



World Deaf Golf Federation

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Message from the WDGf President Arne Lundquist

Dear WDGf Members,

I am happy to see that the World Deaf Golf Federation has developed greatly during the years. In the beginning 1995 only men could play in the World Deaf Golf Championships. Today there are three classes; Men's Tournament, Ladies Tournament and Men's Senior Tournament.

We have to develop further. We need to be better golfers and lower our handicap through the hearing golf clubs. And WDGf need to be a better organization through the R&A. But in the World Deaf Golf Championships we should not integrate with the hearing, we have our own language that we should be proud of; international sign communication!

We are all waiting for the next Championships. And the time is really flying away, now it is barely one year left until we meet again in the famous St Andrews in Scotland. I am sure that the 2010 WDGc will be successful under the leadership of the Scottish Deaf Golf Association, who are supported by the R&A.

It will be a great experience to come to the country where the golf was born to play for the flag of your country and for our common WDGf flag.

Happy golfing!

Arne Lundquist
President of the World Deaf Golf Federation

The 2008 WDGc in Perth, Australia

Before we are looking at the future we should take a glance in the rear mirror and the 7th World Deaf Golf Championships in Perth. I think we all enjoyed the tough but beautiful golf course at Joondalup Resort and felt the hospitality from the Australian people!

The World Deaf Golf Federation wants to thank the Australian Organizing Committee, the WDGC coordinator Gavin Balharrie and all the volunteers that contributed to make the event to a success!

You can find the results at the WDFG webpage at www.worlddeafgolf.com

For the first time ever a player made a hole in one in the World Deaf Golf Championships! Brian Maher from Scotland made a marvelous shot into the cup at the spectacular 135 meter long hole number 3 at the Quarry course. Congratulations Brian!

It was also the first time the president of the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf visited the WDGC. The ICSD President Donald Ammons was very impressed about how well the World Deaf Golf Championships were organized.

WDFG General Meeting

The World Deaf Golf Federation held its General Meeting at the Joondalup Resort on September 28.

At the meeting the WDFG Members approved the new Constitution, which makes it much easier to govern the WDFG, both for its member countries and for the Board.

The meeting also approved the new rules for the World Deaf Golf Championships. The rules are much more detailed and give clear directives how to apply for-, how to plan- and how to carry out a World Deaf Golf Championship.

It was decided to raise the annual membership fee to 175 Euros and the individual entry fee for the WDGC to 15 Euros.

Japan, USA and Denmark made impressive presentations of their bids for the 2012 WDGC. Afterwards a ballot was held, and Japan was elected to host the World Deaf Golf Championships.

The 2012 will be played at Tsu Country Club in Mie.

The 2010 WDGC in St Andrews, Scotland

It is a little more than a year left until we all meet again to play in the 8th WDGC. This time the Championship will be played on 9-13 August 2010 at the Fairmont Hotel & Golf Resort in St Andrews, Scotland.

The Golf Club is the same as before, it has just changed its name since Scotland made their presentation at the General Meeting in Perth.

Later this summer the Scottish Organising Committee will launch the 2010 WDGC website, where you can find information, news and entry forms for the World Deaf Golf Championships.

The WDGf Vice President Don Conway and the Board Member Simeon Hart will visit St Andrews this summer to go through the details of the 2010 WDGC together with the Scottish Organizing Committee and make an inspection of the Fairmont Hotel & Golf Resort.

Exempted players in the 2010 WDGC

In a separate Word document you will find a list of exempted players in the 2010 World Deaf Golf Championships.

The exempted players can participate in the WDGC regardless if their country is sending the maximum number of allowed participants. Exempted players shall pay entrance fee, and the final date for entering the Championships is the same as for the other players.

Exempted players are only allowed to play in the individual tournaments. If they want to play in their national team they shall enter the Championships the normal way and not as exempted players.

Meeting with the R&A

A delegation from the WDGf Board will go to St Andrews on October 7:th to meet with the R&A who, together with the USGA, is the highest authority of golf in the World. The delegation will discuss how WDGf could develop further, if WDGf could be officially recognized by the R&A and if it is possible to get some kind of support.

This was all for now.
Keep the ball on the fairway!

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