

**EXPANSION AND NEW
CUISINE OFFERING AT HISTORIC
COTTRELL PARK GOLF RESORT**

The Cottrell Park Golf Resort in the Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales is benefiting from investment in expanded facilities and a new cuisine offering through a partnership with the award-winning Spiros Fine Dining Caterers.

Opened in 1996, the 400-acre, two championship golf course resort near Cardiff, says it is reaping the rewards of a permanent 480 sq metre marquee and bar development which accommodates functions of up to 400 guests.

Family owned and operated - by David and Jonathan Johns-Powell, whose grandfather purchased the historic estate in 1942 - the resort has appointed Spiros as in-house caterers, to spearhead a new era of cuisine for members and visitors alike.

As part of its growth strategy, the resort intends to develop luxury guest accommodation in the near future, to attract tourists and provide a warm and friendly 365 day a year visitor experience at Cottrell Park.

Cottrell Park boasts a total of 36-holes on its championship designed golf courses constructed with USGA spec Greens – the Mackintosh and the Button Gwinnett, an all-weather driving range, two new surround golf simulators, two putting greens, one chipping green and an on-course practice area.

The resort also has a fishing lake, snooker room and Segway adventure trails. Its clubhouse, overlooking gardens and the golf course, has been progressively extended over recent years.

Derek Smith, General Manager of Cottrell Park Golf Resort said: “In recent years we have benefited from having the biggest golf club memberships in South Wales.

Outsourcing our food service to Spiros, enables us to provide members and walk-in visitors with fine cuisine in all areas, from clubhouse to bar and of course marquee functions, seven days a week.”

Spiro Borg, Managing Director of Cardiff-based Spiros Caterers, which is also the newly resident hospitality and match-day catering provider at Cardiff Arms Park, said:

“This is another exciting development for us in this our 30th anniversary year. We are excited to be working with Cottrell Park which has many natural advantages and potential for growth; its beautifully landscaped parkland makes it the perfect setting for both golf and a superb rural setting for weddings, conveniently close to Cardiff.

We look forward to being a key role at Cottrell Park as it further develops and expands as a leading regional leisure attraction in coming years.”

Derek Smith added, “Our ultimate vision is to develop Cottrell Park into a high quality golfing, leisure and hotel facility that maintains our signature customer friendly focus and being open to all.”

Medieval in origin, the landscaped Cottrell Park is also noted for its connection with two of the major events in world history; its Button Gwinnett course is named after the Button family, who resided at Cottrell Park during the 17th Century. Button Gwinnett was one of the fifty-six men who signed the American Declaration of Independence in 1776.

It was later the family seat of Admiral Sir Charles Tyler, who triumphantly commanded one of Admiral Nelson’s flag ships, the HMS Tonnant, at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

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Notes to editors:

- Details of the golfing facilities:
 - The Mackintosh is a longer Parkland Course. It provides 6,101 yards off the yellow tees, 6,356 yards off the white tees, or 6,568 yards off the blue tees.
 - The Button Gwinnett course is constructed in an American style with 13 lakes spread over 18 holes with a fantastic finishing hole in view of the clubhouse. It provides 5,882 yards off the yellow tees or 6,229 yards off the white tees.
 - Each Course offers a different challenge to all categories of Golfer, both of which are constructed with USGA spec Greens ensuring you are guaranteed a great day out all year round.

- Dress code and etiquette is enforced on the courses but relaxed in the clubhouse. Handicap certificates are not required to play the courses, however, a certain degree of competency in the game is expected.
- **To request a Tee Time please contact the Golf Service Department on Tel: 01446 781781.**

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