



## GLASGOW GOLF UNION – HELPING TO GROW GOLF IN GLASGOW

### INTRODUCTION:

The Glasgow Golf Union (GGU), founded in 1955, is one of the 31 geographically based organisations (Areas and Counties) across Scotland tasked with the development of golf across the Scotland.

There are 10 Private Course Clubs, 23 Municipal Course Clubs and 6 Nomadic Clubs. The principle role of the Union is to provide assistance to the clubs in helping them maintain and grow their membership as well as developing a conveyor of golfing talent that can succeed at local, national and international level.

The other key responsibility is providing the liaison between Scottish Golf Ltd. (the new national governing body of amateur golf in Scotland) and the Clubs helping deliver national golf initiatives such as “Get Into Golf and Club Golf”. Additionally the recent amalgamation of the governance of Ladies and Gents golf in Scotland has resulted in the responsibility to deliver this significant change being handed to the organisations at a local level such as the GGU.

### FUNDING:

Funding of the GGU comes from a variety of sources (see below) but 69% comes from the levy on all male Club Members so the Union Executive are *determined /keen* to ensure all contributors are kept up to date with activities. The best way to do this is to view the website [www.glasgowgolfunion.com](http://www.glasgowgolfunion.com) or through our [Facebook page](#).

Income:





Expenditure:



## GLASGOW GOLF UNION – KEY SERVICES

### 1 LOCAL NETWORKS / NATIONAL NETWORKS:

Since its foundation the GGU has built up a wide expertise in the development of golf in Glasgow. It also has developed a network, local and national, of different golfing organisations. This accumulated knowledge and contacts allows it to help Clubs to thrive and prosper in what are challenging times for the sport in Scotland.

### 2 COACHING PROGRAMMES:

The Union considers coaching to be the key activity in planning for the future of golf on Glasgow. Alastair Forsyth, ex-European Tour player, was appointed in 2016 as coach to the GGU and he now works with all our key groups. The main area of activity is the development of junior golfers.

GGU also provides subsidies to players to help pay for coaching for all ages. As the smallest Union by geographical area, Glasgow has punched above its weight with local players representing Scotland at all age levels, including playing in the Walker Cup.

3 INTER AREA TEAM MATCHES:

Matches between the local unions and at a national level are annual events. Teams at boys, youths and senior levels battle out throughout the season.

4 COMPETITIONS:

Over the season, the GGU runs 10 Strokeplay and Matchplay competitions. These are aimed a variety of player groups. The Glasgow Strokeplay and Matchplay Competitions are for the elite golfers, The Seniors Championship and Summer Meeting are contested by handicap players. The Boys and Youths Championships are scratch tournaments for the appropriate age groups.

5 GOLFING ADVICE:

The GGU provide a source of advice to Clubs and Members on a number of golfing matters. Rules expertise is available to all Clubs with the Union being a liaison between the Clubs and Scottish Golf and the R&A. Additionally it is the arbiter on the availability of preferred lies at the end of the winter season.

6 COURSE RATING:

All courses require their Standard Scratch Rating to be reviewed every 10 years. Whilst the overall responsibility for this lies with Scottish Golf, delivery of the surveying is delegated to the Unions. GGU has a rating team of 8 as at 2017. The action plan is to update the rating of 5 courses each year with the SS calculation based on the USGA system.

7 HANDICAPS:

Maintaining a current CONGU handicap requires all golfers to be a member of a club affiliated to the GGU or similar organisations across Scotland.

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