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John Heggarty succeeds Jim Christine as vice-chairman of PGA directors



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Royal Liverpool head professional, John Heggarty has been elected vice-chairman of the PGA's board of directors.

The 52-year-old has been a long-standing board member having been elected in 1992 and succeeds Worpleston's Jim Christine.

Heggarty, who at 23 was the youngest ever head professional appointed at Royal Liverpool, said: "I have been on the board for a long time and as a head professional with young assistants coming through I know the challenges that we face in the industry. I enjoy

all aspects of my work from delivering Level One and Two coaching with my assistant professionals right through to being part of a decision-making structure at board level that sets policy for the future of the association."

PGA chief executive Sandy Jones said: "As one of our longest serving board members, John has a wealth of experience both at club, regional and national level and I'm sure in his new role will be a valuable asset."

The new vice-chairman said: "I look forward to supporting current chairman, Phil Weave, in whatever way I can."

Beat the bandit



Geoff Pullin, Pro-Shop's advertising manager, reports on his latest round

This month's opponent was Philip Kyle, MD of Greenhill Golf, and the venue was Woodsome Hall in Yorkshire.

The first tee is set in front of the clubhouse and, as usual where there is a crowd, I drove into the trees on the left and after a drop I was one down and fearing the worst.

However on the second, a straight drive and a reasonable approach had me back level.

The 3rd was a daunting par 3 and PK and I both opted for the wrong club and with lightning quick greens I was happy with a 4 and, more importantly the hole, to go one up. PK soon had the scores level with a fantastic approach shot (from the wrong fairway) to secure the first par of the day on 4, but a par on 5 restored my one hole lead. A solid drive and approach from PK on 6 had us level again, however, a run of 3 poor holes from PK left me 2 up at the turn.

This score remained even until the 12th when PK played a majestic 2nd on 12 to score the first birdie of the day.

Not to be outdone, I put my tee shot on 13 to within a foot to register my own birdie and restore my two-hole lead.

A solid up and down on 15 for par put me 3 up and a poor tee shot from PK on 16 opened the door for me to win 4 and 2.

Philip joins recruitment specialist



Colt Mackenzie McNair, the recruitment specialist, has appointed Douglas Philip to its research team.

Philip is expected to use his knowledge gained from a wide range of sports to pinpoint new business talent from outside the EMEA golf industry.

Richard Wood, director of Colt Mackenzie McNair, said: "There is a definite need for fresh business talent in golf. Judging by the results of a recently commissioned CMM customer study, it is clear many industry leaders would welcome candidates with complimentary skills from outside the golf business."



Els receives 'Spirit of Golf'

Ernie Els has received golf charity, the Golf Foundation's 'Spirit of Golf' Award.

Golf Foundation president Colin Montgomerie presented Ernie Els with the award during the annual dinner of the Association of Golf Writers last month at Royal St George's, Sandwich.

The South African was selected for the honour for his achievements as a player, for his contribution to the sport, and the commitment he has shown to children and young people.

Montgomerie said: "Ernie is a great supporter of young golfers everywhere. He demonstrates his commitment through the Ernie Els and Fancourt Foundation, which he established in South Africa in

1999. He is rightly proud of the opportunities that this Foundation is giving to talented young South Africans predominantly from families with limited resources.

"More recently, Ernie established the 'Els for Autism' campaign and is helping to raise funds for the work being done to develop a better understanding of Autism and, ultimately, find a cure. I know that this is a cause very close to your heart," added Montgomerie.

Els said: "I wouldn't have become the player I am today without support at the grass roots level. We players get so much out of golf and so all of us should be prepared to put something back for others. That is what makes the sport so special."