



GLASGOW GOLF UNION SPRING NEWSLETTER 2020

Welcome to the first edition of the GGU Newsletter for 2020.

To all GGU Club Members from Sandy Anderson – President 2020

As we move into 2020 season, please accept my best wishes for a successful year both on and off the Golf Course. The Winter Period has been difficult for most clubs with the, it seems, constant wind and rain, keeping golfers off the course and away from the clubhouses. Let's hope milder, warmer, more clement weather favours us as the season gets underway.

Early indications are that there continues to be some stability with membership numbers overall within Glasgow Clubs however I appreciate that many of our Club's are operating below full membership numbers and recognise the detrimental impact this has on Club finances.

Scottish Golf is fully engaged with the Clubs, Areas and Counties regarding the forthcoming World Handicapping System which comes into play in November 2020. Further seminars are planned in March with the intention of ensuring that everyone is up to speed and as comfortable as they can be in the run-up to this significant change to the golfing regime

Scottish Golf are also busy developing the new free Vendor Management System and they have responded positively to the needs of the Clubs and their current systems particularly showing some flexibility towards use of CDH numbers. We are hopeful that by the end of 2020 the Scottish Golf VMS will be fit for purpose and of significant benefit to us all.

The Fixture List for 2020 has been completed and is shown in detail later in this document. The GGU look forward to another successful year of competitions for the benefit of all our

Club Members. As ever many thanks to all our host Club's for granting us the use of their excellent facilities.

We start our 2020 season with our Annual Dinner at Cathkin Braes Golf Club on Friday 6th March where I can guarantee a first class evening's entertainment for all who attend.

The first event in our calendar is the well-supported Annual Glasgow Seniors Competition which is being held at the wonderful Gales Links on Wednesday 6th May. I look forward to seeing many "well-kent faces" again this year in what will I'm sure be a full field of 120+ competitors. Please get your entries in early to secure your place in the Competition.

In closing, a big thank you to all my GGU Executive for giving up of their time to benefit Golf in Glasgow and to all Club volunteers for the many hours you give back to our great game.

Championship update

Our 2020 season kicks off with the Seniors Championship at Glasgow Gales Links 6th May. Click the link below to enter (if eligible)



https://www.brsgolf.com/glasgowgolfunion/opens_home.php

2020 Fixture List

The full listing of events is shown below:

| Competition | Venue | Date(s) |
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| Senior Championship | Gailes Links | Wed 6 th May |
| Summer Meeting | Bishopbriggs | Sun 5 th July |
| Strokeplay Championship | Sandyhills | Sun 12 th July |
| Junior Strokeplay Championship | Dougalston | Mon 27 th July |
| Glasgow Open Championship | Pollok | Sun 9 th August |
| The West of Scotland Open Amateur Championship & Youths Area Team Championship | Cawder | Sun 16 th August |
| Seniors Autumn Meeting | Haggs Castle | Thurs 8 th September |
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Coaching Programme

GGU Coach, Alastair Forsyth, has already sent out communications to all our Member Club's outlining our Coaching Plans and targets for 2020.

It is our aim to ensure that all Junior members, showing potential and a willingness to learn, will be able to benefit from our Coaching Plans and available resources going forward.

I would encourage all Junior Conveners to engage with Alastair as we look to improve our overall Coaching delivery. In addition we are prepared to consider funding support if required to assist in competition entries including travel and subsistence for National and Regional events where appropriate.

'A' Team

The 'A' team candidates and some promising juniors are gathering at Gailies Links on the 15th of March. This is an element of their team and morale building approach to the forthcoming season.

The venue for the Gents Area Team Championship for 2020 has not yet been confirmed. However the format has been confirmed with a 36-hole stroke play qualifying (over 2 days on 1 course) and the top 4 teams progressing to knockout match play on the final day.

Order of Merit will be decided over the following events

| Competition | Venue | Date |
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| Edward Trophy | Gailies Links | Sun 25 th April |
| Scottish Amateur Championship | Muirfield | 29th-31st May |
| McKinnon Wood | Cawder | Sun 31 st May |
| Ralston Rose Bowl | Ralston | Sun 14 th June |
| Tennant Cup Tennant Cup | Gailies Links Killermont | Sat 27 th June Sun 28 th June |
| Cameron Corbett | Haggs Castle | 4 th to 5 th July |
| GGU Strokeplay | Sandyhills | Sun 12 th July |
| GGU Matchplay | Ralston | 21 st /23 rd /27 th July |
| Scottish Amateur Matchplay | Murcar | 28 th July/1 st Aug |
| Glasgow Open Championship | Pollok | Sun 9 th August |
| Parlane McFarlane | Cathcart Castle | Sat 22 nd August |
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New for 2020 - "The Wee Boundary Bell"

GGU have agreed to sponsor a Trophy to be played annually between the winners of the Fleming Watson and J J McCarry Leagues along the lines of the North v South Boundary Bell.

GGU Member Clubs Open Competitions

To help you plan your summer golfing diary we also now have available on our website details of Member Clubs 2020 Open Competitions Click the link to have a look

<https://www.glasgowgolfunion.com/clubs/member-open-events.html>

A few clubs still to update their 2020 Opens and these will be posted when available

If you have any feedback or suggestions for future newsletters, we would be pleased to hear from you. Members may contact the GGU with their comments via the [contact form](#) on our website.