

R10 million irrigation system at Arabella Golf Club

A new irrigation system, costing R10 million including installation, will be installed at the Arabella Golf Club. The installation of the new wall-to-wall computerised Rainbird system will commence on 1 July 2013, with only two holes being worked on at any given time.



The benefits of such an installation are endless as individual sprinkler head control ensures better course condition, water conservation, energy conservation, prevention of soil erosion, increase in ground water supply and the minimising of pesticide and fungicide presence in ground water being some of the more prolific spin-offs.

The Arabella Hotel & Spa is managed by African Pride Hotels. The group director of sales, marketing and revenue, Danny Bryer, welcomed the investment that will, in the long term, ensure that the championship course remains one of the finest in Africa.

HPF's deputy CEO, Andrew Rogers, said that Kleinmond's Arabella Hotel & Spa is a five-star destination in itself, but what makes it famous the world over is the Peter Matkovich-designed Championship Course. "We're working hard to make a golfing work of art even better, which requires investing in the most modern technology."

The long-term benefits to the course quality, to the golfer and to the environment, far outweigh any short-term disruption. An irrigation system is the heart of any golf course and, whilst it is not always visible, it plays an essential part in maintaining the correct conditions for turf grass to flourish. As part of its business ethos, Arabella Golf Club always strives to stay abreast of cutting-edge technology and with rapid advancements made in this area it was seen as essential that Arabella Golf Club adapt.