

**THE FIFTY FOURTH
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT
AT ST ANDREWS
SUNDAY 8 JUNE - 2008 - THURSDAY 12 JUNE**

Dear Rotarian,

The Fifty Fourth Rotary International Golf Tournament will be held during the week commencing Sunday 8th June 2008. The International Golf Committee of the Rotary Club of St Andrews have organised this event since its inception and they deem it an honour and a privilege to do so on behalf of all the Rotarians in RIBI and increasingly throughout the world.

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 make it so special. To play the world famous Old Course is always a challenge especially when tee times are becoming more difficult to obtain. Apart from the golf we have a reception in the Town Hall, an informal dance, the ladies' programme including putting and an afternoon outing, and the formal part of the week closes with the final dinner and prize ceremony.

The competition will be in Stableford format played over the Old and Eden Courses and will be non-qualifying for handicap purposes. It will be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the Rules of Golf Committee of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and with local rules. The International Team Competition will be played over the New Course and the Jubilee Bronze Course on Wednesday with the final round over the Old Course on Thursday morning. Teams representing England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Overseas compete for the coveted Jubilee Trophy and it is a great honour to represent your country so do try hard and qualify. Lady Rotarians may, if they wish, play in the qualifying competition and of course would be eligible to play in the International teams. No player can win more than one major trophy and as always the Committee's decision is final on all matters.

Please pay particular attention to completing the registration form and please note our request for **two separate sterling cheques** 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"). Overseas Rotarians who are unable to produce sterling cheques should follow the separate instructions included in their application pack. 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.

If you require further application forms please contact the Administration Secretary or you may photocopy from this original. A "Word" copy is available at e-mail: standrewsrotarygolf@msn.com

Finally after 12 years at the helm Dennis Matthews and Angus Mitchell are taking a well earned rest and a new committee of old and new faces have taken over. They hope to keep up the high standards set over the last 53 years but particularly in this their first year we ask that with your help we can make the changeover as seamless as possible. 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.

Sylvia Donaldson,
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PROGRAMME

- Sunday 8th June 2pm Rotary Golf Office opens – New Club
6pm Reception in Town Hall – all welcome
10pm Beating of the Retreat, St Andrews Pipe Band, 18th fairway Old Course
- Monday 9th June and Tuesday 10th June
A 36 hole Stableford Competition - one round over each of the Old Course and the Eden Course.
- Monday 9th June Ladies Stableford Competition – Strathtyrum Course
- Tuesday 10th 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.
Afternoon : Ladies Outing
Evening: Informal Dance in New Golf Club at 9:30
Announcement of qualifiers for International Teams
- Wednesday 11th June Ladies Stroke Play (Medal) Competition on the Eden Course
International Teams – Morning New Course, Afternoon Jubilee Bronze Course
- Thursday 12th June International Teams – Final Round Old 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 sterling cheques to cover (1) Green Fees and (2) Registration and Dinner Tickets if required to: The Tournament Convener, Mr Bill Whyte Braeriach, East Grange, St Andrews KY16 8LL.
All applications will be acknowledged and a waiting list will operate whenever 360 entries are received. No telephone entries will be accepted. Please note that the application form will not be accepted unless accompanied by the correct fees. **For applicants outwith RIBI who do not have Sterling cheques please follow the instructions enclosed.**

Green Fees
Rotarians playing in Main Competition....£170
(Old £130, Eden £40)

Registration Fees
Rotarians Main Competition.....£80
Rotarian (Non-golfing).....£25

Ladies.....£ 65
(Eden £40, Strathtyrum £25)
Ladies may adjust amount if only one competition is entered.
Rotarians playing in Golden Jubilee Stableford and not in Main Competition.....£ 25

Lady Golfing.....£35
Wife/partner (Non-golfing).....£25

Rotarians in Golden Jubilee Stableford.....£25

Dinner.....£32

Trophies and Cups

Rotarians Playing in the Rotary International Golf Tournament

Jubilee Cup	Winners International Team Event
Llandudno Cup	Awarded to the District with the three best scores on the Old Course
Lancaster Jubilee Trophy	Best aggregate score in qualifying rounds H/C Scr – 12
St Andrews Rosebowl	Best aggregate score in qualifying rounds H/C 13 – 24
Founders Trophy	Best aggregate score in qualifying rounds by a Rotarian out-with RIBI
Pat Paterson Cup	Best aggregate score in qualifying rounds by a player of H/C 18 and over
Swilcan Salver	Best aggregate score in qualifying rounds by a player 60 years and over
St Andrews Links Quaich	Best aggregate score in qualifying rounds by a player 70 years and over
Lloyd Barnes Cup	Best score on the Old Course H/C Scr – 12
Tom Morrow Cup	Best score on the Old Course H/C 13 – 24
Alan Foster Cup	Best score on the Eden Course H/C Scr – 12
Stan Gunnary Cup	Best score on the Eden Course H/C 13 – 24
Bill Lloyd Jones Memorial Trophy	Best aggregate score in qualifying rounds by a player from a Welsh Club
Rodney Huggins Trophy	Best aggregate score in qualifying rounds by a player from an English Club
Tommy Campbell Memorial Trophy	Best aggregate score in qualifying rounds by a player from an Irish Club
District 1010 Cup	Best aggregate score in qualifying rounds by a player from a Scottish Club
<u>Ladies Competitions</u>	
Mrs Hugh Galloway Rosebowl	Best scratch score in the medal round over the Eden Course
Kinness Cup	Best net score in the medal round over the Eden Course
Betty Duncan Rosebowl	Best stableford score over the Strathtyrum Course
David Thomson Salver	Lowest score in Ladies Putting Competition
<u>Other Competitions</u>	
Ken and Mavis Smith Cup	Winners of Fellowship Foursomes
Bunny Holden Trophy	Awarded for distinguished action on the golf course
Quirke Baffy	Fellowship Award

Competition Notes

Stableford

Those of you who have played in the last two years will appreciate that the Stableford format did speed up the pace of play and made for an enjoyable experience for all. This format will be retained for 2008. For any of you who are unfamiliar with Stableford competitions please consult the Rules of Golf, rule 32b.

Handicaps etc.

The Rotary International Golf Tournament is limited to Rotarians (Men) with a handicap of 24 and below and Lady Rotarians with a handicap of 36 and below. Handicap Certificates are required and should be presented if asked by the Links Management staff (starters).

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 application form.

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.

The Competition

The 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, Wales and the Overseas team.

International Teams

On the Tuesday evening results of the Competition will be announced at the dance in the New Club. Each team will consist of nine players (no reserve) 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. **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 three Stableford rounds. On Wednesday there will be one round over the New Course, followed by one over the Jubilee Bronze Course. On Thursday morning the final round 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 the Jubilee in that order will decide.

Application Form

It is particularly important for you to state on your application form if you wish to play in the International Team event. 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 in the New Club so please check this on arrival.

Seniors

If you are a Senior – over 60, or a Senior Plus – over 70 you are eligible for the Swilcan Salver 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 the Tuesday will 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.

Those playing in this Competition are also eligible to play in an 18 hole putting competition at noon on the Monday on the Ladies Putting Green (Himalayas)

Ladies

A Stableford competition over the Strathtyrum Course will be played on the Monday with the Medal round over the Eden Course on the 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 the Monday and Tuesday but not on the 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 475757). ALL players must register by completing an entry form before the Competition. Any stand-ins, reserves, last minute entrants must ensure their entry form is with the Tournament Convener before play begins. 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.

ENTRY FORM FOR ROTARY INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2008
 (Please complete in Black Ink, using BLOCK CAPITALS)

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No	
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Send to : Bill Whyte, Tournament Convener, "Braeriach", East Grange, St Andrews KY16 8LL, Scotland

Rotarians
 NAME..... ROTARY CLUB.....
 (for lapel badge)
 ADDRESS..... DISTRICT NUMBER.....

..... Please tick where applicable
 Senior over 60 on 8th June 2008 OR
 Senior Plus over 70 on 8th June 2008
 e-mail: First Time Entrant
 Mobile Phone No..... Home Golf Club
 Home Phone No Playing Handicap(max24 men,36 women).....

International Team Event

I am available for selection **Please Note final date for entries for International Team Event is 8th June 2008, only withdrawals will be accepted once play starts.**
If not available for selection leave box blank

LADIES Please tick one category - Golfing Non Golfing (Social)
 NAME..... Please tick if you are a Lady Rotarian and complete
 (for lapel badge) name, address, e-mail, club etc at top of this page
 Ladies Golf Club
 LGU Handicap **Please tick this box if you wish to play in the Rotary International Golf Tournament** * *

I wish to enter for Stableford (Mon) If this** is not ticked it is assumed you wish to play
 Medal (Wed) in the Ladies' Competitions so please tick the boxes
 on the left (i.e. Stableford &/or Medal)
 See note on handicaps in Secretary's notes
 Ladies cannot be considered for Handicap prizes
 unless they have with them their current
 updated Handicap Certificate.
 If Husband/Partner is a Non-Rotarian and attending Golf
 Week: Name(for lapel badge).....

All playing in the fellowship Foursomes must be Non-Rotarian partners are welcome to play in the Fellowship Foursomes

FEES
Please ensure you complete the following correctly. Remember two Sterling Cheques are required

GREEN FEES	REGISTRATION FEES	
Rotarians Main Competition £170.....	Rotarians Main Competition	£80.....
Ladies' Competitions £ 65.....	Lady Golfing	£35.....
Golden Jubilee Competition £ 25.....	Golden Jubilee only	£25.....
Links Ticket Holder:		
State Number No Fee	Rotarian's Wife/Partner/Non-Golfer	£25.....
Total Green Fees £.....	Dinner Ticketsat £32
PLEASE MAKE THIS CHEQUE PAYABLE TO:	Total Registration & Dinner Fees	£.....
"ST ANDREWS LMC"	PLEASE MAKE THIS CHEQUE PAYABLE TO :	"ROTARY INTERNATIONAL GOLF"

Please advise of any dietary requirements if attending dinner.

I agree to abide by the rules which govern this Competition as laid down by the SGU,LGU and the Terms & Conditions of the St Andrews Links Trust. I acknowledge that the Committee's decision is final on all matters.

Signed..... Date.....