

The Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club hosts prestigious Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship 2015.

Tee off to impress

While it is usually Hong Kong's stunning skyline that captures attention, this month the city's picturesque natural beauty will finally be put in the spotlight as The Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club (CWBGolf) plays host to the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship (AAC) 2015, a major international golf event that is televised to 150 countries around the world. A series of upgrades has been completed at CWBGolf to make it a showcase of Hong Kong's capabilities in staging important sporting events.

Located in a peninsula with expansive views of the South China Sea, CWBGolf has an undulating landscape with the 18 holes divided into the Highland Nine and the Ocean Nine. However, each hole has a view of the water which makes for excellent television.

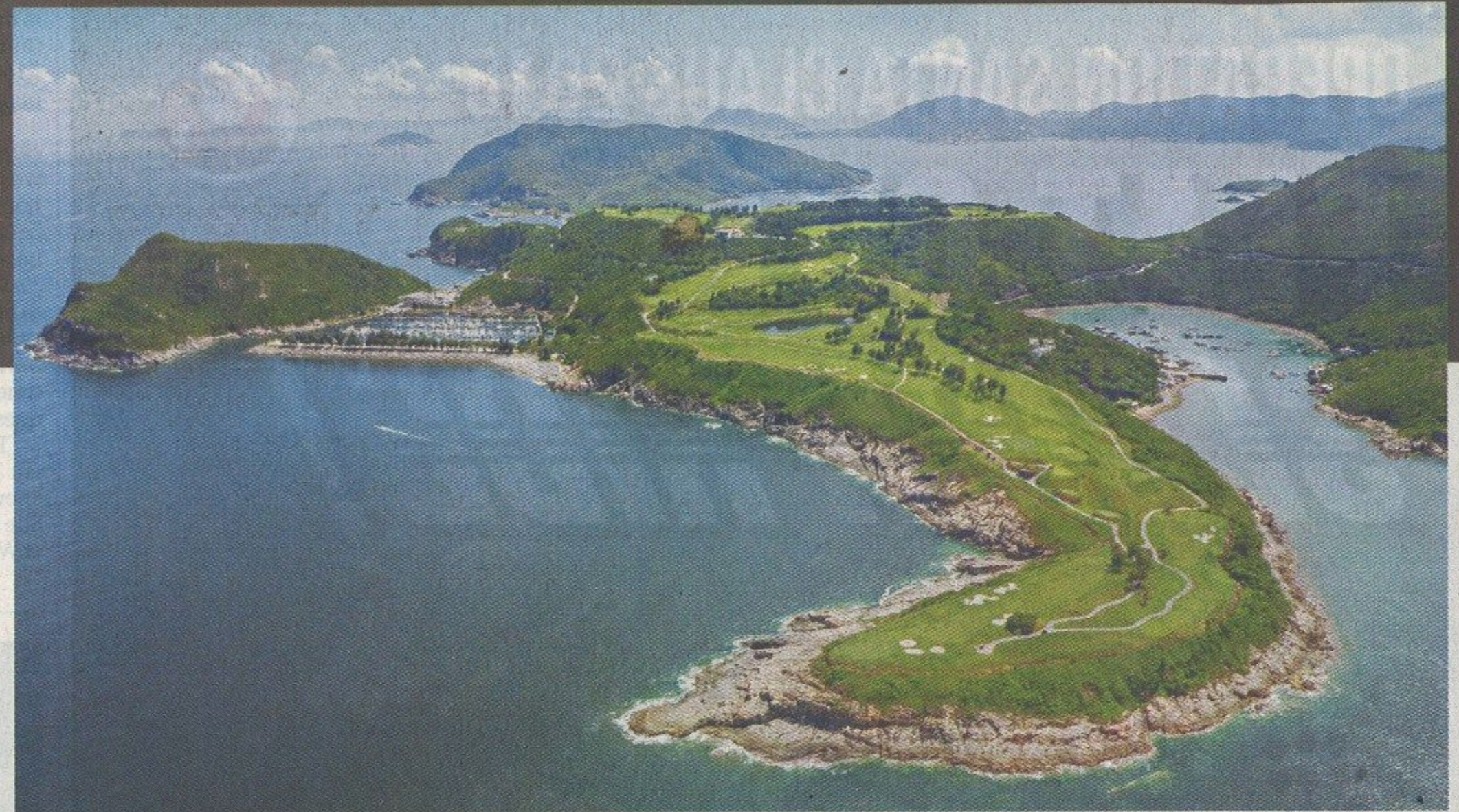
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Major facility upgrades

To do this, CWBGolf has undergone a major revamp of its facilities over the past 12 months. A new breed of turf grass from China, which has been found to better suit the weather in Hong Kong, has been introduced to the entire course, while experts from the US have been hired to improve and maintain the turf.

AAC has a field of 120 players from 39 Asia Pacific Golf Confederation affiliated organisations. To host a tournament of this calibre, practice and ancillary facilities are equally important. CWBGolf's



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practice areas have been expanded including improvements to the Executive Nine Golf Course and driving range to accommodate more golfers practicing simultaneously and make them better suited for competition preparation.

In addition, a golf simulator has been installed to provide video analysis and simulation of renowned golf courses all over the world.

Catering is an important part of any major event and the AAC is no exception. The Horizons

restaurant has been expanded and can now entertain 120 guests, up from its original capacity of 40.

Refurbishments done at the Upper and Lower lobbies have also given an updated look to CWBGolf that is going to impress golfers, organisers, media and spectators alike. Taking full advantage of the panoramic sea view, the huge glass windows allow guests to soak in the view while preparing for the day's action to begin.

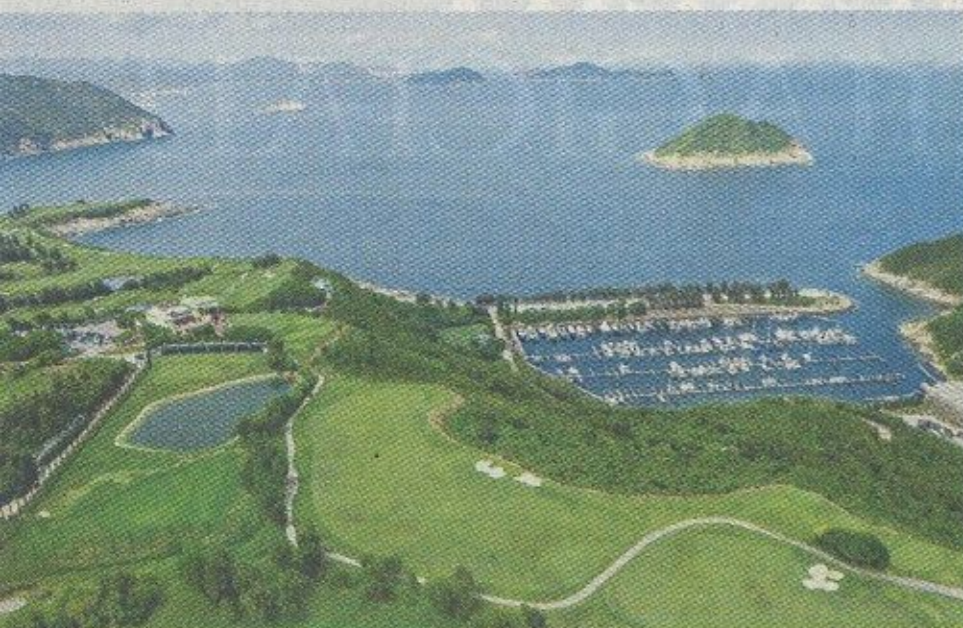
Community involvement

Nearly 200 volunteers and 120 caddies have been recruited for the AAC, making it one of the biggest events in the local golfing community. These golf enthusiasts will be rewarded with free rounds of golf at CWBGolf after the event as an appreciation for their dedication.

Mr. Downie said, "so after the AAC, CWBGolf will have improved facilities for our members and the public to enjoy, as we are open to the public by advanced reservation from Monday to Friday. It also paves the way for us to host more large-scale tournaments in the future and showcase Clearwater Bay and ultimately Hong Kong as a destination."

"Our course is not the longest but it is challenging because of the elements. It is a course with its own character as we are playing around the water. We are excited to showcase CWBGolf on the big international stage and believe our members and the general public will be proud when they see it on TV," he added.

Six local golfers will represent Hong Kong in the AAC, which is held from October 1 to 4 and broadcast on Now Sports in Hong Kong and on golf channels across the world.



Hong Kong's natural beauty will be televised around the world during the championship.



The golf course and clubhouse facilities have been revamped to cater for the 120-strong field.



The expanded Horizons restaurant with panoramic sea view.