



INTRODUCTION:

Dear members and other interested parties,

Welcome to our second newsletter! We hope you liked this initiative to improve our communication with you. You will receive it quarterly. If you do not want to receive it, please unsubscribe at the bottom of this newsletter. But we hope you stay tuned in with us!

You receive this newsletter a bit earlier than planned, because it contains a last call for Tallinn!



Executive committee has met in Prangins, Switzerland and said goodbye to Oscar Kneubuhler. IGFR is very grateful for the many years Oscar worked for the IGFR. On our website and on Facebook we already reported about Oscar's farewell. Oscar received a very nice tin platter with an IGFR inscription on it. Oscar gave a farewell dinner to the members of the Executive Committee at the beautiful golf course where he is a member.



We are looking forward going to Tallinn for the World Championships.

GOLFING ROTARIANS MEET IN TALLINN 8-14 JULY 2018, ESTONIA

Golfing rotarians meet in Tallinn, Estonia for IGFR 55th World Championships 8-14 th July 2018. Nearly 200 participants are from all continents in addition to Europe are Japan, Australia, South Africa, Uganda, Morocco, Bangladesh and USA.

Estonia was offered to host World Championships after a big success with IGFR European Championships at 2011, when 240 players and their partners enjoyed first class golf courses, cultural program and entertainment, that included a main sponsor reception honoured by Estonian president Toomas Hendrik Ilves and world premier golf opera „Fore“ with gala dinner in the National Opera House.

Such proposal puts an organizing committee under great pressure, as we are the same committee as in 2011 and did not like to repeat the programme of 2011. However we are happy to say that we hope to surprise you. Among other events the participants will enjoy the new golf opera at the Culture Hub prior to gala dinner on Friday 13th July.

The hosting clubs are Tallinn Rotary Club and Tallinn Old Town Rotary Club. Monday 9th July, just after the Friendship Competition, Rotarian home hospitality will be organized. This means that Estonian Rotarians will take a number of guests to their homes or spend some time with them in Tallinn Old Town, the medieval Hanseatic town with UNESCO heritage.

The competitions will be held at Tallinn Golf Club at Niitvälja and Estonian Golf and Country Club at Jõelähtme (EGCC), both are championship courses. EGCC in its short history is a member of European Tour Course Properties and has hosted several major international tournaments such as the International European Men's Amateur Championship in 2016.

Although our event is called World Championship Rotary Golf, it is mainly a Rotary fellowship event. Strokeplay format is played only in the first category hcp 0-12 and all other players (hcp 13-36) are playing a Stableford competition. Non golfing partners are offered a very exclusive partner programme during golf competition days. You will feel a member of an International organization, will get to know new friends and meet old friends. Together with my wife Katrin, we have

attended several IGFR World Championships like in Belek (Turkey), Manila (Philippines), Niagara Falls (Canada), Rotterdam, BC Canada etc. The partner programme was so good in Manila, that my wife gave up golfing at those events in future. Therefore I am hereby encouraging all golfing rotarians and their partners to attend the future IGFR tournaments, next in Hamburg 2019.

Finally you do not need to be a Rotarian to play golf and vice a versa, but golf unites people and keeps them fresh in many ways. I am hereby inviting all golfing rotarians to start up with your Rotary Club, district and country championships. Often there are not many participants on a club level, but even 5 players is better than nothing. Keep up the database, publish the event at district or country Rotary calendar; invite fellow clubs to participate; publish news in Rotary district magazine etc. Select initial group and keep going.

Wishing you a wonderful Rotary and golfing year!



Urmas Isok
Chairman, IGFR WCh Tallinn 2018

For more information see website: <http://igfr2018estonia.ee/en>

NEWS FROM OUR TREASURER JEAN-PAUL REY

Starting this year, the Executive Committee decided to reduce the lifetime membership (LT) fee. The LT fee is EUR 100 or US\$ 120 or CHF 120. You can make your payment with Pay-Pal. As soon as this contribution is paid, you may participate as long as you wish.

We hope to see you many times!

NEW MEMBERS

These are our **new members** since the last newsletter:

- Reijo Härkönen, Finland
- Menso Westerouen van Meeteren, the Netherlands
- Josef Smevkal, Cech Republic
- Marie Jehuckova, Cech Republic
- Djenabou Diallo, Ivory Coast
- Chris Benjamin, Sri Lanka

New members:

All new members and new Board members are invited for an interview for our newsletter. It will make it easier for them to get to know their new friends. The new members will be recognized from their pictures and interviews in the newsletter. Easy to start a conversation and make our new members feel welcome.

New Board member:

Another new Board member, Peter Anderson from Australia, was installed in Victoria, Canada, in August 2017. Welcome to the board Peter.

INTERVIEWS





New member Menso Westerouen van Meeteren from the Netherlands

1 - Where do you live?

In Vught, in the southern part of the Netherlands (province: Noord-Brabant).

2 - how did you hear of the IGFR?

I saw the IGFR on the internet when I was looking for Rotary-events. Secondary, Francine Kruyt, Board member of the IGFR from the Netherlands, asked my attention for the IGFR..

3 - What is your classification?

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4 - What is your next IGFR tournament?

The world-championship in Tallinn.

5 - What do you expect from IGFR?

Organizing and facilitating international golf events to make Rotarians meet each other wherever friendships arise, and understanding is created.



New member Mrs. Chris Benjamin from Sri Lanka

1 - where do you live?

I live in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

2 - how did you hear of the IGFR?

I am being Rotarian since 1995 and have been in the know-how of the Golf fellowship for a long time.

3 - what do you enjoy about golf?

I enjoy playing golf for recreation, meeting new people, forming new friendships and the fellowship.

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

Very difficult to stay at this stage as it depends on the time factor, and the country where I have to visit with visa issues etc. Look forward to them anyway.

5 - what is your handicap?

Handicap 24.



New member Mrs. Djénabou DIALLO

1 - where do you live?

Abidjan - Côte d'Ivoire

2 - how did you hear of the IGFR?

Website

3 - what is your classification?

Information management system

4 - what is your HCP?

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5 - what is your first IGFR tournament

Never do it. Maybe next tournament in France I will participate.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

1 - We are looking for somebody who can interview the new members and help them get introduced to others at their first tournament. Who would like to help with this job?

2 - We are looking for somebody to do the website? We have a webmaster and Francine who do the website now, but they need help gathering text, news and photo's. Who would like to help them?

3 - We would like to invite IGFR-members to advertise on our website. An advertisements costs 100 Euro's a year. Who would like to advertise?

4 - Who wants to pick up the newsletter item "pass the mike"? Be the person who coordinates this every 3 months. Who wants to be involved?

"PASS THE MIKE"
will be a recurring item in the newsletter.

We want to get to know our members better. Members will be asked by previous mike-holders to pass the mike. There will be a short interview with 5 questions. If you are invited for "pass the mike" you can pass it on to anybody you like, but this person has to live in another continent than yourself.



»Pass the mike« - Pierre Kriegler, IGFR member

1 - I live in Melbourne having emigrated from South Africa 20 years ago.

2 - I joined IGFR in 1994, the venue was The Belfry, England, the first of the 20 IGFR tournaments I have attended. There have been so many highlights, perhaps one to mention was in 2013 at Lake Garda in Italy, where chilled Frangiacorta sparkling wine awaited us on white tablecloths at the 18th green after each round!

3 - My handicap is now 18.

4 - Sadly I shall miss Tallinn this year but look forward to Hamburg in 2019.

5 - Each tournament runs smoothly on well-established principles. Perhaps, with the increasing age profile of the golfers, a stableford competition would be more appropriate for the A division.

We “pass the mike” to John Nosworthy from England for the Newsletter of 1st October.



FACEBOOK PAGE

Please like our Facebook page and share it with your friends.

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

OTHER NEWS FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We are modernizing our organization and try to keep improving our communication. We are preparing an online payment system to make life easier for you.

The newsletter and member’s administration will be digitalized, so you can update your information yourself. You will receive a member’s login with instruction by email. All communication will go directly into the website.

If you have problems, need help or have a question do hesitate to contact one of us.

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In Estonia there will be a board meeting. Further details, as well as agenda and minutes of Victoria, Vancouver Island, will be sent to Board members by Omer Yalkin, interim secretary.

The Players/members meeting in Tallinn will be held on Sunday at the opening ceremony starting at 18.00.



Next newsletter expected 1 st October. Interviews and news from Friedhelm Zanella, incoming President 2019 and Gunther Strube, chairman WC Hamburg 2019. We hope to stay in touch with you!

Francine Kruyt, incoming executive secretary 2019.

WE CARE ABOUT YOUR PRIVACY



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