



**APPLE TREE LEARNING CENTER AND  
EXPANDED GOLF TRAINING CAMPUS OPEN AT  
THE SAINT ANDREW'S GOLF CLUB IN NEW YORK**

**HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, N.Y. (June 23, 2015)** - More than a century ago, The Saint Andrew's Golf Club led the way in bringing golf to America. Today, still at the forefront in promoting the game, the club has made a major investment in its new Apple Tree Learning Center, a year-round, indoor/outdoor practice facility. The Learning Center has become the literal center of the club's reconfigured campus of instruction/practice sites.

The Learning Center's new 3,800-square-foot building, designed in the same style as Saint Andrew's historic clubhouse, features three hitting bays, a covered terrace, dedicated putting studio, plus a club fitting shop and a comfortable lounge with gas fireplace. The Center is designed to suit members' needs for instruction, practice, club fitting, and maintenance regardless of the weather.

"The Apple Tree Learning Center advances Saint Andrew's teaching capabilities to the leading edge of golf instruction," says Greg Bisconti, the club's head professional, who will oversee the facility and coordinate the delivery of golf lessons and instruction to club members and their families. Along with Bisconti, PGA Director of Golf, Charlie Hicks and PGA Assistant Golf Professionals Ambry Bishop and Tyler Jaramillo round out the Club's professional staff. All will devote substantial time to teaching, both in the center and on-course with members.

The facility is outfitted with state-of-the-art teaching tools and technology, including a Flightscope X2 launch monitor, capable of gathering and analyzing the full range of club and ball data; a Foresight golf simulator with head movement technology (HMT) and more than two dozen courses for play at any time; a SAM Putt Lab system for measuring and teaching the key elements of the putting stroke; and V1 Teaching Software for swing analysis. The Center is designed to adapt to new technology as it becomes available.

The Center's hitting bays open directly onto the club's new main practice range, which is roughly double the size of the former range. It offers 32 hitting stations, plus six additional indoor and covered stations, and features six target greens with fairway-style sand bunkers, allowing golfers to replicate authentic course conditions in the practice experience. A new, dedicated short game practice area, located directly behind the main practice range and steps from the Learning Center, features a regulation green guarded by sand to the left and deep fringe to the

right: Golfers are able to pitch and hit approach shots of up to 50 yards from a variety of conditions, fairway to long-grass recovery.

With the opening of the Apple Tree Learning Center and surrounding facilities, The Saint Andrew's Golf Club offers its members an expanded golf-training campus with five areas dedicated to practice: long game, short game, chipping/sand play, putting and a 120 yard regulation par 3 practice hole.

"By building the finest teaching and practice facilities in the Metropolitan Area, The Saint Andrew's Golf Club continues its commitment to promoting and nurturing the game, making it more accessible and enjoyable to every kind of golfer," says George Miller, President of Saint Andrew's Golf Club.

The club serves as the home course for the Columbia University men's golf team, the St. John's University women's golf team, as well as both the Ardsley and Hastings high school golf teams.

Now more than 125 years old, The Saint Andrew's Golf Club remains a driving force in golf in the tri-state area, in the country, and around the world.

For more about The Saint Andrew's Golf Club, visit [www.saintandrewsgolfclub.com](http://www.saintandrewsgolfclub.com).

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