

## PRESS RELEASE

**Wentworth Club hosts inaugural Charity Cricket Day with Kevin Pietersen, Kumar Sangakkara, Michael Vaughan, Mark Ramprakash, Brian Lara, Rob Key, Simon Jones and Gladstone Small**



In the spirit of the Cricket World Cup currently taking place, on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, World-famous Golf and Country Club Wentworth hosted its inaugural Charity Cricket Day with cricket legends Kevin Pietersen, Kumar Sangakkara, Michael Vaughan, Brian Lara, Rob Key, Mark Ramprakash and Gladstone Small leading the contest as team captains.

Throughout the day, eight teams made up of Wentworth Members, friends and family and each captained by a Legend, played each other in a knockout format, with **Kumar Sangakkara's** team beating **Michael Vaughan's** team by 4 wickets with one ball to spare.

Spectators and guests enjoyed a picnic by Wentworth's picturesque lake with family entertainment and a live steel band, food by Brigadiers and award-winning Mei Ume, Four Seasons Hotel London at Ten Trinity Square. The event was sponsored by The Financial Times.

Kicking off a summer of activity at Wentworth, the Charity Cricket Day raised funds for *'Impact: Driving for Change'*, an exciting collaboration with the European Tour Foundation, the Black Heart Foundation and The Wentworth Foundation. Having launched in early 2019,

*'Impact: Driving for Change'* brings together the three foundations' far-reaching connections and history of successful fundraising activity to provide even greater opportunities for their chosen projects with a mutual focus on youth development and care. Throughout 2019, Wentworth Club will host a series of events to support the initiative, including the annual Captain's Charity Ball on June 30<sup>th</sup>, a very special golf event with Jack Nicklaus and Tony Jacklin, and the BMW PGA Gala Dinner on September 14<sup>th</sup> featuring Sir Rod Stewart.

The day was supported by Wentworth's owners Reignwood as an example of the investment group's support of youth and philanthropic initiatives in the UK.

*"I was honoured to be asked to be part of such a fantastic event. It was a pleasure to bring together some of the world's best on behalf of Wentworth Club and The Black Heart Foundation and see the beginnings of what will prove a key event in the annual calendar. An overall great day out for all involved."* **Kevin Pietersen.**



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## **NOTES TO EDITORS**

### **About Wentworth Club**

For more than nine decades Wentworth Club has been regarded as one of the world's finest and most prestigious golf and country clubs, famous as the home of the BMW PGA Championship since 1984, host venue to the World Match Play for 43 years and the birthplace of the Ryder Cup. The golf club first opened in 1924 under the ownership of Walter George Tarrant. The Edinburgh Course was opened in 1990 and played host to the Senior Masters Championship for 11 years.

Over the Club's 51 year history of hosting the Match Play and PGA Championships, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Severiano Ballesteros, Ernie Els, Nick Faldo and Rory McIlroy feature among a distinguished roll call of winners.

Wentworth Club was acquired by Reignwood Investments in September 2014, whose Chairman, Dr. Chanchai Ruayrungruang, founded Reignwood Group in 1984. The West Course was redeveloped by Ernie Els and European Golf Design in 2016 with the addition of SubAir technology. The castellated 19th-century Clubhouse recently enjoyed a significant renovation unveiled in time for last summer's BMW PGA Championship.

[www.wentworthclub.com](http://www.wentworthclub.com)

### **About Reignwood Group**

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### **About 'Impact: Driving for Change'**

Launching in March 2019, 'Impact: Driving for Change' is an exciting collaboration between the European Tour Foundation, The Black Heart Foundation and The Wentworth Foundation.

With far-reaching connections and a history of successful fundraising activity, the three foundations plan to combine skills, resources and knowledge to provide even greater opportunities and funding for their chosen projects and across the three entities, there will be a mutual focus on youth development and care. The Wentworth Foundation provides a number of young people from the local community with the opportunity to develop their skills in tennis



and golf, The Black Heart Foundation improves access to quality education for children with under-privileged backgrounds and the European Tour Foundation will raise funds for The Alexander Devine Charity, Woking and Sam Beere Hospices and BA Dreamflight.

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