

Nine holes with Andrew Bertram, Head Professional at Yarra Yarra Golf Club, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia

1. When & where did you start playing golf?
12 years old at Cheltenham Golf Club in Melbourne
2. What equipment do you currently use?
 - a. Long game
Exotics driver and 3 wood
 - b. Irons
Srixon Z725 with aerotech stiff shafts
 - c. Putter
Seemore DB-4 milled
 - d. Ball
Srixon Z Star
3. What is your favourite Australian course (apart from your current home club)?
Royal Melbourne West, Melbourne

...and why?

Having spent seven years working on the Professional Staff at RM I have played it many times and I never cease to be amazed at the quality of architecture, the greens, bunkering and the sheer scale of the course

4. What is your favourite course outside of Australia?

Cypress Point followed closely by Royal Dornoch

...and why?

The setting of Cypress Point is incredible. Every time I head to the course, there is the sense of anticipation and excitement of what I am about to enjoy has never been the same anywhere else. A simply amazing place.



If there was one place I could live for a couple of months it would be Royal Dornoch in late July to mid-September. The course is amazing, the town amazing.

Royal Dornoch

5 What courses do you want to play that you have not yet played?

In Australia?

Good question, there are not many I have not played. Keen to see the restored Australian, the same with the renovated Bonnie Doon (both in Sydney). The classic courses on the northern beaches of Sydney like Elanora also intrigue me.



Internationally?

In the UK I am keen to see Trump International, St Georges Hill, and other gems around Surrey like Woking and Worpleston



In Ireland I am keen to get to the North West

In the US I would like to get back to Bandon Dunes at some stage

6 What destinations have you travelled to on tours arranged by Global Golf?

We have done a group a year for pretty much the last decade - Arizona, Scotland, England, France, US Masters, US Open, British Open, Japan, Barnbogle



7 Which was the most enjoyable?

The two that stand out were France and Japan.

Why?

Combine Paris with great under rated golf! The same with Japan. There is something for everybody.



8. What would you like your next destination to be?

I am heading to Spain and Portugal in September 2014. Then Ireland in August 2015. I would really like to get back to Japan again.

Why?

The combination of great courses and great destinations. Japan has so much wonderful golf that the average golfer has not been exposed to.

9 What is your #1 Tip for travelling golfers?

Be prepared for any type of weather. Enjoy the sights and sounds of the golf course. It is not just about the score. Try and take in everything around you when you are playing.