

MEYDAN GOLF COURSE IS WELL UNDERWAY

MIKE GALLEMORE UNVEILS THE PLANS AND FUTURE INTENTIONS FOR THE NEW MEYDAN GOLF COURSE, ANOTHER IN THE SERIES OF POPULAR 9-HOLE COURSES DESIGNED BY PETER HARRADINE, FOLLOWING JEBEL ALI GOLF RESORT & SPA AND SHARJAH GOLF & SHOOTING CLUB.



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In last month’s article with Peter Harradine he mentioned his exciting new project at Meydan Golf Club, which promises to recreate the old, much-loved, Nad Al Sheba Golf Club but in a bigger, better, fabulous facility.

With work well underway under the lights of the spectacular Meydan Racecourse the development is taking shape and the course and driving range are on schedule to open at the start of the new season in September-October.

“Although we’re designing and producing some spectacular golf courses in various parts of the world right now I’m really excited with what we’re doing with the Meydan project,” says Harradine. “We’re modifying quite a few of the existing features and it’s good to be restoring an old icon of Dubai, which will come back as a first-class golfing facility. The landscape project manager, Kent Potter, and Abdin Nasralla, Vice President for Hotels and Hospitality for Meydan, are putting a lot of effort and resources into the Meydan Golf Club project and I’m sure it will be even more popular than the old Nad Al Sheba Golf Club was.”

High-Standard

The initial design of the Meydan course is for a high-standard, high-quality 9-hole course but with the scope to expand it to an 18-hole track once the course and driving range are up and running.

Just like Peter Harradine’s Sharjah G&SC course, all nine holes are floodlit, providing the facility for golfers to play in the evening after office hours. Given Dubai’s position as a travel and business hub and Meydan’s location only 15 minutes’ drive from Dubai International Airport the Club presents the perfect facility. Golfers either arriving on early morning flights, or departing later in the day or evening would have the time to get in a few holes rather than kicking their heels at the airport. Meydan



Work is underway on the new Meydan Golf Course, which looks towards the Meydan Racecourse Grandstand to the right and the magnificent Meydan Hotel to the left.

Golf Club is looking to produce the perfect combination of the old and the new by recapturing the atmosphere of the old Nad Al Sheba Golf Club and combining it with the sumptuous, state-of-the-art, spectacular Meydan Racecourse with its magnificent hotel and fantastic facilities.

The strength of Nad Al Sheba Golf Club was its access-to-all, relaxed, social and community spirit that set it apart from other golf clubs in Dubai and which made it a much

loved course by its patrons. Meydan Golf Club aims to recreate the ‘family and friends’ atmosphere while providing golfers with a challenging and enjoyable course along with facilities that will be second to none.

Meydan will have a 32,000 sq. ft. Clubhouse located and attached to the northern end of the Meydan Racecourse Grandstand. The facilities have been carefully designed to provide a welcoming and social atmosphere for



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golf enthusiasts and their families. It will include a Pro Shop, full bar and dining facilities, separate function areas, games room, children's entertainment area, prayer room and changing rooms. For ease of access there will also be dedicated and fully covered parking.

One of the bonuses for the golfers is the close proximity of the facilities of the Meydan Racecourse such as the stunning Meydan Hotel. Various accommodation

and food and beverage packages will be promoted in combination with the golf course, making for quality, full-entertainment and leisure experiences with excellent value.

A tradition of the old Nad Al Sheba Club that Meydan is determined to keep is that it will be both welcoming and accessible to a wide section of the golfing community. As such, all areas of the Meydan Golf Course will reflect this philosophy along with ensuring

that its green fees will also represent value for money. Many golfers wondered whether the golf course at Nad Al Sheba would return but like the phoenix from the flames, Meydan Golf Course makes a much-needed comeback to provide a bigger and better facility for those who want to relax and enjoy their golf with friends and family. It aims to become the social and recreational sporting focal point for both seasoned golfers and for those interested in starting a passion for the game. ■