



April 21, 2016

Dear Sir,

I am very happy to send you the invitation for the Golf Course Architecture seminar that will be held at Camberley Heath GC on Wednesday June 1.

The goal of this one day seminar is to increase the level of knowledge among the key decision makers in golf clubs of all relevant aspects of golf course architecture.

To accomplish this, a comprehensive one day program has been put together. During the day we look at what people find beautiful in a golf course, explore the history of golf and architecture, explain why routings are essential and discuss the various ways of designing golf holes and greens. After lunch we will continue looking at landforms, design styles, the role and forms of hazards and conclude with a close look at construction, both for new builds as well as renovation and restoration work.

The seminar will be presented by two of the world's leading golf architects, ensuring that the audience will get the most up to date global perspective.

Previous one day Golf Course Architecture seminars have been attended by more than 300 people from more than 120 golf clubs.

Should you, or anybody else in your club, be interested in attending the Golf Course Architecture seminar, please contact me via email at [fp@frankpont.com](mailto:fp@frankpont.com) or phone me at 00-31-641058300.

Kind regards

Frank Pont

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# Golf Course Architecture Seminar - Program

**Date:** Wednesday June 1  
**Location:** Camberley Heath GC  
**By:** Frank Pont and Mike DeVries

Camberley Heath Golf Club,  
Golf Drive, Camberley,  
Surrey GU15 1JG

09.00 Arrival and Coffee

09.30

Introduction, What is Beautiful, History of Golf and Golf Architecture, Routings, Layout + Safety, Designing Golf Holes,

12.30 Lunch

13.15

Natural landforms, Designing Green complexes, Design styles, Hazards, Construction: New builds, Construction: Renovations,

16.30 Wrap up & drinks at the bar

There will be three exercises as part of the one day seminar

***Cost per person: 90 UK Pounds (ex VAT)***

***BIGGA members: 70 UK pounds (ex VAT)***

***(If the bill is paid by a golf club with a VAT number no VAT will be charged)***

**Dress code:** Smart casual – Tailored Trousers and Shirts or Jackets - no jeans, trainers, collarless shirts etc

## Some information on the speakers:

### Mike DeVries

Golf course architect Mike DeVries grew up working on Crystal Downs, developing a deep respect and admiration for the work of legendary golf architects Dr. Alister MacKenzie and Perry Maxwell. A 1987 graduate of Lake Forest College in suburban Chicago (Business Administration), DeVries apprenticed with golf architect Tom Doak before going on to the University of Michigan where he earned his Master's degree in Landscape Architecture in 1994.

Mike is one of the world's leading golf architects in the modern minimalist movement and has also contributed writings for various books and magazines over the past twenty years. Matt Ginella called DeVries the "most underrated golf architect" when he was featured on Golf Channel's annual Golf Architecture Week in February, 2015.

DeVries' most recent course, Cape Wickham Links (King Island, Tasmania, Australia), debuted at #24 in the World Top 100 list by Golf Digest magazine in February, 2016. The Kingsley Club (#18) and Greywalls (#66) are on Golfweek's Top 100 Modern courses in the USA. All of his courses have received accolades in magazines and online.

Mike DeVries is a noted expert on Alister MacKenzie designs, as well as other classic golf course architects, and his restoration and renovation work includes Meadow Club (California), Jockey Club (Argentina), U. of Michigan GC (Michigan), St. Charles Country Club (Canada), Siwanoy CC (New York), Sunningdale CC (New York) and Pelham CC (New York).

### Frank Pont

Frank Pont is Europe's leading restorer of classic golf courses, specialized in classic Harry Colt and Tom Simpson courses. He is currently working with more than 40 courses throughout GBI and Europe and has written quite a number of articles in international publications and magazines on the many aspects of golf course architecture.

He grew up playing his golf on Eindhoven, a classic heathland Colt design in the Netherlands, without realizing at that time how fortunate that start had been. After careers in offshore engineering, strategy consulting and investment banking he became a golf architect in 2003, and has been focusing on restoring old classics from day one.

He is currently working with 7 classic golf clubs listed in Golf World's English Top 100 and 8 clubs listed in Golf World's European top 100. Clubs where he has been working on restorations, such as De Pan, Hardelot, Royal Hague, Tandridge, Eindhoven and Camberley Heath have all made spectacular jumps in the rankings in recent years.

Frank has also built 5 new golf courses, the latest of which De Swinkelsche was recently ranked in the Dutch top 10.