

**THE SIXTY FIRST
ROTARY CLUB OF ST ANDREWS
INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**



SUNDAY 7 JUNE - THURSDAY 11 JUNE 2015



Dear Rotarian,

The Sixty First **"Rotary Club of St Andrews International Golf Tournament"** will take place from Sunday 7th to Thursday 11th June 2015. The International Golf Committee of the Club have organised this event since its inception in 1955 and we are delighted to continue to do so on behalf of all the Rotarians in RIBI and worldwide.

There is something for everyone – from the low handicap player to the high and from the avid golfer to the non-golfer – and the Committee hopes 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 a challenge 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 2015. **However as 2015 will be an Open Championship year for St Andrews our numbers are restricted to 240 participants in the main competition, so the earlier we receive your entries the sooner we can confirm your place.** The golf is the principle element of the week but in addition we have a drinks reception and pipe-band welcome, a ladies' social programme including putting and a coach trip, and the week builds to the final dinner and prize ceremony on Thursday evening.

The 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 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 England, Ireland, Scotland, Europe and International will compete for the coveted Jubilee Trophy.

"The St Andrews Quaich Competition" will be open for up 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 we will provide a list of alternative courses in the St Andrews area as an optional extra for 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.

Payments may be made by credit or debit card (**Visa or Mastercard only**) but those UK participants who wish may pay by Sterling cheque. Please pay particular attention to completing the entry form which acts as a registration document and please note our request for **two separate payment instructions** to cover (1) your green fees (made out to "St Andrews LMC") and (2) your registration and dinner fees (made out to "Rotary International Golf"). Should you have to cancel please inform the Tournament Convener, as refunds from the Links Management Committee (LMC) for unused green fees require the authorisation of the Golf Committee. In such event please do not contact LMC direct.

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 with the caddy master once the draw is published.

Please advise of any dietary requirements if attending the dinner.

We leave the choice of accommodation to you but can 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

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 am Rotary Golf Office opens for Registration – New Golf Club 6:00 pm Reception in New Golf Club – all welcome 9:30 pm Beating of the Retreat, 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 : Ladies 18-hole Putting Competition on the Ladies Putting Green (the famous Himalayas) in which non-golfing ladies may play. Golden Jubilee Stableford on the Strathtyrum Course for those Rotarians not playing in the main competition. (See Competition Notes) Afternoon : Ladies Coach Outing 9:30pm Announcement of qualifiers for International Teams and St Andrews Quaich
Wednesday 10th June	Ladies Stroke Play (Medal) 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]
Thursday 11th June	International Teams – Final Round Old Course. Leading Ladies / Quaich Top Three - Complimentary round on the New Course. Fellowship Foursomes – Strathtyrum Course. Ladies are particularly invited to play. [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 330, then a waiting list will operate.
Entry Forms	These should be sent complete with Payment Confirmation Form to cover (1) Green Fees ... and (2) Registration and Dinner Tickets if required to: Mr Bill Whyte The Tournament Convener, Braeriach, East Grange, St Andrews KY16 8LL. UK or by e-mail to : rotarygolfstandrews@gmail.com A waiting list will operate whenever 240 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.

Green Fees

Rotarians playing in Main Competition..... £215 (Old £170, Eden £45).....	
Ladies £75* (Eden £45, Strathyrum £30).....	
<i>*Ladies may adjust amount if only one competition is entered.</i>	
Rotarians playing in Golden Jubilee Stableford and not in Main Competition..... £30	

Registration Fees

Rotarians in Main Competition	£135
Rotarian (Non golfing).....	£40
Lady Golfing	£65
Wife/partner(Non-golfing)	£40
Rotarians in Golden Jubilee Stableford	£30
Dinner	£40

For more information on golf in and around St Andrews see “St Andrews & The Kingdom of Fife” available from “www.visitscotland.com” or contact “www.visitfife.com”

Competition Notes

Rules

Both the Rotarians' 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, SGU, 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 32b.

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 or if asked by the Links Management staff.**

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.

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 England, Ireland, Scotland, Europe and International ("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 as follows: The three best scores in the qualifying rounds with handicaps Scratch to 12, the three best scores in the qualifying rounds of players with handicaps from 13 to 24 (Ladies 36) and the next three best scores of players from either category. (The next best scorer from either category will be identified to act as a reserve and 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 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

A Stableford competition over the Strathtyrum Course will be played on Monday with a Medal 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 ladies' 18 hole Putting Competition will take place on Tuesday morning on the Ladies Putting Green (Himalayas) in which non-golfing ladies 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. Once the final letter and draw sheets are sent to you in early May you may contact the Caddy Master to book caddies (01334 466666). 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.