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Swan Golf Designs has become a Greenkeeper Training Committee (GTC) Quality Assured Training Provider, building on a long term aim to communicate the role that golf course design has in improving the game within the UK.

SGD, primarily through its Principal Architect Howard Swan, has for many years shared experience and knowledge through seminars, workshops and case studies on golf course design best principles and renovation work. These have included events for the English Golf Union (now England Golf), the Golf Club Managers' Association, the FEGGA and BIGGA. Most recently, Howard Swan ran two oversubscribed golf course renovation seminars at BIGGA's Harrogate Week, covering topics such as bunker reconstruction, golf course safety and how to communicate renovation projects to members.

The GTC and SGD are now preparing a series of seminars throughout the UK, beginning with a Spring Renovation Seminar using the renovation project at Ripon City Golf Club as an ongoing case study.

Donaghadee's Final Frontier

Donaghadee Golf Club in County Down, Northern Ireland has begun the final phase of its bunker renovation programme under the guidance of SGD. Working closely with the club and course manager, Aaron Small, Howard Swan has designed and overseen the construction of the new bunker strategy set for completion later this month.

SGD Celebrates New Arrival

The new year saw the latest addition to the Swan family, with Frances Flora becoming Howard's third grandchild. Amy Swan gave birth to her second daughter on 4th January 2012, with Frances joining her sister Ruby and cousin Milo in a growing band of cygnets.

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