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SHAUN MCGUCKIAN

Shaun has spent this issue of Golf Vacations battling with golf's arch nemesis; snow. Hail, sleet, gales and rain blew him around Northern Ireland's fabulous links courses, which he played spectacularly badly. He worryingly, and perversely, found it fun and somehow managed to register his longest ever drive (458 yards). He also spoke with Colin Montgomerie about the Ryder Cup captain's favourite courses, moved in with his girlfriend and decided 'if you can't beat 'em, join 'em' and went skiing. He knows that he should say that moving in was the best part, but really it goes 1) Skiing. 2) Monty. 3) Moving in.



TONY SMART

Our Englishman writer stays in country this time round and gets nationalistic opining on the world domination that returns to English golf. He then takes a trip to nearby East Sussex where an extraordinary golfing experience awaits out in the meadows. A strong golfer, clever writer and gentleman, Tony will shake off his winter blues and continue to take us to various courses around the world in the months ahead. And perhaps, this year would be the year where he takes on the challenge of the European Senior Tour as he's always wanted to.



JUSTINE MOSS

Justine Moss is the principal consultant of Jay Jay Communications, an Asia Pacific communications and language consulting, training and coaching business based in Singapore. Justine has over 18 years experience in the communications and media industries, having lived and worked in Singapore, Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom. Her business experience encompasses communications training, radio, journalism, education and English tutoring. Aside from being an avid golfer, Justine's other passion is luxuriating in ultra luxe hotels and spas, which she claims the Viceroy Bali to be one of the finest. She is also diligently practicing speaking the Chinese language.



DAVID J. WHYTE

Our Scottish correspondent, David J. Whyte tells us, "I felt right at home in Northern Michigan!" Sometimes the more exclusive or renowned a golf destination is, it can feel a bit unreal. But Northern Michigan is nothing like that. It's everyday America. The people are ordinary, but extraordinarily friendly. The setting is wonderful, quiet and relaxing with hundreds of crystal clear lakes and miles of rolling forests. And the golf courses are among some of the best he's played. If you want a genuine piece of Midwestern American Pie, this is the place to go. Follow David's travels at <http://go-golf.tv>.



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MARIE MOÑOZCA

Marie is an accomplished print and online editor with two decades of experience. Currently on an indefinite sabbatical in the Philippines, she wants to explore some of her country's 7,100 islands as well as play its estimated 300 documented and undocumented courses; all in the hope of publishing a golf travel book. She tells us about golf in her homeland this issue and evokes, "Manila is as charismatic as its people, as riveting as its headline news and as unpredictable as its weather. But one thing that remains constant is the verve that permeates the entire place – even the golf courses!"



ROSANNE ZINNIGER

Rosanne has been a travel writer, photographer and contributor to Golf Vacations for over 11 years and is no stranger to the game of golf. She began her journalistic career early in life along with a love of sports. Her father, an avid golfer, taught her to play at the tender age of 12, and they would get out whenever time allowed. Rosanne then grew to appreciate nature through the lens of her camera. After graduating from San Diego State University, Rosanne worked for Titleist Golf Club Operations in Carlsbad, California. You can follow her golf course and nature photography at www.travelwithrosanne.printroom.com.



SUSANNA LO

Our resident lifestyle scribbler, Su has been happily tasting the best cuisines and traipsing across various events. What a difference to her life as a corporate lawyer back in London where she claims, "What life?" Today, the busy mother of a toddler exchanges foodie tips and the latest gadgetry instead of voluminous contracts. This issue, she give us the lowdown on the latest luxury must-haves, and dishes out the facts on watchdom's finest timepieces post Salon International de la Haute Horlogerie. The travel bug will bite her in our next issue where she will present not one but two exotic Asian destinations for our reading pleasure.



NICK PO

Since joining the company last September, Nick has quickly gotten into the swing of things covering professional Tour events and reviewing the latest golf equipment. This issue, our writer who has spent years in California plying the courses north and south while studying for a degree in communications, brings us a list of his favourite courses in Palm Springs where he hones his golf game to a decent 18 handicap. Today, he plays regularly at the Singapore Island Country Club whenever he is not sent elsewhere in the world.

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