

We're here FOR YOU

As we come to terms with lockdown 2.0, let's hope it is not too long before we are back at the club enjoying each other's company again. We are working on ways to come back better and stronger next month and hopefully look forward to a busy Christmas period. Stay tuned for weekly news, offers and information from the Sports Shop over the lockdown period.

Following government guidelines, we will be running an Order and Collect service for our members. Maybe you would like a dozen balls to practice your chipping at home, a pair of Tennis shoes for your return or perhaps you want to get ahead with your Christmas shopping and order a club crested sweater. If there is anything you need, no matter how big or small, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time and I will arrange this for you:

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Motocaddy Golf Trolleys

We have two great options in store for you to consider if you are in the market for a new electric or push trolley for the return to golf or for Christmas. Golf trolleys have been incredibly difficult to get hold of across the golf industry and are often in the 'sold out' status so do not hesitate for too long!

HOT PRODUCT – Cube Push Trolley

The Cube is a simple two-step folding system allows it to easily reduce in size to fit into the smallest of car boots.

Its ergonomic handle with adjustable height control features generous integrated storage space, including an under-handle net, drink and scorecard holders, an accessory compartment, plus tee and ball holders.

Other features include easy-run oversize wheels, a foot-operated parking brake, adjustable bag supports and it is available in three colours - blue, red and lime.

IDEAL FOR: Space-conscious golfers looking for an easy-to-fold push trolley bursting with features all for £179





HOT PRODUCT – M1 Electric Trolley

The M1 electric trolley is the easiest-to-use compact trolley in the world and features a unique 'SlimFold' design with space-saving inverting wheels for a significantly reduced folded footprint. Standout features include a full colour LCD screen featuring nine speed settings and an advanced battery meter. Available with both an 18 and 36 hole lithium battery that is guaranteed for 5 years!

18 Hole Lithium - £549

36 Hole Lithium - £599

IDEAL FOR: Those golfers looking for a simple to use, compact electric golf trolley with a super light lithium battery.

The Masters – Augusta National

The Masters is finally here. After a seven-month delay from its normal April date because of the coronavirus pandemic, and 19 months since Tiger Woods won the event to claim his fifth green jacket and 15th major championship, the best in the world return to Augusta National.

For a Masters in November we can expect a longer, softer, and colder experience for the players. The absence of crowds this year will give a very different visual for players, and fans watching at home on television, but it will certainly be a brilliant event. It is the first time the Masters has not started in April in 81 years since 1939, enjoy some of the fantastic autumnal images of an Augusta we have never seen before.



Date: 12th – 15th November

Course Stats: Par 72; 7,475 yards

Prize Fund: \$11.5 million

Defending Champion: Tiger Woods (-13)

The Cut: The top 50 players and ties will qualify for the final 36 holes

Key Statistic: Tiger Woods has never missed the cut at the Masters as a professional.

Noteworthy: The traditional pre-tournament Par 3 Contest has been cancelled because there will be no spectators.



What it takes to win The Masters

The U.S. Open claims as the toughest test in golf, but to win the Masters almost every facet of a golfer's game must be on point. A golfer must drive the ball with the perfect blend of both length and accuracy. A golfer must possess both distance control and accuracy on their approach shots. It is uncomfortable for a golfer to chip off the tight lies around the greens, and with how fast and sloping the greens are they'll have to be both vigilant and creative to get the ball close to the hole. And then the greens are lightning quick and do not offer many opportunities to hit a straight putt. That will make it difficult for even the greatest of putters in the world on greens where experience matters.

That is part of the reason why there has been a wide array of golfers who have put on the Green Jacket in recent years. Golfers like Jordan Spieth, Sergio Garcia and Danny Willett were premier ball-strikers with their irons to continually set themselves up for good scoring opportunities.

Bubba Watson has won at Augusta twice by bringing the golf course to its knees off the tee and with his creative shot trajectories. Golfers like Phil Mickelson, Zach Johnson and Patrick Reed are wonderful with their short game and can get molten hot with the flat stick. And Tiger Woods, well, he was good at everything!



If there was one attribute in a golfer's game that is the most important, it would be with their iron play. A golfer does not have to hit every fairway to remain in contention. The shaved down rough makes it easier to make clean contact, and as long as they find themselves on the correct side off the fairway they still can fire at the pin with a good angle to the green. Therefore, proper distance control and accuracy with the irons are paramount to set up good scoring opportunities. Additionally, those who score well on the Par 5's stand a great chance to contend on Sunday, especially when the golf course plays tough and birdies are scarce.

Distance off the tee is also typically a big advantage at Augusta National, especially since the golf course has been Tiger proofed. The greens have such complexity to their contours that hitting into them with a longer iron or hybrid makes hitting the right areas more difficult – will Bryson prevail?

What the Bookmakers say – Who's Your Pick?

Bryson DeChambeau 8/1, Jon Rahm 10/1, Dustin Johnson 10/1, Rory McIlroy 12/1, Justin Thomas 12/1, Xander Schauffele 14/1, Brooks Koepka 16/1, Patrick Cantlay 25/1, Bubba Watson 25/1, Patrick Reed 25/1, Collin Morikawa 28/1, Tony Finau 28/1, Tyrrell Hatton 28/1, Hideki Matsuyama 28/1, Webb Simpson 28/1, Jason Day 40/1, Tiger Woods 40/1, Matthew Wolff 45/1, Adam Scott 45/1, Tommy Fleetwood 45/1, Scottie Scheffler 45/1, Louis Oosthuizen 50/1, Paul Casey 60/1, Justin Rose 60/1, Jordan Spieth 60/1, Shane Lowry 75/1, Sergio Garcia 66/1, Matthew Fitzpatrick 66/1, Rickie Fowler 66/1



The Sports Shop Selections...

Ricky – Xander Schauffele – A runner up last year, he is a model of consistency having finished in the top five in half of his appearances in majors – it is surely a case of when rather than if he wins a major for me!

Joe Biggs – Justin Thomas – I believe he is the best player in the world right now. He always puts his name in the mix come Sunday, he has no weaknesses and is a proven major winner. His razor-sharp short game with a putting stroke you can only admire will bring him another major this week.

Jake Watson – Tyrrell Hatton – After a great win recently at Wentworth and a 65 on Sunday in Houston, Tyrrell is showing great form so he is my pick.

Will Hancock – Dustin Johnson – He is the world's number 1, finishing runner up last year and last week at the Houston Open, he is in great form ready to go one better this week.

Mark Heyes – Bryson DeChambeau – He is carrying his driver over 400 yards – enough said!

Joe Parsons – Patrick Reed – A previous holder of the green jacket, Reed can go against the odds to add another one to his wardrobe this week – he knows how to get it done!

Charlotte Nutt – Tyrrell Hatton – It would be great to see a fellow BB&O player with a green jacket.

Wes Byatt – Bernd Wiesberger – My initial thoughts were Bernard Langer though thinking about it Augusta will be playing longer and with the cooler air temperatures and softer surfaces I shall change my man and edge my bets towards Bernd Wiesberger.

I hope you enjoy this fantastic spectacle and that it proves to be as exciting as it should be. I would love to know your selections or simply any thoughts on the Masters – with perhaps more time on our hands please send me an email, I love talking all things golf!

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