

The Sixty Sixth
 **Rotary Club of St Andrews**
International Golf Tournament
Sunday 7 June - Thursday 11 June 2020



Dear Rotarian,

The Sixty sixth "**Rotary Club of St Andrews International Golf Tournament**" will take place from Sunday 7th to Thursday 11th June 2020. The International Golf Committee of the Club has organised this event since its inception in 1955 and we are delighted to continue on behalf of all the Rotarians in RIBI and worldwide.

There is something for everyone - from the low to the high handicap player and from the avid golfer to the non-golfer and the Committee hope to make the week as enjoyable as possible for everyone. Those of you who have been before will know that the week is one of the finest fellowship weeks in the Rotary Calendar. The golf is important but it is the meeting of old and new friends that makes it so special.

To play the world famous Old Course is always an experience especially when tee times are becoming more difficult to obtain and we are happy to confirm that once again The Old Course is part of our programme for 2020. Golf is the principle element of the week but in addition we have a drinks reception and pipe-band welcome, a social programme including a putting competition over the "Famous Himalayas" and a coach trip. The week builds up to the dinner and presentation of prizes on Thursday evening.

The Main Competition will be in Stableford format and the Qualifying Rounds on Monday and Tuesday will be played over the Old and Eden Courses. **The International Team Competition** will be played over the next two days, firstly on the New Course with the final round on the Old Course. It is hoped that, subject to numbers attending, teams of 9 representing Countries and/or Areas of the World will compete for the coveted Jubilee Trophy. In 2019 the five teams were England, Europe North, Europe South, North America and Rest of the World.

"The St Andrews Quaich Competition" will be open to the first 45 players who have not qualified for the International Team Competition and will be played over the Jubilee Course on Wednesday afternoon. For those who do not qualify for the International or Quaich events there will be the opportunity to **play in the Charity event over the Dukes Course** on the Wednesday.

The ever popular **Fellowship Foursomes** event which is open to all will be played on Thursday morning over the Straththyrum Course.

No player can win more than one major trophy and as always the Committee's decision is final on all matters.

Please pay particular attention to completing the Entry Form which acts as a registration document.

Payment of the Registration Fees and Dinner Tickets (if appropriate) must be enclosed with your Entry Form. Payments may be made by credit card (**Visa or Mastercard only**). **Refer to Instructions for Payment**. Those UK participants who wish, may pay by Sterling cheque made out to "Rotary International Golf"

Changes to Financial Regulations now require your Green Fees to be paid directly to the St Andrews LMC (The Links). When I acknowledge receipt of your Entry Form I will give you a unique reference number to be used to make your online payment of your Green Fees. Entry to the Tournament is dependent on your Green Fees being paid.

Should you have to cancel please inform the Tournament Convenor. See the Entry Form for Cancellation conditions.

Please let us know in advance if you require any specific assistance to participate and should you need to **use an electrically powered golf buggy** you must arrange this in advance by contacting reservations@standrews.com. Certain conditions apply so please refer to the attached rules issued by the St Andrews Links for your guidance.

Also if you wish a Caddie, please contact the Caddie Department (email: caddiedept@standrews.com) quoting Rotary.

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Please advise of any dietary requirements if attending the dinner.

We recommend you choose your accommodation in or as close to St Andrews as possible but we leave the choice of accommodation to you. To assist you in this we suggest you contact the following web sites:

For Guest Houses to 5-star Resort Hotels www.stayinstandrews.co.uk
For Bed and Breakfast establishments www.standrewsbandbs.co.uk
For University accommodation www.discoverstandrews.com

Well known hotel groups such as Best Western, Fairmont, Premier Inn and Macdonald Hotels are also represented in St Andrews.

The Golf Committee and the Rotary Club of St Andrews look forward to renewing the many friendships developed over the years and hopefully with good weather we should have a week of enjoyable golf and great fellowship.

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PROGRAMME

Sunday 7th June 10:00 Rotary Golf Office opens for Registration - New Golf Club
18:45 Reception in New Golf Club Function Suite - all welcome
19:30 Beating of the Retreat, The City of St Andrews Pipe Band, 18th fairway Old Course

Monday 8th June and Tuesday 9th June

Qualifying Rounds - A 36 hole Stableford Competition - one round each day over alternately the Old Course and the Eden Course.

Monday 8th June Ladies Stableford Competition - Strathtyrum Course

Tuesday 9th June **Morning :** 18-hole Putting Competition on the famous Himalayas Putting Green in which non-golfers may play.
Golden Jubilee Stableford on the Strathtyrum Course only for those Rotarians unable to play in the Main Competition. (See Competition Notes)

Afternoon : Coach Outing

21:30 Announcement of qualifiers for International Teams and St Andrews Quaich

Wednesday 10th June Ladies Stableford Competition on the Eden Course
International Teams - Morning - New Course
St Andrews Quaich Competition - Afternoon - Jubilee Course
[First 45 applicants from those who did not qualify for International Team Event in order of performance in qualifying rounds]
Charity Golf Competition over the Dukes Course

Thursday 11th June International Teams - Final Round Old Course.
Leading Ladies / Quaich Top Three - Complimentary round on the Old Course

Fellowship Foursomes - Strathtyrum Course. This is open to everyone. Entry is free and should be made at the Rotary Office in the New Golf Club between Sunday evening and 10am Wednesday morning. Handicaps are required and the Draw will be posted in the New Golf Club on Wednesday afternoon.

Evening: Dinner and Presentation of Prizes in the Town Hall. Dress is informal.

Limited to 250, then a waiting list will operate.

Entry Forms

These should be sent complete with Payment Confirmation Form to cover Registration and Dinner Tickets (if required) to:

Mr Douglas B Jackson
The Tournament Convenor,
12 The Glebe,
Strathkinness

St Andrews KY16 9UT or by email to: rotarygolfstandrews@gmail.com

A waiting list will operate whenever 270 entries are received for the Main Competition. No telephone entries will be accepted. Please note that the entry form will not be accepted unless accompanied by the correct fees.

Registration Fees

Rotarian Main Competition.....	£160
Ladies Competition	£70
Golden Jubilee Only	£30
Accompanying Person	£40
Dinner Tickets	£45

Green Fees

Rotarian Main Competition.....	£250
Ladies Competition, Monday	£35
Ladies Competition, Wednesday	£55
Golden Jubilee Competition	£35
St Andrews Links Ticket Holder	No Fee

**For more information on golf in and around St Andrews see
"St Andrews and the Kingdom of Fife" at www.visitscotland.com or www.visitfife.com**

Competition Notes

Rules

Both the Main Competition and the Ladies Competition will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, Scottish Golf (formerly SGU and SLGA) and with local rules. Both Competitions will be non-qualifying for handicap purposes but completed score cards will be made available to players on completion of the event should they wish. **No handicap adjustments will be enforced during the course of the week.**

Stableford

The Competition will be in Stableford format. For any of you who are unfamiliar with Stableford please consult the Rules of Golf, rule 21.1.

Handicaps etc.

On the Entry Form and at Registration players from UK and Ireland should enter their CONGU Handicap. International players should enter their BASIC Handicap which the Committee will adjust for slope index on each course played. Playing Handicap limits for all competitions are 24 for men and 36 for ladies. **Handicap Certificates are required and should be presented on Registration and if asked by the Links Management staff.**

Trophies

Unfortunately, for insurance reasons, any trophies won by Rotarians outwith Rotary International Britain and Ireland will not be allowed to be taken abroad and will have to remain with the International Golf Committee of the Rotary Club of St Andrews.

Qualifying

The Qualifying Competition will consist of two Stableford rounds, one over the Old Course and one over the Eden Course. Play will be in threes, from boxes and players will be expected to pick up their ball if no points are to be scored at a particular hole. From these results the International Teams will be selected representing Countries and/or Areas of the World. In 2019 the five teams were England, Europe North, Europe South, North America and Rest of the World.

International Teams

On the Tuesday evening results of the Qualifying Competition will be announced in the New Golf Club. **If numbers permit** each international team will consist of nine players with the best aggregate scores in the qualifying rounds. The next best scorer will be identified and act as a reserve but will play only if a team is under-manned. **A Team Captain, normally the best scorer in each team, will be appointed whose responsibility it is to ensure that all his team will be available to play.** The International Team Competition will consist of two Stableford rounds. On Wednesday there will be one round over the New Course, followed on Thursday morning by the final round which will be played over the Old Course with the best seven scores in each team to count for each course on a cumulative basis. In the event of a tie the team score over the Old will decide. If still a tie then the scores over the New, and then if necessary the qualifying round on the Old, in that order will decide.

St Andrews Quaich

A Stableford competition will be held on the Jubilee Course on Wednesday afternoon for those who did not qualify for the International Team event. It will be limited to 45 players as determined by their performance in the qualifying rounds and who have opted to play in the St Andrews Quaich on their entry form.

Entry Form / Registration

It is particularly important for you to state on your entry form if you wish to play in the International Team and St Andrews Quaich events. Names may be withdrawn at any time. However, names will not be accepted to play once the qualifying rounds have started. Those who have elected not to play will be marked accordingly on the main score board so it is essential that you confirm your selections on Registration at the New Golf Club on arrival in St Andrews.

Seniors

If you are a Senior - over 60, or a Senior Plus - over 70 you are eligible for additional prizes based on your play in the Qualifying Rounds. These are the Swilcan Salver and/or the St Andrews Links Quaich. Please mark your form accordingly and check the main score board on arrival.

Golden Jubilee Stableford

A Stableford Competition on the Strathtyrum Course on Tuesday may be available for Rotarians who wish to attend the golf week but for various reasons are unable to play in the Main Competition. Handicap allowance will be up to 28 and buggies may be used -more details will be sent with the draw sheets in early May.

Ladies

Lady Rotarians may elect to play in either the Main Competition or the Ladies Competitions but not both and their choice should be stated clearly on the entry form. Lady partners of Rotarians may play in the Ladies Competitions. A Stableford round over the Strathtyrum Course will be played on Monday with a Stableford round over the Eden Course on Wednesday. Ladies may enter with a handicap up to 45 but will be restricted to a maximum of 36 to apply for competition purposes. The 18 hole Putting Competition will take place on Tuesday morning on the Famous Himalayas Putting Green in which non-golfing partners may also play.

General Points

Trolleys will be allowed on the Old Course on Monday and Tuesday **but not on Thursday**. Trolleys are allowed on all the other courses at any time. Should you wish Buggies/Trolleys or Caddies please refer to the attached guidance notes issued by the St Andrews Links on the procedure to be followed.

ALL players (including late entrants) must complete an entry form and register with the Committee before the Competition. Scorecards will be issued on the First Tees. Please record the number of strokes taken at each hole leaving the Committee to apply the Stableford points.

The Committee reserve the right to amend the format of the competition as circumstances demand.