Emirates Golf Society

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, 27th Feb, 2019

Agenda

- Welcome (Steve)
- Changes to the constitution (Steve)
- Secretary (Tim C) report - Fixtures for 2019/20, No-show policy, choice of courses, summer events
- Treasurers (Paul) report – Actuals 18/19, budget 19/20. ASCA funding and criteria for selection.
- Interim Handicap secretary (Tim H) report – EGF & TheGrint update
- Interim Social secretary (Stephen) report – Ad-hoc Events & Order of merit
- Members feedback – Q&A
- Election/re-election of posts
- AOB

Changes to Constitution

- **Official handicaps will now be enforced**
  Only members with official EGF or TheGrint handicaps will be eligible to win prizes.

- **TheGrint**
  Membership is mandatory for event management & live leaderboards.

- **Membership & Subs**
  Payment deadlines have been set and a membership clean-up will take place for non-paid members.

Secretary's Report

- **Sponsorship**
We gained two sponsorships (GE and Inmarsat), though only GE are believed to be renewing for 2019/20. We lost EKFC as a sponsor for the Club Championship in 2018/19 until further notice. Transguard have also not renewed their sponsorship. Both organisations cited poor economic conditions.

- **Fixtures**
Where limited/no sponsorship, Arabian Ranches continues to be our choice of golf course, being 50% cheaper than competing 18-hole courses in Dubai and offering shotgun starts at weekends. Dubai Hills opening has provided an alternative – still more expensive, but unable to have shotgun starts.
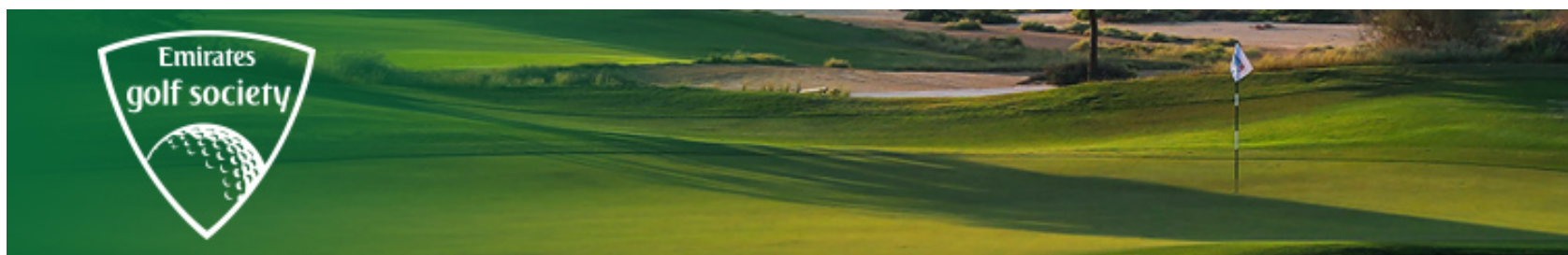
- **2019/20 Outlook**
Based on Member feedback, we are alternating golf courses, but with 5% VAT hit and rate rises, non-sponsored event prices will likely rise.

Other - Website

- New official logo
- Website changes
  - Inclusion of TheGrint ID Number & handicap API
  - Removal of manually adjusted handicap
  - New Members email & joining procedure
- Member Database / newsletter mailing list clean-up
  - Approval required
- Website costs (annual):
  - Hosting: $ 120
  - Domain name registration: $ 48

New Official Logo

Enforcing Official Handicaps & TheGrint

- All members need an official EGF or TheGrint handicap to be eligible for prizes.
  - 25% have EGF handicaps. 89% have TheGrint.
  - 48% have an official TheGrint handicap. 73% have entered >1 score.
  - 26% have an official handicap with >1 shot difference to the EGS website handicap.
  - 37% have no registered handicap and are most likely estimated.
  - **Just 38% of all EGS website handicaps are accurate and official.**

  - TheGrint is free and uses USGA rules so the calculation is identical to EGF.
  - Event participation is permitted without an official handicap but not prize eligibility.

- Move to full handicap (remove ¾ restricton) & adjust for course if applicable.

- EGF course handicaps will be accepted.
  - But must be manually updated in TheGrint prior to each event.

- TheGrint will be used for event management and live leaderboards.
  - 100% participation is mandatory.

EGS Awards – Order of Merit

- EGS Player of the Year, would be determined using the averaged net score over par for each player, from each tournament (minimum 5 events), which TheGrint provides. A

- The running Order of Merit (for all to see and track their position) will include all players that are part of the Tour. We will remove all players from the Tour until they have enough scores registered in TheGrint to provide an accurate handicap and qualify for the EGS Player of the Year.

- They can still be part of the EGS events, but they won't appear in the Tour. Once they have enough scores in TheGrint (to provide an accurate handicap and qualify) we will re-add them to the Tour.

- The EGS will also acknowledge the Most Consistent Player (highest averaged finishing position), and the Most Improved Player (Handicap Index improvement).

ASCA

- The EGS is committed to competing in the annual ASCA event, with the ambition to field at least 1 x Men's A team (6 players) and 1 x Ladies A Team (4 players).

- If EGS member interest is enough, we will field 1 x Men's B Social team (6 players)

- Qualification for the ASCA teams:
  - Men's A team – the first 6 players with the lowest handicaps*
  - Ladies A Team – the first 4 players with lowest handicaps
  - Men's B team – the next 6 players with lowest handicaps*

  *Consideration of commitment to playing EGS events and previous ASCA events attended

- EGS will apply for a subsidy from the Company, however this cannot be confirmed. Please keep in mind, the company does not provide leave for sporting events and players need to apply for leave as per normal procedures.

Matchplay

- The EGS re-introduced a Matchplay format to the event calendar in 2018/19, and based on the popularity will look to continue this format in future seasons.

- 2018/19 Matchplay was a 2-Man team, better-ball Matchplay event, and based on ongoing feedback, the 2019/20 fixture will offer both a 2-Man team, better-ball Matchplay event and Singles Matchplay event.

- 2019/20 2-Man team, better-ball Matchplay event will apply ¾ handicaps and Singles Matchplay event will apply full handicaps.

Members Feedback – Q&A

- Enforcing Official Handicaps
- Event Registration Procedure & difficulties
- Late cancellation & no-show penalties
- Event format – More Teams, Scramble, Modified Stableford etc
- Event prizes – Longest drive, straightest etc
- A non-EGS funded golf trip (week / weekend) to include wives?
- More variety of courses – too many events at Ranches?
  - Are members ok with higher event costs?
- Organising mid-week events (e.g. Meydan)?
- An "Order of Merit" event?
- Social media / Facebook presence?

Election of committee

Re-election

Men's Captain – Steve Allen

Ladies Captain – Hannah Mannion

General & fixtures secretary - Tim Collins

Treasurer – Paul Nightingale

New positions

Handicap secretary – Tim Harford

Events secretary – Stephen Holl

The society is looking for (non-committee positions)

Honorary auditor – someone with a financial qualification who would be prepared to audit the treasurers account once each year

Website developer – someone with the skills necessary to update the website

AOB & Close