



Golf Course Development

5th February 2010



Design map of holes 5, 6 and 7

As your Designer I am pleased to bring you the first report from the construction phase of the front nine holes at your Golf Club, St Sofia. I am very excited that work has begun and already the vision I have created for you is taking shape.

The construction team, as part of the logistics of the development, began working on Monday 18th January from the furthest part of the course at holes 5, 6 and 7. Within these first three weeks the complete shape of the 5th Green, 6th Hole, 7th tee and the entire mounding of the left hand side of the 7th fairway are completed.

Hole No: 5 (Par 4) White: 390m Yellow: 375m Blue: 328m Red: 323m

The existing 5th hole is index 1 and my intention is to enhance this hole by defining the shape and features possibly creating the signature hole of the re-designed course;

- We have increased the height of the tee box by 1.5 metres to create a better view of the water hazard and the entire fairway.
- Re-defined the water hazard on the left hand side by cleaning out the wild grass in the water to create a beautiful feature along the entire left hand side of this hole.
- New mounding has been added to the right hand side of the fairway to incorporate the existing bunkers in a staggered way as the turning point of the hole.
- We have rebuilt the existing green to increase the surface by 100 m², raising it by 1m and surrounding it with substantial mounding.



View from the back of New 5th Green



Tee area under construction

Hole No: 6 (Par 3) White: 132m Yellow: 125m Blue: 120m Red: 105m

This is going to be a special par 3 in this secluded part of the course. The works undertaken to achieve this, are;

- Using the existing fish farm we have created a new inlet to the front and left hand side of the hole.
- We have raised the tee area by 2 metres and dropped the green by 1 metre to create a better view of the entire hole.
- Extra layer of mounding on the right hand side of the green to stop balls running into the back right water hazard.
- We have created a grass run-off area along the entire right hand side of the green which has increased in size by 70 m².



View from 6th Tee area



View to the new 6th Green

Hole No: 7 (Par 4) White: 380m Yellow: 370m Blue: 356m Red: 300m

The new design of the 7th hole will create a more attractive par 4;

- A new raised tee area will give a view down the entire length of this hole.
- The existing ditch on the right of the fairway is moved 10 metres to the left to frame the hole for the tee shot and will cut across the fairway at 260m.
- Re-shaping of the bunkers on the left hand side creating a slight dog leg to the right opening up the second shot to the newly positioned green 10 metres to the left.
- The green will be raised by 1 metre and framed by a bunker short right.



New 7th Tee being shaped



Location of 7th green

I look forward to continually updating you during the entire phase of the development and my next visit to St. Sofia.


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