

Pay and play at Meydan

No membership fees, course a real challenge: Organisers

KT Report

DUBAI — Part-time golfers and those who want to experience the feel of a fairway and a green, can now go straight to the Meydan racecourse for a round at the 9-hole facility — The Track.

Exclusive membership norms of leading clubs rob the common folk of the chance of indulging in recreational activities.

Well, with the launch of the No Membership Fee, Pay and Play promotion at Meydan Golf, one is ensured that the part-timer will get his or her due.

Slightly expensive it might be, but first class courses are available to the public in the US and Australia where one can walk into a club, rent out the caddie cabs and clubs, and have a great day out on the course.

It's a great way of recreation especially with family members and even for the corporate sector for the odd office outing.

The Track — a unique new pay-and-play golf course at the world famous Dubai racecourse is now open to the public.

Challenging enough for even the best players, it is also extremely welcoming for novices looking to take up the sport and those with limited experience, a media release said.

For more information on The Track or for golf bookings and enquiries, readers can visit www.meydangolf.com

There is no membership fee at The Track with players simply booking a tee time to take on the brilliant nine-hole course.

Bookings for preview play rounds are now being taken, at Dh300 per player.

Players in this introductory period can choose to play 9 holes or double up to 18 holes at no extra charge.

Permanent rates for 9 and 18 holes will be announced following the preview period.

Tuition packages and one-off lessons will also be available from professional instructors who will tailor sessions to the individual's needs.

From the summer, The Track will be floodlit and open until midnight so golfers can beat the heat and keep their game sharp.

Developed by Meydan Golf and run by leading golf management company Troon Golf, The Track is nestled alongside Meydan racecourse, home of the Dubai World Cup.

Just a 10-minute drive out of the city, the facility makes the most of the natural contours and lakes in the area and is home to a variety of wildlife. The Track, which is open from 6.30am, was designed by renowned golf course architect Peter Harradine, with every hole posing a unique challenge.



The Meydan course will open up opportunities for residents and visitors. — KT photo by Shihab

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Booking rate for preview rounds

“Water is a predominant feature of the course thanks to the natural lakes we have here,” said Paul Dennis, The Track’s general manager.

“These make sure the course is a challenge for better players off the back tees with the forward tees also allowing it to be really enjoyable for the novice golfer.”

The course can be played as 9 or 18 holes, with a challenging 18

hole yardage of 7,416. The course offers something for players of all ages and abilities, as distances from the tees vary from 633 yards on the 1st hole at the toughest level, down to 100 yards for novices on the 6th.

Stunning views across Meydan and towards the Burj Khalifa add to an unforgettable golfing experience for everyone. “The Track opens up the sport to those who are a little intimidated by traditional golf clubs or who cannot commit to becoming a member,” added Mr Dennis.

“It gives people somewhere to play where they receive five-star service but without the fees which usually accompany being a member of a golf club.

“It is really all about getting everyone out and enjoying golf at The Track.” At the heart of the stunning

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two-tier clubhouse is The Track Restaurant.

A light and modern space, it is open daily between 6.30am and 10.30pm and offers a variety of food - from classic full breakfasts through to gourmet sandwiches, salads, steaks and curry. A family room and children’s play-area will open later in the year.

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