



***Machynys Peninsula Golf & Country Club* FEATURED IN
HSBC REGIONAL COURSE RANKINGS**

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Machynys Peninsula Golf & Country Club has received recognition in a prestigious course rankings initiative.

The HSBC Regional Course Rankings run alongside the Golf Monthly Top 120 rankings and are designed to identify the excellent courses in the UK and Ireland that may not feature in the Top 120 but still deserve recognition.

To set the regional rankings apart, evaluations are carried out by grass roots golfers working from an official handbook designed by industry experts and only golfers who met the strict criteria can qualify to become panellists. The initiative is gathering momentum and to date over 400 regional panellists have been recruited and more than 1000 clubs have been recognised.

Receiving his official HSBC Regional Course Rankings certificate for the **Gold award**, Mark Reed – General Manager “We are very proud and honoured to receive this award for the second time. I would like to thank all the staff at Machynys for their hard work. We are looking forward to another successful Summer and 2008”.

Giles Morgan, Head of Sports Sponsorship & Marketing, HSBC said *"HSBC's commitment to golf encompasses all levels of the game. There is great value in local knowledge and we hope that golfers across the UK & Ireland will find the HSBC Top 120 rankings the ultimate guide to the must-play courses when deciding where to play."*

Michael Harris, Editor of Golf Monthly, added "We believe rankings are a most useful guide for golfers who want a great day out as well as a serious golfing challenge".

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HSBC is the title sponsor of the HSBC Women's World Match Play Championship, being staged this year at Wykagyl GC, New York (19-22 July 2007), the HSBC World Match Play Championship at the Wentworth Club, Surrey (11-14 Oct 2007), the HSBC Champions at Sheshan International Golf Club, Shanghai (Nov 8-11 2007) and the HSBC New Zealand PGA Championships (22-25 Feb 2007).

As well as title sponsorship of some of the world's finest golfing events, HSBC is also committed to growing the sport at a grassroots level. In the UK, HSBC supports a number of initiatives including the HSBC Wee Wonders tournament, open to all young golfers aged between five and 12, the HSBC Amateur Match Play, run in golf clubs throughout the UK, a Top 120 and Regional Course Ranking and customer golf days. In 2006, HSBC staged more than 300 golf related events worldwide.

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