

**W**elcome 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.

### ► **Supporting Clubs with Advice on Club Governance**

During the series of SGU/SLGA club seminars in November, the subject on which most clubs requested additional support was Club Governance. In these challenging times, clubs are reviewing their businesses more closely than ever and seeking support in areas such as effective business planning, strategic direction and the review of roles and responsibilities.

The SGU and SLGA are responding to that demand by preparing a range of support tools which will be made available shortly. As an example of the kind of support we will provide, you can now download a useful tool which can be used by committees to help your club achieve its aims through appropriate allocation of responsibilities and accountability between senior staff and committee members.

[Click here for SGU Advice on Club Governance](#)

Scottish Golf Club Development Manager, Kevin Fish is leading this project so if your club has any questions in this area, please contact Kevin at [k.fish@scottishgolf.org](mailto:k.fish@scottishgolf.org) or call 01334 466477.

### ► **Attend our Club Governance Seminar on 1 June**

As part of our education programme, we invite you to attend the CMAE Club Governance Seminar in Edinburgh on Wednesday 1 June, featuring guest speakers Dick Kopplin, recognized as a leading world authority on effective modern club governance, and Niall Flanagan, well known from his spells at the St Andrews Links Trust and Loch Lomond.

Places at the seminar are free of charge to CMAE members and their guests or £55 per person for non-members. As a special offer, the SGU is offering two places per club for just £55 in total. To book your place, e-mail Lorna McClymont at [l.mcclymont@scottishgolf.org](mailto:l.mcclymont@scottishgolf.org) or download the flyer on the link below.

[Find out more](#)

### ► **Legislation Update - Long Leases (Scotland)**

Golf clubs/courses that are subject to ultra-long leases may wish to consider this Bill. The SGU has taken some initial advice and there does not appear to be undue cause for concern. However, clubs/operators subject to such leases are encouraged to consider the bill and if necessary to make contact with the Scottish Government by contacting Sandra Jack on [Sandra.Jack@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Sandra.Jack@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) or 0131 244 2025.

[Find out more](#)

### ► **Equality Act Update - Age Related Aspects**

As previously advised, the age-related aspects of the Equality Act did not become effective in October 2010 and are expected to become effective some time in 2012. On 3 March 2011 the Government commenced a consultation in relation to age discrimination in the provision of services and public functions which closed on 25 May. Following a consultation with clubs, a response has been submitted to government.

[Find out more](#)

### ► **Give your Juniors the Chance to Play Gleneagles**

The clubgolf Junior Masters is Scotland's biggest participation event for young golfers under the age of 16, with the opportunity for your club's juniors – both boys and girls – to take part in the Grand Final at the superb Queen's Course, Gleneagles in October. All you have to do to get involved is ask your junior convenor to host a local qualifying event or nominate your club's most promising under 16s for one of four Regional Finals taking place during the school summer holidays.

[Find out more](#)

### ► **Win Monty at Your Club for a Day!**

Winning European Ryder Cup captain Colin Montgomerie is giving your club the chance to win him for a day through the SGU and SLGA's new partnership with the Elizabeth Montgomerie Foundation, while your members can take part in Monty's Monthly Medal with the opportunity to play with him in the final at The Carrick on Loch Lomond.

[Find out more](#)

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**

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