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Huge crowds saw the fantastic victory of the European team in the Solheim Cup.



The Spanish team (composed of Emma Cabrera, Belén Mozo, Azahara Muñoz, Ana Sanzó-Rubert and Captain Vicky Periera) winner of the European Girls Team Championship.



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Highlights of 2003



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The highlights of golf in Europe were reached last September at Barsebäck Golf Club in southern Sweden, where a crowd of over 100,000 saw the victory of the European team (*picture left*) in the Solheim Cup.

A fantastic performance and a match played in the best of sportsmanship spirits. Congratulations to

both teams for a superb match, the Ladies European Tour and the Swedish Golf Federation for a magnificent organisation and staging of the event.

Ireland contributed a lot to European golf by hosting this year's two International Matches between GB&I and the Continent of Europe. GB&I won them both. In the Vagliano Trophy, held at Co. Louth Golf Club, the Cup went to the ladies representing GB&I in a thrilling and close match which ended at the very last hole of the last match. Final results : 12½-11½. According to players and officials who were present, a warm tribute should be paid to the Ladies Golf Union and the hosting club for a wonderful welcome and perfect organisation



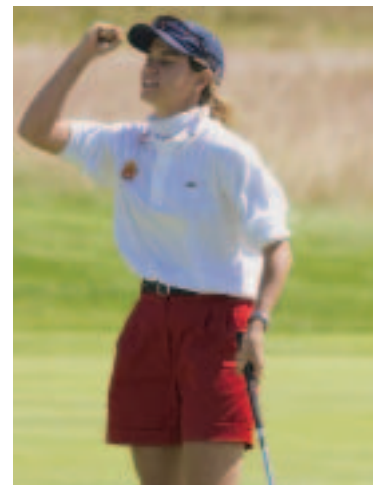
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▲ *The GB&I Walker Cup team defeated for the 3rd successive time the US team.*

of the event. In the Jacques L'église Trophy, the superiority of the GB&I boys was obvious during the whole encounter, dominating the continental boys with a score of 16½ to 7½ points. The match was staged at Lahinch Golf Club with the appreciated patronage and support offered by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club.

In another sensational encounter, the Walker Cup, Captain Gart McGimpsey and his GB&I team beat the team of United States for the third time in succession. A unique performance. Add the titles in the European Men's team Championship and the Men's Individual Championship, our insular friends are to be congratulated for their performances this year.

A country trusting victories in all categories of the game and this for quite some years is Spain. The Royal Spanish Golf Federation produces players achieving remarkable results in major International Championships all over Europe as well as our European Team Championships. Spain won the titles in the European Amateur, Ladies and Girls (*here Emma Cabrera*) Team Championships. After investigation, key of these successes is not necessarily to be found around any technical guru, special training sessions or mental build up programmes. Not at all, Spain's success lies mainly within a simple national junior programme, which aims to provide happiness and desire to the young players instead of submission. Even more important is the fact that the Royal Spanish Golf Federation counts very knowledgeable and devoted junior leaders among its volunteers.



Watching international encounters, one can only be struck by the fantastic team spirit and the famous fighting spirit which drives all the British teams. To play in a GB&I team is a supreme honour for a British golfer. Unfortunately, this is not always the case for the players selected to represent the Continent of Europe. Some have even declined their selection for various reasons. This is unfortunate, not only for the Continental teams, but also for the players who miss unique opportunities to measure to the best amateur players in Europe and who are the future promising talents of the professional Ladies' and Men's Tours.

Annika Sörenstam, Suzann Pettersen, Janice Moodie, José Maria Olazabal, Colin Montgomerie, Darren Clarke, Thomas Björn, Sergio Garcia, Paul Casey, Nick Dougherty and many others will not object...

*John C. Storjohann
General Secretary*



2004 EGA CALENDAR

EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

July	6-10	Lady Juniors	Royal Cinque Ports GC	England
July	6-10	Youths	The Island GC	Ireland
July	6-10	Girls	Golf National	France
July	6-10	Boys	Kymen Golf Ry	Finland

INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

June	3-5	Mid-Amateur	Varese	Italy
June	10-12	Seniors	La Baule	France
July	2-4	EGA Challenge Trophy – Men	Binowo Park	Poland
July	22-24	European Young Masters	Styrian GC Murhof	Austria
August	18-21	Amateur	Skövde	Sweden
August	25-28	Ladies	Ulzama GC (Navarra)	Spain
TBA		European Club Cup Trophy – Ladies	Mons Royal GC du Hainault	Belgium
TBA		European Club Cup Trophy – Men	TBA	Greece
TBA		EGA Challenge Trophy – Boys	TBA	TBA

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

April	21-23	Europe vs Asia/Pacific	Circolo Golf Roma	Italy
August	27-28	St Andrews Trophy	Nairn GC	Scotland
August	27-28	Jacques Léglise Trophy	Nairn GC	Scotland

TOURNAMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE EGA

March	24-27	Sherry Cup. European Nations Championship	Sotogrande	Spain
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WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

October	20-23	Espirito Santo Trophy	Westin Rio Mar Resort &CC	Puerto Rico
October	28-31	Eisenhower Trophy	Westin Rio Mar Resort &CC	Puerto Rico

*Azahara Muñoz receiving the
congratulations of Bernhard Langer.*



*The speech of the
proud winner,
Ben Parker.*



EUROPEAN YOUNG MASTERS

Golf-Club Augsburg (Germany) • July 24-26

GIRLS UNDER 16

1. Azahara Munoz (Spa)	72	72	72	216
2. Belen Mozo (Spa)	71	74	72	217
3. Justine Barbier (Bel)	68	73	76	217
4. Lene Krog (Nor)	75	75	73	223
5. Florentina Parker (Eng)	74	80	70	224

BOYS UNDER 16

1. Ben Parker (Eng)	75	68	68	211
2. Rory McIlroy (Ire)	74	71	68	213
3. Lluís Garcia del Moral (Spa)	71	73	70	214
4. Zac Gould (Wal)	75	69	71	215
5. Oliver Fisher (Eng)	72	75	68	215

NATIONS CUP

- Spain (Belen Mozo, Azahara Munoz, Luis Garcia del Moral, Jesus Legarrea) 647
- England (Kiran Matharu, Florentina Parker, Oliver Fisher, Ben Parker) 649
- Wales (Lydia Hall, Breanne Loucks, Zac Gould, Adam Runcie) 663
- France (Hélène Gasne, Elodie Habersetzer, Thimothée Briset, Baptiste Chapellan) 667
- Belgium (Justine Barbier, Lien Willems, Alban Lammens, Gael Seegmuller) 670



INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Mosjö Golf Club (Sweden) • June 5-7

1.	Hans-Günter Reiter (Ger)	70	75	71	216
2.	Roger Roper (Eng)	74	74	70	218
3.	François Illouz (Fra)	79	71	69	219
4.	Nils Lindeblad (Swe)	71	76	75	222
5.	Thomas Engström (Swe)	74	75	74	223
6.	Karl Bornemann (Irl)	73	75	75	223
7.	Miguel Preysler (Spa)	75	77	73	225
8.	Christian Domin (Ger)	78	77	72	227
9.	Thomas Andersson (Swe)	76	76	75	227
10.	Göran Rundqvist (Swe)	75	79	73	227



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▲ Time for a speech for the winner Hans-Günter Reiter. Right, Roger Roper (2nd).



▶ François Illouz (3rd).



▲ Job done!
Hans-Günter Reiter just played his last shot of a remarkable tournament.

INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN SENIORS CHAMPIONSHIP

Chantaco, France • June 12-14



▲ David Smith and Claudine Cros Chatrier, the proud winners of the 2003 International European Seniors Championship.

Ladies

1.	Claudine Cros Chatrier (Fra)	71	72	78	221
					(win after play off 1 hole)
2.	Vicky Pertierra (Spa)	71	76	74	221
3.	Maj-Britt Heden (Swe)	76	76	70	222
4.	Cecilia Mourgue d'Algue (Fra)	76	71	77	224
5.	Viveca Hoff (Swe)	73	79	74	226
6.	Mimmi Guglielmone (Swi)	73	77	76	226
7.	Sylvie Hackenberg (Swi)	76	76	75	227
8.	Christina Birke (Swe)	74	74	79	227
9.	Regi Rodriguez-Donovan (Spa)	75	78	74	227
10.	Beatriz Ramirez De Haro (Spa)	79	74	75	228

Over 60

1.	Claudine Cros Chatrier (Fra)	71	72	78	221
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Nations Cup

1.	Sweden	298	(Christina Birke, Ann-Kristine Hermansson, Viveca Hoff)
2.	Spain	300	(Cristina Marsans, Vicky Pertierra, Beatriz Ramirez de Haro)
3.	France	302	(Françoise Freiss, Cecilia Mourgue d'Algue, Laurence Neuhaus)
4.	Italy	302	(Rita Boeri, Marina Buscaini, Clotilde Costa)
5.	Switzerland	302	(Mimmi Guglielmone, Sylvie Hackenberg, Kathy Hassenstein)

Men

1.	David J. Smith (Sco)	73	73	71	216
					(win after play off 6 holes)
2.	Douglas Arnold (Eng)	74	75	67	216
3.	Luis Javier Trenor (Spa)	73	73	70	216
4.	Hans-Hubert Giesen (Ger)	72	70	75	217
5.	Vanni Mandelli (Ita)	74	71	73	218
6.	Björn Ronning (Nor)	73	73	73	219
7.	Alain Daniel (Fra)	75	71	73	219
8.	Alain Tardivel (Fra)	71	70	78	219
9.	Robert D. R. Walker (Eng)	71	73	75	219
10.	Roy Smethurst (Eng)	72	77	73	222

Over 65

1.	Alain Tardivel (Fra)	71	70	78	219
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Nations Cup

1.	Scotland	293	(Alan D. Ferguson, David J. Smith, Graham Steel)
2.	Germany	294	(Hans-Jürgen Ecklebe, Hans-Hubert Giesen, Veit Pagel)
3.	Italy	296	(Alberto Croze, Vanni Mandelli, Luca Vigliani)
4.	England	298	(Douglas Arnold, A. Geoffrey Clay, Roy Smethurst)
5.	Sweden	298	(Per Hildebrand, Tommy Ström, Göran Thenfors)



▲ As in 2002, Vicky Pertierra finished second of the Championship. This time, the talented Spaniard got only beaten after a play off.



Douglas Arnold (above) and Luis Javier Trenor, respectively second and third of the Seniors Championship.



23th EUROPEAN AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Royal The Hague G&CC (Netherlands) • July 1-5

Qualifiers for the first flight

Ireland 716; Norway 727; Netherlands 729; Wales 732; Spain 733; France 734; England 737; Sweden 737

Quarter-finals

Sweden bt Ireland 5-2; England bt Norway 4¹/₂-2¹/₂; France bt Netherlands 4-3; Spain bt Wales 5-2

Semi-finals

Spain bt Sweden 4-3; England bt France 4-3

Final

Spain bt England 5-2



▲ The Spanish team won another European title in Netherlands. From left, Captain José Miguel Sagnier, Gonzalo Fernández-Castaño, Alejandro Cañizares, Alfredo García, Sebastián García, Pablo Martin and Raúl Quirós.

A well-deserved second place for the English team composed of Richard Finch, Ross Fisher, Jonathan Lupton, Richard Walker, Oliver Wilson and Gary Wolstenholme. ▼



▲ The Tournament Committee, composed of members from the Nederlandse Golf Federatie and EGA CC, directed the event in the best of ways. From left, Lout Mangelaar Meertens, Colin Wood, Jeroen Steevens, Gerard O'Brien, Els Buys, Volkert Struycken, Richard Vattay.



Michiel Eijkman, President of Den Haag G&CC, handing over mementoes to Justin Kehoe (Ireland) and Pablo Martin Benavides (Spain) for the two best individual scores (66).

Gonzaga Escauriaza, Manuel Agrellos, Pierre Bechmann and Colin Wood: a well known quatuor. ▼



The Spanish player Pablo Martin in full action.

Final Order of Merit

- | | |
|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Spain | 11. Italy |
| 2. England | 12. Germany |
| 3. Sweden | 13. Iceland |
| 4. France | 14. Portugal |
| 5. Netherlands | 15. Denmark |
| 6. Ireland | 16. Slovenia |
| 7. Wales | 17. Belgium |
| 8. Norway | 18. Switzerland |
| 9. Scotland | 19. Austria |
| 10. Finland | 20. Czech Republic |

23rd EUROPEAN LADIES TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Frankfurter Golf Club (Germany) • July 8-12



▲ All teams together at the opening ceremony.

Semi-finals

Spain bt France 6-1; Sweden bt Wales 5-2

Final

Spain bt Sweden 4¹/₂-2¹/₂

Final Order of Merit

- | | |
|------------|--------------------|
| 1. Spain | 8. Finland |
| 2. Sweden | 9. Ireland |
| 3. France | 10. Scotland |
| 4. Wales | 11. Netherlands |
| 5. Germany | 12. Switzerland |
| 6. Denmark | 13. Italy |
| 7. England | 14. Czech Republic |

Qualifiers for the first flight

Spain 709; Germany 710; England 721; Finland 722; France 726; Wales 726; Sweden 727; Denmark 728

Quarter-finals

Spain bt Denmark 5-2; Sweden bt Germany 6-1; Wales bt England 4-3; France bt Finland 4-3

A proud Spanish team (composed of Carmen Alonso, Nuria Clau, Tania Elosegui, Maria Hernández, Elisia Serramiá, Adriana Zwanck and Captain Macarena Campomanes) with the trophy.



Official presenting the trophy at the opening ceremony. From left, a German official, Anne Lanrezac, Joyce Heyster, Marion Thannhäuser, Mr Löhlein and Barbara Rosner.



◀ The Swedes (composed of Sofie Andersson, Karin Börjeskog, Caroline Larsson, Elin Ohlsson, Mikaela Parmlid and Karin Sjödin) qualified in seventh position, but lost only in the final against the unbeatable Spaniards.

With her outstanding 66 on the second day of the Qualification, the Swede Karin Sjödin broke the course record of the German golf course. ▼



◀ A very satisfied French team (composed of Fany Schaeffer, Peggy Fraysee, Sophie Giquel, Nathalie David, Anne-Sophie Le Nalio and Alexandra Vilatte), bronze medallist of the Championship.



▲ The Scot Vikki Laing had the pleasure of having a hole-in-one on the last day of the Championship.





9th EUROPEAN GIRLS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Esbjerg Golf Club (Denmark) • July 8-12

Qualifiers for the first flight

Spain 431; Sweden 449; Norway 454;
Germany 458; France 462; Austria 464;
Italy 467; England 472

Quarter-finals

Spain bt England 4-1; Sweden bt Italy 3¹/₂-1¹/₂;
Norway bt Austria 3-2; France bt Germany 3-2

Semi-finals

Spain bt France 4-1; Sweden bt Norway 4-1

Final

Spain bt Sweden 3-2



The Spanish team (composed of Emma Cabrera, Belén Mozo, Azahara Muñoz and Ana Sanzó-Rubert) defended successfully in Denmark the title won the previous year in Italy.

Photos: Søren Tiedemand (DGU)



Emma Cabrera (Spain) on the "road" to victory... ▼



▲ The top three teams. From left, Sweden (composed of Mikaela Bäckstedt, Pernilla Lindberg, Louise Stahle and Caroline Westrup), Spain and Norway (composed of Julie Dønnestad, Lene Krog, Marianne Skarpnord and Ann-Kristin Solvang).

Final Order of Merit

- | | | |
|------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Spain | 7. Italy | 13. Wales |
| 2. Sweden | 8. England | 14. Switzerland |
| 3. Norway | 9. Belgium | 15. Iceland |
| 4. France | 10. Netherlands | 16. Finland |
| 5. Germany | 11. Denmark | 17. Czech Republic |
| 6. Austria | 12. Russia | |



Spanish putt for a win in the second foursome of the final. The two Swedes seem anxious...

An overall view of the closing ceremony.



24th EUROPEAN BOYS TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Astoria Golf Club Cihelny (Czech Republic) • July 8-12



▲ The winning team of Italy, composed of Alberto Campanile, Federico Colombo, Matteo Del Podio, Lorenzo Gagli, Antonio Garbaccio and Marco Guerisoli.



▲ A nice view of the Czech course and its beautiful club-house.



▲ The Austrian team (composed of Dominic Angkawidjaja, Thomas Klausner, Kajetan Kromer, Tristan Schulze-Bauer, Serge Stockinger and Bernd Wiesberger) performed extremely well in Cihelny, finishing second.

Qualifiers for the first flight

Italy 683; Scotland 694; Sweden 696; Netherlands 697; Spain 699; France 699; Austria 702; England 703

Quarter-finals

Italy bt England 3-2; Austria bt Scotland 3-2; France bt Sweden 3½-1½; Netherlands bt Spain 3-2

Semi-finals

Italy bt Netherlands 3-2; Austria bt France 5-0

Final

Italy bt Austria 4-1

Final Order of Merit

- | | |
|----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Italy | 13. Denmark |
| 2. Austria | 14. Norway |
| 3. France | 15. Belgium |
| 4. Netherlands | 16. Switzerland |
| 5. England | 17. Turkey |
| 6. Sweden | 18. Portugal |
| 7. Scotland | 19. Czech Republic |
| 8. Spain | 20. Poland |
| 9. Ireland | 21. Iceland |
| 10. Wales | 22. Slovenia |
| 11. Germany | 23. Greece |
| 12. Finland | 24. Luxembourg |

▶ After losing the semi-final, the French players (Sébastien Clément, Julien Grillon, Alexandre Kaleka, Michaël Lorenzo-Vera, Julien Millet and Tony Raillard) found their momentum again to win the bronze medal.



▶ A proud moment for the Italian captain, Lorenzo Silva.





INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Nairn Golf Club (Scotland) • August 20-23



▲ Officials ready to proceed the closing ceremony.



▲ From left, top row: Jeremy Caplan (R&A representative), Gonzaga Escauriaza (Chairman EGA CC) Andrew Morgan (EGA EC) Patrick Thomisson (Captain Nairn Golf Club) and Hugh Hunter (SGU President). Front row, Pablo Martin (Spain, 2nd), the winner Brian McElhinney (Ireland) and Matthew Richardson (England, 3rd).

1.	Brian McElhinney (Ire)	72	68	76	67	283
2.	Pablo Martin Benavides (Spa)	71	74	73	66	284
3.	Matthew Richardson (Eng)	67	71	75	71	284
4.	Michael Tannhauser (Ger)	67	68	73	76	284
5.	Jan Van Hoof (Neth)	66	78	72	69	285
6.	Martin Rominger (Swi)	70	74	71	70	285
7.	Martin Kaymer (Ger)	74	71	70	70	285
8.	James Heath (Eng)	69	73	72	71	285
9.	Steven Jeppesen (Swe)	67	70	79	71	287
10.	Christian Schunck (Ger)	72	71	73	71	287



The very sweet moment of celebration for Brian McElhinney.

INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN LADIES AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP



Shannon Golf Club (Ireland) • August 27-30

1.	Virginie Beauchet (Fra)	71	74	75	73	293
2.	Adriana Zwanck (Spa)	72	73	77	73	295
3.	Alexandra Vilatte (Fra)	77	73	76	70	296
4.	Elin Ohlsson (Swe)	76	72	74	74	296
5.	Tullia Calzavara (Ita)	75	76	73	73	297
6.	Minea Blomqvist (Fin)	73	78	72	74	297
7.	Emma Cabrera (Spa)	80	73	73	72	298
8.	Tania Elosegui (Spa)	73	75	77	73	298
9.	Sophie Giquel (Fra)	72	74	73	79	298
10.	Azahara Munoz (Spa)	72	74	77	76	299



▲ Virginie Beauchet is all smiles and deservedly so...



Adriana Zwanck (2nd).



An effective swing: Virginie Beauchet in full action.



▲ Officials surrounding the winner at the presentation ceremony.



▲ From left, Adriana Zwanck (2nd), Virginie Beauchet and Alexandra Vilatte (3rd).

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VAGLIANO TROPHY

Co. Louth GC (Ireland) • July 25-26



▲ The GB&I team with the trophy. Standing, from left: Lynn Kenny, Tricia Mangan, Danielle Masters, Vikki Laing, Anne Laing and Fiona Norris (Manager). Sitting, Becky Brewerton, Clare Queen, Ada O'Sullivan (Captain), Emma Duggleby and Fame More.

	Great Britain and Ireland	Continent of Europe
1st day		
Foursomes	1.5	2.5
Singles	6.5	1.5
Total	8	4
2nd day		
Foursomes	2.5	1.5
Singles	2	6
Total	4.5	7.5
Overall Match		
Result	12.5	11.5



- GB & I – Players**
- Becky Brewerton (Wal)
 - Emma Duggleby (Eng)
 - Lynn Kenny (Sco)
 - Anne Laing (Sco)
 - Vikki Laing (Sco)
 - Tricia Mangan (Ire)
 - Danielle Masters (Eng)
 - Fame More (Eng)
 - Clare Queen (Sco)
- Captain**
- Ada O'Sullivan (Ire)

- Continent – Players**
- Minea Blomqvist (Fin)
 - Emma Cabrera (Spa)
 - Tania Elosegui (Spa)
 - Bettina Hauert (Ger)
 - Sophie Giquel (Fra)
 - Fany Schaeffer (Fra)
 - Dewi-Claire Schreefel (Neth)
 - Elisa Serramia (Spa)
 - Lisa Holm Sorensen (Den)
- Captain**
- Macarena Campomanes (Spa)

◀ The Continental team.



◀ Dieter Usner's (EGA Past President) speech at the closing ceremony.

▼ Celebration time...



A view of the opening ceremony.

JACQUES LÉGLISE TROPHY

Lahinch (Ireland) • August 29-30



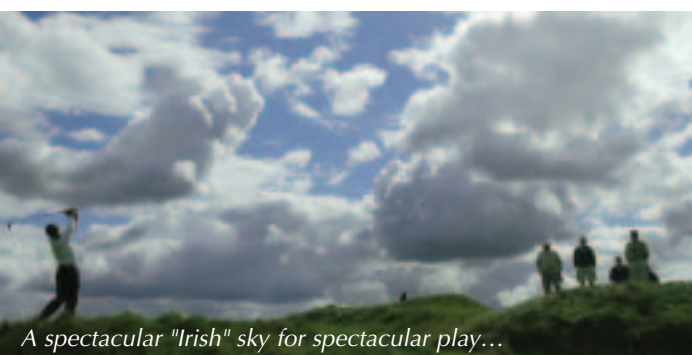
The winning speech of the GB&I playing captain Paul Waring in front of his team.



▲ The Continental team players all smiles.



◀ Good team work, a key for success in foursome golf. Here an English pair.



A spectacular "Irish" sky for spectacular play...

	Great Britain and Ireland	Continent of Europe
1st day		
Foursomes	3	1
Singles	6.5	1.5
Total	9.5	2.5
2nd day		
Foursomes	2	2
Singles	5	3
Total	7	5
Overall Match		
Result	16.5	7.5

GB & I – Players

Wallace Booth (Sco)
 Rhys Davies (Wal)
 Daniel Denison (Eng)
 Tommy Hunter (Eng)
 Cian McNamara (Ire)
 Aaron O'Callaghan (Ire)
 Lloyd Saltman (Sco)
 Gareth Shaw (Ire)
 Paul Waring (Eng)

Captain

Paul Waring (Eng)

Continent – Players

Federico Colombo (It)
 Matteo Del Podio (It)
 Wouter De Vries (Neth)
 Lorenzo Gagli (It)
 Stefan Gross (Ger)
 Michael Lorenzo-Vera (Fra)
 Pablo Martin (Spa)
 Pierre Relecom (Bel)
 Bernd Wiesberger (Aus)

Captain

Gonzalo Fernandez-Castaño (Spa)

▼ Officials at the presentation ceremony.





LIST OF EGA MEMBERS - FEDERATIONS, UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Total number of golf courses in Europe: **6,105**

Total number of players affiliated to a club in Europe: **3,741,353**

Estimated number of players not members of a club in Europe: **around 1.25 - 1.75 million**



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Players: Total 74,085
(Male: 46,064 - Female: 28,021 including 8,732 Juniors)

Courses: Total 120 (9 holes: 38 - 18 holes: 75 - 27 holes: 4 - 36 holes: 2 - 45 holes: 1)



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Players: Total 44,562 (Male: 27,575 Female: 12,287 - Juniors: 4,700)

Courses: Total 80 (9 holes: 15 - 18 holes: 34 - 27 holes: 8 - 36 holes: 2 - 45 holes: 2 - Driving Range & Pitch & Putt: 15 - members without course: 4)



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Players: Total 70
Courses: Total 1 (18 holes: 1 - Driving Range: 1)



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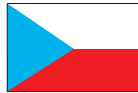
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Players: Total 168 (Male: 139 - Female: 29)
Courses: Total 1 (18 holes: 1)



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Web site: www.cgf.cz

President: Milan Vesely
General Secretary: Zdenek Kodejs
Players: Total 12,928 (Male: 7,985 - Female: 2,708 - Juniors: 2,235)
Total 39 (9 holes: 29 - 18 holes: 10 - Under construction: 14 - Others: 5)



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President: Morten Vinter
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General Secretary: Karsten Thuen
Press Officer: Jorgen Enequist
Players: Total 113,599 (Male: 68,395 - Female: 35,171 - Juniors: 10,033)
Total 139 (9 holes: 16 - 18 holes: 107 - 27 holes: 14 - 36 holes: 2)



ENGLAND
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The National Golf Centre
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President: W.P. Murray
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Secretary: Paul Baxter
Players: Total 877,355 (Male: 743,000 official golf club members - Female: 134,355) (in addition estimated 0.75 - 1.5 million others who play over Municipal and Pay-as-you-play courses)

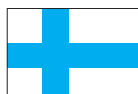
Courses: Total 1,896



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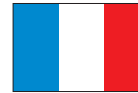
General Secretary: Mait Schmidt
Secretary: Henry Talvik
Players: Total 300
Courses: Total 1 (18 holes: 1 Under construction: 3)



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General Secretary: Kari Hagfors
Players: Total 93,607 (Male: 55,327 - Female: 25,367 - Juniors: 12,913)
Total 101 (9 holes: 33 - 18 holes: 50 - 27 holes: 4 - 36 holes: 7 - Par 3: 7 - Under construction: 17)



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President: Philippe Martin
General Director: Hubert Chesneau
Players: Total 325,229 (Male: 229,272 - Female: 95,957 including 35,661 Juniors)
Total 521



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President: Dr. Wolfgang Scheuer
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General Secretary: Ullrich Libor
Players: Total 428,076
(Male: 258,435 - Female: 165,641 including 45,516 Juniors)

Courses: Total 633 (9 holes: 169 - 18 holes: 416 - 27 holes: 48)



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President: Peter Doukas
17 Ippokratous
GR-166 10 Glyfada Athens

Honorary Secretary: Philippos Papalavrentis
Players: Total 1,306 (Male: 845 - Female: 172 - Juniors: 289)

Courses: Total 5 (9 holes: 1 - 18 holes: 4)



HUNGARY
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President: Dr. Joseph Szórád
Oktober Huszonharmadika dika u.16 - H-1117 Budapest

General Secretary: Tibor Szlávy
Vice-President: Richard Vattay
Players: Total 1,330 (Male: 1,050 - Female: 150 - Juniors: 130)
Total 6 (18 holes: 6 Under construction: 1)



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President: Júlíus Rafnsson
Bravallargata 40
IS-101 Reykjavik

General Secretary: Hordur Thorsteinsson
Players: Total 9,793 (Male: 6,401 - Female: 2,023 - Juniors: 1,369)
Total 56 (9 holes: 45 - 18 holes: 11 - Under construction: 4)



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President: Michael O'Donoghue
Maple Ridge - Rockbarton North
Salhili - IRL-Galway
Tel. (353) 9 152 6517

Secretary: Seamus Smith
Players: Total 238,091 (Male: 156,872 - Female: 46,500 - Juniors: 34,719)
Total 403 (9 holes: 99 - 18 holes: 260 - 27 holes: 19 - 36 holes: 8 - 45 holes: 2 - 54 holes: 1 - University/school or playing facilities: 11 - Under construction: 10)



ISRAEL

Israel Golf Federation
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Chairman: Mike Ossip
Secretary: Gili Peleg
Players: Total 2,000 (Male: 1,200 - Female: 450 - Juniors: 350)
Courses: Total 2 (9 holes: 1 - 18 holes: 1)



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President: Franco Chimenti
General Secretary: Stefano Manca
Players: Total 67,092 (Male: 46,691 - Female: 20,401 - Juniors: 5,607)
Courses: Total 225 (9 holes: 91 - 18 holes: 81 - 27 holes: 8 - 36 holes: 3 - Others: 42 - Driving Range: 68)



LITHUANIA

Lithuanian Golf Federation
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President: Vytautas Motiejunas
General Secretary: Adas Keserauskas
Players: Total 250
Courses: Total 1



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President: Marc Lambert
1, route de Trèves
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Julius Heisbourg
Total 3,561
Courses: Total 6 (9 holes: 2 - 18 holes: 4)



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Web site: www.golfsite.nl

President: Willem Maris
General Secretary: Henk L. Heyster
Players: Total 195,000 (Male: 120,000 - Female: 66,000 - Juniors: 9,000)
Courses: Total 130 (9 holes: 50 - 12 holes: 2 - 18 holes: 72 - 27 holes: 6 - Associate Members: 48 - Under construction: 7)



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President: Christian Anker-Rasch
Trosterudveien 47
N-0778 Oslo
General Secretary: Geir Ove Berg
Players: Total 100,000
Courses: Total 129 (6 holes: 41 - 9 holes: 52 - 18 holes: 36 - 27 holes: 2)



POLAND

Polish Golf Union
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Web site: www.golf.pl

President: Andrzej Person
Tel. (48) 501 30 96 11 (mobile)
Secretary: Jerzy Czaplajewicz
Player: Total 1,350
Courses: Total 19 (4 holes: 1 - 6 holes: 1 - 9 holes: 7 - 18 holes: 4 - 27 holes: 2 - Under construction: 1 - Driving Range: 4)



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E-mail: fpg@fpg.pt
Web site: www.fpg.pt

President: Manuel Agrellos
Secretary: José Antonio Moreira
Players: Total 13,000
Courses: Total 63 (9 holes: 10 - 18 holes: 46 - 27 holes: 3 - 36 holes: 4)



RUSSIA

Russian Golf Association
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Web site: www.rusgolf.ru

President: Konstantin Kozhevnikov
E-mail: kozhevnikov@sobin.ru
General Secretary: Alexey Nikolov
Players: Total 3,000
Courses: Total 3 (9 holes: 2 - 18 holes: 1 - Under construction: 3)



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Auchterarder - GB-Perthshire PH3 1SA
Tel. (44) 1764 663 832 (home)
Hamish Grey
Acting Secretary: Total 266,100 (Male: 196,000 - Female: 42,600 - Junior Boys: 25,000 - Junior Girls: 2,500)
Players: Total 542
Courses: Total 542



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E-mail: sgu@golfs.sk
Web site: www.sgu.sk

President: Martin Zlocha
E-mail: zlocha@transpetrol.sk
General Secretary: Peter Spacek
Players: Total 1,445
Courses: Total 3 (9 holes: 3 - Under construction 18 holes: 1 - Driving Range: 4)



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Slovenian Golf Association
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President: Edvard Oven
Secretary: Miha Azman
Players: Total 4,812
Courses: Total 8 (9 holes: 4 - 18 holes: 3 - 27 holes: 1 - Under construction: 1 - Driving Range: 11)



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Real Federacion Española de Golf
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E-mail: rfe@golfspain.com
Web site: www.golfspainfederacion.com

President: Emma V. de Garcia-Ogara
O'Donnell 5 - E-28009 Madrid
Tel. (34) 91 575 27 75 (home)
Secretary: Luis Alvarez De Bohorques
Players: Total 217,621 (Male: 149,067 - Female: 68,554)
Courses: Total 272 (9 holes: 73 - 18 holes: 142 - 27 holes: 15 - 36 holes: 8 - Other: 34 - Under construction: 7)



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Web site: www.golf.se

President: Christer Örnig
General Secretary: Mats Enquist
Players: Total 528,936 (Male: 297,930 - Female: 138,875 - Juniors: 92,131)
Courses: Total 449 (9 holes: 90 - 18 holes: 251 - 27 holes: 47 - 36 holes: 24 - Others: 37)



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Web site: www.asg.ch

President: Mario Zürcher
General Secretary: John C. Storjohann
Players: Total 42,799 (Male: 23,458 - Female: 14,822 - Juniors Male 3,156 - Juniors Female: 1,363)
Courses: Total 79 (9 holes: 22 - 18 holes: 57)



TURKEY

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President: Ahmet Agaoglu
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B.J.K. Plaza A Bl.
TR-K: D:4 80690 Besiktas
General Secretary: Tel. (90) 212 258 07 18 & 13 30
Fax (90) 212 236 83 04
Coordinator: Ismet Aktekin
Players: Total 2,475 (Male: 1,727 - Female: 748)
Courses: Total 12 (9 holes: 4 - 18 holes: 8 - Under construction: 2)



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Web site: www.welshgolf.org

President: B.J. Andrews
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Cardiff - GB-South Glamorgan
Tel. (44) 2920 766 733
Secretary: Richard Dixon
Players: Total 71,163 (Male: 61,210 - Female: 9,953 including 8,091 Juniors)
Courses: Total 157

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ENGLAND English Ladies' Golf Association Edgbaston Golf Club Church Road GB-Birmingham B15 3TB Tel. (44) 1214 562 088 Fax (44) 1214 545 542 E-mail: office@englishladiesgolf.org www.englishladiesgolf.org	IRELAND Irish Ladies' Golf Union 1, Clonskeagh Square Clonskeagh Road IRL-Dublin 14 Tel. (353) 1 269 62 44 Fax (353) 1 283 86 70 E-mail: info@ilgu.ie www.ilgu.ie	SCOTLAND Scottish Ladies' Golfing Association Scottish National Golf Centre Drumoig, Leuchars - St. Andrews GB-Fife KY16 0DW Tel. (44) 1382 549 502 Fax (44) 1382 549 512 E-mail: slga@scottishgolf.com www.scottishgolf.com	WALES Welsh Ladies' Golf Union Catsash - Newport GB-South Wales NP8 1JQ Tel. (44) 1633 422 911 Fax (44) 1633 431 106 E-mail: wlgu@quinweb.net	President: Mrs J. Edwards Secretary: Mrs L. Edwards Players: 9,798 (including 679 Juniors)
President: Mrs J.C. Bennett, FCA Secretary: Mrs P. Perla Players: 134,355	President: Mrs I. Butter Secretary: Mrs T. Thompson Players: 46,500	President: Miss J. Cooper Secretary: Mr. P. Smith Players: 42,600		



The R&A Golf Course Committee

The R&A Golf Course Committee, with the support of the EGA and its members, has embarked on the most ambitious project yet to deliver Best Practice Guidelines in golf course management to every club in Europe.

The object is to make truly authoritative guidance on all aspects of management available at the click of a computer mouse. A new website is being constructed which will enable clubs anywhere freely to access truly authoritative guidance. It will embrace five main sections – Environment and ecology; Administration; Greenkeeping; Planning and development; Advice and research. Specialist authors of these sections are, respectively, Jonathan Smith, Ray Burniston, David Golding, Keith Duff and Nick Park. Michael Barratt is co-ordinating their work. Responsibility for bringing the huge exercise to fruition has been entrusted to an ad hoc committee chaired by Sweden's Bo Wickberg.

One of the biggest challenges in creating the Guidelines is to make them relevant to any club anywhere. It may be obvious but is often forgotten that turf husbandry, for example, is very different on the frozen fairways of Finland from the lush courses of the Mediterranean Basin!

Because of these differences, much extra care is being taken to seek the input of course managers, consultants and administrators throughout the continent. In August,



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for example, national ecology officers from all over Europe gathered in Amsterdam to discuss the contents of the Guidelines, to suggest ways of making them more comprehensive, and to inject fresh information.

For the same reasons, Golf Course Committee chairman Tim Taylor, secretary Steve Isaac and Michael Barratt were invited to make a presentation to the EGA General Assembly in Oporto so that delegates could voice their own critiques.

This concern for active EGA members' participation in the Internet exercise stems, of course, from the fact that the decision to form the Committee in the first place was born out of the conference in Portugal, "Changing Course in Europe", when so many federations and unions called on the R&A to take a lead in providing guidelines for course management as well as in the co-ordination of research.

(Incidentally, the latter plea has also been answered – by the formation of the European Research Co-ordination sub-committee which is already hard at work, examining in particular the work that needs to be done to cope with more and more legislation preventing the use of pesticides and other chemicals. This body, too, has a strong representation of EGA personnel – Maria Strandberg from Sweden, Paolo Croce from Italy and Maarten van Ede from Holland).

Going back to the Guidelines website, the aim is to produce, within months now, the first

two stages – the basic material which anyone can access at any time, and a series of checklists which will give clubs the opportunity to put the guidelines into practice and record what they are achieving. The R&A office in St Andrews will monitor the progress of every participating club.

Later, it is planned to introduce an accreditation system which will give clubs which run their courses on the best principles and practices the opportunity to "prove" to the public, local planning authorities, EC regulators and others that they are managing environmentally,



Golf Course Committee secretary Steve Isaac.

administratively and socially sustainable courses. It is hoped that, among other aims, this will help to raise the reputation of our great game in the wider community. The independence of the scheme will be authenticated by non-government international organisations.

In recent years, of course, there have been similar but less comprehensive forms of accreditation like Committed to Green and national federations' own schemes. When the R&A scheme is up and running, it will take into account the work clubs may have completed in these other schemes.

At the moment, a booklet is in preparation to explain the philosophy behind the Internet venture and to explain how it can be used by any club easily and effectively. The booklet will be available to all clubs in the EGA.

Michael Barratt

