



**The Sixty Eighth
Rotary Club of St Andrews
International Golf Tournament
Sunday 9 June - Thursday 13 June 2024**



Dear Rotarian,

The Rotary Club of St Andrews and the International Golf Committee are looking forward to welcoming you to St Andrews in 2024.

The playing of the Sixty Eighth **Rotary Club of St Andrews International Golf Tournament** is planned to take place from Sunday 9th to Thursday 13th June 2024.

The Committee hopes to make the week as enjoyable as possible for everyone. Those who have taken part 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 an experience 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 2024. Golf is the principal element of the week but in addition we have a drinks reception and pipe-band welcome. There is also a putting competition over the famous 'Himalayas'. The week builds up to the dinner and presentation of prizes on Thursday evening which will be held in the Hall of Champions at the Old Course Hotel, St Andrews. However, the programme may be subject to change depending on circumstances at the time. Please let us know in advance if you require any specific assistance to participate.

The competitions and golf events

The Main Competition will be in Stableford format and the Qualifying Rounds on Monday and Tuesday will be played over the Old and Eden Courses. The top 45 after the qualifying rounds will enter 'The Rotary Club of St Andrews International Golf Championship'. This will be played over the next two days, firstly on the New Course with the final round on the Old Course.

The St Andrews Quaich Competition will be open to the next 45 players who have not qualified for the International Golf Championship and will be played over the Jubilee Course on Wednesday afternoon.

Charity Golf Event: For those who do not qualify for either the International Golf Championship or Quaich events there will be the opportunity to play in the Charity event over the Duke's Course on the Wednesday.

Lady Golfers: there are two separate competitions for Lady Golfers although Lady Rotarians may elect to play in the Main Competition.

Fellowship Foursomes: this ever-popular event will be played on Thursday morning over the Strathtyrum Course.

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 Entry Form which acts as a registration document.

Registration and payments

Payment of the Registration Fees must be enclosed with your Entry Form. Payments may be made by credit card (**Visa or Mastercard only, refer to Instructions for Payment**). UK participants may pay by Sterling cheque to 'Rotary International Golf'.

Changes to Financial Regulations now require your Green Fees to be paid directly to the St Andrews LMC (The Links). When I acknowledge receipt of your Entry Form, I will give you a unique reference number to be used to make the online payment of your Green Fees. Entry to the Tournament is dependent on your Registration Fees and Green Fees being paid. Should you have to **cancel** please inform the Tournament Convenor. See the Entry Form for Cancellation conditions.

Buggies (Carts), Caddies, Trolleys and Hire of Clubs

Should you need to use a **Golf Buggy (Cart)** or **Manual/Electric Golf Trolley** or **Hire Clubs** you must arrange this in advance by contacting Greig at greig.dochard@standrews.com.

If you wish a **Caddie**, please email the Caddie Department at caddiedept@standrews.com quoting Rotary.

As the International Golf Committee have no responsibility for arranging buggies, caddies, manual/electric golf trolleys or hire clubs **we would strongly recommend that you follow the attached guidance notes (2 pages) issued by the St Andrews Links. Please note that Golf Buggies (Carts) must be booked by 31 March 2024.**

Accommodation

Polite Notice: The Committee regret they are unable to recommend or advise on accommodation or travel.

Your accommodation should be as close to St Andrews as possible, but we leave the choice of accommodation to you. To assist you in this we suggest you contact the following web sites:

Guest Houses to 5-star Resort Hotels	www.stayinstandrews.co.uk
Bed and Breakfast establishments	www.standrewsbandbs.co.uk
University accommodation	www.discoverstandrews.com
AirBnB	www.airbnb.co.uk
Premier Stays in Fife	www.premierstaysfife.co.uk (quote TIN24G when booking)

Contact Addresses:

The Tournament Email:	rotarygolfstandrews@gmail.com
Convenor:	Douglas B Jackson Tel +44 (0)1334 850470 / +44 (0)7887626255

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.

Jean-Marc Murré
President
Rotary Club of St Andrews

Douglas B. Jackson
Convenor, International Golf Committee
Rotary Club of St Andrews

PROGRAMME (Social Programme may be subject to change)

Sunday 9th June

- 10:00: Rotary Golf Office opens for Registration - New Golf Club
- 18:45: Reception in New Golf Club Function Suite - all welcome
- 19:30: Beating of the Retreat, The City of St Andrews Pipe Band, 18th fairway Old Course

Monday 10th June

- 1st Championship Qualifying Round: a 36-hole Stableford Competition - one round per day alternately over the Old Course and the Eden Course
- Ladies Stableford Competition - Strathtyrum Course

Tuesday 11th June

- 2nd Championship Qualifying Round: a 36-hole Stableford Competition - one round per day alternately over the Old Course and the Eden Course
- Morning: 18-hole Putting Competition on the famous Himalayas Putting Green in which non-golfers may play
- 20:30 onwards: Registration for Charity Golf Event
- 21:30: Announcement of qualifiers for the International Golf Championship, the St Andrews Quaich and the draw for the Charity Golf Event

Wednesday 12th June

- Morning: 1st Round of the Rotary Club of St Andrews International Golf Championship - New Course
- Ladies Stableford Competition - Eden Course
- Afternoon: St Andrews Quaich Competition - Jubilee Course (next 45 applicants from those who did not qualify for the International Golf Championship in order of performance in qualifying rounds)
- Charity Golf Competition - the Duke's Course

Thursday 13th June

- Final Round of the Rotary Club of St Andrews International Golf Championship - Old Course
- Leading Ladies and Quaich Top Three - Complimentary round on the Old Course
- Fellowship Foursomes - Strathtyrum Course. This is open to everyone. 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 Hall of Champions, Old Course Hotel, St Andrews. Dress is informal.

Entry Forms These should be sent, complete with Payment Confirmation Form to cover Registration to:

Mr Douglas B Jackson, The Tournament Convenor, 12 The Glebe, Strathkinness, St Andrews KY16 9UT
or by email to: rotarygolfstandrews@gmail.com

A waiting list will operate whenever 270 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.

Registration Fees

Rotarian Main Competition	£250
Ladies Competition	£100
Accompanying Person	£20
Dinner Tickets	£58

Green Fees

Rotarian Main Competition	£390
Ladies Competition, Monday	£50
Ladies Competition, Wednesday	£70
St Andrews Links Ticket Holder	No Fee

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

1. Rules

Both the Main 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, Scottish Golf (formerly SGU and SLGA) and with local rules. Both Competitions will be non-qualifying for handicap purposes. If you wish to retain a copy of your scorecard, we suggest that you take a photo of it using your mobile.

No handicap adjustments will be enforced during the course of the week.

2. Stableford

The Competition will be in Stableford format. For any of you who are unfamiliar with Stableford please consult the 2023 Rules of Golf, Rule 21.1.

3. Handicaps etc.

On the Entry Form and at Registration players should enter their WHS Index 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 and if asked by the Links Management staff.

4. Entry Form / Registration

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.**

It is particularly important for you to state on your entry form if you wish to play in the International Golf Championship and the 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 scoreboard, so it is essential that you confirm your selections on Registration at the New Golf Club on arrival in St Andrews.

5. The Competitions

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.**

Rotary Club of St Andrews International Golf Championship

On the Tuesday evening results of the Qualifying Competition will be announced in the New Golf Club and by email to all competitors. The top 45 Rotarian scores will qualify to play in the Championship. In the event of a tie for 45th place, the score over the "Old" will decide. (Countback may be applied).

The International Golf Championship 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 over the Old Course. In the event of a tie, the score over the "Old" will decide. (Countback may be applied)

St Andrews Quaich

A Stableford competition will be held on the Jubilee Course on Wednesday afternoon for those who do not qualify for the Rotary Club of St Andrews International Golf Championship.

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. If there is a tie for 45th place, the score over the "Old" will decide. (Countback may apply)

The top 3 players in this competition will play a complimentary round on the "Old" on Thursday morning.

Ladies

Lady Rotarians may elect to play in either the Main Competition or the Ladies Competitions, but not both. Their choice should be stated clearly on the entry form. Lady partners of Rotarians may play in the Ladies Competitions. A Stableford round over the Straththyrum Course will be played on Monday with a Stableford round over the Eden Course on Wednesday. Please note that the **maximum playing handicap will be restricted to 36 for competition purposes.**

The top 3 players in each of the Ladies competitions will play a complimentary round on the "Old" on Thursday morning.

Charity Golf Competition

For those who do not qualify for either the International Golf Championship or Quaich events, on Tuesday evening there will be the opportunity to register for a Stableford round in the Charity event over the Duke's Course on the Wednesday.

Putting Competition

The 18-hole Putting Competition will take place on Tuesday morning on the famous Himalayas Putting Green in which non-golfing partners may also play.

6. 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.

7. Golf Buggies (Carts), Caddies, Manual/Electric Golf Trolley or Hire Clubs

It is each competitor's sole responsibility to book buggies, caddies, trolleys or hire clubs. At present there are no restrictions on the use of trolleys on all courses. However, this may change at short notice. Please keep up to date with any changes via the St Andrews LMC website at www.standrews.com Should you wish to book buggies, caddies, trolleys or hire clubs please refer to the attached guidance notes (2 pages) issued by the St Andrews Links on the procedure to be followed.

Please note, all Golf Buggies (Carts) must be booked by 31 March 2024.

8. Trophies

Unfortunately, for insurance reasons, any trophies won by Rotarians resident outside Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI) 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 Committee reserve the right to amend the format of the competition as circumstances demand