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*This picture from 1915 shows the second tee at the Råsunda course. This is where play will start when the course is reopened for two days in September. The green is in front of the bushes, straight ahead.*

## Golfers return to Råsunda



*Peter Nordwall found the Råsunda course, where Stockholms Golfklubb played from 1912.*

**Golfers will return in September to Råsunda links, just north of Stockholm. This is where Stockholms Golfklubb built its second course in 1912. To celebrate the centenary we will open the course for two days. You are welcome to play.**

Stockholms Golfklubb played at Råsunda from 1912 to 1926. The former golf course is now a park, named The Golf Meadows. Six of the original ten holes are playable today.

The course will open on Saturday 1 September for honorary guests and on Sunday 2 September for members of Stockholms Golfklubb and The Swedish Society of Golf Historians. Members of golf historical

societies in other countries are also welcome to play.

Ted Roberts from Hoylake came to Råsunda in 1914 to serve as the club's professional. He stayed in the job until 1978.

On his first day the chairman of the green committee took him around the course. After a long walk Ted asked:

"Where is the golf course?"

"The golf course?", answered the chairman. "We just walked around it."

That says something about the course we will play in September. But organizer Peter Nordwall is convinced that players will feel the same enthusiasm as golfers 100 years ago.

Contact Peter if you want to play: [klassiskgolfdesign@telia.com](mailto:klassiskgolfdesign@telia.com).



*Sven Tumba holed in two and then conceded Johan Flodberg's putt for a half. Johan thanked Sven with a hug.*



*Hasse Bergdahl, curator of the Swedish Golf Museum, polished the trophy of the Scandinavian Enterprise Open before opening the Museum's exhibition on Sven Tumba.*

## **Sven Tumba lifted golf in Sweden**

Sven Tumba, who passed away on 1 October 2011, took golf in Sweden from an exclusive game to a popular sport.

Tumba came late to golf, when he was already established as Sweden's leading ice hockey player. His 186 goals in 245 games for the national team still stands as a record.

Two things happened when Tumba also qualified for the national team in golf.

First, the sporting press started to cover golf. Second, Swedes flocked to golf clubs to have a go at Tumba's new game. After an exhibition game in rural Billerud, for example, 30 spectators joined the club.

Sven Tumba brought in Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Sam Snead to show Swedes how golf is played at the highest level. He took the initiative to the Volvo Open Championship, which developed into today's Scandinavian Masters. He also started the European Open at Walton Heath in 1978.

Since Sven Tumba died last autumn, players and organizers of golf in Sweden have paid tribute to the power of his enthusiasm

and drive which helped the game to grow. Golf photographer and SGS member Ronny Karlsson has yet another story to tell.

It is about Sven Tumba's match in 1979 against the young players at Sollentuna GK, just north of Stockholm. Ronny was head of the club's junior committee. He invited Tumba to a match against 18 boys and girls, playing one hole each.

Sven Tumba immediately accepted the challenge.

On the short fifth hole he was up against nine-year-old Johan Flodberg. Tumba hit his tee-shot to five feet from the hole. Johan, who received three handicap strokes, drove with a sawn off ladies' brassie and was two feet from the hole in four.

Tumba offered a half, but Johan said:

"First you putt, then you can give me my putt."

So Tumba made his birdie and then conceded Johan's putt for a half. Johan was happy and jumped at Tumba to give him a hug. Ronny caught the action with his camera.

Sven Tumba and the Sollentuna team halved their match.

## **Golf Museum remembers Tumba**

The Swedish Golf Museum has opened an exhibition in memory of Sven Tumba. Curator Hasse Bergdahl said he wants to show four aspects of Tumba: The player, the missionary, the organizer of championships and the trademark.

The Tumba exhibition will be open until the end of June. The next special exhibition will be about Sweden's players in the Ryder Cup and Solheim Cup.

The Swedish Golf Museum is situated at Landskrona Golfklubb, near Malmö in the south.

## **Web pictures are best saved on paper**

When Claes Åkerblom started to research the history of his club, Billeruds GK, he easily found material from the early years in the 1950s. But when he came into the 21st century it became difficult.

Much material had been published on the club's website, but had never been printed. Lists of members and other important information were hard to find.

Searching recent photographs posed a special problem. While black and white paper copies of early pictures were well preserved, digital pictures from a few years ago were either lost or saved only

as low-resolution copies, unsuitable for printing.

Professional archivists advise golf clubs to print archive copies of pictures published on the Internet. A paper copy of a picture is not as good as a high-resolution digital copy, but it is better than the usual web pictures – and much better than having no picture at all.

Any material stored on digital media must also be looked after. The Swedish National Archive warns that a CD lasts ten years, at best. Colour prints on paper should be stored in envelopes in a cool and dry place.



*2012 Swedish Hickory Champions: Perry Somers and Anette Knutsson.*



*Defending Champion Britta Nord won the Atmosphere Prize with her golfing ensemble, inspired by Joyce Wethered, left with Bobby Jones.*



JÖRGEN LINSE

*Jörgen Isberg holed his bunker shot for an eagle at the 18th hole in the first round. He shared the Scott's Putter award for the most memorable stroke of the Championship with Visby's Magnus Olsson.*

## **Two new champions at Gotland**

Perry Somers and Anette Knutsson won the 2011 Swedish Hickory Championships, played at Visby Golfklubb's Kronholmen course on the island of Gotland. Ove Stenbeck won the seniors' championship.

Perry comes from Australia and is teaching professional at the Golf & Country Club Velderhof in Germany. While others struggled on the tricky slopes around the Kronholmen greens, Perry made few mistakes. For a spectator who does not realize how difficult it is, his game would look almost boring.

Anette, playing for Lundsbrunn GK in south-western Sweden, came in early with a score that none of the seeded favourites could better.

Ove, a veteran of Helsingborgs GK in the south, secured his championship in a playoff against Sweden's successful Grail player Claes Kvist, from the same club. Ove also won in 2007.

Yvonne Carlsson, Lundsbrunn GK, won the handicap competition Svenska Hickorykannan.

## **Championship moves to Lund**

The 15th Swedish Hickory Championship will be played on 28-29 July at Lunds Akademiska Golfklubb. Lund is situated in southern Sweden, near Malmö and with easy access to Copenhagen's Kastrup airport.

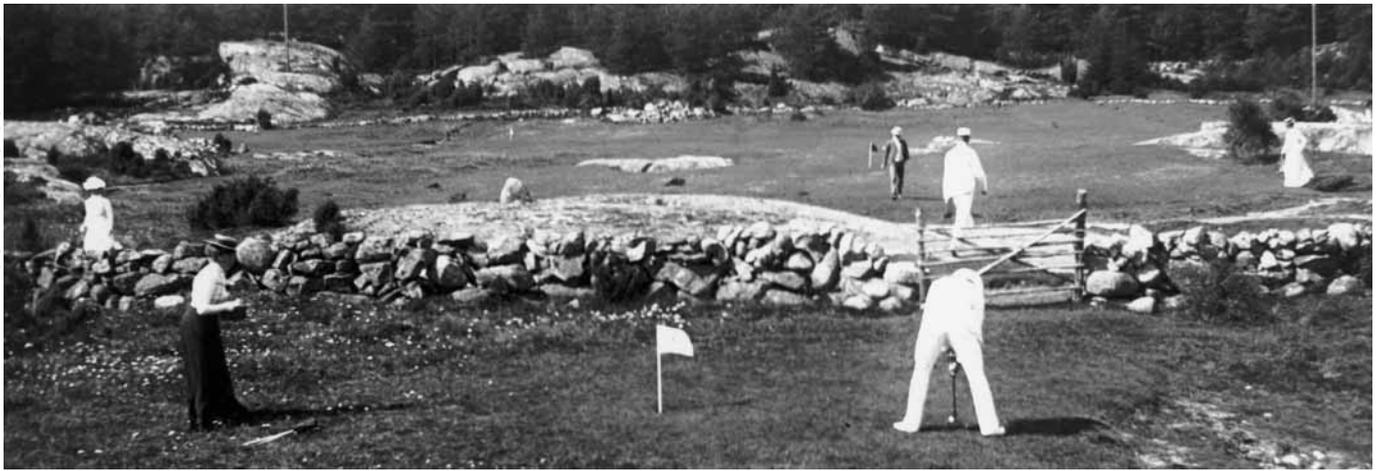
The gentlemen's championship is decided over 36 holes on the Saturday and Sunday. At least 50 players will qualify for the second round. The ladies and the seniors' championships are played over 18

holes on Saturday. All championships are scratch stroke-play competitions.

On the Sunday we will also play for Svenska Hickorykannan, a handicap competition.

The first Swedish Match Play Hickory Championship will be played in Ljunghusen, also in the south, on 21-22 July.

For more information, please visit the SGS website: <http://golfhistoriska.golf.se>



The Arendal course was situated on an island, just outside Gothenburg on Sweden's west coast.



Viktor Hugo Setterberg organized early golf in Gothenburg.

## Found: Sweden's first hole in one

Mr L. Westness holed his tee shot at the fourth hole on the Arendal course, outside Gothenburg, on 8 June 1894. We think that it was Sweden's first hole in one.

This successful shot was recorded by Viktor Hugo Setterberg, the man who got golf going in Sweden. The entry was recently found by the historical committee of Göteborgs Golf Klubb.

In 1894 Viktor Setterberg had just laid out the Arendal course. Mr Westness' hole in one came in the inauguration tournament. The

fourth hole was 55 metres and Mr Westness used a niblick.

This, unfortunately, is the last we know of L Westness. There is no further trace of him in Setterberg's meticulously kept records.

- A 55 metres hole is not so short. When Swedish professional Daniel Chopra made two holes in one during a practice round at Pebble Beach in February, one of them came at the 94 metres seventh hole.

## A new look at Jones' Grand Slam Set

Bobby Jones' so called Grand Slam Set, displayed at Augusta National, does not look like the set that Jones painstakingly assembled during his playing career, writes Owe Werner.

Jones has written that by 1927 he had a set of clubs that he was comfortable with. They were analysed with the technique of the time and found to be well matched.

But the clubs on display in Augusta varies in swing weight and length of shafts. Some clubs have been filed down, seemingly in an attempt to adjust weight. And there is a piece of lead

attached to the back of the niblick.

Bobby Jones presented the Grand Slam Set to the Augusta club in 1948, 18 years after the Grand Slam. Owe speculates that by then Jones had given away or lost most of the clubs that he used in 1930. If so, most of the clubs at Augusta are probably some of those that he had tried but which had not been good enough to go into his tournament bag.

Owe runs Golfinks, where he restores and sells hickory clubs and hires out sets.



Georg Kittel.

## Georg Kittel heads Golf Historians

At the 2011 annual general meeting, Georg Kittel took over as chairman of the Swedish Society of Golf Historians. He succeeded Hasse Bergdahl, who is now curator of the Swedish Golf Museum.

Georg is a member of Flommens Golfklubb on the Falsterbo peninsula on the southern tip of Sweden. He is a book collector and wrote his club's history for its 75th anniversary in 2010.

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