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Dear IGFR-member,

The Executive Board has decided to communicate with their members throughout the year. We missed staying in contact with you in between the tournaments!

You will receive a quarterly newsletter of IGFR from now on.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE BOARD



Oscar Kneubuhler is going to resign unfortunately due to health problems. Oscar has done so much for the IGFR and we thank him very much. He had his unique way of marketing IGFR. We still hope to see him at our tournaments. Oscar will be followed up by **Omer Yalkin**, our well respected past-president, as an interim secretary. **Francine Kruyt**, new Board member appointed in Victoria, will be the new general executive secretary per 1-1-2019.

Info IGFR-International board:

<http://www.igfr-international.com/board/>



WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 2018 TALLINN 8-14 JULY 2018, ESTONIA

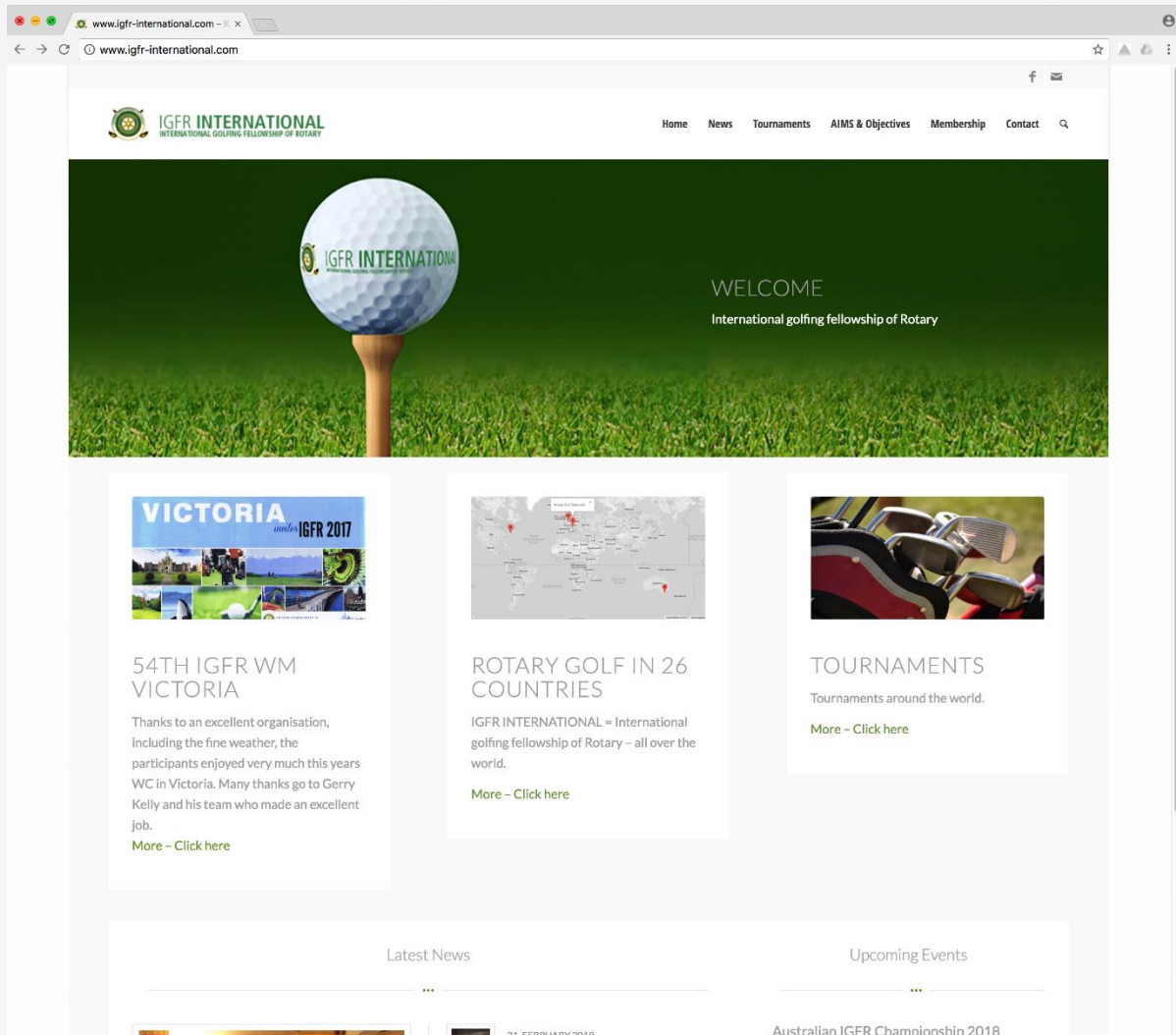
We are all looking forward seeing each other in Tallinn. Our Estonian members have previously proven that they can organize a tournament. (and an opera!) Up to now there are 150 contestants. Place for 250 contestants in total, so 100 contestants can still register. Who wants to join? For more information see website:

<http://igfr2018estonia.ee/en>

NEW WEBSITE

We have also launched a new website. We invite you to have a look at it. The website will be our main communication platform.

<http://www.igfr-international.com>



The screenshot shows the homepage of the IGFR International website. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, News, Tournaments, AIMS & Objectives, Membership, and Contact. The main header features the IGFR International logo and a large image of a golf ball on a tee with the text "WELCOME International golfing fellowship of Rotary". Below this, there are three main content blocks: "54TH IGFR WM VICTORIA" with a photo of a golf course and text about the event; "ROTARY GOLF IN 26 COUNTRIES" with a world map and text about the organization's global reach; and "TOURNAMENTS" with a photo of golf clubs and text about tournaments around the world. At the bottom, there are sections for "Latest News" and "Upcoming Events", with a news item dated 21 FEBRUARY 2018 and an event titled "Australian IGFR Championship 2018".

SOCIAL MEDIA

Also we will be launching a Facebook page in April 2018. Please like and share!

<https://www.facebook.com/IGFR.International.Golfing.Rotary/>



We like to communicate and stay in touch with our members.

Please let us know if you see any mistakes, if your address is wrong or anything you see that we can improve. You can help us become better! After this newsletter we will work further on modernizing the administration. We will start to use a different software system after “clean-up” of the IGFR Excel-file. There will also be (in due time) a member’s login where you can see pictures etc. For now, we still have an application form which you have to download. We are working on an online registration form. Also, we are working on online payment system.

NEW MEMBERS

- Laura Velazquez (Mexico)We
- Vicente Velazquez (Mexico)
- Tarik Sarioglu (Turkey)

Welcome to our new members! Wonderful you joined this fellowship of Rotary. Two new members from Mexico makes that we now have members in 26 countries.

Get acquainted with our new members!

INTERVIEWS



Laura Velazquez from Mexico

Laura is president of her Rotary club. Have a look on their website and Facebook page.

www.rotaryclubmaloapan.org.mx

<https://www.facebook.com/RCMaloapan/>

1 - where do you live?

I live in Martínez de la Torre, Veracruz, in México.

2 - how did you hear of the IGFR?

Some years ago, before being a Rotarian, I heard of IGFR through a Rotarian member.

3 - what do you enjoy about golf?

What I love about golf is the contact with nature, the challenge that is for myself to improve at every game, and most of all, the chance to spend time with good friends and the opportunity to meet interesting people with whom I can also make friends.

4 - what is going to be your first IGFR tournament?

I am looking forward to taking part in the Offene Deutsche Rotary Golfmeisterschaften IGFR 2018.



Vicente Velazquez from Mexico: (uncle of Laura)

1 - where do you live?

I live in Martínez de la Torre, Veracruz, in México.

2 - how did you hear of the IGFR?

By my niece, Laura Velázquez.

3 - what do you enjoy about golf?

Arrive at the golf club at 7 a.m., see the greenery of the field and the freshness of the day. Start the walk, the coexistence with friends while playing and try to improve my game every time I play it.

4 - what is going to be your first IGFR tournament?

I am also looking forward to taking part in the Offene Deutsche Rotary Golfmeisterschaften IGFR 2018.

GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

Interview with Lili-Ann Kriegler from Australia.



1 - where do you live?

I live in Melbourne Australia. I migrated here with my husband, Pierre, and our two children, Sean and Candice in 1998, from Johannesburg South Africa. I love Melbourne, a cosmopolitan place with a rich culture; and which is often voted the most livable city in the world!

2 - how long have you been a member of the IGFR?

My first experience of IGFR was Kiawah Island in 1995 as a non-playing participant. I became a life-member of IGFR about 5 years ago. I have attended 14 or so different IGFR events over the years. I played as a partner until 2012, when I joined Rotary, and now I proudly play as a Rotarian.

3 - what was your best IGFR tournament and why was it the best?

It is almost impossible to choose a favorite IGFR experience, because they are all so unique and well-organized. But, Kitzbühel in 2009 stands out for me. One reason is that it is in the beautiful Austrian Alps and the views are exceptional. Another reason is that we skied in Kitzbühel in the winter before the IGFR and we actually skied over the golf course! We also enjoyed wonderful hospitality from Gerhard and Christl Resch.

4 - what is your next IGFR tournament?

I am hoping to go to Tallinn this year! If Pierre and I don't manage it, we will aim for Hamburg in 2019.

Lili-Ann passes "the microphone" of this interview to Pierre Kriegler.



Goodbye for now until our next newsletter planned the 1st July. We hope you enjoyed our first newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact us for any questions or remarks. If you have pictures for our website, please send them to us. Thank you!

Francine Kruyt

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