

## Sports Shop Newsletter

### Meet my team

Since joining Roehampton Club I have always aimed to lead a professional team that can deliver the best all-round Sports Shop service to the Members, and I look to strengthen the team at every opportunity.

It has certainly been a challenge from a retail perspective with many of our stock orders cancelled whilst we have faced huge delays across many products. We are fortunate to be a part of the Forefront Golf group which has provided us the opportunity to obtain stock at the earliest opportunities and also provide a wider stock offering through our website.

I am pleased to announce our loyalty discount will be extended to all shoes, so if you are signed up to our Loyalty Programme you can take advantage of these all year round and a further 10% when we go into a sale – instore and online!

We are also offering a £20 bag trade in off all golf bags through May, we have over 50 bags in store starting from £79.95 so now is a great time to upgrade!

[Click here to view our website](#) - [ForeFront Golf](#)

In this newsletter, I am delighted to introduce and welcome two new members of staff to the Sports Shop team and help you to get to know all of the team a little better.

Don't forget, you can book golf lessons online up to two months in advance with all of our professionals through our online booking system.

[Click here to book a golf lesson](https://roehamptonclub.as.me/) - <https://roehamptonclub.as.me/>

### Andrew Bayne

PGA Services Manager and PGA Professional

*I'm delighted to welcome Andrew to the team as a fully qualified member of the PGA. He has vast experience in the golf industry as a professional and also working for two leading golf manufacturers over the past 6 years.*

*Andrew is an experienced coach, having previously taught at Woking Golf Club and adopts a coaching philosophy that helps people understand where their faults come from and to help simplify their swing movements and thought processes.*

**Andrew is in the Sports Shop Tuesday - Saturday**

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### Where did you grow up and how did you get into golf?

I grew up in Sandhurst in Berkshire. My dad was a keen golfer and got me a set at the age of 8 and I was hooked from there.



### **What has made you want to make the move to Roehampton Club?**

It has a great reputation as one of the best multi-sport facilities in the country. As soon as I met Ricky and the team it was an opportunity I couldn't turn down.

### **What did you study at university?**

PGA Degree in Teaching and Management at the University of Birmingham

### **What is your favourite golf course?**

Harding Park, San Francisco - what an amazing place! In the UK my favourite course is Sunningdale Old, a great test of golf.

### **What are your favourite golf brands?**

Having worked for Callaway for four years, I have a real love for the brand and their innovation. I gained a fantastic insight to brand from all levels and the details in which they go to are incredible.

### **Who are your favourite pro's to watch?**

Tiger! He was a huge influence growing up and has such an impact on the game, it was great to see him back at The Masters recently.

### **What are you looking forward to the most at Roehampton Club?**

Getting to help the Members improve their games and being a part of the team. Roehampton Club has some amazing facilities of which I am fortunate to be a part of every day, I am excited to expand my knowledge past golf too!

### **What are your favourite things to do outside of golf?**

I have a 6-year-old daughter, so days out with her and I also love a game of badminton.

### **Oscar Isaac**

PGA Assistant Professional

*I welcome Oscar to our team as a PGA Assistant Professional, you will have seen Oscar in the Sports Shop since November, but he has now turned professional to start his career in golf. I am delighted he has chosen Roehampton to complete his PGA Golf Foundation Degree and apply his passion for golf and coaching.*

*Oscar is a fantastic golfer and held a handicap of 1 as a member of Coombe Hill. He recently won his first Speed Golf Tournament playing 18 holes in 41 minutes and in just 4 over par!*



### **Oscar is in the Sports Shop Saturday - Wednesday**

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### **How did you get into golf?**

I saw my dad watching golf on TV aged five and asked to have a go! He booked me a lesson with the pro at Wimbledon Park the next day.

### **What's your favourite golf course?**

Castle Course, St Andrews - the views over the old town are fantastic and I love the challenge of links golf.

### **What's your favourite hardware brand?**

Taylormade, I am now fortunate enough to be a brand ambassador having just turned professional! They are at the forefront of club design and are constantly pushing the boundaries with their annual product launches.

### **Who is your favourite golfer?**

Jordan Spieth. He inspired me to improve as a player during his 2014-2015 streak, it was great to see him win again recently.

### **Have you had any holes in one?**

1! Aged 12. 1st hole Hoebridge Golf Centre. The round unfortunately didn't continue that way to say the least....

### **What am I most looking forward to as a professional at Roehampton Club?**

I am looking forward to getting to know, playing and improving Members' golf. It is great to be part of a forward-thinking team so I am looking forward to learning more and more every day.

### **What do you spend your time doing away from work?**

I am a very keen runner and cyclist. I've also just started competing in Speed Golf and won my first event last week playing 18 holes in 41 minutes 52 seconds scoring 4 over par!

### **The rest of the team**

#### **Jake Watson**

PGA Professional

Jake joined Roehampton Club in April 2017 following positions at Rye Golf Club and The Berkshire. Jake began playing his golf at St Annes Old Links in Lancashire and represented his county during his Junior amateur career. At 19 Jake enrolled at the University of Birmingham and completed the Applied Golf Management Studies Degree alongside his PGA qualifications.

Jake has a passion for coaching golfers of all ages, levels, and abilities, he plays a huge role in the

success of the Junior Golf Academy Programme at the club with over 100 children involved every week.

Jake's coaching framework helps players think and practice in a way that leads to the retention and transfer of golfing skills to the course. Jake's coaching style leads to fun, challenging and engaging lessons with clear targets and goals to achieve.

Jake lives locally in Barnes with his girlfriend Molly, outside of work he enjoys socialising in West London while going to the gym, he is also a keen Blackpool FC supporter!

**Jake works in the Sports Shop Tuesday-Friday and Sunday [jake.watson@roehamptonclub.co.uk](mailto:jake.watson@roehamptonclub.co.uk)**



## **Will Hancock**

PGA Professional

Will has been a PGA professional for over ten years and joined Roehampton Club in 2015. Previous roles include Professional at Shaw Hill Golf and Country club and Assistant at Morecambe Golf Club. He represented Lancashire at all levels and made appearances for England at u18s level achieving a handicap of +4. Throughout his playing time as a professional he has won eleven tournaments and still plays to a great standard - watch out for him in the Captain Pro matches!



Will's passion lies in coaching and he likes to make coaching simple, so clients understand how their golf swing works. He helps his players reach their full potential by giving them targets and goals to achieve.

Will has recently moved to Fleet and has two children Isla and Ivy aged 4 and 6 months who certainly keep him busy when he is not working!

**Will works in the Sports Shop Wednesday – Sunday [will.hancock@roehamptonclub.co.uk](mailto:will.hancock@roehamptonclub.co.uk)**

## **Nicole Stewart**

PGA Assistant Professional

Nicole joined the team in the Sports Shop in May 2021 from Nizels Golf Club in Kent and will be studying her PGA qualifications while working at Roehampton Club.

Nicole is a fantastic golfer and two-time Kent Ladies Champion, she started playing golf aged five and competing from age 11. She captained the Kent Junior Team, played for the Kent Ladies in four different County weeks and was Kent Ladies Champion in 2016 and 2019.



Nicole teaches golfers of all abilities and is certainly popular with our lady Members. Nicole lives locally in Teddington and enjoys playing and practicing her golf when she is not working.

**Nicole works in the Sports Shop Friday-Tuesday - [nicole.stewart@roehamptonclub.co.uk](mailto:nicole.stewart@roehamptonclub.co.uk)**

## **Wesley Byatt**

PGA Professional

Wesley joined the team at Roehampton Club in 2018 and played to a high level until the age of 30 when he realised his real passion was in coaching the game. Wesley soon became one of the lead coaches for The Hampshire Girls and has headed up some of the most successful programs in Hampshire for juniors, he is responsible for bringing this style of coaching to Roehampton Club!

Wesley has been a coach for over 20 years learning from some of the best coaches in the world and is the only coach



at Roehampton Club who has been through the Plane Truth programme headed up by Hall of Fame Golf Professional Jim Hardy. His philosophy is diverse as he coaches the individual and offers each player the necessary tools to succeed at whatever level they strive to achieve. Wesley is experienced in using technology which allows him to assess and not guess. His soul aim as a coach is to bring the best out of people and elevate their game to outstanding levels. He does this through creating visions, technical improvements and the five pillars of success which not only helps the player to develop their skills, it also allows them to become a better golfer.

In his spare time Wesley likes to keep fit, plays a host of sports and dreams about being as good at surfing as he is at golf! Wesley has recently brought a house in Cornwall and has a renovation project over the next few months.

**Wesley works in the Sports Shop Thursday-Saturday [wzabyatt@hotmail.com](mailto:wzabyatt@hotmail.com)**

### **Joe Parsons**

Retail Assistant

Joe is our retail expert who works with great care, attention and understanding to provide members a great service. His knowledge golf industry is exceptional and is also a qualified custom fitter.

Joe is a very talented golfer with a handicap of 2 and plays at Royal Mid-Surrey Golf Club. Joe is 22 and had worked at RM-s for five years before joining the team at Roehampton Club in 2020. Joe is a big Chelsea Fan and often goes to as many matches as he can home and away.

**Joe works in the Sports Shop Saturday - Tuesday and Thursday [joe.parsons@roehamptonclub.co.uk](mailto:joe.parsons@roehamptonclub.co.uk)**



### **Tilly Da Cunha**

Head of Rackets - Retail

Tilly is our rackets specialist and joined the team in January 2021. Tilly studied events at Southampton University before moving into retail. She is a Level Three tennis coach and experienced in tennis retail and events having worked at Salon Prive, the Fever-Tree Championships and David Lloyd before joining us at Roehampton Club. Tilly regularly plays Padel and Tennis with the members, she has also introduced a hitting service where members can practice what they are working on in lessons.

Tilly is also a keen golfer and often takes advantage of working with the golf professionals for a few tips though we certainly wouldn't want to play her for money - she has a great swing!

**Tilly works in the Sports Shop Tuesday – Saturday [tilly@roehamptonclub.co.uk](mailto:tilly@roehamptonclub.co.uk)**

