Golfclub Gut Brandlhof – more than 30 years of golf tradition

More than 30 years ago in 1983, the Gut Brandlhof Gold Club was founded as the only hotel-owned 18-hole golf course in the Salzburg mountains. This traditional championship court blends harmoniously into the Pinzgau landscape and spreads out along both banks of the River Saalach. The direct connection to the four-star Superior Hotel Gut Brandlhof makes the golf club and hotel particularly attractive for golf holidaymakers. Even more than three decades after the foundation, Brandlhof owners Birgit Maier and Alexander Strobl continue to innovate, including the golf course readiness training for dogs, which was introduced in 2013, and the new Golf Club Gut Brandlhof Indoor Golf Performance Centre, which opened in autumn 2014.

Gut Brandlhof Golf Club – more than 30 years of golf history

On 15 May 1983, the creation of the Gut Brandlhof Golf Club marked the hotel's entry into the golfing era. The idea was to establish the Brandlhof as a particularly innovative and diverse sports hotel in Austria. In addition to golf, there was a riding facility, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, squash courts, bowling alleys, a large indoor swimming pool, and an attractive sauna.

Back to the golf course: The River Saalach, which defines the landscape, was – and still is – a formative element of the golf course. But the Saalach can also be a spoilsport from time to time – whenever the river is subject to extreme flooding. This last occurred in 2002, 2010, and 2013. The rehabilitation measures necessary after these floods were used to improve the golf course. The Gut Brandlhof Golf Club introduced another special feature in 1983: allowing dogs as companions on the golf course. Golf course readiness training for dogs has been offered since 2013, and the Golf Club Gut Brandlhof Indoor Golf Performance Centre opened in autumn 2014.

Historical facts of the Gut Brandlhof Golf Club

- Foundation: On 15 May 1983, Dr Gert Klein was elected first president of the new club.
- 10 July 1983: Opening of the Golf Academy with driving range and much more. At that time, a special feature was that the driving range – ideal for precise strokes – was equipped with three greens. There were also putting, pitching, and chipping greens.
- At the same time, construction work began on the 18-hole golf course, which was completed in 1984.
- Canadian Nick Fourie was the first head pro of the Gut Brandlhof Golf Club.
- Honorary members: Pieter van Vollenhoven (husband of Princess Margriet von Oranien-Nassau), Christian Clerici, and Founding President Dr Gert Klein

Salzburg's only hotel-owned, 18-hole golf course

Only very few Austrian hotels have their own 18-hole golf course right next to the hotel.

The Brandlhof is one of these particularly privileged hotels. It's even the only one in Salzburg with its own golf course. The 4-star superior hotel acts as an oversized clubhouse for all golfing guests. Hotel guests receive a 50% discount on the green fee and have their own caddy room for their golf equipment.

Traditional 18-Hole championship course

The real jewel for golfers is the traditional yet challenging 18-hole championship course, which blends in beautifully with the landscape and spreads out along both banks of the River Saalach. The Saalach, which shapes the valley, must be crossed several times. An extensive driving range with options to practice putting, pitching, and bunker play completes the golf offer.

New since autumn 2014 is the Golf Club Gut Brandlhof Indoor Golf Performance Centre, an ultra-modern indoor golf facility developed in close cooperation with golf pro Markus von Knoerzer.

John Seymour Golf Academy

Just as important as a perfect course is an outstanding professional. In this respect, the Gut Brandlhof Golf Club can boast a true golf guru: John Seymour heads the local Golf Academy. This old pro ranks among the top 50 professionals in Europe because he has been named an "Advanced Fellow Professional" by the British PGA. Those who attend John's Golf Academy are usually able to improve their game considerably.

Golf course readiness for dogs – at the Hotel & Golf Club Gut Brandlhof

The Brandlhof training course for dogs is internationally unique and was developed at the Gut Brandlhof Golf Club. It has been offered exclusively since the beginning of the 2013 golf season. This means that only dogs with golf course readiness may be taken on the Gut Brandlhof 18-hole Championship Course. Just like golfers have to prove their playing ability and knowledge of the golf rules to be licensed to play Austrian golf courses, dogs must also meet specific etiquette criteria, which are set out in twelve paragraphs. This is an absolute prerequisite for dogs to be allowed to join their owners on the course. The golf course readiness training has another advantage – it is free of charge provided that the owner plays an 18-hole round of golf at Gut Brandlhof.

"Golf Jewel on the Saalach":

Ecology, sports areas, and flood protection ensure a unique natural golf symbiosis:

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However, the river is also a spoilsport from time to time and can sometimes flood as occurred in 2013. However, the Brandlhof took advantage of these conditions and extensively renovated the tees in parallel to the necessary renovation and protective structures – to the benefit of both the players and the course. Not only are further floods avoided but now there is also even more variety on the golf course. River widenings have created quiet zones for the fish population, a floodplain landscape for plants and animals, and fantastic

views for all golf enthusiasts. **In June 2018, the Gut Brandlhof Golf Course opened as the "Golf Jewel on the Saalach"!**

An overview of the Gut Brandlhof Golf Club

The Brandlhof is a comfortable clubhouse for golfers because the hotel's own traditional Gut Brandlhof Golf Club is located directly on the doorstep of the hotel:

- 18-hole championship course along the River Saalach, which can be played several times
- Extensive driving range
- Additionally shortened drives (family course)
- Training facility with putting, pitching, and bunker play
- Golf special: Those celebrating their birthday do not have to pay a green fee!
- Celebrities who continually return to the Golf Club Gut Brandlhof: Franz Beckenbauer, Elmar Wepper, Walter Scheel, Katerina Jacob, Christian Clerici, Toni Sailer, Franz Klammer, Leonhard Stock, Hans Enn, Armin Assinger, Andreas Goldberger, and many more.
- John Seymour Golf Academy
  John Seymour has been honoured as an Advanced Fellow Professional by the British PGA, making him one of the top 50 professionals in Europe
- Pro shop
- einkehr | restaurant & lounge with large sun terrace
- 50% green fee discount for hotel guests
- Guest caddy room for the golf equipment of hotel guests
- Numerous golf vacation packages (overnight stay, golf course, and golf academy) available
- Licensed dogs are allowed on the golf course. Only on tournament days are dogs not allowed on the course.
- Especially for golfing dog owners: the Brandlhof Electric golf cart with dog lounge equipment
- Gut Brandlhof Golf Club Indoor Golf Performance Centre
- Other golf courses in the surrounding area: GC Urslautal, GC Zell am See, GC Mittersill

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