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# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT



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Here are a few things that we know about this most particular game. And about its most eminent participants. We know that their aim could not be higher. That you do not come this far without an unwavering determination to overcome every challenge and conquer every distraction. We know that tradition can only last this long if it is perpetually enriched by talent. We know that every drive starts with inner strength, and every putt with unrelenting humility. These are but a few reasons that we have partnered for so long with the noblest institutions, the most legendary tournaments, and the greatest players. **After all, we are on the same course.**

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# 2022 AT A GLANCE

85

YEARS

Of establishment  
(since 1937)

49

MEMBERS

National Federations,  
Associations & Unions

42/44

EGA HANDICAPPING MEMBERS

Transitioned  
to the WHS

18

EVENTS

Coordinated in 15  
different countries

22

EUROPEAN TITLES

Awarded to players  
and teams

1700+

PARTICIPANTS

Competed in  
EGA Championships

34k+

FOLLOWERS

Engaged across Facebook,  
Instagram and Twitter

2M+

PAGEVIEWS

Recorded on  
[www.ega-golf.ch](http://www.ega-golf.ch)



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Officer



**MARINE SCIÔT-SIEGRIST**  
Championship Coordinator



**SABINE VEGA**  
Office Manager

## HONORARY PRESIDENTS

(PRESIDENT ELECTION YEAR)

1938	Col. Burton	(ENG)	1973	Viscount Pereira Machado	(POR)	1997	Patrick Foley	(IRE)
1951	Cl. Van Der Straeten	(BEL)	1975	Arild Wahlstrom	(NOR)	1999	Dieter Usner	(AUT)
1953	Jacques Léglise	(FRA)	1977	Juan Antonio Andreu	(ESP)	2001	Manuel Agrellos	(POR)
1955	Max Lambert	(LUX)	1979	Claude-Roger Cartier	(FRA)	2003	Björn Nordberg	(SWE)
1957	Prince F. Ruspoli	(ITA)	1981	Alexander Sinclair	(SCO)	2005	Andrew B. Morgan	(WAL)
1959	W. Schniewind	(GER)	1983	Richard Rahusen	(NED)	2007	Marion Thannhäuser	(GER)
1961	C. Falck	(SUI)	1985	Jens Wester-Andersen	(DEN)	2009	Gonzaga Escauriaza	(ESP)
1963	M. De Bolarque	(ESP)	1987	Juan M.S. De Vicuna	(ESP)	2011	Antti Peltoniemi	(FIN)
1965	Edward Brändström	(SWE)	1989	Neil Hotchkin	(ENG)	2013	Colin Wood	(SCO)
1967	Gerald Micklem	(ENG)	1991	Jan Brügelmann	(GER)	2015	Jean-Marc Mommer	(SUI)
1969	Willem Snouck-Hurgronje	(NED)	1993	Roberto Livraghi	(ITA)	2017	Pierre Bechmann	(FRA)
1971	Heinz O. Krings	(GER)	1995	Ulf Laurin	(SWE)	2019	Haukur Örn Birgisson	(ICE)

## HONORARY MEMBERS

(MEMBER APPOINTMENT YEAR)

1993	Jean-Louis Dupont	(FRA)	2007	Lally Segard	(FRA)	2017	Alexis Godillot	(FRA)
1998	Marc Lambert	(LUX)	2011	John C. Storjohann	(SUI)			

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**JAN HUBRECHT**  
EGA PRESIDENT



In this report I focus on the unusual challenges that we faced during the year as well as reporting on our Championships and International Matches and related issues.

At the 2021 Annual General Meeting we had the pleasure of welcoming three new Zone Officers and a new Championship Committee Chairman to the Executive Committee.

Having decided to follow the IOC in barring Russian and Belarusian players from our events, we immediately kick-started the Ukrainian Golf Federation (UGF) Fundraising campaign with the purpose of providing playing opportunities for Ukrainian golfers at any event in Europe. I am grateful to the many federations and individuals who donated an impressive €50'000. Some hosting federations also provided benefits in kind. Those of you who had the pleasure of watching their golfers during the year will no doubt agree when I say how heart-warming it was.

I also report on the regretful but necessary expulsion of the Golf Association of Moldova. This required working to detailed and precise processes and I am enormously grateful to the Past President, the Chairman of the Handicapping & Course Rating Committee and the General Secretary who devoted hundreds of hours in meetings, the writing of reports and the eventual resolution. Our overriding aim has always been to protect the national interests of member nations.

This was almost immediately followed by the European Union's proposed legislation on the use of pesticides which gave everyone affected, less than 30 days of consultation! The President-Elect and General Secretary acted with haste to alert all of our members and, together with The R&A, put forward a plan. They also recognised the need to further coordinate activities between the EGA, our members and other golfing organisations. At the time of writing our actions are being formulated.

During the year we were also advised that the lifecycle of the current Content Management

System of our website will soon come to an end. Our office team has spent many hours to create the new specifications and have invited bids from potential suppliers. Significant financial and human resources will be needed to allow us to migrate to a new system.

The strategic planning committee was led by the President-Elect and included the Chairman of the Championship Committee, the Honorary Treasurer, the Past President, the General Secretary and myself. We met five times between January and August with the objective of determining a road map for the period 2023-2027. Whilst visiting championships and matches we took the opportunity of briefing fourteen member federations and received encouraging feedback from all. Thank you!

I also wish to mention the talent pathway strategy that deals with the findings of the Elite Amateur Working Group which was chaired during his term of office by Honorary President Pierre Bechmann. We are receiving excellent co-operation from The R&A's Amateur Championship team staff and committee members and are currently discussing this opportunity with senior management from the DP World Tour. We shall devote one of our 2022 Open Forum sessions to this topic and all other strategic initiatives.

On the back of the 2021 AGM Open Forum sustainability session, we trialled a new initiative of a one-day sustainability meeting held in May 2022 in Amsterdam for which we received excellent support from The R&A's staff once more. Eighteen sustainability experts from our member federations attended and made presentations. The success of this day has led us to conclude that the EGA could run similar days for other interest groups in the future.

I would also like to remind you that General Secretary, Michael Thannhäuser, who started with the EGA in March 2021, serves you in his first full year and clearly manages all aspects with great effectiveness and style. Michael's excellent



leadership of the office team is very evident as all work in harmony and with passion even though their focus had to frequently shift away from the routine.

### CHAMPIONSHIPS AND INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

My congratulations go to Filippo Celli (Italy) and Savannah de Bock (Belgium) for their victories in the European Men's and Ladies' Championships. Of course, Filippo Celli went on to win the Silver Medal at the 150<sup>th</sup> Open Championship. The England team won the European Ladies' Team Championship and France was victorious in the Girls' Team Championship. Spain won the Amateur Team Championship and Germany the Boys' Team Championship for the Jean-Louis Dupont Trophy. I also welcome the Netherlands and Iceland to the winners' enclosure with the European Young Masters victories from Denny Kloeth and Perla Sol Sigurbrandsdóttir who subsequently went on to win Iceland's Stroke Play Championship. Congratulations to all our champions and runners-up in 2022.

The Jacques Léglise and Junior Vagliano Trophy matches were staged together in Blairgowrie and we are grateful to The R&A for hosting these. The Jacques Léglise Trophy was retained by the Continent of Europe team for the third year in succession, a first since 1977, under the guidance of Joachim Fourquet. Myrte Eikenaar led the girls' team to its 7<sup>th</sup> successive victory since the inaugural matches were played in 2011 but we are mindful that the winning margins are getting smaller!

I congratulate the GB&I team that was victorious in winning the St Andrews Trophy which was hosted at the Penati Golf Resort in Slovakia. A delightful moment came when, after the closing dinner, the GB&I team players provided a putting and chipping contest for their caddies.

At the World Amateur Team Championships, European teams put in very strong performances. Congratulations to Italy and Sweden for winning the Eisenhower Trophy and Espirito Santo Trophy respectively.

Our 'core business', of course, is Championships and International Matches and the Chairman of our Championship Committee will report in detail on the successful year we have had. Yet there are concerns that require attention; this year 38 of Europe's top 100 WAGR ranked players did not play in our European Amateur Championship. Many players continue to select Challenge Tour and other events to earn WAGR points instead of playing in Europe's top amateur events. The best players are routinely not available to represent their Continent for our international matches. Yet there is evidence that representing one's

country or region in our Matches as well as Team and Open Championships does create successful golfers. We shared the men's statistics with you at the Open Forum meetings in Chantilly in 2019. This year, in the Espirito Santo Trophy five of the six members of the Continent of Europe's 2021 Junior Vagliano team represented their country and finished between tied 1<sup>st</sup> and tied 39<sup>th</sup> and from the 2019 Junior Vagliano matches seven of the twelve players represented their country.

We must never underestimate the sources of talent these events provide for the future. Yet many players appear not to target our International Matches and Championships. We must ask ourselves why this is and what can be done to address this challenge?

### HOSTING

At the 2021 AGM we presented you with the findings of the hosting studies. To remind you, we took a lot of costs out of the running of championships by focussing on what is important to players. We also highlighted those that will build the EGA brand. A flexible Team Fee was introduced for several team championships and an EGA contribution fund was established for the Mid-Amateur and two Open Championships. The overriding objective is to allow you to host our events at the best golfing venues at zero or minimal cost and several hosting nations achieved that goal in 2022.

My thanks go to The R&A and Rolex. The R&A continues to assist the EGA in so many aspects that it does, from the financial support for our hosting federations to the guidance and close co-operation that we value so much whether it be related to Sustainability, Championships or the WHS.

Rolex has been partnering the EGA for many years and has signalled its intention to continue its support. I would like to thank Rolex's senior management. We are proud to be associated with such a powerful brand.

On a personal note, I had the pleasure of attending all three International Matches as well as being present at the European Amateur Championship and the European Amateur Team Championship. All were a source of fabulous golf, great joy and, no doubt, lasting friendships. I would like to thank the many hundreds of volunteers and staff who have helped in making all our events so special.

Finally, thank you to all my colleagues who make 'working for the EGA' so enjoyable.

**JAN HUBRECHT**  
EGA PRESIDENT

# GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT



MICHAEL THANNHÄUSER  
EGA GENERAL SECRETARY



**C**ollaboration, Coordination, Communication. From my point of view, these three words sum up the EGA's ethos during the past twelve months. 2022 presented a less complex environment than the previous year and yet again included both unforeseeable challenges and new opportunities.

## BACK TO A NEW NORMAL

2022 started with a positive outlook thanks to the easement of Covid regulations in Europe. As most countries lifted their local restrictions, tight testing regimes and bubble concepts faded into the background. The Championship Season was finally back to normal and presented us with the usual preparations, formats, and setups. We are delighted with the successful staging of 18 championships where 1700 participants competed for 22 championship titles in 15 countries. Most championships were oversubscribed which is a sign of the continuous appeal of our championship roster.

The beginning of the year involved the finalisation of the hosting report which aims to reduce hosting costs. Following the positive feedback at last year's AGM, we reviewed most of our championship documentation and adjusted the championship standards accordingly. The application of the budgeting process was well received and implemented for the majority of EGA championships. We were pleased to see that members were able to reduce certain expenses and we will continue to monitor budgets in the future, especially in the current economic environment. The bidding process will also help us to select our future venues in 2024 and 2025.

Highlights of the championship season include the outstanding performance of European Amateur

Champion Filippo Celli; a stunning 66 of twelve-year-old Louis Klein from the Czech Republic during the first round of the European Boys' Team Championship; victories at both the Jacques L'eglise and Junior Vagliano Trophies as well as a strong challenge for the St Andrews Trophy; a smooth delivery of the team championship week; Savannah de Bock's victory at the European Ladies' Amateur Championship; and last but not least the continuous recognition of the Championship for Golfers with Disability.

A special mention needs to be made to the outstanding European showing at the World Amateur Team Championships. I congratulate the Swedish Golf Federation for their impressive victory at the Espirito Santo Trophy and the Italian Golf Federation for their excellent 1<sup>st</sup> place at the Eisenhower Trophy. Many other European teams also presented very strong results. Inside the Top-10, we witnessed five European ladies' teams and eight men's teams which is a fantastic achievement. Still at a very young age, former Junior Vagliano Trophy players Helen Briem from Germany and Meja Örtengren from Sweden finished tied for first place on the individual leaderboard in the women's event.

The EGA Committees experienced a busy schedule convening frequently, including several Extraordinary Meetings. The Executive Committee was in regular exchange and concluded important subjects; the Strategic Planning Committee defined the EGA's future activities; the Handicapping and Course Rating Committee dealt with all matters relating to World Handicap System including the complex Interoperability Standards; the Championship Committee helped to ensure the smooth delivery of the championship season;

the Working Group on Environmental Sustainability held their first physical meeting as well as a number of virtual sessions. Regular meetings were also held with The R&A, both on a senior and operational level. Furthermore, the EGA vs R&A match was held in Slovakia at the occasion of the St Andrews Trophy and formed a brilliant opportunity to strengthen relations in a casual atmosphere.

### **EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED**

The EGA never stands still, and the structure is resilient when it faces new challenges. 2022 presented several surprises that I would like to mention in this report.

On a small scale, the difficulties of international travel delayed shipments and caused logistical challenges on multiple occasions. Also, increased attention had to be given to the delivery, refurbishment and engraving of EGA trophies, as they are now centrally stored in Switzerland since last year's change of policy. Other unexpected subjects with a considerable impact on operations included:

#### **EGA Website**

In January we learned that the lifecycle of the EGA website's Content Management System (CMS) would expire soon. The CMS requires a substantial upgrade to ensure necessary security and development standards. Unfortunately, our development agency also informed us that they would not be available to carry out the migration due to a shift of focus in their own business operations. Therefore, a Request for Proposal was prepared during the summer months aiming to find a new partner that can execute the CMS migration. We foresee the outcome of the tender to be finalised in the coming weeks and developments to start during the winter months.

#### **UGF Fundraising Initiative**

The Executive Committee addressed various questions relating to the outbreak of the war in Ukraine. In collaboration with EGA members and other stakeholders in golf, it was decided to follow the IOC's recommendations and organise this year's EGA championships without the participation of Russian and Belarusian athletes. Furthermore, dedicated processes were installed to

facilitate a fundraising initiative helping Ukrainian players resume play in international competition. The EGA UGF Fund received donations of EUR 50'000 and created unique moments, such as Ivan Malovychko's participation at the European Amateur Championship or the presence of two Ukrainian teams at the World Amateur Team Championships. A special thank you to all donors and members who support this good cause.

#### **Application of the WHS**

At last year's AGM, members encouraged the EGA to act upon cross-border selling activities of handicap licenses in Moldova. The attempt to find a solution with the Golf Association of Moldova prompted consultations on various levels and, after several unfruitful exchanges, an Extraordinary General Meeting was organised in August as a last resort. At this occasion, delegates voted in favour of the resolution to expel the Golf Association of Moldova from membership which was not an easy decision and proved to be a sad day for the EGA. Furthermore, the World Handicap Authority released detailed information regarding the WHS Interoperability Standards which will require our members' further attention.

#### **EU Draft Regulation**

Last but not least, I would like to mention our efforts relating to the draft EU Regulation on the sustainable use of plant protection products. The EGA responded to the EU's consultation procedure in collaboration with The R&A and on behalf of the European Golf Sector. Regular communications were exchanged with EGA members and other stakeholders in golf to draft a Pan-European Position Statement representing a broad consensus of opinion. The document was supported by various organisations, including the IGF and Europe's main Professional Tours, and received the endorsement of 23 EGA members. Thank you to all members that were involved as well as to Jonathan Smith from GEO and Niels Dokkuma from the Royal Netherlands Golf Federation who gave very valuable inputs.

#### **THE NEXT SHOT**

Ben Hogan once said that the most important shot in golf is the next one. To me, the EGA's proposed strategy is a drive straight down the middle which adds a few new elements to what we already

master today. Of course, as we strive to maintain efficiency, championship organisation will always remain at the core of the EGA's activities.

Communication will be a main theme in 2023. First of all, we need to make the CMS migration a priority to ensure a safe and customer-friendly use of the EGA website. The application of the new branding guidelines will help us improve consistency in the delivery of the EGA brand. We also aim to evolve our efforts in media production and develop communication guidelines that meet the needs of our members. Internal communication will be circulated regularly through the EGA's various known formats.

The EGA's working group regarding environmental sustainability continues to promote the exchange of sustainable best practices in golf. The Sustainability Day, organised by the EGA for the sustainability experts of our members, was a positive example of how the EGA can promote collaboration between various stakeholders. With the active involvement of our members, the EGA can work as a platform and promote the exchange of know-how on various subjects. It proved to be a powerful tool in our coordinated response to the draft EU regulation and should be explored in other fields.

The EGA does not tire of emphasising the strength and importance of elite amateur golf. As amateur pathways evolve and the landscape of the professional tours change, new opportunities may be on the horizon with increased playing incentives for different categories of elite amateurs. The objective will be a strengthening of alternative pathways for European amateurs in Europe. The EGA promotes work in this area and continues the recently renewed dialogue with the Professional Tours, The R&A and other international organisations.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

At this year's Open Championship, I was invited to an official dinner where the EGA received first mention ahead of all other authorities, national bodies and professional tours that were present in the room. The reference appeared to me as a token of recognition for the long-lasting collaboration between The R&A and the EGA. I would like to thank The R&A for the coordinated and constant support to the EGA family. I would also like to express my gratitude to our partner Rolex for their long-lasting support and financial contribution.

The last two years created extra challenges to the golfing community. The EGA staff faced these times with resilience, and crossed bridges that they may not have crossed before. To ensure the quality of work that members are used to, we should not forget the EGA's framework and capacities. Therefore, I would like to express my special gratitude to Sabine, Marine, Arnaud and Josh for their tireless efforts in 2022, for their passion towards the EGA, and for the positive mindset that they bring to the office every day.

Finally, I would like to thank the 28 Committee Members and especially Jan, Haukur and Caroline for the enjoyable collaboration. 2022 was a joint effort and I look forward to working with you again next year.

**MICHAEL THANNHÄUSER**  
EGA GENERAL SECRETARY

# EGA TIMELINE

# 2022

## NOVEMBER

Appointment of the new EGA President Jan Hubrecht at the 2021 AGM (Iceland)

## JANUARY

CC Induction Programme updated

Implementation of the new Budgeting Process

Consultations regarding WHS activities in Moldova

Trophy engraving and refurbishments

## MARCH

Ukrainian Golf Federation Fundraising Initiative created

General Secretaries' Meeting

Championship Standards & Preparation Guidelines finalised

Championship Entries open

## MAY

EGA website development (Homepage)

Sustainability Day (Amsterdam)

Social Media & Content Production Plan

Championship equipment logistics

## JULY

Over 500 players represent their nations during European Team Championship week

International Matches selection process

Organisation of the St Andrews Trophy and EGA vs R&A match

12 EGA Championship Titles awarded at 8 venues

## SEPTEMBER

Response to the EU Draft Regulation concerning the sustainable use of pesticides

300k+ unique users & 500k+ livescoring views on the website

34k+ followers accumulated on social media

Closing of the Financial Year 2021/22 & Budgeting Process

## DECEMBER

Establishment of the Hosting Report documentation (Standards & Guidelines)

Review of the EGA website

EGA Advent Calendar on social media

## FEBRUARY

Annual Meeting with The R&A

Strategy Planning Process (kick-off)

Meeting with the European Tour

EGA Committee meetings (Lausanne)

## APRIL

Communications' meeting with The R&A

New EGA Branding Guidelines released

Championship Season preparations

Recruitment of an intern

## JUNE

Request for Proposal regarding Content Management System (CMS) migration of the EGA website

Ivan Malovychko (Ukraine) participates in the European Amateur Championship

European Team Championship for Golfers with Disability (EDGA)

WHS Interoperability Standards Information

## AUGUST

Extraordinary General Meeting (virtual)

Arnaud Baratçabal 10-year anniversary in the EGA

Elite Amateur Pathway consultations (R&A and European Tours)

1'700+ participants and 363 refunds managed during the Championship Season

## OCTOBER

End of the Championship Season

2022 Annual Report prepared

Conclusion of the Tender Process regarding the CMS migration

2022 AGM preparations (Rome)



2022 EUROPEAN GIRLS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP HELD AT ODDUR GC IN ICELAND



2022 EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FOR GOLFERS WITH DISABILITY HELD AT KOKSIJDE GOLF TER HILLE IN BELGIUM



2022 JACQUES LÉGLISE TROPHY HELD AT BLAIRGOWRIE GC IN SCOTLAND

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2022 EUROPEAN LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP HELD AT CONWY GC IN WALES

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# CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT



**YVES HOFSTETTER**  
EGA CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN



Following my recent appointment as Chairman of the Championship Committee, it is my pleasure to submit my very first annual report which comprises five sections.

## INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

As per tradition, the EGA organised six individual championships in 2022, the first two of which were the European Mid-Amateur Men's and Ladies' Championships, played at Golf du Médoc Resort, France. The winners were respectively Joe Armstrong (France) and Ane Urchegui García (Spain), a distinguished member of the Championship Committee.



June 9 to 11, Pärnu Bay Golf Links in Estonia hosted the European Senior Men's and Ladies' Championships. James Crampton (England), former member of the Championship Committee and Sue Wooster (Australia) were the winners of these events played in splendid weather conditions. James Crampton was making his first appearance in the senior category, what a magnificent start to the show.



June 22 to 25, Europe's best amateurs participated in the European individual championship at Parador de El Saler in Spain. Following a tough battle, the winner was Filippo Celli (Italy). Filippo's success earned him a start in the 150<sup>th</sup> Open at St Andrews in which he collected the Silver Medal, before being instrumental in the Italian team triumph in the Eisenhower Trophy, just prior to joining the professional ranks.



July 20 to 23, the Golf de Saint-Germain (France) hosted the ladies' for the individual championship, won by Savannah De Bock (Belgium) after four extra holes against Charlotte Heath (England).



All six 2022 European Championships were won by very talented, first-class players, well done to them!



# CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Halfway between the individual championships and the team championships, the European Young Masters was held at Linna Golf Club (Finland), July 21 to 23. The team event was won by the Czech Republic.



The girls' event was won by Perla Sol Sigurbrandsdóttir (Iceland) and the boys' by Denny Kloeth (The Netherlands).



## TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Throughout 2022, 13 EGA Team Championships took place in 10 different countries.

The European Team Championship for Golfers with Disability was the first one, June 9 to 11, taking place at Koksijde Golf Ter Hille (Belgium) and won by Ireland.



July 5 to 9 was the busiest week of the season with six team championships taking place at the same time, like every year. All of them were played on excellent courses and were perfectly well organised.

The Amateurs' were at Royal St. George's (England), Ladies' at Conwy (Wales), Boys' at St. Leon-Rot (Germany) and Girls' at Oddur (Iceland). The Amateurs' & Boys', Division 2 were held at Pravets (Bulgaria).

The winning teams were:



EUROPEAN AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP SPAIN

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EUROPEAN LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP ENGLAND



EUROPEAN GIRLS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP FRANCE



EUROPEAN BOYS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP  
GERMANY

August 30 to September 3, Senior Men and Senior Lady golfers played the European Team Championships.

At Arboretum GC (Slovenia) the Ladies' event was won by Germany.



At the Estonian G&CC (Estonia), Sweden defeated England at the 3<sup>rd</sup> extra hole in the decisive match for the title.



EUROPEAN AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, DIV 2  
SLOVENIA



The Ladies' Club Trophy which took place at CUBO Golf in Slovenia saw the victory of RCF La Boulie (FRA).



EUROPEAN BOYS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, DIV 2  
BELGIUM



At the time of the establishment of this report, the European Men's Cup Trophy (Troia Golf, Portugal) was yet to be played, however no doubt all will be perfect.

The wide range of countries represented amongst the winners is the proof of the quality of European Golf.

July 27 to 30, Pannonia Golf & Country Club (Hungary) hosted the European Team Shield Championships, the Men's event was won by Greece and the Ladies' by Turkey.



### INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

Three International Matches were played in 2022. July 21-22 the St Andrews Trophy took place at Penati Golf Resort (Slovakia). Quite a few of the Continent's top players turned down their selections but in the end the players present at the match gave an excellent performance. Following a very tight match, the Great Britain & Ireland team took back the trophy, our congratulations to Captain Stuart Wilson.



August 26-27, Blairgowrie (Scotland) hosted two very popular matches, the Junior Vagliano and Jacques L'eglise Trophies, both won by the Continent of Europe teams. Our congratulations go to the winning teams' captains, Myrte Eikenaar and Joachim Fourquet.



## EGA CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

As a preamble, I would like to thank my predecessor, JR Jones for his excellent work and his precious help.

I would also like to thank the three committee members who will be leaving us at the end of 2022, namely Jan Ede Kuipers (Netherlands), Stefano Sardi (Italy) and Ane Urchegui García (Spain) for their excellent contribution.

It is my pleasure to announce that in 2023 we will be joined by Benoît Dumont (Belgium) and José-Maria Casal-Ribeiro (Portugal). A third member is currently in the process of being designated at the time of the completion of this report. My heartfelt thanks go to all the members of this committee who work hard, with much talent and passion, to ensure an excellent organisation of championships.



**CONSIDERATIONS AND THANKS**

Amongst other things, the Championship Committee has two important considerations. The first one is the potential organisation of a European Mid-Amateur Team Championship in order to offer a team event for a category of players which remain long-term amateurs.

The second is related to the structure of the European Senior Men's Team Championship which has so much success that a second Division may need to be set up sometime soon.

My sincere thanks go to the Executive Committee for its support and to the EGA Staff in Epalinges who work miracles with such a small contingent. A special mention goes to Championship Manager Arnaud Baratçabal who has now completed 10 years in his position. It is a real pleasure to work with you all.

**YVES HOFSTETTER**  
EGA CC CHAIRMAN



CC Leaderboard Photography

# HONOURS LIST 2022

## EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

	DATE	EVENT	VENUE	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
JUN	09-11	Team Championship for Golfers with Disability	Koksijde Golf ter Hille (BEL)	<b>IRELAND</b>	<b>SWEDEN</b>
	JUL	05-09	Ladies' Team	Conwy GC (WAL)	<b>ENGLAND</b>
		Amateur Team	The Royal St. George's GC (ENG)	<b>SPAIN</b>	<b>SWEDEN</b>
		Girls' Team	Oddur GC (ISL)	<b>FRANCE</b>	<b>SWEDEN</b>
		Boys' Team	GC St Leon-Rot (GER)	<b>GERMANY</b>	<b>ENGLAND</b>
JUL	06-09	Amateur Team, Division 2	Pravets GC (BUL)	<b>SLOVENIA</b>	<b>CROATIA</b>
		Boys' Team, Division 2	Pravets GC (BUL)	<b>BELGIUM</b>	<b>SLOVAKIA</b>
	27-30	Ladies' Team Shield	Pannonia G&CC (HUN)	<b>TURKEY</b>	<b>UKRAINE</b>
		Men's Team Shield	Pannonia G&CC (HUN)	<b>GREECE</b>	<b>MALTA</b>
SEP	30/08-3	Senior Ladies' Team	Golf Arboretum (SLO)	<b>GERMANY</b>	<b>SWEDEN</b>
		Senior Men's Team	Estonian G&CC (EST)	<b>SWEDEN</b>	<b>ENGLAND</b>
OCT	29/09-1	Ladies' Club Trophy	CUBO Golf (SLO)	<b>RCF LA BOULIE (FRA)</b>	<b>HAMBURGER GC E.V. (GER)</b>
	20-22	Men's Club Trophy	Troia Golf (POR)	<b>TBC</b>	<b>TBC</b>

## EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

	DATE	EVENT	VENUE	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
JUN	02-04	Mid-Amateur Ladies'	Golf du Médoc Resort (FRA)	<b>ANE URCHUGUI GARCIA (ESP)</b>	<b>CHARLOTTE GUILLEUX (FRA)</b>
		Mid-Amateur Men's	Golf du Médoc Resort (FRA)	<b>JOE ARMSTRONG (FRA)</b>	<b>MIKO APFEL (GER)</b>
	09-11	Senior Ladies'	Pärnu Bay Golf Links (EST)	<b>SUE WOOSTER (AUS)</b>	<b>LOTTE GREVE (DEN)</b>
		Senior Men's	Pärnu Bay Golf Links (EST)	<b>JAMES CRAMPTON (ENG)</b>	<b>MATTIAS PERNHEDEN (SWE)</b>
JUL	22-25	Men's	Parador de El Saler (ESP)	<b>FILIPPO CELLI (ITA)</b>	<b>RASMUS NEERGAARD-PETERSEN (DEN)</b>
	20-23	Ladies'	Golf de Saint-Germain (FRA)	<b>SAVANNAH DE BOCK (BEL)</b>	<b>CHARLOTTE HEATH (ENG)</b>
		EYM Girls'	Linna Golf (FIN)	<b>PERLA SOL SIGURBRANDSDOTTIR (ISL)</b>	<b>KRISTINA LEBOVA (CZE)</b>
		EYM Boys'	Linna Golf (FIN)	<b>DENNY KLOETH (NED)</b>	<b>JACK MURPHY (IRL)</b>
	EYM Nations' Cup	Linna Golf (FIN)	<b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>	<b>SPAIN</b>	

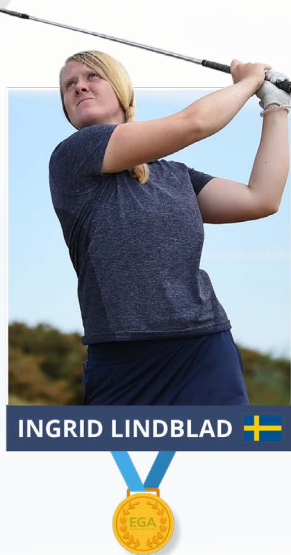
## INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

	DATE	EVENT	VENUE	WINNER	RESULT
JUL	21-22	St Andrews Trophy	Penati Golf Resort (SVK)	<b>GREAT BRITAIN &amp; IRELAND</b>	<b>14.5 - 10.5</b>
AUG	26-27	Junior Vagliano Trophy	Blairgowrie GC (SCO)	<b>CONTINENT OF EUROPE</b>	<b>10 - 8</b>
	26-27	Jacques Léglise Trophy	Blairgowrie GC (SCO)	<b>CONTINENT OF EUROPE</b>	<b>13.5 - 11.5</b>

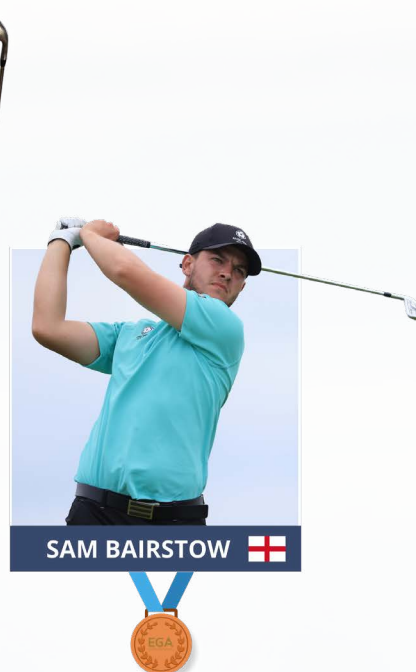
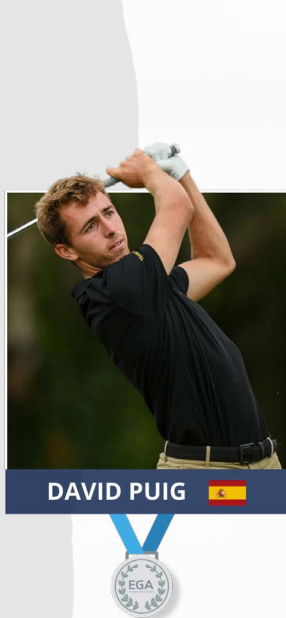
# ORDER OF MERIT 2022

The final 2022 European rankings, which extract European players from the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR), were taken the day before the start of the DP World Tour Qualifying School on 29 August:

## EUROPEAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF RANKING



## EUROPEAN MEN'S AMATEUR GOLF RANKING



A special thanks to the R&A/USGA WAGR Committee for their work with the rankings.



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2022 EUROPEAN LADIES' TEAM SHIELD CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS, TURKEY



2022 EUROPEAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP WINNER, FILIPPO CELLI (ITA)





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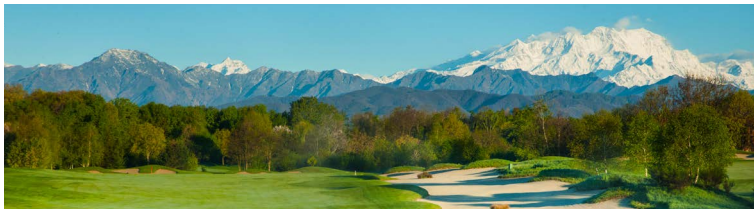
2022 EUROPEAN BOYS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS, GERMANY



2022 EUROPEAN SENIOR MEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS, SWEDEN

# 2023 EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
08-10 JUN	<b>EUROPEAN MID-AMATEURS' CHAMPIONSHIP</b> (Ladies' & Men's)	Bogogno Golf Resort <b>ITALY</b>
15-17 JUN	<b>EUROPEAN SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIP</b> (Ladies' & Men's)	Douglas GC <b>IRELAND</b>
28-01 JUN JUL	<b>EUROPEAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP</b> (Men)	Pärnu Bay Golf Links <b>ESTONIA</b>
30-01 JUN JUL	<b>VAGLIANO TROPHY &amp; JUNIOR VAGLIANO TROPHY</b>	Royal Dornoch GC <b>SCOTLAND</b>
11-15 JUL	<b>EUROPEAN LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	Tawast G&CC <b>FINLAND</b>
11-15 JUL	<b>EUROPEAN AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	Royal Waterloo GC <b>BELGIUM</b>
11-15 JUL	<b>EUROPEAN GIRLS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	GC d'Hossegor <b>FRANCE</b>
11-15 JUL	<b>EUROPEAN BOYS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP</b> (Jean-Louis Dupont Trophy)	GC of Geneva <b>SWITZERLAND</b>
12-15 JUL	<b>EUROPEAN AMATEUR &amp; BOYS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION 2</b>	Green Resort Hrubá Borša <b>SLOVAKIA</b>
21-23 JUL	<b>EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP FOR GOLFERS WITH DISABILITY</b>	GC The Dutch <b>NETHERLANDS</b>
26-29 JUL	<b>EUROPEAN LADIES' AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	Tegelberga GK <b>SWEDEN</b>
27-29 JUL	<b>EUROPEAN YOUNG MASTERS</b>	Sedin GC <b>SLOVAKIA</b>
02-05 AUG	<b>EUROPEAN TEAM SHIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS</b> (Ladies' & Men's)	TBA <b>TBA</b>
03-05 AUG	<b>BONALLACK TROPHY &amp; PATSY HANKINS TROPHY</b>	La Manga Club <b>SPAIN</b>
25-26 AUG	<b>JACQUES LÉGLISE TROPHY</b>	Golf de Chantilly <b>FRANCE</b>
05-09 SEP	<b>EUROPEAN SENIOR LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	La Zagaleta (Old Course) <b>SPAIN</b>
05-09 SEP	<b>EUROPEAN SENIOR MEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP</b>	Royal GC Marianske Lazne <b>CZECH REPUBLIC</b>
05-07 OCT	<b>EUROPEAN LADIES' CLUB TROPHY</b>	Pravets GC <b>BULGARIA</b>
26-28 OCT	<b>EUROPEAN MEN'S CLUB TROPHY</b>	Troia Golf <b>PORTUGAL</b>



**BOGOGNO GOLF RESORT, ITALY**



**DOUGLAS GC, IRELAND**



**PÄRNU BAY GOLF LINKS, ESTONIA**



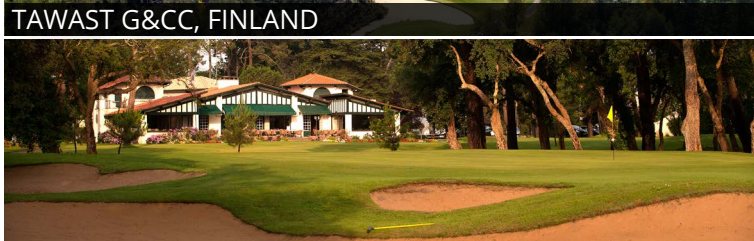
**ROYAL DORNOCH, SCOTLAND**



**TAWAST G&CC, FINLAND**



**ROYAL WATERLOO GC, BELGIUM**



**GC D'HOSSEGOR, FRANCE**



**GC OF GENEVA, SWITZERLAND**



**GREEN RESORT HRUBÁ BORŠA, SLOVAKIA**



**GOLF CLUB THE DUTCH, NETHERLANDS**



**TEGELBERGA GK, SWEDEN**



**SEDIN GC, SLOVAKIA**



**LA MANGA CLUB, SPAIN**



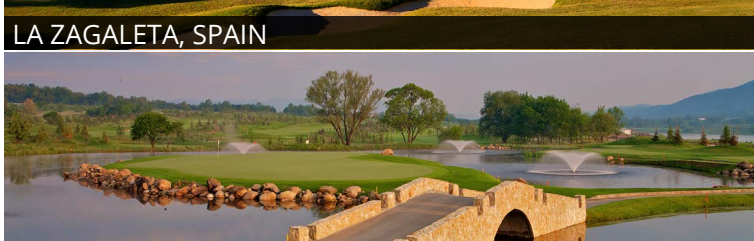
**GOLF DE CHANTILLY, FRANCE**



**LA ZAGALETA, SPAIN**



**ROYAL GC MARIÁNSKÉ LÁZNĚ, CZECH REPUBLIC**

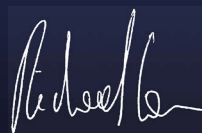


**PRAVETS GC, BULGARIA**



**TROIA GC, PORTUGAL**

# HANDICAPPING & COURSE RATING COMMITTEE REPORT



**RICHARD CAU**  
HANDICAPPING & COURSE RATING COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN



**A**fter the second year in which the World Handicap System (WHS) is running in Europe, I am very happy to inform you that 42 out of 44 EGA “handicapping” members are applying the new system and all 44 countries have submitted the discretionary items through the R&A link.

During 2022, the Handicapping and Course Rating Committee (HCRC) has been concentrating on assisting smaller countries with the new method. A big effort was also made on course rating. The Course Rating System is a fundamental part of the WHS and if courses are not rated, then the system cannot be applied. Small countries often do not have a rating team, but thanks to the EGA family, other members can help rate their courses. On behalf of the Committee, I would like to thank those members who rated or rerated courses in Lithuania, Greece, Croatia and Kazakhstan this year. To increase course rating knowledge in Europe, we have pushed to organize a rating calibration seminar next year.

At the same time, we have been working closely with the WHS Handicap Operations Committee (HOC) on the 2024 Rules of Handicapping revision. The HCRC discussed and sent proposals and considerations to the HOC on various improvements of the system. The suggestions covered a range of elements including short courses, handicap review, scaling up of 9-hole scores, Playing Condition Calculation (PCC) and players’ responsibility regarding the handicap on the scorecard. Final decisions will be taken during the HOC meeting in November.

Some small results have already been achieved as the only WHS update that came out during 2022 included the guideline on ‘plus’ handicaps.

The EGA had raised the request for clarification on this matter last year. Also, the PCC algorithm has recently been amended to make the tool slightly less conservative. This will lead to fewer occasions where the PCC equals zero, which currently occurs about 90% of the time.

After many discussions in the past few years and a brief announcement at the last AGM, the Interoperability Standard Programme was finalized and sent to EGA members in June. It represents a strong request coming from players around the world to automatically transmit away scores, and the EGA strongly supports the initiative although it is on a voluntary basis. The posting of results across jurisdictional borders is only one outcome of the project: if a country is part of the interoperability, it means that its software supplier is accredited with the WHS guaranteeing all its calculations. In addition, all courses of an accredited member get listed in the WHS Course Rating database allowing clubs and players around the world to access its official rating values (Course Rating and Slope Rating) which is fundamental for handicapping purposes.

## MEETINGS

In 2022 the HCRC officially met three times, in February, May and September. Minutes are available on the EGA website. Additionally, a meeting is scheduled for 19 November following the AGM. The Chairman and/or the Zone Representatives also attended the Handicapping zone meetings that took place before the summer. Concerning the World Handicap System, the EGA representatives on the WHS HOC, Richard Cau and Jan Visser, attended the two HOC meetings in May and November.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Thank you to all the HCRC members for the efforts made during 2022. After three years we are now back to a normal routine of four face-to-face meetings per year to improve the handicap system. My gratitude also goes to Peter Bromley, who left the HCRC in 2022, as well as to Eduardo Berge Alonso, our representative on the World Handicap Research Group. A special thank you to Jan Visser who joined me on the WHS HOC at the beginning of the year.

## LOOKING AHEAD

2023 will be focused on education. We are working on two seminars, the first one regarding the 2024 Rules of Handicapping revision and the second one on course rating as we would also like to give smaller countries the possibility to educate high-quality raters. It would be the first calibration seminar in Continental Europe since 2018. Education will also be necessary to proceed with the Interoperability Standard Programme.

**RICHARD CAU**  
EGA HCRC CHAIRMAN



# WORKING GROUP IN CHARGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT



**CAROLINE HUYSKES**  
CHAIR OF WORKING GROUP IN CHARGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY



The 2021 EGA Annual General Meeting held in Reykjavík last November kicked off new discussions with regards to environmental sustainability. The Forum session welcomed representatives from The R&A who presented their sustainable golf agenda and key activities for the coming years. Their new strategy includes a stronger focus on sustainable agronomy, while maintaining efforts towards other sustainability initiatives including Golf Course 2030 and GreenLinks. My thanks go to The R&A for taking a leading role in sustainable golf, and for all their work and support in this domain.

The EGA Working Group in charge of Environmental Sustainability held two remote meetings at the beginning of 2022 to discuss new developments, initiatives and success stories in sustainable golf. The Working Group included representatives from Denmark, France, Italy, The Netherlands, Spain and Sweden, and I would like to thank all of them for their valuable insights and contributions this year.

In order to bring together sustainability experts from our Members, the first EGA Sustainability Day was organised in a physical format on 23 May in Amsterdam. Representatives from 18 countries, including The R&A and GEO, were present to discuss challenges, opportunities and ongoing projects. The Sustainability Day was a great success and included inspiring conversations, and it will be organised again in 2023. Furthermore, the EGA intends to set up two to three additional remote meeting sessions next year to discuss sustainability topics with a potential focus on pesticides, water use, and biodiversity.

During the summer period, the EU published a draft Regulation on the sustainable use of plant protection products which, when effective, could have a serious impact on all our Members. The EGA took a leading role to:

- inform the Members of the publication;
- inform other international organizations;
- write a joint Pan-European Position Statement together with The R&A and with the assistance of the GEO; and
- define next steps and create a list of contacts in Brussels.

The Pan-European Position Statement reflects a balanced and broad consensus of opinion and was supported by the main stakeholders of the European Golf Sector, including 23 EGA members and Professional Tours. We would like to thank our Members for their feedback and support in the process of evaluating the publication and writing the Position Statement.

The upcoming EGA Annual General Meeting in Rome will once again hold a Forum session on Environmental Sustainability. The session will allow Members to discuss the draft EU Regulation as well as other relevant topics on Sustainable Golf. We will continue to keep our Members updated with the monthly EGA Newsletter, sharing the latest initiatives and news on golf sustainability in Europe.

**CAROLINE HUYSKES**  
EGA CHAIR OF WGES



# FINANCIAL REPORT



**ACHIM BATTERMANN**  
EGA HONORARY TREASURER



2022 was characterized by a return to normality, especially with regards to international travels. All EGA championships were organised as scheduled which led to stable income from championship entries. Thanks to full fields of participation, the total revenues received from entry fees exceeded the budget estimate by about 7%. The significantly lower expenses for international matches as well as the postponement of internet development costs also had a positive effect on the result.

However, inflation and higher energy prices started to show a negative impact on several cost items. This was the case with this year's travel expenses which were 10% higher than the budget estimate, as well as some logistical costs that have also increased. Personnel costs were slightly higher due to the need for staff support (i.e. the hiring of an intern) during the championship season.

Thanks to the conservative planning of the Finance Commission during the last two uncertain years as well as some forecasted expenses that did not occur, a certain number of provisions could be released in 2022. For example, the risk of the 25'000 CHF VAT repayment in connection with the relocation of the EGA headquarters from Luxembourg to Switzerland proved to be unnecessary. The balance of the financial year 2021/22 closed with a positive result of CHF 95'073.

## **BUDGET 2022/2023**

For 2023, considering the macro-economic developments, considerable cost increases are foreseen due to a higher inflation rate and higher travel costs. Additional expenses are planned for international matches based on The R&A's decision to lower their financial contributions. The necessary migration of the EGA website, as well as the hiring of an additional full-time employee complement the 2022/23 budget in line with the 2022-27 strategic plan.

The proposed 4.5% increase in membership fees balances parts of the additional costs and is consciously much lower than the expected inflation rate in Western Europe.

The loss of CHF 33'765, that has been budgeted despite the planned increase in membership fees, will be covered by the partial release of the total reserves.

**ACHIM BATTERMANN**  
EGA HONORARY TREASURER



# NOTES ON ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## **BASIS OF PREPARATION**

The financial statements of the Association have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of commercial accounting as set out in the Swiss Code of Obligations (Art. 957 to 963b CO). They are presented in Swiss Francs (CHF), being the functional currency of the Association.

## **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Cash and cash equivalents represent cash on hand or on deposit with banks.

## **REVENUE**

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis; thus, income and expenses are accounted for when they are acquired or engaged and not at the date of payment and are registered into the books of accounts accordingly.

## **FOREIGN CURRENCIES**

Transactions during the period in currencies other than CHF have been translated into CHF at the appropriate rates ruling at the time. Liabilities and current assets in other currencies at the final position date have been translated into CHF at rates ruling on that date. All resultant exchange differences have been dealt with through the income statement.



# AUDITOR'S REPORT



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Report of the statutory auditor  
to the Annual General Meeting of  
EUROPEAN GOLF ASSOCIATION  
Epalinges

As statutory auditor, we have examined the financial statements (balance sheet, income statement and notes) of EUROPEAN GOLF ASSOCIATION for the financial year ended 30 September 2022.

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Executive Committee. Our responsibility is to perform a limited statutory examination on these financial statements. We confirm that we meet the licensing and independence requirements as stipulated by Swiss law. An employee of our company assisted in the bookkeeping during the reporting year. This individual was not involved in the limited statutory examination

We conducted our examination in accordance with the Swiss Standard on the Limited Statutory Examination. This standard requires that we plan and perform a limited statutory examination to identify material misstatements in the financial statements. A limited statutory examination consists primarily of inquiries of company personnel and analytical procedures as well as detailed tests of company documents as considered necessary in the circumstances. However, the testing of operational processes and the internal control system, as well as inquiries and further testing procedures to detect fraud or other legal violations, are not within the scope of this examination.

Based on our limited statutory examination, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not comply with Swiss law and the association's articles of incorporation.

Nyon, 17 October 2022

MOORE STEPHENS REFIDAR SA

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Déborah Dépraz  
Audit licensed expert  
*Auditor in charge*

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Jacques Grossen  
Audit licensed expert

Enclosure : Financial statements (balance sheet, income statement and notes)

# EGA BALANCE SHEET IN CHF

(30.09.2022)

ASSETS	Note	on 30.09.2020	on 30.09.2021	on 30.09.2022
Cash in Bank		1'150'553	1'284'059	1'353'658
Saferpay current account		-	4'127	-
Receivables	1	22'429	35'248	58'544
Stock		62'798	-	-
Prepaid Expenses/Guarantee Deposit		-	4'173	1'271
Property and Equipment	2	8'012	7'668	27'603
Website	3	1	1	1
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>1'243'794</b>	<b>1'335'276</b>	<b>1'441'077</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Saferpay Current Account		(6'034)	-	(300)
Creditors & Short Term Accruals		(215'246)	(295'552)	(219'943)
Long Term Accruals	4	(164'505)	(164'505)	(250'542)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<b>(385'785)</b>	<b>(460'057)</b>	<b>(470'785)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>858'009</b>	<b>875'219</b>	<b>970'292</b>
<b>RESERVES</b>				
<b>GENERAL RESERVE</b>				
Balance at the Start of the Year		840'751	858'009	875'219
Surplus/(Deficit) of the Year		17'258	17'210	95'073
<b>Balance at the End of the Year</b>		<b>858'009</b>	<b>875'219</b>	<b>970'292</b>
<b>TOTAL RESERVES</b>		<b>858'009</b>	<b>875'219</b>	<b>970'292</b>

## NOTES ON BALANCE SHEET

### 1. RECEIVABLES

Championship Fees and Event Re-billing	1'000	1'600	-
Membership Fee	-	-	-
Miscellaneous (short term income)	21'429	33'648	58'544
	<b>22'429</b>	<b>35'248</b>	<b>58'544</b>

### 2. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

Furniture	4'121	4'567	22'620
Computer and IT	1'261	1'921	4'983
Intellectual Property	2'630	1'180	-
	<b>8'012</b>	<b>7'668</b>	<b>27'603</b>

### 3. WEBSITE

As of 30.09.2020, CHF 174'999.- out of a total of CHF 175'000.- investment have been amortized covering five of a five-year plan.

### 4. LONG TERM ACCRUALS

Reserve International Matches (BT/PHT)	100'000	100'000	100'000
Reserve Golf Europe	19'904	19'904	-
Reserve Various	44'601	44'601	60'542
Reserve - Website development	-	-	90'000
	<b>164'505</b>	<b>164'505</b>	<b>250'542</b>

# R&A AMATEUR STATUS COMMITTEE REPORT



**BRIAN FLEMING**  
CHAIRMAN, AMATEUR STATUS COMMITTEE



Under the Chairmanship of my predecessor Clive Brown, the modernised Rules of Amateur Status came into effect in January 2022, and the reaction to the new Rules has been very positive.

Many national federations and competition organisers have taken the opportunity to provide prize money up to the prescribed limit in scratch-only events for elite amateurs, which makes it easier for those amateurs to use the money to assist with their playing schedules.

In addition, we are aware of numerous examples of elite amateurs choosing to extend their amateur careers as a result of being able to take advantage of sponsorship deals which have arisen as a consequence of being able to use their name and image in promotions.

A small number of issues and queries arising from the first year of operation are being reviewed for the purpose of providing any further clarifications in the Guidance Notes that were issued alongside the new Rules. It is hoped that these clarifications will be in place at the beginning of 2023.

As always, our Advisory members have played a key role in the work of the Amateur Status Committee and their contributions are both valued and valuable. In that respect, I would like to thank both the retiring EGA representative on the Amateur Status Committee, Birgitta Ljung, for her tremendous contribution to the work of the Committee during such a significant period, and Stefano Sardi for his continued invaluable input. We very much look forward to welcoming Joachim Fourquet to the Committee.



**DOUG NORVAL**  
CHAIRMAN, RULES OF GOLF COMMITTEE



By the time of the AGM, the 2023 Rules of Golf will have been publicly released. This new edition continues the modernisation process that began a decade ago in providing plain language, a practical approach and intuitive answers. Our ongoing strategy remains to make the Rules more consistent, simple, accessible and, where possible, less penal.

The Modified Rules of Golf for Players with Disabilities are now incorporated in the main body of the Rules as Rule 25. This important development reflects our commitment to ensuring that the game welcomes all those who wish to participate and compete.

In addition to the introduction of New Rule 25, the principal revisions are as follows:

- ↳ **Handicap on scorecard in stroke play:** With the majority of post-round scoring being handled through digital means which provides the correct handicap, players are no longer penalised for failing to put their handicap on their scorecard in stroke play and will not get a penalty if they put down an incorrect handicap. This important part of stroke-play handicap competitions is now a committee responsibility.
- ↳ **Back-on-the-line relief:** The back-on-the-line relief procedure, an option for an unplayable ball or a ball in a penalty area, has been simplified so that the player is now required to drop their ball on the line when using this option, and the ball must come to rest within one club-length of where it is dropped.
- ↳ **Continued relaxation of penalties:** We have continued our effort to reduce penalties where appropriate, while remaining true to the long-standing principle that penalties need to cancel out the potential advantage that can

be gained by the breach. As an example, the penalty for incorrectly substituting a ball has been reduced from the general penalty (two strokes or loss of hole) to a one stroke penalty.

In order to provide greater access to the Rules, the information provided in the Player's Edition of the Rules of Golf, which was introduced four years ago as a separate publication to the full Rules of Golf, is now provided in digital form, reflecting the way in which we source information and assisting in the drive to decrease our global carbon footprint by reducing hard copy printing and distribution. Our digital offerings, principally The R&A's Rules of Golf App and website, contain numerous explanatory videos and diagrams, along with answers to frequently asked questions. All are aimed to assist in applying the Rules in situations most commonly encountered by players everywhere.

We are reaching the concluding stages of piloting our new worldwide Referees and Tournament Administrators Level 4 qualification in six countries and are in the process of finalising a Learning Management System to support the continuous professional development aspect which will be central to this new initiative.

Having had to cancel our 2021 and 2022 Tournament Administrators and Referees Seminar in St Andrews, we very much look forward to delivering this again in February 2023.

As always we are hugely grateful for the energy and highly valued input from our Advisory Committee members, Ane Urchegui García and Gábor Gágyor. Gábor is now retiring from the Rules of Golf Committee. We wish him well and we look forward to working with his successor Jan Rye.



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## SUSTAINABLE CHAMPIONSHIP AGRONOMY

To support Championship venues in adopting more sustainable practices, delivering first class playing surfaces based on less water, fertiliser and pesticides as well as higher biodiversity at the venues. This summer, the focus was on best practice sustainable agronomy and technical support to The 150<sup>th</sup> Open, the AIG Womens Open, The Senior Open and The Amateur championships. The visit schedule continued with the addition of 23 clubs engaged with a Biodiversity Assessment and Monitoring programme that aims to improve and gather value and understanding of the nature value of golf courses.

The 150<sup>th</sup> Open was a great example of sustainable agronomy, with low water, fertiliser and pesticides input, leading to the highest recorded Green firmness values whilst retaining good turf health and control of consistent green speed. The all electric Toro E-Triflex mowers were a novelty in major golf and worked superbly well. They may well provide the model for future championships.

## SUSTAINABLE AGRONOMY SERVICES TO CLUBS (SAS) – GB&I, ASIA PACIFIC AND BEYOND

Launched in March 2022 using in-house agronomy experts for GB&I and Asia Pacific, this commercial service offers Sustainable Agronomy advice/consultancy to support golf courses identifying their strengths and weaknesses and better plan their course operations and actions to sustainably futureproof their venue. Over 60 contracts were closed ytd. Any advice given is underpinned by the experience from our Sustainable Championship Agronomy, the research outcomes from GC2030 and the work performed in our Greenkeeping Education and Scholarships Programmes. Proceeds generated by The R&A Sustainable Agronomy Service will be reinvested back into the development of the sport through research on turf management, greenkeeping education and sustainability initiatives to ensure that golf is thriving both now as well as in 50 years from now.

The updated business plan that incorporates the resourcing plans for GB&I, expansion into Europe, fee structures, and the development of new business opportunities including The R&A “Agronomy Mark of Distinction” will be presented to the Sustainable Golf Committee in November.

## GC2030 SUSTAINABLE GOLF RESEARCH FOR PRACTICAL AND READY TO USE SOLUTIONS

The R&A is leading the drive to find practical and ready to use solutions to the challenges posed by climate change (adapting or mitigating) and impact on nature with a focus on better playing surfaces based on less water, fertiliser and pesticides and a greater biodiversity. Significant work has been undertaken to advance nine of the GC2030 projects. Working alongside project researchers, outputs are now either complete or in final production including Modular ITM handbook (Integrated Turf Management for Parkland Greens), Grass Selection Problem-Solving Maxtrix (Sustainable Grass Selection), Template Coastal Management Plan (Coastal Management), Nature-based Coastal Erosions Solutions (Coastal Management), Technical Design Guidelines for Sustainable Water Systems (Sustainable Water Management), Golf Course Quality Considerations Guide & Template (Quality Standards for Golf Courses), Greens Quality Matrix (Golf Green Quality Standards). It is anticipated that we may receive as many as ten eligible new project proposals from European Affiliates. Project proposals will be handled using the new proposed GC2030 Project Framework.

All communications and publication of GC2030 project outputs will be aligned with the R&A Sustainable Agronomy Service (SAS) and our Greenkeeping Education and Scholarship Programmes. Dedicated education events are planned to increase the direct engagement with project outputs by partner organisations and golf courses in GB&I.

## GREENKEEPING EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE AGRONOMY SKILLS

Our education and scholarship programme is designed to be recognised as 'the gold standard' of sustainable greenkeeping to ensure that sustainable practices are being embedded at an operational level. The team are delivering existing Scholarship events for 2022 including hosting the Annual Scholar's Meeting at BTME Harrogate, The 150<sup>th</sup> Open, The AIG Women's Open, The BMW Championship (scholars supporting our agronomy and greenkeeping teams) and the annual study trip to Askernish. Besides our excellent relationships with Myerscough College and SRUC, a closer relationship with the global top 5 agronomy colleges will be established as of 2023.

## GREENLINKS: STAGING SUSTAINABLE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The R&A's GreenLinks sustainable Framework delivered at the 150<sup>th</sup> Open, The Senior Open and the AIG Women's Open successfully covered sustainability activations for Venue, Staging, Legacy and Communications.

A few examples include this years' Open Water Initiative in partnership with Mastercard and Priceless Planet Coalition, expanding to 94 refill taps, distributing the equivalent of 153'738 plastic bottles not being used. The tournament was powered by 100% renewable energy, including a solar panel array to power the contactor compound and the use of Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil in all generators on site. In catering, around 70% of food was sourced within 150 miles of the venue and the Zero Waste to Landfill target was set. This year also saw the introduction of a Community re-use programme in partnership with St Andrews Environmental Network.

For sustainable transport, this year saw two free, secure bike parking facilities at the venue, a public transport Ticket App, more electric vehicles used in the fleet and the majority of park and ride buses supplied by Stagecoach being hybrid vehicles. For sustainable legacy, The Open Legacy Fund has approved funding for an Accessible Walkway to West Sands and is currently considering several other community projects including a Re-use and Recycling Hub and E-Bike Share Scheme. A Carbon Footprint is being calculated alongside a Climate Mitigation Plan, a first for 2022.

Engaging spectators, the public and contractors in sustainable golf was expanded this year with standards set in the Contractor Induction and Volunteer Handbook, broadcast information in The Open Radio, The Official Programme and big screen messages all featured sustainability content. Seven sustainability themed Sky Golf Features were filmed and put out during the tournament on various sustainability topics.

## POLICY AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

The EGA, The R&A and its affiliates and partners closely collaborated on a Pan-European Position Statement in response to the EU Draft Regulation on the sustainable use of pesticides. This was successfully submitted to the EU platform on 19<sup>th</sup> September '22 and outlined a thoughtful position highlighting key elements in a fair and balanced way.

The Pan-European Position Statement represented a broad consensus of opinion from the European Golf Sector and was supported by various stakeholders, including the main Professional European Tours, and has been endorsed by 23 European National Authorities and other sector-specific organisations.



# WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING® REPORT



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## INTRODUCTION

2022 is the third year of the Power method of calculation within WAGR®. The transition to the new system has been in place now for over 33 months.

Due to the worldwide pandemic a pause was applied to WAGR in 2020. The impact this has had on players' rankings and points is that events prior to 2020 Week 14 will remain on a player's record 13 weeks longer than normal and will be aged once they are 65 weeks old and remain on their record for 117 weeks in total. As of this summer the full impact of the pause has now expired out of the system, and only events in the last 104 weeks are included in a player's record.

We have seen a significant increase in the number of WAGR events; with men's events increasing year on year by 19% (481) and women events increasing by 19% (299) as of Week 34 2022. In comparison to pre Covid19 events, our events in 2022 for men have increased by 14% (342) and women by 17% (274) at the same point in 2019, which demonstrates that, amateur golfing events have returned to a healthy level and continues to grow with success.

The R&A/USGA would like to thank all our affiliates for their hard work and attention to detail in supporting the accurate and timely submission of results.

## WAGR® STATISTICS

WAGR® coverage includes more than 7'500 players from 103 countries. With 5'646 ranking tournaments played or confirmed from 83 countries, additionally we have over 853 events currently listed as on hold or not played this year.

## EUROPEAN STATISTICS

At 29 September 2022, WAGR® coverage included 2'403 players from Europe (1'431 Men/972 Women) from 39 countries. These figures all show a decrease on 2021 – 2'223 Men/1'267 Women from 43 countries.

The main explanation for the decrease in the number of ranked players is due to the new standard to remain ranked with the adoption of the Power method. Due to the impact of Covid19, the standard was not actioned until 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to give players the chance to meet the standard. Now in order to remain ranked, a player must earn at least four (4) points in a single event result with the previous 52 weeks.

## NEW RANKED AND RE-RANKED PLAYER/S IN 2022

There have been 1'784 (1'096 men, 688 women) new ranked players in 2022 up to Week 38. In comparison for the full year of 2021 1'726 players became newly ranked.

Players who have successfully become re-ranked is 204 (153 men, 51 women) at the end of Week 38 in 2022. In comparison for the full year of 2021, 121 players became re-ranked.

## MARK H. MCCORMACK MEDAL

The winner of the 2022 men's Mark H. McCormack Medal was Keita Nakajima of Japan for the second year in a row. The winner of the women's medal was Rose Zhang of United States for the third year in a row.

The award is named after Mark H. McCormack, the late founder of sports marketing company IMG and an avid supporter of amateur golf. The Mark H. McCormack Medal is awarded to the player ranked number one in the WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING® after the European Amateur Championship or U.S. Amateur Championship, whichever concludes later.



## TOP 10 POWER MEN'S AMATEUR EVENTS IN 2022 WK1 TO WK38

EVENT NAME	WEEK N°	POWER	COUNTRY
1. U.S. Amateur Championship	202233	996.2071	United States
2. Arnold Palmer Cup	202226	986.8999	United States
3. NCAA D1 Championship - Stroke	202222	985.199	United States
4. The Western Amateur Championship	202231	977.7448	United States
5. World Amateur Team Championship - Eisenhower Trophy	202235	966.1894	France
6. NCAA D1 Championship - Match	202222	947.8833	United States
7. OFCC Fighting Illini Invite	202237	939.8233	United States
8. The Amer Ari Invitational	202205	937.8867	United States
9. Northeast Amateur Invitational	202225	932.7865	United States
10. Southern Amateur Championship	202228	922.1702	United States

## TOP 10 POWER WOMEN'S AMATEUR EVENTS IN 2022 WK1 TO WK38

EVENT NAME	WEEK N°	POWER	COUNTRY
1. Augusta National Women's Amateur Championship	202213	996.3137	United States
2. Arnold Palmer Cup	202226	986.8999	United States
3. NCAA D1 Women's Championship	202221	973.5204	United States
4. World Amateur Team Championship - Espirito Santo Trophy	202234	973.5058	France
5. European Ladies' Team Championship	202227	921.3375	Wales
6. The Women's Amateur Championship	202225	902.8034	Scotland
7. European Ladies' Amateur Championship	202229	897.9469	France
8. Darius Rucker Intercollegiate	202209	897.2793	United States
9. U.S. Women's Amateur Championship	202232	889.6286	United States
10. Northrop Grumman Regional Challenge	202211	887.7754	United States

## TOP 10 POWER EUROPEAN MEN EVENTS IN 2022 WK1 TO WK38

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1. World Amateur Team Championship - Eisenhower Trophy	202235	966.1894	France
2. European Amateur Championship	202225	873.5272	Spain
3. The Amateur Championship	202224	870.5514	England
4. European Amateur Team Championship	202227	860.4059	England
5. St Andrews Links Trophy	202222	698	Scotland
6. Lytham Trophy	202217	661	England
7. R&A Women's & Men's Home Internationals	202231	636.8179	Ireland
8. European Nations Cup - Copa Sotogrande	202213	635	Spain
9. Spanish Amateur Copa S M El Rey	202209	618	Spain
10. English Men's Open Amateur Stroke Play Championship (Brabazon Trophy)	202220	617.0619	England

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4. European Ladies' Amateur Championship	202229	897.9469	France
5. Spanish International Ladies' Amateur Championship	202209	645.0494	Spain
6. Internationaux de France U21 - Trophée Esmond	202216	644.8163	France
7. R&A Women's & Men's Home Internationals	202231	636.8179	Ireland
8. Portuguese Internacional Ladies Amateur Championship	202204	635	Portugal
9. Italian International Ladies Amateur Championship	202217	617	Italy
10. R&A Girls Amateur Championship	202232	590	Scotland

## TOP ELITE EVENT WINNERS IN 2022

## MEN

The Amateur Championship  
Aldrich Potgieter (RSA)

NCAA DI Championship  
Parker Coody (USA)

European Amateur Championship  
Filippo Celli (ITA)

U.S. Amateur Championship  
Sam Bennett (USA)

World Amateur Team Championship  
Tobias Jonsson (SWE)

Asia-Pacific Amateur Championship  
Scheduled for October 2022

## WOMEN

The Women's Amateur Championship  
Jess Baker (ENG)

NCAA D1 Women's Championship  
Rose Zhang (USA)

European Ladies' Amateur Championship  
Savannah de Bock (BEL)



U.S. Amateur Championship  
Baba Saki (JPN)

World Amateur Team Championship  
Meja Ortengren (SWE), Helen Briem (GER) and Rose Zhang (USA)

Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific Championship  
Scheduled for November 2022

## PLAYERS TURNING PROFESSIONAL IN 2022

As of Week 38, 499 WAGR® players turned professional in 2022:

-  Men – 356 (109 Europe) [2021 Full Year 438 (135 Europe)]
-  Women – 143 (16 Europe) [2021 Full Year 124 (48 Europe)]

## MEN

## WOMEN

Filippo Celli (ITA)

Beatrice Wallin (SWE)

David Puig Currius (ESP)

Emma Spitz (AUT)

Kiet Van Der Weele (NED)

Emily Price (ENG)

Albin Bergstrom (SWE)

Aline Krauter (GER)

Eugenio Lopez-Chacarra Coto (ESP)

Louise Duncan (SCO)

Laird Shepherd (ENG)

Sara Kjellker (SWE)

Alex Fitzpatrick (ENG)

Clara Manzalini (ITA)

Haider Hussain (ENG)

Jana Melichova (CZE)

Sara Kouskova (CZE)

Alessandra Fanali (ITA)

**WR4GD STATISTICS (THE WORLD RANKING FOR GOLFERS WITH DISABILITY) 2022**

WR4GD coverage includes 1'199 players (1'115 players in 2021) from 33 countries, and over 81 scheduled ranking tournaments, 71 have taken place to date. This is in comparison to 48 events that occurred in 2021.

It should be noted that players can have a ranking position in more than one set of rankings. The Gross rankings also includes Professional golfers with disability.

The rankings are not separated by gender as in WAGR® but are divided into Gross, Net and Stableford Rankings.

**TOP 3 WR4GD PLAYERS IN 2022**

<b>GROSS RANKINGS (Week 38)</b> Players with golf handicaps up to 18.4	<b>NET RANKINGS (Week 38)</b> players with golf handicaps up to 18.4 but excludes Professionals	<b>STABLEFORD RANKINGS (Week 38)</b> Players with golf handicaps from 18.5 up to 54
1. Brendan Lawlor (IRE)	1. Kristian Hammerback (CAN)	1. Petri Partanen (FIN)
2. Kipp Popert (ENG)	2. Simo Kosunen (FIN)	2. Craig Moorgas (RSA)
3. Juan Postigo Arce (ESP)	3. Stephen Ryan (NZ)	3. Miroslav (SVK)



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