt on the 18th Phil had made four birdies and no bogeys. This broke his current record of 69, which he set in July 2004.

Phil, a police officer on the armed response unit, set the new record in near perfect weather conditions on 20 September in a club competition. His playing partners, John Ganderton and Tim Richardson commented after the round "Phil played perfect golf for 18 holes. It was a privilege to witness his achievement"

Our record breaker is now looking forward to the challenge of Rudding Park's new 6 hole short course opening in April 2008 with its signature hole - a replica of the famous 17th at Sawgrass. Phil is hoping to set the standard on this course as well.

Picture Caption: Phil Kitching with his record breaking scorecard.

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Editors Notes:

Rudding Park is owned by the Mackaness family. Over the last 30 years they have carried out a comprehensive programme of improvement and redevelopment. The first element of the resort to open its doors was Rudding Holiday Park in 1978, followed by the renovation of Rudding Park House which opened as a conference and banqueting venue in 1987.

Eight years later in 1995 the 18 hole, par 72 Rudding Park Golf course was opened running through the mature Parkland. As well as the course, an 18 bay floodlit driving range and the Golf Academy were opened. Five PGA Professionals teach at the Golf Academy on a full time basis.

The Hotel was added in 1997. This contemporary, 4 red star, 50 bedroom hotel adjoins the Regency period House making it a venue for all occasions. The Hotel has received numerous accolades in its relatively short history, including:

AA – 4 red stars – Top 200 Hotel
Meetings & Incentive Travel awards - “Best UK Hotel” 1998, 2001, 2002, 2005 & 2006
Meetings & Incentive Travel awards – “Best Conference & Banqueting Staff” – 1993 & 2005
Yorkshire Tourist Board - “Hotel of the Year” 1998 & 2002
Grand Heritage Swan Awards – Gold Swan Award for Excellence 2002
Yorkshire Life Magazine – “Hotel of the Year” 1999

A new development of 18 luxury holiday lodges adjacent to the golf course opened in May 2006. A new six hole short course has been constructed and will be ready to play in April 2008.