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SGU Club e-bulletin

Welcome to the SGU Club e-bulletin

Welcome to the latest edition of the SGU Club e-bulletin, keeping golf club managers, secretaries and their committees up to date with the latest information and support services provided by the Scottish Golf Union.



This latest issue features an important update on changes to the SGU Board's Reserves Policy and details of new projects being developed, all of which will have a positive impact on clubs in Scotland.

SGU Board – Reserves Policy

The SGU Board has undertaken a review of its Reserves Policy and following a thorough risk assessment has taken the decision to release some reserves to invest in the future of Scottish Golf, with a focus on developing and supporting clubs.

Funding will be made available to support a number of key projects over the next 3 – 4 years set against criteria which mean that these projects will aim to achieve maximum returns for Scottish golf in the shape of increased club membership. Further details of the Board's decision, an outline of the criteria and information on the initial projects can be found in the letter attached to the link below. [>>Find out more](#)

Job Vacancies – SGU Club Development Officers (3 x Posts – North, East & West)

For those Clubs who attended the recent seminars, you will be aware of the significant progress made in introducing the Governance Action Plan and Business Planning support. As outlined in the letter above, the SGU is now seeking applications for three new posts (on three year fixed term contracts) for the roles of Club Development Officers, to provide face-to-face support for Clubs throughout Scotland.

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Feasibility Study – Bulk Buying for Clubs

Again following feedback from the club seminars, we have commenced a feasibility study into bulk buying, focusing on the purchase of key utilities such as gas, electricity, water and diesel. This project has received a 50% contribution from The R&A. If our findings are positive, this project will be progressed further to provide cost savings for clubs and to possibly consider other areas of common interest to clubs.

Feasibility Case Studies – Renewable Energy

The SGU and The R&A will each contribute £300 towards a feasibility study into the application of renewable energy sources at 10 clubs per annum for each of the next here years, with the balance (£540 - £740) payable by the club. All case studies will be made available for other clubs' benefit. Further details will be provided in due course including how your club can register interest in taking part.

Discretionary Fund to Support Sustainable Projects at Clubs

The fourth project is the establishment of a Discretionary Fund to provide modest financial support to assist clubs with projects which promote sustainable development. Further details will be circulated including the criteria for awards, the type of projects considered and the process involved.

Scottish Hydro Announced as New SGU Sponsor



We are delighted to announce that Scottish Hydro is the latest major brand to invest in the SGU, with the launch of a 3-year sponsorship of the Boys Order of Merit and Scottish Hydro Junior Tour series, adding to their existing support of golf in Scotland which includes Team Scottish Hydro and the Scottish Hydro Challenge.

[>> Find out more](#)

Scottish Golf Handicapping and Rules Seminars

The latest series of Handicapping and Rules Seminars are now underway and already proving popular. Afternoon and evening sessions are available free of charge to clubs, with five dates still remaining from 12 December (Westhill GC) to 19 January (Downfield). [>> Find out more](#)

Special Offer Green Fees at Castle Stuart

The SGU has teamed with the home of the Scottish Open, Castle Stuart Golf Links, to offer affiliated club members an exclusive saving of £75 per round, adding value to being a member of a golf club.

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