



Foxhills

YOUR CLUB IN THE COUNTRY

Bernard Hunt

Club Professional Bernard Hunt MBE, who has been at Foxhills since shortly after it opened, was a man in the right place at the right time.

In 1975, having stopped playing competitively, he was working as a representative on the PGA's executive committee. He visited Foxhills when the PGA were looking at it as a possible venue for their HQ along with The Belfry, which they later chose.

"When Foxhills advertised for a professional, I already had a bit of a head start," recalls Bernard. Today he has a course named in his honour and can also look out on the Manor Course with particular joy, having designed the nine-hole par 3 layout.

In fact, he even recorded the first ever hole-in-one on the track at the official opening! Playing alongside John Olrog in a special challenge match against fellow teaching pro Malcolm Henvery and John Gilding, Bernard delighted the watching crowds by recording an ace on the 75-yard second hole. Using a wedge, Bernard said at the time: "I was amazed when I walked up to find it in the cup."

It was Bernard's 17th ace of an illustrious career, having holed-in-one at the Italian and Portuguese Opens and also at the Bing Crosby Tournament at Pebble Beach. Unfortunately for him, there wasn't a special prize on offer at any of these events. "I always seem to do it at the wrong time," he said, recalling another ace at a senior event at Sandy Lodge where a Jaguar car awaited anyone doing it at the 18th hole. "I ended up with a Dinky Car version for getting mine at the 9th!"

Not that he was short of awards in the game. Having won thirty-three titles worldwide, made eight Ryder Cup appearances, two more as non-playing captain, and twice captaining the PGA, he is one of the UK's most successful golfers ever.

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