

SGU & SLGA Amalgamation Update

Welcome to the latest edition of the Club e-bulletin which aims to keep you and your committee up to date with information on our range of services and other activities which support SGU and SLGA affiliated clubs.

► Shareholders Vote 'No' to Amalgamation

Last week we updated all affiliated clubs on the ongoing development of the proposal to amalgamate the Scottish Golf Union and Scottish Ladies' Golfing Association into a single governing body for amateur golf in Scotland.

We are disappointed to report that at a meeting of the SGU's 16 Area Associations on Thursday 26 May, our shareholders voted 10 – 6 against the Amalgamation Proposal. This means that the proposal in its current format has not received the required level of support from our shareholders and therefore amalgamation cannot proceed at this stage.

The previous day, shareholders of the SLGA – comprising Clubs and Counties – voted in favour of amalgamation with an overwhelming majority of 93%.

The SGU's affiliated clubs were also given the opportunity to vote on the amalgamation proposal, albeit a non-counting vote (as the Areas are the shareholders), and 263 of the 295 clubs who responded voted in favour of amalgamation. The SGU Board believes the Area Associations have therefore voted against the wishes of a majority of clubs.

The amalgamation proposal has also been strongly supported by **sportscotland**, our other major funders, as well as our commercial partners and sponsors.

The Scottish Golf Union's commitment to supporting clubs, together with developing talent and growing the game, remains at the heart of our activities and we will continue to work closely with you to deliver against this strategy. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all clubs for your support, assistance and feedback during this lengthy process at what is an extremely busy and challenging period.

The SGU Board believes that while this result is a setback for the future development and governance of Scottish amateur golf, we can take heart from the fact that all 16 Area Associations have consistently reaffirmed their support for the principle of amalgamation and a commitment to finding a way to achieve amalgamation working with the Scottish Ladies' Golfing Association.

The SGU Board will continue to act in the best interests of Scottish golf and will meet on 6 June to consider how to progress this important matter along with our normal business seeking to develop golf.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you wish for any further clarification on this matter.

The SGU Board

We hope you find the above information useful and we would be grateful if you could forward this information to other members of your Committee. Current and back dated issues of [club e-bulletins](#) are also available on our website.

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The SGU Team