

### UGOLINO GOLF CLUB

May 12, optional

The British community in Florence brought golf to Italy in 1889 when they built an 18 hole course on land belonging to the princes Demidoff, just north of the city. In 1934 a new course was created at the edge of the beautiful Chianti country and the Ugolino golf club came into existence, taking over the mantle of the Florence golf club.

The new course was designed by an Englishman and an Irishman, Cecil Blandford and Peter Gannon. They used the natural contours of the Chianti slopes to produce an outstanding course, threaded through the indigenous vines, olive trees, maritime pines and broom. The course is not long, but demands a high degree of skill. The greens are small and well defended by bunkers. The sloping fairways also present a great challenge.

To play Ugolino is not just to indulge in a game of golf, it is to wander through a landscape of great natural beauty, surrounded by olive and other fruit trees. It is an unforgettable and uplifting experience.



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### CIRCOLO DEL TENNIS FIRENZE 1898

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The Circolo del Tennis Firenze was born in 1898 thanks to 30 founding members both Italian and English. Tennis was already played in Florence, mainly in private villas and mostly at Cosimo Vittorio Cini house, who was at the time a well known Tuscan industrialist. Later on he will be the first president of the Florentine tennis and this for over 30 years.

To build the Circolo del Tennis Firenze the founding members rented from Florence municipality a small part of the Parco delle Cascine (the monumental and historical park north of Florence), which was once property of the Medici family. At the beginning participants played on the grass, afterwards clay courts were introduced.

The first tournaments, for men only, started in 1900. In 1902 Florence will be the first Italian tennis club to let women play.

Today the Circolo del Tennis Firenze boasts 10 clay courts and two synthetic courts. Recently some Padel courts were added.



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