

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## David Benjamin Mathews

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### WORK EXPERIENCE

May 2017-

September 2017 **Southern Golf**

Contracted to Southern Golf to provide specialist USGA Greens finishing and seeding services for the reconstruction of Aphrodite Hills GC, Cyprus.

October 2014-  
May 2017

**Citiscap KSA, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia**

**Project manager**

Key responsibilities

Project manager for the European Golf Design 18 Hole Golf Course at King Abdullah Economic City, Jeddah, KSA owned by Emaar and operated by Troon Golf

Managing a workforce of over 300 personnel through technical and construction phases through to grassing and handover of the project.

Client and consultant co-ordination.

Managing all schedules, technical, finance, construction and co-ordination of the project.

December  
2012-August  
2014

**DLF Home Developers Limited, Delhi, India**

**General Manager Golf Projects and Gary Player design golf projects**

Key responsibilities

Project development and detailed schedules .

Cost Plans.

Co-ordination of Design and client team in development of main golf construction works.

Contract preparation.

All construction tender processes.

Tender evaluation and recommendation.

Project team development.

Contractor management and quality control.

Contractor valuations, variation orders and payment certificates.

July and  
August 2012.

**Contracted to Southern Golf** to provide specialist construction, finishing and grassing expertise on the Kyle Phillips renovation of Las Brisas GC in Marbella, Spain.

September  
2010-June  
2012

**Contracted to IGRM** to provide full Project Management services to the Sir Nick Faldo Design project 'Laguna Lang Co' located near Hue, Vietnam.

**Project owned by the Banyan Tree Group.**

**Project manager.**

Key responsibilities-

Project development

Cost Plans

Co-ordination of Design and client team in development of main golf construction works  
 Contract preparation  
 All construction tender processes  
 Tender evaluation and recommendation  
 Contractor management and quality control  
 Contractor valuations, variation orders and payment certificates  
 Development of Maintenance Facility, Staffing Levels, maintenance machinery and budgets  
 Responsible for grow-in to opening

**March 2008-  
 September  
 2009**

**Palmerston Elea Golf Resort Paphos. Cyprus.  
 A Nick Faldo Design 18 Hole Golf Course.**

**Project manager and Superintendent**

**Appointed as Superintendent to manage the grow-in of the project. Superintendents role combined with the Construction/development project management.**

Key responsibilities-

Maintenance budgets and implementation  
 Staff selection and management.  
 Maintenance programme development and implementation.  
 Irrigation management. RainBird hybrid satellite/decoder Cirrus system.  
 Power and water management.  
 Agronomy and turf management. Agrostis A4 Greens. Paspalum 'Supreme'  
 Tees, Fairways, Semi-roughs. Native/Landscaped roughs  
 Golf course presentation.  
 Preparation for opening.

**December  
 2006-  
 September  
 2009**

**Palmerston Elea Golf Resort Paphos. Cyprus.  
 A Nick Faldo Design 18 Hole Golf Course**

**Project manager**

Key responsibilities

Project development

Budget development for 3 years.

1. Development and construction
2. Grow-in
3. Maintenance

Liaising with Design and client team in development of main golf construction BOQ.

Main construction tender process. Tender evaluation and recommendation.

Project manager for main Golf Course construction.

Contractor management and quality control.

Contractor valuations, variation orders and payment certificates.

Turf Grass selection (Paspalum 'Sea Isle Supreme') and Nursery development (Manderley GCSNP Programme)

Agronomy co-ordination

Irrigation Design consultation.

Maintenance machinery/facility development and construction.

Maintenance Staff interview and selection

Responsible for grow-in until 100% establishment

Co-ordination/management of all project consultants

Golf landscape development and implementation.

**March 2006-  
November  
2006**

**Killeen Castle Golf Resort. Ireland.  
18 Hole Jack Nicklaus Signature Design.**

**Southern Golf Limited ( Sub-Contractor)**

Key responsibilities

Liaising with project designers and Nicklaus representatives. Managed fine/finish shaping to Green complexes prior to laying of sod. Green surface finish and seeding.

Fine/finish shaping to all bunker complexes.

Key involvement in all construction phases from bulk earthworks to grow-in.

**April 2004-  
October 2005**

**Partner- Golf Balkan. Sofia, Bulgaria.  
BlackSeaRama & Thracian Cliffs Golf Resorts, Black Sea Bulgaria.  
36 Hole Gary Player Signature Design.**

**Project Manager**

Liaising with project designers.

Budget studies.

Responsible for project development/schedules prior to construction.

Agronomic and engineering studies.

Irrigation design.

Bulk earthworks of 350,000M3.

Rough shaping.

**Constructed 18 Holes at St.Sofia Golf Club and Spa,Sofia Bulgaria.**

18 Greens to 80% of USGA Specification using local materials.

18 Tee Complexes and Fairways.

Constructed 5 Hectares of feature/irrigation lakes.

Semi and hard roughs cultivated and seeded.

Hunter automatic irrigation system.

Golf academy and Driving Range.

Grow-in and development of maintenance facility.

**October 2002-  
April 2004**

**Porto Carras Grand Resort, Halkidiki,Greece.**

**Construction Superintendent / Project manager**

Project development and co-ordination

Re-constructed 18 Hole Cornish & Robinson Designed Golf Course.

Works commenced with GPS mapping ,Agronomic study and planning.

Installation of TORO LTC Plus Satellite Irrigation system of 1000 Heads, new pump station, weather station and SITE-PRO system.

Re-Shaped all Greens and Tees.

Removal of existing vegetation and cultivation of fairways and semi-roughs.

Zeotile soil amendment cultivated into all playing surfaces.

Sprigged 18 holes with Seashore Paspalum 'Salam' due to the predominant water salinity.

Grow-in and opening with new TEXTRON machinery package.

Local Greenkeeper training and education.

**March 2002-  
July 2001**

**SOUTHERN GOLF GMBH**

**Sub-contractor – various projects**

Provided practical and management services as a golf course sub-contractor for:-

- 27 Hole Dr Franco Piras designed project at: Cornate D'adda, Milan, Italy.
- Finishing/Seeding management to USGA specification Greens and Tees.
- Greens seeded with 100% Penn A4 Creeping Bent grass (Agrostis Palustris)
- Tees seeded with 100% Penn G6 Creeping Bent grass (Agrostis Palustris)
- Responsible for finishing / seeding works to USGA greens complexes, bunkers and tees on a 9 hole Michael Pinner design at Passail, Austria.
- Responsible for finishing / seeding works to greens and tees on the 18 hole Dennis Griffiths designed Devlin Course at the 36 hole St Andrews bay development, St Andrews, Scotland

**July 2000 -  
March 2001**

**S&G LTD**

**Construction Greenkeeper for Tobago Plantations Golf & Country Club  
Tobago, West Indies**

Member of management team contracted by Bob Hunt, Architect of the PGAGM, to complete construction and grow in, to international standard, of an 18 hole championship golf course.

Key Responsibilities:

- All fertilization and chemical application programs.
- Commissioning of Rain Bird satellite irrigation system.
- Construction and re-construction work to championship specification.
- Establishment of all turf surfaces. Greens sprigged with Tifdwarf Bermuda. Fairways/Tees sprigged with 419 Bermuda. Native areas planted with 'Love Grass'.
- Supervision and training/development of 75 maintenance and construction staff, both male and female.
- Direct liaison with the project architects and managers.
- Working within budgets.
- Environmental/Health & Safety Laws.

**PREVIOUS POSITIONS**

**September  
1995- July  
2000**

**S&G LTD**

Golf course construction and refurbishment. During employment I was responsible for construction, grow-in and management operations on 15 golf courses, both new and established.

**July 1994**

**SELF EMPLOYED HORTICULTURAL CONTRACTOR**

**September  
1992**

**DEPUTY GOLF COURSE MANAGER – Mill Hill Golf Club**

**April 1984**

**DEPUTY GOLF COURSE MANAGER  
Welwyn Garden City Golf Club  
Mannicotts, Welwyn Garden City, Herts**

## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

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| August 1993 & March 1999 | St John Ambulance-<br>Appointed person in emergency aid in the Workplace as recommended by the Health & Safety Executive valid for 3 years.                                                                                                                      |
| June 1993                | City & Guilds Phase 4 Business Management<br>Amenity Horticulture, Course Assessment, Written Component – Credit (1 year course)                                                                                                                                 |
| March 1993               | Passed PA2A,PA6A Pesticide application test in the use of ground Crop sprayers after 3 days instruction by John Allbutt Associates.<br>Attended Foundation Module in Pesticide Training. Passed PA1A certificate of competence in the use of pesticides 12.8.91. |
| January 1993             | Attended the 5 day Bigga BTME in Harrogate.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| January 1992             | Attended Bigga BTME in Harrogate which included a 2 day Bigga Advance Management Course entitled "Greenkeeper To Course Manager", and all aspects of greenkeeping.                                                                                               |
| November 1991            | Five two-hour evening sessions in the practice of ArcWelding.                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| November 1990            | Five day Bigga approved Management Course at Bigga Headquarters, Aldwark Manor, York.                                                                                                                                                                            |
| October 1989             | Attended a 5 day course of instruction in the Science and Practice of Turf Culture at the Sports Turf Research Institute, Bingley, West Yorkshire.                                                                                                               |
| June 1989                | Certificate of Commercial Horticultural, Phase Two<br>Years Two & Three Greenkeeping & Sports Turf Management - Distinction.                                                                                                                                     |
| June 1987                | City & Guilds Certificate of General Horticulture Phase One - Distinction.                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| September 1983           | De Havilland College of Further Education, Hatfield, Herts.                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| March 1984               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| September 1978           | Sir Frederic Osborn School, Herts Lane,                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| July 1983                | Welwyn Garden City, Herts.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

## HOBBIES

Sea fishing. Sailing (RYA Qualified to Coastal Skipper). Mountain biking. Gymnasium. Rugby Union.  
Avid reader, in particular, maritime history.  
History.  
Independent travel.

## REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST