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Japan's 2012 WDGC stays on track

In spite of the natural disaster in northern Japan, the Organising Committee carries on...

The earthquake, the tsunami, and the following disaster in the Fukushima plant have shocked the whole world. Our thoughts go to our friends in Japan. But we know that the people in Japan are strong, and we truly believe they would build up their nation as a strong and healthy country again.

During the past weeks, the WDGf Board was regularly in touch with Mr. Chikara Mishina and Mrs. Yumi Taniguchi of the Japan Deaf Golf Association via ooVoo or email.

The disaster in northern Japan has not affected the planning of the 2012 World

Deaf Golf Championships, the event will be held as planned on 8-12 October 2012 at the Tsu Country Club in the Mie province. The Fukushima plant is located far north from Mie, and there is no risk for any radiation according to the Organizing Committee in Japan.

The WDGf Board will continue monitor the situation in Japan.

The invitation to the 2012 World Deaf Golf Championships will be ready later this year. For further information, visit the 2012 WDGC webpage on www.2012wdgcjapan.com.



The official logo of the 2012 WDGC

ICSD FACES CHALLENGES AHEAD

It was a great disappointment when the news was announced that the Deaflympics and the ICSD Congress in Slovakia were cancelled. This was the first time the WDGf officially should have been represented at an ICSD Congress and the WDGf Vice President Don Conway had worked hard to be as well prepared as possible for the meeting.



On May 12, the ICSD announced a new date for the Congress, which will be September 13 - 15 in Rome, Italy. WDGf will be sending a delegate or two to Rome. It is important to show up and influence the world of Deaf Sports. The Board has some concerns with the future of the Deaf Sports, but believes strongly that the Deaf should remain united on the front for the sake of Deaf Sports.

The WDGf President Arne Lundquist and Don Conway should have had a meeting with the ICSD President Craig Crowley in Slovakia to discuss the inclusion golf in Deaflympics. Unfortunately, the meeting did not come around due to the cancelled ICSD Congress. Recently, the ICSD President has expressed an interest in meeting with the WDGf Board members this summer. The dates and details are not yet confirmed and the WDGf Board will share details once available in the next news edition.

2014 WDGc UPDATE

The WDGf board member Arista Haas will be providing an inspection visit of the 2014 WDGc site at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Michigan, USA. www.grandtraverseresort.com

Together with Darrell Hovinen of the 2014 WDGc organizing committee, she will be reviewing a checklist to ensure that all the requirements are met and that the 2014 WDGc committee continues the trend of a high quality tournament.

The USDGA unveiled a new logo for the 2014 WDGc and it was designed by Lika Rau-Reece of Michigan. Nine people submitted thirty-four logos

and Lika's design became the official 2014 WDGc logo. The WDGf Board expresses sincerest congratulations to Lika and the USDGA for designing a great logo!



QUALIFYING TOURNAMENTS FOR 2012 WDGc SQUAD

Our member nations have their process of players' qualification to represent their nation at each WDGc. This coming 2012 WDGc, the member nations' planning for selection, training, and fundraising are underway.

2011

Canadian Deaf Golf Association - July 18 - 21
United States Deaf Golf Association - July 12 - 15
Danish Deaf Golf Association
German Deaf Golf Association
South Africa Deaf Golf Association
Sweden Deaf Golf Association

2012

Deaf Golf Australia - January 16 - 20

Based on Order of Merit

English Deaf Golf Association
Irish Deaf Golf Union
Scottish Deaf Golf Association
Wales Deaf Golf Association

SCOTLAND 2010 WRAP UP

The Scotland Organising Committee just wrapped up their operations and presented the final report to the WDGf Board. You can find it at the WDGf website: www.worlddeafgolf.com

DEAF GOLF AUSTRALIA WEBSITE LAUNCHED!

www.deafgolfaustralia.com.au



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