

Vidauban, July 3rd, 2025

Dear esteemed member,

I hope this letter finds you well.

With the summer season knocking on early this year, we hope to bring you a hint of freshness along with some updates from Vidauban.

## I. GOLF COURSE UPDATE

## a) General comments

The Golf course is still in optimal condition, despite a current early season, sudden spike in high temperatures, more usually associated with the usual scorching weather we normally experience in July and August. With the accrued rainfall the region experienced in the spring (see figure below), currently we have not received any warnings from the authorities for water restrictions. However, if the current weather conditions continue for the foreseeable future, we will undoubtedly be placed on some form of water restriction.

We have had great feedback from our membership, particularly during the member – guest event on May 31st where the course was at its best.

Unfortunately, we experienced a major rain event on May 20th (210 mm of which 137 mm of rain fell in less than 45 minutes), which caused not only lots of damage in the area and the golf course (mostly on our fence line, on bunkers and mulched areas being washed away), but sadly the loss of life a local community old lady who got trapped in her car and drowned was a more impactful sign of the devastating scale of the storm that had hit us.

Total rainfall since January is 668 mm (over 26 inches) which is for some past years the global average for 12 months.

#### b) Irrigation works required on main Line for Hole 13

As the team is experiencing several breaks on that hole, resulting in multiple work interfering with play on the fairway of the 13th, we have hosted an irrigation technician who will propose a replacement of our main line during the coming winter.

For cost purposes but also educating more members of our maintenance team, we will do this project internally. For the most part of the works, we will transform that hole into a par 3 and will require at least a full week of complete closure. This will coincide with our spring operation of the rest of the golf course end of February 2026.

#### c) Teeing grounds' renovation study

We are still working with RTJ II golf architect Mike Gorman to supply a graphical proposal of the intended work around our teeing ground complexes, which would help in reducing significantly our water consumption.



Turfgrass consultancy will also provide a full budget of the costs associated with this operation, along with the potential savings expected from that program.

#### d) Autum program in October - November 2025

Plans are taking place for our annual autumn operations to occur week 45, for at least 10 days. The course would then be shut from the 3rd to the 12th of November.

## The program may include:

- Hollow coring operations on greens
- Solid tinning on greens
- Topdressing on greens
- Verti cut on greens
- Overseeding greens
- Hollow coring (19mm) on Tees and approaches
- Topdressing on Tess and Approaches
- Verti cut on tees
- Overseeding tees
- Solid tinning on Fairways and short cut rough
- Verti cut on fairways
- Topdressing Fairways
- Overseeding fairways
- Solid tinning on fairways
- Verti-drain fairways approaches & short cut rough
- Linear Shockwave decompaction on Fairways and short cut rough
- Cutting and harvesting of the Fescue/Natural long roughs

## II. MEMBER COMMUNICATION AND REMINDER ON OUR NEW PRIVATE SECTION

As per our end of May communication, we are pleased to have received very positive feedback in relation to our new private members' area on our website, and dedicated mobile app.

As a reminder, both private sections are accessible using your personal login (format: *first initial.last name*, i.e *c.comoy*). Feel free to contact Camille (communication@vidaubangolfclub.com) if you need any sort of assistance in this process.

#### This new platform will allow you to:

- Consult news and any updates on the course conditioning, information from the club activities (see below) and any other announcements;
- Access to your membership documents and when requested your monthly statements, or invoices;
- Reset your password easily;
- Allow access to a personal assistant, upon request;
- View the members' directory to connect with other club members;

Search for Golf Vidauban on the PlayStore or App Store (see photos below).









As a reminder, you will not appear in the directory by default. To opt in and share your email and phone number, again feel free to reach out to Camille (<a href="mailto:communication@vidaubangolfclub.com">communication@vidaubangolfclub.com</a>).

No action is required from your part should you not like to opt in. We remain committed to GDPR compliance and detail our privacy policy on the website.

## III. MEMBERSHIP AND ACTIVITIES

Following the successful hosting of our second member – guest event on Saturday the 31st of May, we wanted to update you on more activities to come this season at the club, knowing that all these updates are also available on our website and mobile App.

#### **III.1.NEW GENERATIONAL EVENT**

We are looking forward to hosting a nice group of members and one family partner at our inaugural generational tournament at Vidauban, to be held on <u>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> of September</u>. Please join the members who have already committed to participate in this friendly tournament allowing you to share great memories with your family.

#### III.2.HOME - AWAY MATCHES

- III.2.1. We are delighted to announce that a home away match is scheduled to start this autumn with Vidauban hosting Mortefontaine members. This will take place in a friendly (yet assuming competitive) atmosphere to close the year on a high note. The event will begin with a welcoming dinner on October 31<sup>st</sup>, and the matches to be held on Saturday November 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>, successively in doubles and singles format. We have limited places available, please register your entry through Camille (<a href="mailto:communication@vidaubangolfclub.com">communication@vidaubangolfclub.com</a>).
- III.2.2. We are working alongside the Beaverbrook management to arrange a similar match, with Beaverbrook hosting the initial match this year. Further updates will be provided soon to assist you with your scheduling.

### III.3.MEMBER - GUEST 2026

The second edition of the member – guest was again a good success with 14 teams playing a friendly format (shamble). The eventual winning team in NET and winner of the coveted trophy



was composed of our member *Jonathan Gray* with his American guest Todd Golditch. The best team in Gross, led by our member *David Knox* and his guest James Jones.

The event was held on a beautiful day where all teams could compete against 5-time European Tour winner, undefeated at the 2013 Seve Trophy, Grégory Bourdy from France. Actually, two teams managed to beat Grégory while playing the 11th hole.

The competition was gracefully supported by the Domaine Troplong-Mondot (1er cru classé Saint Emilion) who offered some good vintage for the participants.

It is planned that the third edition will again be hosted at the end of May 2026. We'd love to see you then.

## IV. FOUNDATION INITIATIVES AND BIODIVERSITY

As per every year, our environmental approach of managing our non-playing areas has brought to our premises our friendly donkeys.

This year they have been effective on holes 2, 3 and 9 and they did an amazing job!





# V. HAMLET UPGRADE FOLLOW UP

We are pleased to confirm that Villa Pagnol is now ready for the members' usage. The integration of a new pool has been facing difficulties with solid rock within its foundation, but it was worth it since the result is absolutely stunning.

We are only a few days away from connecting the internet into the villa, we are hoping it will not deter your experience for the time being.

## Please see below photos:



Swimming-pool in Villa Pagnol



Manon bedroom recently renovated



At Villa Sainte Maxime, the renovation work is now complete, with only final touches remaining, such as cleaning and preparations. However, the swimming pools have not yet been delivered and are expected to be finalized by the end of the month.

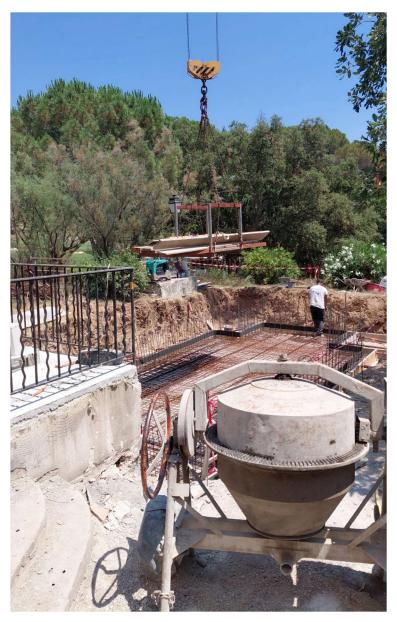


Room Lavande in Sainte-Maxime



Status of the swimming-pool in Villa Sainte Maxime





Status of the swimming-pool construction progress in Villa Saint-Tropez

Hoping you have found this of interest, with the team we remain at your service to arrange your next visit at the Club, and I am available at any stage of the season through email or over the phone. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best regards,

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