



WORLD DEAF GOLF NEWSLETTER

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Looking forward to 2011

2010: Another good year gone by...



WDGF Board of Directors 2006 - 2010

In the last shivering minutes of 2010, we look back at a fantastic golfing year! Scotland did a good job hosting the World Deaf Golf Championships, we will remember the week in St Andrews for a long, long time. Now, we are in the new year of 2011; the future looks very promising!

Highlights of 2010:

- WDGf welcomes a newcomer Gavin Balharrie to the Board. (See page 3 for the Board profiles)
- Robert Cundy received his honorary membership for his long service to the WDGf.
- WDGf witnessed the crowning of champions: David Ewan - Men's Champion, Melissa Stockton - Ladies' Champion, and Ken Hoffman - Senior Men's Champion.
- Germany and the Netherlands joined the WDGf and their golfers played in their first WDGf.
- 114 golfers @ 2010 WDGf - a record participation!

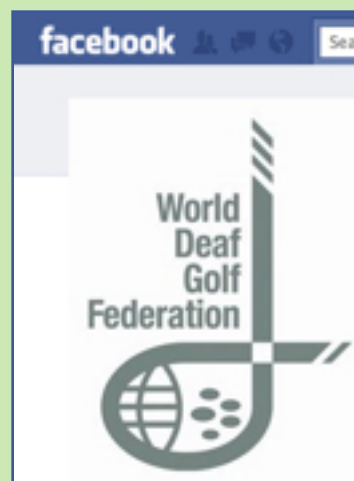
WDGF TO ATTEND THE 2011 ICSD CONGRESS IN SLOVAKIA

International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD) will have their 43rd Congress in Vysoké Tatry in Slovakia 16-18 February. WDGf will be represented by the Vice President Don Conway. This is the first time WDGf is officially represented at an ICSD Congress. The WDGf President Arne Lundquist and the Board Member Arista Haas will also be present at the Deaflympics but representing Sweden and Canada.

Golf in Deaflympics update:

President Lundquist will work on arrangements for a meeting in Slovakia with the ICSD President Craig Crowley to discuss about the inclusion of golf in the Deaflympics. The 2017 Deaflympics remains the WDGf's aim in the future.

WDGF on Facebook!



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The 9th World Deaf Golf Championships will be held 8-12 October 2012 at the Tsu Country Club in Tsu, Japan. You can visit their website at www.2012wdgcjapan.com.



There will be three major changes to the 2012 WDGC:

- Senior Men's Team Tournament is added.
- New Handicap Limit comes into effect.
- The WDGC Tournament Rules document is now updated.

| HANDICAP LIMIT | |
|----------------|----------|
| CLASS | 2012 HCP |
| Men | 12.4 |
| Ladies | 22.4 |
| Seniors | 16.4 |



2014 WDGC PLANS UNDERWAY

The USDGA has started their planning of the 2014 World Deaf Golf Championships, which will be held 13-19 July 2014 at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Michigan, USA. The committee is now holding a logo contest for submission of design ideas for the 2014 WDGC. This contest is open to the American residents only.

and the Traverse City airport. The other fact is that the Michigan Open - a PGA event - has been hosted in previous years.

The links to important websites for your information and updates from the USDGA:

Darrell Hovinen is the chairperson of the 2014 WDGC. He resides in the state of Michigan and is native to the area in northern Michigan. The location is chosen because of the amenities the golf resort has to offer for the future WDGC attendees. The hotel and condominiums plus two championship golf courses are close in proximity. The golf resort also offers inclusive transportation between the resort

- www.usdeafgolf.org
- www.grandtraverseresort.com



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE 2010

The WDFG President Arne Lundquist looks at the future in his New Year speech. You can find it at the WDFG website: www.worlddeafgolf.com

WDFG wishes you all the best in 2011!



WDGF BOARD MEMBERS 2010 - 2014

The WDGF Board, including the newly elected Board Member Gavin Balharrie, is embarking on the next 4-year term. Most of the Deaf golfers have noted Balharrie for his work as a chair at the 2008 WDGC in Australia. To strengthen the organisation, the Board will work together to update the policies, refining media promotion, maintaining relations, and ensuring the quality of WDGC in 2012 and 2014.



Arne Lundquist
Country: SWEDEN
Position: President
Terms: all 7 terms; current and last terms as President and first five terms as a Board Member
WDGC: all 8 WDGC
Occupation: Retired
Portfolio: WDGF operations



Simeon Hart
Country: ENGLAND (UK)
Position: Board Member
Terms: 2nd, both as Member
WDGC: 2002, 2004, 2006, 2010
Occupation: Consultant
Portfolio: Audiograms & Passports, Relations



Don Conway
Country: IRELAND
Position: Vice President
Terms: 2nd, both as V. Pres.
WDGC: all 8 WDGC
Occupation: Senior Architectural Technician
Portfolio: Handicap & Technical Regulations - WDGC



Arista Haas
Country: CANADA
Position: Board Member
Terms: 2nd, both as Member
WDGC: 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010
Occupation: Financial Officer
Portfolio: Website, other media, & Internal Policies



Anders Hillding
Country: SWEDEN
Position: Secretary
Terms: 2nd, both as Sec.
WDGC: 1995, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2008, 2010
Occupation: Quality Technician
Portfolio: Relations (Communications, MOU)



Gavin Balharrie
Country: AUSTRALIA
Position: Board Member
Terms: 1st
WDGC: 2004 & 2008
Occupation: Information Services Manager
Portfolio: Technical Regulations - WDGC & TD duties



Ole Artmann
Country: DENMARK
Position: Treasurer
Terms: 2nd, both as Treas.
WDGC: 2000, 2004, 2006, 2010
Occupation: Administrator
Portfolio: Finances & Internal Policies

Comments? Feedback?

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**Next newsletter:
Spring or Summer 2011**