



GLASGOW GOLF UNION SPRING NEWSLETTER 2018

Welcome to the first edition of the GGU Newsletter. There will be a number of these throughout the year as promised in our 2017 season summary. They will provide articles on items of general interest to golfers, in addition to information on the activities of the GGU. Hopefully you will find it informative and entertaining. You also can keep up to date at the Union's website at www.glasgowgolfunion.com.

GGU is growing

Dougalston GC has joined the GGU raising the number of course owning affiliated clubs to a total of 11. The Executive are delighted to welcome this new Club and look forward to their involvement in all GGU activities.

Rules of Golf: R&A and USGA confirm major overhaul from 2019

Golf's governing bodies have confirmed radical changes to the game's rules to be implemented from 2019. Read more [here](#)

Scottish Golf Ltd

AGM Update:

The AGM of Scottish Golf Ltd. (SGL) recently took place. View the update [here](#)

Regional Forum:

Scottish Golf Ltd Regional Forum Working Group 1st Meeting Summary Report from our Forum Representative Vic Skeleton, Glasgow Golf Club

Four Regional Forums established with the existing North, South, East, West structure that exists within the county framework as the start point.

WEST REGION
Glasgow Area
Renfrewshire Area & County
Ayrshire Area & County
Lanarkshire Area & County
Argyll & Bute Area
Dumbartonshire Area & Argyll County

The Regional Forums will meet twice in 2018, with first meeting to be scheduled late May/early June and second in late September/early October,

Core Agenda Items:

- Communication
- Membership Retention & Recruitment
- Club Support Services
- Sharing Experiences/Case Studies
- Championships
- Coaching
- Course Rating

A key and early priority for the team is in exploring options for a refreshed and new approach to attracting junior golfers to the game and finding ways of converting these young people into club memberships.

A further key outcome of the first forum was agreed that circulating a copy of forum meeting notes and outline proposals to Clubs and wider County & Area representatives for feedback, with feedback to be provided by 27 April to allow next steps in planning to progress.

Please contact Mark Jamieson (rjamiesonaccts@gmail.com) with any views/feedback on this planned way.

Junior Development Coaching

One of the most important roles of the GGU is to develop junior golf in Glasgow. GGU Coach Alastair Forsyth will lead in the implementation of our Junior Development Strategy. The strategy is a 4 stage process :-

Stage 1. Provide an introductory session to all Junior Members under 12 of affiliated clubs

Stage 2. Carry out "talent ID" sessions to targeted juniors under 15 who show promise.

Stage 3. Provide specific coaching to those selected from Stage 2

Stage 4. Additional training to up to 8 players who will be expected to form the group which will provide the Junior Team representing Glasgow in local and national competitions.

Perhaps one of these players may one day be the next Scottish Open Champion!

Click on www.glasgowgolfunion.com for more information

Competitions

Access to all open competitions has now become a simpler and more coordinated process. You can now enter all Open Competitions held by Member Clubs through the GGU website. This is in addition to our own tournaments.

The next upcoming GGU competitions are -

The Seniors on the 5th May at Glasgow Gailes,

The West of Scotland Strokeplay at Cowglen GC on 13th May, and

The Summer Meeting at Cathcart Castle on 8th July.

Please note only a few tee times left for the Seniors Open! So be sure and book your place.

Sportsman Dinner

The GGU is hosting a Sportsman's Dinner at Sandyhills GC on the 27th April. This event replaces the annual GGU dinner which had to be cancelled due to the snow earlier in the year. The dinner will still include the presentation of the prizes for GGU Competitions and speakers will include our aforementioned coach, Alastair Forsyth. To find out about ticket availability, contact your Club GGU representative (see below).

Feedback

The GGU has specific roles to play within the governance of golf in Scotland and Glasgow. However it is an organisation funded by individual Members of affiliated Clubs. The Executive believe that it should provide additional services to help develop golf at Club and individual player level. The leaflet produced at the end of last year set out what we are trying to do. One of these aims is to provide golfers with access to useful information. This newsletter is just one of the channels we will be using.

We, in the Executive, are always happy to hear from all our Members. Such feedback is the only way we can target both what we do and how we let you know about it. So let's hear what you think about the GGU and specifically any suggestions on how we can improve. You can do this through our web-site Contact Us form plus our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Alternatively you can speak to your Representative on the Executive.

GGU Executive

Your Club's representative on the GGU Executive is :

Andrew Smith – President – Bishopbriggs GC
Sandy Anderson – Vice President – Sandyhills GC
Walter Wood – Past President – Ralston GC
Mark Jamieson - Secretary

William Abernethy – Bishopbriggs GC
Jim Wilson – Cathcart Castle GC
John Sangster – Cathkin Braes GC
Brendan McKenna & Graeme Cross – Cawder GC
John Smith – Cowglen GC
Mark Riley – Dougalston GC
Vic Skelton – Glasgow GC
Andy Young – Hags Castle GC
William Duncan – Pollok GC
Gordon Jamieson – Ralston GC
Andy Quinn – Sandyhills GC
Stephen Machin – Team Manager - Cowglen GC (co-opted)