

Courses

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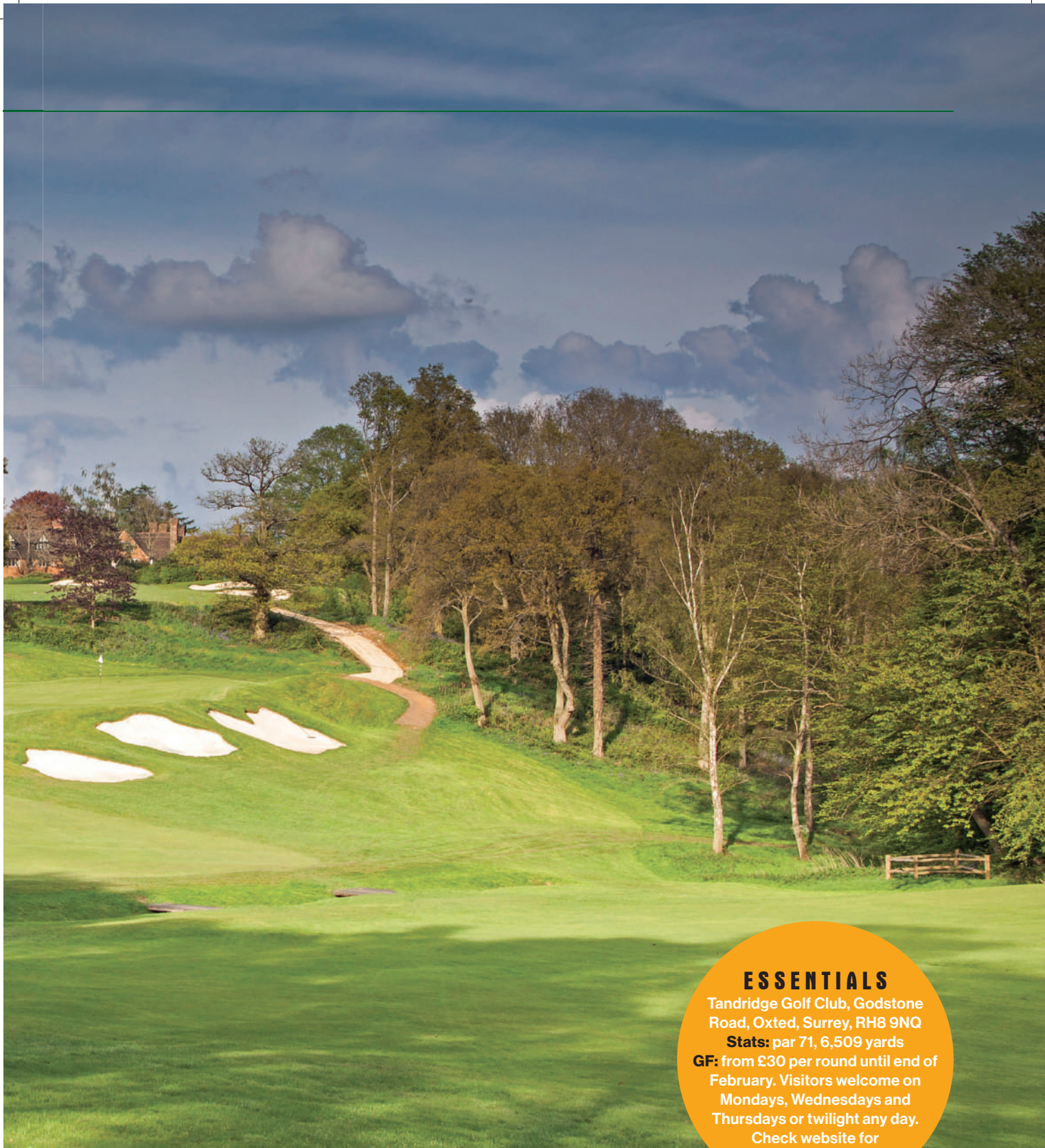
Tandridge

Tandridge is a traditional yet very friendly members' club with a parkland course offering spectacular views of the Surrey North Downs and the High Weald. It's often described as a round of two halves, with the front nine running along relatively flat terrain

before the back nine takes you on a more dramatic and undulating journey.

The course was created by Harry Colt and back in 2014 the club completed an ambitious four-year scheme to restore the principles of the great man, with the help of Colt expert Frank Pont. This upgrade led to Tandridge sneaking into

the GM Top 100 UK & Ireland Courses listing for the first time in 2017 at 99, a position it maintained in the most recent rankings. As well as the testing course and excellent greens, the club is famed for its mouth-watering carvery and no visit is complete without sampling the legendary Tandridge Pudding.



ESSENTIALS

Tandridge Golf Club, Godstone Road, Oxted, Surrey, RH8 9NQ

Stats: par 71, 6,509 yards

GF: from £30 per round until end of February. Visitors welcome on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays or twilight any day. Check website for summer rates.

History

Colt was commissioned to design the course in the early 1920s and it opened for general play on October 1, 1924. The initial layout included more than 300 bunkers, which was unusual for a Colt design, but this number has dropped significantly over the years.

The original clubhouse was completely destroyed by fire in 1927, leading to a replacement being hastily built and opening the following year. This fine structure is still in place today

and adds a real sense of history and tradition for visitors.

Colt's use of the natural terrain and famous raised plateau greens are still major features of the course, and the club has recently taken on the services of Lobb & Partners to carry on the sympathetic restoration.

Signature holes

Colt's original signature hole was the par-4 14th and this 477-yard monster continues to steal the limelight. The

tees are set high above a fairway which cascades down to a menacing ditch lying in wait to ensnare any errant second shots. The elevated green is surrounded by bunkers and a four here is a real achievement.

Other notable mentions go to the extremely tough 223-yard par-3 13th and the 18th, with its relocated tee complex now making the hole a fitting finale to a memorable round.