



Royal Portrush Golf Club

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Tuesday 13th October 2015

10.30am-12.30pm Golf For Delegates - £2 per Golfer

Please book your tee times in advance with Tracy.

Playing The Dunluce Course for the ILI **'Brian Coburn Memorial Trophy'**.

Priority will be given to ILI members up until 23rd September and overflow may be playing on The Valley Course.

5.45pm AGM

Paid up members of the ILI may attend.

6.15-6.45pm 'Royal Portrush Course Changes'

Martin Ebert from Mackenzie & Ebert Golf Designs will explain the changes being made to the course in preparation for The Open.

6.45-7.15pm 'Preparing For The Open'

Bob Taylor, Senior Ecology & Environment Consultant will discuss the ecological considerations a course should adopt for preparation of a major event.

7.30pm Dinner

Optional dinner at Royal Portrush Golf Club. Cost is €25 or £20 per person.

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Wednesday 14th October 2015

9.00am Registration and tea/coffee

9.30am-12.30pm Course workstations

Station 1 - Newly constructed 18th hole -Valley Course

Graeme Beatt Course Manager and Marcus Terry Owner lead shaper will talk through the process for completion of the new hole.

Station 2 - 13th & 14th - Dunluce Course

Bob Taylor will show the benefits of the removal of Sea Buckthorn and the new tee area for the famous par3 at Royal Portrush.

Station 3 - 8th Green Reconstruction- Dunluce Course

Martin Ebert and Ian McClements will explain the construction and materials testing process for the new 8th green.

Station 4 - 12th Green and Fairway - Dunluce Course

Alistair Beggs will explain the preparation of Royal Portrush greens surfaces prior to an Open Championship and how graminicide impacts ryegrass in playing surfaces and explains why the areas may look worse before it looks better.

12.30-1.30pm Lunch

1.30-1.50pm **Alistair Beggs**, Past Captain of Royal Liverpool and Head of Agronomy and Ecology at STRI will give an informative talk on 'Agronomy Preparation For Open Venues'.

1.50-3.30pm **Discussion session with audience and expert panel:**

Graeme Beatt, Alistair Beggs, Martin Ebert, Bob Taylor

Topics will include: course changes, ecology issues eg coastal erosion and sea buckthorn, use of graminicide, managing construction on an active golf course.

3.30pm **Tea/coffee and opportunity to network with speakers**

Accommodation

If you require accommodation there is the nearby **Ramada Hotel** £84 B&B single room per night, £89 per twin room.

To book ring the Ramada Hotel Tel: 0044 (0) 28 7082 6100 and state you are with the ILI. For other hotels and B&Bs visit www.discovernorthernireland.com

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14th Dunluce Course