



Austragungsort der Austrian Golf Open: der Diamond Country Club in Atzenbrugg.
/// Venue for the Austrian Open: the Diamond Country Club in Atzenbrugg.



GC Föhrenwald



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INFO EVENTS ZUM MITSPIELEN

BGA Charity Trophy
8. September im Golfclub Schönfeld ///
8 September at Golfclub Schönfeld
www.gcschoenfeld.at

Kitzbüheler Golf-Festival
Von 24. Juni. bis 1. Juli ///
From 24 June to 1 July
www.golffestivalkitzbuehel.at

Interalpen Golf Trophy
Von 18. bis 21. Juli /// From 18 to 21 July
www.interalpen.com

Schmetterlingskinder Golf Charity
22 September in Himberg ///
22 September in Himberg
www.colonygolf.com

gemeint. Neu im „kleinen Club“, wie die an den 18-Loch-Platz angeschlossene 9-Loch-Anlage liebevoll unter Insidern genannt wird, sind Monatsmitgliedschaften (ohne HCP-Verwaltung) um 89 Euro pro Monat. So will man dem hauseigenen Motto „Kommen Sie als Gast und bleiben Sie als Freund“ weiter treu bleiben. Weitere Highlights für Golfliebhaber, die in einer halben Stunde von Wien aus erreichbar sind: der GC Schönborn (Parkkurs) und der Fontana GC (American Way eines Golfplatzes).

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Christian Guzy, President and owner of the **Diamond Country Club**, is enjoying the endless positive reports circulating about his golf course. Located in the Lower Austrian town of Atzenbrugg near Tulln, the course has succeeded in making a

formidable name for itself within just a few years; as the venue of the Austrian Golf Open presented by Lyonesse in 2011, it attracted over 20,000 visitors on match days. The dates for the European Tour tournament are expected to be 25 to 28 July 2012.

The Diamond Country Club is a member of the European Tour, and Austria's top golfer, Markus Brier, has described the course as highly attractive and athletically demanding. On the back nine in particular, he describes the large number of water obstacles and trees as considerable challenges. Mikael Ericsson, tournament director of the European Tour, enthused: "In the opinion of many players, this was the best course on the tour in 2011, and it's certainly hard to argue." Irish pro golfer Padraig Harrington agreed, saying: "It's one of the best courses I've played on this year."

2012 will also see the "Golf Course of the Year 2011", the 6,736-metre Diamond Golf Course (par 72), extended to include the Diamond Leisure Course in 2012 and state-of-the-art Golf Academy. And just to ensure the club, which already offers its members a swimming lake and sauna facilities, remains inviting for longer stays, hotel apartments are also planned to be completed in the summer of 2013.

An array of changes to its course design and a modern clubhouse have enabled Föhrenwald golf club to develop an enviable reputation for itself in recent years: as the venue of the UNIQA Ladies Golf Open presented by Raiffeisen, due to be held from 31 August to 2 September, it will host Europe's 108 best lady golfers on the 18-hole course in the southern reaches of Lower Austria. Last year's winner, Caroline Hedwell, a 23-year-old Swede who celebrated four tournament victories in the 2011 season, and Englishwoman Melissa Reid, ranked second in the current order of merit, will find the two Austrian pro ladies, Steffi Michl and Nicole Gergely, snapping at their heels this year.

Innovations and investments are all the rage in the world of golf, and nobody is more aware of this than Andreas Hausammann, President of Schönfeld golf club: in his case, it refers to over 100,000 euros that has been invested in new bunkers and water features. His 'little club', as the 9-hole facility attached to the 18-hole course is lovingly known by insiders, now offers monthly memberships (without HCP administration) for 89 euros a month. In this way, the course intends to remain true to the club motto, 'Come as a guest, stay as a friend'. Other highlights for golf fans, which can be reached in just half-an-hour from Vienna, include Schönborn golf club (a park course) and Fontana GC (the 'American Way' of a course).