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2024 AT A GLANCE

The EGA was founded **87** years ago and is composed of **50** member countries representing **4.7M** registered players.

1'900

Participants
in EGA Events

24

European titles awarded
to players and teams

2.3M

Pageviews
recorded on ega-golf.ch

45k

Followers
engaged on social media

19

Events coordinated
in **17** countries



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HONORARY PRESIDENTS

(PRESIDENT ELECTION YEAR)

1938	Col. Burton	(ENG)	1973	Viscount Pereira Machado	(POR)	1997	Patrick Foley	(IRL)
1951	Cl. Van Der Straeten	(BEL)	1975	Arild Wahlstrom	(NOR)	1999	Dieter Usner	(AUT)
1953	Jacques Légise	(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	(ISL)

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

CAROLINE HUYSKES
PRESIDENT



Although a lot is happening in the outside world, not all for the best, my first year as President of the EGA did not have a lot of unexpected developments. At the EGA, we were able to run all our Championships and International Matches as scheduled and could focus on the strategic topics outlined in the EGA strategy plan of 2023 – 2027.

CHAMPIONSHIPS AND INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

In 2024, the EGA has been responsible for a total of 24 European-titled events: 14 team championships, 8 individual championships, 2 club trophies and 3 international matches in addition.

We are grateful to 17 member countries for their assistance and hospitality, especially France and Slovakia for hosting two or more separate European championships during the season. Furthermore, we are very delighted that 39 countries took part in our team events, which shows their importance as well as their success.

During the Boys', Girls', Ladies' and Men's team Championships we were faced with challenging weather conditions, ranging from storms and heavy rainfall in Austria and Poland, extreme heat in Spain and thunderstorms in Italy. At multiple team Championships the format needed to be amended and flexibility of all involved was required. This however did not influence the high level of play and the sportsmanship shown on and off the golf course. The winners of the Team Championships came from four different countries in 2024, with Sweden winning the Men's, Germany the Ladies', France the Boys' and England the Girls'.

As mentioned in a GolfDigest article from July, EGA team events provide a critical experience for the golfing career of the participants, potentially leading to a spot in the Ryder Cup or Solheim Cup team.

In September, the inaugural Mid-Amateur Men's & Ladies' Team Championships were hosted at Golf de Chiberta in France. Teams of four players (25+) competed over four days in a mix of stroke play and match play. It turned out to be a great success with a high level of play and a wonderful atmosphere prevailing amongst competitors and teams. Players especially appreciated the mixed nature of the event.

The European Team Championship for Golfers with Disability was played in a new format in 2024, which required countries to field teams with at least one member

from each of the four sports disability Bands. The French team claimed the victory at Golf Club Hösel in Germany. Having again hosted more than twenty Championships and International Matches, I would not only like to congratulate all the medal winners for their great performance but also all participants for making the EGA events so special.

The Captains of our Continent of Europe vs GB&I matches deserve recognition too. Myrte Eikenaar, Carlos de Corral and Pierre Relecom have all made outstanding contributions and I am sure their players have benefited hugely from their personal experience and guidance.

As for the EGA, our objective is to continually enhance the preparation and staging of all our Championships and Matches. We look forward to working together with our Members, their federation teams and hosting clubs to ensure another successful championship year in 2025.

Congratulations to Jose Luis Ballester Barrio, the top ranked European player of 2024 and the winner of the US Amateur. On the ladies' side, congratulations to Lottie Woad who leads the European Ladies' leaderboard and also claimed victory at the Augusta National Women's Amateur Championship.

Helen Briem of Germany has shown how fast a golfing career can progress. It was only three years ago that I met Helen when she played for the winning Continent of Europe team in the Junior Vagliano Trophy at my home club, the Hilversumsche Golf Club in the Netherlands. Since then, she participated in many EGA events, played for (the continent of) Europe on many occasions and was part of the Gold Medal team at the European Ladies' Team Championship. In July Helen turned professional and in September 2024 she won La Sella Open – a high ranked LET event - with an impressive score of -18.

OTHER CHAMPIONSHIP-RELATED MATTERS

We have dedicated significant time with our Members, sub-committees, and stakeholders to important topics such as (i) WAGR; (ii) Elite Amateur Pathways; (iii) WHS; and (iv) Transgender policy. For the EGA – and its Members – these are very important subjects as they impact not only the future of elite amateur golfers but also the way our Members select their teams for EGA Championships and schedule their own (inter) national events. It was great that the EGA could play a coordinating role with The R&A and other stakeholders in voicing our concerns on specific developments.

Furthermore, it was heart-warming to see once again the joy of young Ukrainian players participating not only in our championships but also in the Continent of Europe Team at the Jacques L glise Trophy. In this annual report, you will find a letter which we have received from The Ukrainian Golf Federation expressing their gratitude for the encouragements and financial support received.

SUSTAINABILITY

During the Forum Sessions of the 2023 AGM, an overview of the year's activities and the EGA's proposed role in environmental sustainability was presented and agreed upon by the Members. Recognising the importance of a collective effort and given the scale and complexity of the tasks ahead for golf in Europe, it was agreed to expand the Executive Committee with a sustainability expert, namely Gunnar H kansson, who has started to act as Chairman of the EGA's Working Group in charge of Environmental Sustainability.

Over the last twelve months, a whole structure has been established, including a steering group and a working group focused on environmental sustainability. Around twenty-five representatives from various countries and stakeholders have joined one of the groups, working together to share best practices, exchange knowledge, explore alternatives, and make key decisions, such as how to collect data.

As of May this year, Alicia Moulin was seconded to the EGA from Swiss Golf, replacing Niels Dokkuma from the Netherlands. Alicia's energy and expertise have been invaluable in coordinating the group's efforts.

Looking ahead, we know that managing and influencing the issues of pesticides, water usage and biodiversity will require considerable resources for the years to come. We are grateful for your financial contributions to the extraordinary sustainability fund. Until the next strategic plan is presented (both the general EGA Strategic Plan and the Environmental Strategic Plan), we suggest that expenses related to environmental sustainability continue to be classified as an extraordinary contribution.

THE OFFICE TEAM

As always, the office team in Lausanne has done an excellent job. They act as a great team under the excellent leadership of Michael Thannh user. As for the coming year, one of the objectives will be to find a new office for the EGA team which is driven by two factors: (i) our neighbour Swiss Golf will be moving (ii) the extension of our current lease agreement.

Michael, as the General Secretary, will provide further detail of the achievements and key tasks that are part of the EGA's strategic pillars. It has been a great pleasure working with the team over the past year and I very much look forward to the year ahead.

CONCLUSIONS

I would like to thank all members of the Executive Committee for their great support, good and fruitful discussions and the very enjoyable time over the past twelve months, during which we have again achieved a lot.

The Championship staff and members of the Championship Committee continue to deliver high-quality championships with brand consistency and style. Their long working days, sometimes nine or ten days in a row, are hugely appreciated and vital to the successful staging and running of our Championships and International Matches. Their enthusiasm and friendly approach are highly valued by hosting federations, golf clubs as well as by the participants.

Similarly, the members of the Handicapping & Course Rating Committee have also worked tirelessly to support our federations and stay up to date with relevant changes.

I would also like to thank our current and past committee members who serve on the three R&A committees as advisory members.

Executive Committee member Achim Battermann will attend his final AGM in the capacity as Honorary Treasurer. Achim joined the Executive Committee in November 2020 in the midst of the Covid pandemic and guided us through the financial challenges of the last four years with great success. His contributions, both to the financial commission and the wider aspects of the EGA, have been invaluable.

We are very grateful to Rolex for their continued support and the EGA looks forward to enhancing this fine relationship with them.

The R&A has been our partner in the four International Matches between the Continent of Europe and GB&I for many years. Royal Porthcawl and West Lancashire Golf Club were excellent hosts for our 2024 International Matches. Furthermore, The R&A has also provided financial support to hosting countries of our flagship events, and its Golf Development team engages with many of our members. Over the past year there were multiple interactions between The R&A, the EGA and its members at all levels, on topics such as WAGR, Elite Amateur Pathways, WHS, Rules of Golf and gender policy as mentioned in the General Secretary's report. The EGA values all aspects of this excellent relationship.

On a personal note, I would like to emphasise that I really enjoyed my first year as President of the EGA. It is extremely special to be able to contribute to the game of golf and to meet so many special people, who are all so passionate about this wonderful sport.

CAROLINE HUYSKES
PRESIDENT

GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

MICHAEL THANNHÄUSER
GENERAL SECRETARY



Being German, one of my more memorable moments this year was when Esther Henseleit won the silver medal at the Olympic Games in Paris. Her success, slightly unexpected at this stage of her career, would not have been possible without her hard work and determination, the support of her home club and the comprehensive performance programme of the German Golf Association. As an athlete who exclusively spent her amateur career in Europe, Esther's medal illustrated to me, once more, the excellent work of our national golf authorities in Europe and the huge potential that ignites when all stakeholders work well together.

Championships organised by the European Golf Association were very much part of Esther Henseleit's development as a player. She participated in 11 events organised by the EGA including two European Young Masters, three European Girls' Team Championships and three European Ladies' Amateur Championships. Similar things could also be said for the 12 members of the winning 2023 Ryder Cup team who participated in a combined total of 76 EGA championships. Some very encouraging datapoints for the EGA.

THE MOST INFLUENTIAL TOURNAMENTS YOU'VE NEVER HEARD OF

In July, Golf Digest published an article titled 'the most influential tournaments you've never heard of' which illustrated the great value of EGA Team Championships. Renowned players confirmed the impact that these championships had on their elite amateur and professional careers, as well as the strong foundations they create for the European Ryder Cup team. Indeed, team golf is an integral part of the sport in Europe and our team championship week is a key moment of the season worth protecting.

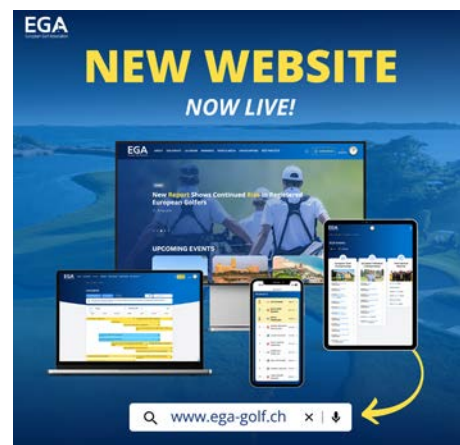
The International Matches organised between the EGA and The R&A in 2024 received excellent participation of Europe's elite amateurs. Highlights included the Continent of Europe winning back the St Andrews Trophy from GB&I, as well as a historic fifth consecutive win for Team CoE at the Jacques Léglise Trophy. It was also encouraging to see the GB&I girls come out on top in the Junior Vagliano Trophy for the first time in the young history of the match.

The EGA's individual championships proved to be successful events across all age groups. Strong fields, talented winners and good spirits were a main theme this season despite adverse weather conditions at certain events. I congratulate Tommy Morrison (USA)

and Louise Rydqvist (SWE) for winning their European Amateur Championship titles. Special mentions also to Jose Luis Ballester (ESP) who won the US Amateur Championship in August as the first European player to do so since Viktor Hovland in 2018, as well as to Jacob Skov Olesen (DEN) for winning The Amateur Championship.

Furthermore, I witnessed the European Team Championship for Golfers with Disability that was organised in collaboration with EDGA and played in competitive and sporting fashion. Once again, the event demonstrated the great dedication of the athletes, the inclusive nature of our sport, and its unique ability to bring people together.

A NEW WEBSITE



As you will have seen, the EGA website received a general makeover and was relaunched during the year. Alongside the update to a new Content Management System, which was one of the primary reasons for the development, the website gained a number of improvements including a new site-wide look, new dedicated pages for each EGA Championship and enhanced website navigation, amongst others. Delays in delivery, not uncommon for IT projects, were mostly due to the increased complexity of the website structure. The EGA website is the backbone of our daily operations, facilitating the collaboration with EGA members and has become an important tool to engage with our end-consumers.

Enhanced communication is an important part of the EGA's strategy. We are encouraged by the positive feedback received from different stakeholders and strive to provide valuable information through various means, such as detailed one-on-one meetings,

workshops and seminars (e.g. handicapping), the EGA newsletter and website, social media, the AGM Forum Sessions etc. This year, we also introduced the first 'EGA Summer Dialogue' which was organised successfully as a virtual meeting with members.

WHO IS THE BEST PLAYER IN EUROPE

The World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR) has become one of the determining factors for elite amateur golf across the world. It has close links to the European Amateur Golf Rankings which were headed by Jose Luis Ballester (ESP) and Lottie Woad (ENG) in 2024.

The EGA supports concerns regarding the WAGR algorithm that were expressed by 26 member federations and has entered into an open dialogue with the WAGR Committee regarding the system's undesired effects on golf in Europe. A dedicated 'EGA WAGR Sub-Committee' aims to protect the integrity of elite amateur golf in Europe and reviews alternative concepts to improve the robustness of the European Amateur Golf Rankings.

The Global Amateur Pathway Programme (GAP), designed by The R&A together with the European and PGA Tours as a new pathway to the professional ranks, will provide major professional tour cards to elite amateur players for the first time this year. The GAP, therefore, is an encouraging programme and sits right next to the popular 'PGA University Programme'. However, due to the GAP's close link to the WAGR algorithms, it favours players that have regular access to events with high 'Power' which is predominantly the case for players who attended the US Collegiate system. Although not a new concept, the creation of additional, dedicated pathways for elite amateurs that are based in Europe will remain a priority in the coming years.

SUSTAINABLE DRIVE

In response to the increasing challenges posed by climate change and the pressures from environmental regulation, the EGA, at the request of its members, has strengthened its activities in sustainable golf. It is undertaking a new, coordinated and collaborative effort aiming to effectively represent its members and European golf on critical matters relating to environmental sustainability. Four working groups have picked up their work and started to address key priority topics at the benefit of all EGA members.

The withdrawal in early January of the EU' draft Sustainable Use Regulation (SUR) relating to plant protection products, a centre point of European golf's attention in 2022 and 2023, postpones the adoption of the comprehensive initiative. While this development gives European golf some time to reflect and advance existing plans, it does not mean the end for pesticide reduction legislation in Europe.

The 2009 EU SUD remains in force and requires all EU members to comply in accordance with their national action plans. The EGA's recent member survey will help the Strategic and Technical Working Groups define next steps in key action areas, including for example the current level of monitoring and reporting to EU authorities.

The increased activities in relation to sustainable golf require significant efforts and add to the services provided by the EGA to its members. This work would not be possible without your considerable support.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The EGA Presidents, Committee Members and staff members work hard to convert members' feedback into results. In 2024, we received some positive comments, and I am grateful for all your trust and support. In particular, I extend my gratitude to the EGA Presidents and the Executive Committee for their valuable time and the continued smooth collaboration.

In particular, I thank the EGA staff for their meticulous work and the positive spirit they bring to the office. Next to their regular responsibilities, Sabine and Marine held key roles in the successful delivery of the new website. Arnaud ensured the smooth running of our championship season. Colin made positive contributions to many championship-related aspects, logistics and administration. Josh handled the EGA's communications with effective oversight. Alicia, the new part-time addition to our team thanks to Swiss Golf's support, took on her new role as Sustainability Manager with great enthusiasm. The EGA is in very good hands with all of them on board.

I wish all delegates a pleasant Annual General Meeting and some interesting days in the Cascais region. Thank you very much to the Portuguese Golf Federation for hosting the EGA once again.

MICHAEL THANNHÄUSER
EGA GENERAL SECRETARY



EGA TIMELINE 2024

NOVEMBER

- 2023 AGM (London)

JANUARY

- Implementation of the 2024 Rules of Handicapping with inclusion of short courses
 - Budget process for host venue selection
- Update to EGA members: EU SUR withdrawal
 - Annual meeting with The R&A

MARCH

- EGA - GEO / BCW collaboration renewed
 - Championship entries opened
- EGA and The R&A co-host a seminar with IT-specialists of EGA members discussing Cross-Border-Connectivity
- Joint Letter to WAGR Committee signed by 26 EGA members

MAY

- Meeting of the EGA Sub-Committee with WAGR representatives
 - Selection process for the 2024 International Matches
 - Championship equipment logistics
- Launch of The R&A's Global Amateur Pathways Programme (GAP)

JULY

- Over 500 players represent their countries during European Team Championship week
 - Environmental Sustainability: Kick-off Strategic Working Group
- European Team Championship for Golfers with Disability held with new inclusive sports bands requirements
- 14 EGA championship titles awarded at 9 venues in July

SEPTEMBER

- Launch of the new EGA website
 - First edition of the European Mid-Amateur Team Championships in France
- Closing of 2023/2024 Financial Year & Budgeting Process
 - 2024 European Participation Report published
- Four U16 players represent the EGA at the APGC Junior Championship in the Philippines

DECEMBER

- Rolex Sponsorship Agreement signed
- 2023 EGA Advent Calendar published on social media
- Trophies' refurbishment and engraving
- Member Federations' statistics collection

FEBRUARY

- UGF fundraising initiative renewed for a third year
- February committee meetings (Lausanne)
- Meeting with the European Tours
- General Secretaries + IF Directors meetings

APRIL

- Championship season preparations
- Video & content production finalised for 2024 EGA events
- Hiring and onboarding of Alicia Moulin as a new part-time staff member
- Start of the final phase of the new website development
- Concept development of the 2025 Junior Ryder Cup rankings started

JUNE

- Start of the championship season
- EGA Summer Dialogue meeting
- Announcement of the EGA's new collaborative structure promoting sustainable golf
- European Amateur Championship receives record high WAGR Power Ranking
- ESC: Dutch player making 2 hole-in-ones during the same round
- The CoE wins back the St Andrews Trophy from GB&I

AUGUST

- First EGA Event hosted by Liechtenstein takes place at Gams-Werdenberg
- EGA concept presented to the WAGR Committee
- Environmental Sustainability: Kick-off Technical Working Group
- Selection process for the BT & PHT 2025 started

OCTOBER

- 2024 Annual Report prepared
- EGA Member Survey released- Environmental Sustainability
- 2024 AGM preparations (Estoril)
- End of the championship season





EUROPEAN AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION 2 WINNERS **CZECH-REPUBLIC**



EUROPEAN GIRLS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS **ENGLAND**



EUROPEAN LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS **GERMANY**



EUROPEAN MID-AMATEUR MEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS **SPAIN**

CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

YVES HOFSTETTER
CC CHAIRMAN



As usual, 2024 has been a very busy year for the Championship Committee. 19 events played in 17 different countries made for a great year with great championships. Here is a review of the results of this past season.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



EUROPEAN MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONS
ALEXANDRA FARRET & MARKUS HABELER

The season started in June with the European Mid-Amateur Men's and Ladies' Championships at Jurmala Golf Club & Hotel (Latvia). The men's event was dominated by Austrians, Markus Habeler being the winner and Christopher Dlska the runner-up. In the ladies' event we had a French domination with Alexandra Farret winning and Pauline Stein coming in second.

The following week, the Senior Men and Ladies met at Kikuoka Country Club in Luxembourg. Annick Riff won the ladies' championship, a great representation of the 60+ category. As for the men, after a 3-way play-off with Joe Lyons and Declan O'Neill from Ireland, French player Rodrigo Lacerda Soares came out on top to win the title.



EUROPEAN SENIORS' CHAMPIONS
RODRIGO LACERDA SOARES & ANNICK RIFF



EUROPEAN AMATEUR CHAMPION
TOMMY MORRISON

June 26 to 29, the best amateurs fought at The Scandinavian Golf Club (Denmark), Tommy Morrison of the USA imposed himself after a 3-way play-off against his fellow citizen Preston Summerhays and the Irishman Max Kennedy. Their final score after 72 holes was -9.



EUROPEAN LADIES' AMATEUR CHAMPION
LOUISE RYDQVIST

July 24 to 27, Messilä Golf Club in Finland hosted the European Ladies' Amateur. With an excellent score of -14, Louise Rydqvist from Sweden beat Andrea Revuelta from Spain.

At Penati Golf Resort (SVK), France won the European Young Masters in the Nations' Cup, dominating Spain



EYM NATION'S CUP CHAMPIONS
FRANCE

and England. Annabel Peaford from England won the Girls' individual with a fantastic score of -20 and Aidan Lawson from Scotland won the Boys with a score of -15.



The European Girls' Team Championship saw England beat Germany 4,5 / 2,5 in the final played at Göteborgs Golf Klubb (Sweden) at the same dates.

The Boys' Team Championship was played at Diamond Country Club in Austria. Due to thunderstorms, the semi-finals and finals had to be changed to 5-point matches (1 foursome and 4 singles). The Jean-Louis Dupont Trophy became the property of France, beating Sweden in the final.

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS



July 9-13, the European Amateur Team Championship took place at Royal Park I Roveri in Italy. Sweden beat the Netherlands in a reduced format final played with 5 matches due to thunderstorms on the previous day not allowing to finish the semi-finals before the Saturday morning. The score was 3 / 2, with the decisive match going to the 18th hole.

At the same time, the European Ladies' Team Championship took place in Real Sociedad Hípica Española Club de Campo in Spain. With extreme heat that affected a few players, Germany won the final against France 4,5 / 2,5.



The Men's and Boys' Division 2 were played at the same time at Krakow Valley Golf in Poland. In the men's event, Czech Republic beat Iceland in the final.



As for the boys, Belgium beat Scotland.





July 18 to 20, Golfclub Hösels in Germany hosted the European Team Championship for Golfers with Disability and the European Nations' Cup for Golfers with Disability. France overcame England in the Team Championship, and Italy won the Nations' Cup ahead of England.

July 31 to August 3, the Liechtenstein Golf Association hosted the European Men's and Ladies' Team Shield Championships at Golfclub Gams-Werdenberg (in Switzerland). Both were won by Turkey with Bulgaria runner-up for the ladies' and Luxembourg runner-up for the men. With about 125 volunteers helping, it was an amazing effort of organisation and a great success for the smallest of EGA member countries.



During the first week of September, the European Seniors Ladies' Team Championship took place at CUBO Golf in Slovenia. France beat Switzerland in the final and England obtained the Bronze Medal by defeating Germany.



The same week saw France, with the French Golf Federation President Pascal Grizot playing in the team, also winning the European Senior Men's Team Championship at BlackSeaRama Golf Resort and Villas (Bulgaria) by defeating Sweden in the final.



The following week, at Golf de Chiberta in France, the European Mid-Amateur Men's and Ladies' Team Championships made their debut on the EGA stage. The French team won the first European Mid-Amateur Ladies' Team Championship by defeating Belgium in the final.



As for the European Mid-Amateur Men's Team Championship, Spain overcame France in the final.



The first editions of these championships were a great success and were played in a very friendly and sporting atmosphere.

The European Ladies' Club Trophy which took place at Welten Golf Club in Slovakia saw the victory of Hamburger Golf Club Falkenstein (GER).



Golf de Saint-Nom-La-Bretèche (FRA) won the European Men's Club Trophy at Cabot Bordeaux in France, after the final round was cancelled due to heavy rain and an unplayable course.



INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

July 25-26, Royal Porthcawl in Wales hosted the St Andrews Trophy. The Continent of Europe took the lead after the first series of foursomes and kept it until the end, winning the last series of singles by 7 to 2. The final score was 16 to 9. This year's team commemorated the 50th anniversary of the very first victory of the Continent of Europe in a brilliant manner.



August 23-24 the Jacques Léglise and Junior Vagliano Trophies were played at West Lancashire Golf Club (England). The Continent of Europe won the Jacques Léglise 12 / 10, winning the 4 foursomes of the second day.

For the first time in the history of the Junior Vagliano Trophy, GB&I won the match 8 / 7, the difference being made in the first series of singles.



REMARKS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The Seniors' Team Championships are still very popular, 5 teams have been put on the men's reserve list for 2025. The Championship Committee will consider establishing a Division 2 or alternative solutions.

More and more championships are being impacted by thunderstorms or extreme weather conditions (heat for instance). It is a sign of climate change that is pushing Championship Committee members and Organising Committees to take difficult decisions.

EGA CHAMPIONSHIP COMMITTEE

In 2024, the CC welcomed a new member, Clémence Abrahamian, from France.

THANKS

To all members of the EGA Championship Committee, to the entire staff of the EGA, to all of the organising federations and to all the players, my heartfelt thanks for such a beautiful year.

Lastly, I would like to thank all members of the Executive Committee for their support.

YVES HOFSTETTER
CC CHAIRMAN

HONOURS LIST 2024

EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

	DATE	EVENT	VENUE	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
JUL	9-13	Ladies' Team	RSHE Club de Campo (ESP)	GERMANY	FRANCE
		Amateur Team	Royal Park I Roveri (ITA)	SWEDEN	NETHERLANDS
		Girls' Team	Göteborgs GK (SWE)	ENGLAND	GERMANY
		Boys' Team	Diamond CC (AUT)	FRANCE	ENGLAND
		Amateur Team, Division 2	Krakow Valley Golf (POL)	CZECH REPUBLIC	ICELAND
		Boys' Team, Division 2	Krakow Valley Golf (POL)	BELGIUM	SCOTLAND
	18-20	Golfers with Disability	Golfclub Hösel (GER)	FRANCE	ENGLAND
31/07-03/08	Ladies' Team Shield	GC Gams-Werdenberg (LIE)	TURKEY	BULGARIA	
	Men's Team Shield	GC Gams-Werdenberg (LIE)	TURKEY	LUXEMBOURG	
SEP	03-07	Senior Ladies' Team	CUBO Golf (SLO)	FRANCE	SWITZERLAND
		Senior Men's Team	BlackSeaRama GR&V (BUL)	FRANCE	SWEDEN
	11-14	Mid-Amateur Ladies' Team	Golf de Chiberta (FRA)	FRANCE	BELGIUM
		Mid-Amateur Men's Team	Golf de Chiberta (FRA)	SPAIN	FRANCE
OCT	03-05	Ladies' Club Trophy	Golf Club Welten (SVK)	HAMBURGER GC FALKENSTEIN (GER)	RACING CLUB DE FRANCE (FRA)
	24-26	Men's Club Trophy	Cabot Bordeaux (FRA)	GOLF DE SAINT-NOM-LA-BRETÈCHE (FRA)	SMØRUM GOLF CLUB (DEN)

EUROPEAN INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

	DATE	EVENT	VENUE	WINNER	RUNNER-UP
JUN	06-08	Mid-Amateur Ladies'	Jurmala GC (LAT)	ALEXANDRA FARRET (FRA)	PAULINE STEIN (FRA)
	06-08	Mid-Amateur Men's	Jurmala GC (LAT)	MARKUS HABELER (AUT)	CHRISTOPHER DLASKA (AUT)
	13-15	Senior Ladies'	Kikuoka CC (LUX)	ANNICK RIFF (BEL)	HÉLÈNE MALVY (FRA)
	13-15	Senior Men's	Kikuoka CC (LUX)	RODRIGO LACERDA SOARES (FRA)	JOE LYONS (IRL)
	26-29	Men's	The Scandinavian (DEN)	TOMMY MORRISON (USA)	MAX KENNEDY (IRL)
JUL	24-27	Ladies'	Messilä GC (FIN)	LOUISE RYDQVIST (SWE)	ANDREA REVUELTA (ESP)
	25-27	EYM Girls'	Penati Golf Resort (SVK)	ANNABEL PEAFORD (ENG)	MARTINA NAVARRO NAVARRO (ESP)
	25-27	EYM Boys'	Penati Golf Resort (SVK)	AIDAN LAWSON (SCO)	TOM DE HERRYPON (FRA)
	25-27	EYM Nations' Cup	Penati Golf Resort (SVK)	FRANCE	SPAIN

INTERNATIONAL MATCHES

	DATE	EVENT	VENUE	WINNER	RESULT
JUL	25-26	St Andrews Trophy	Royal Porthcawl (WAL)	CONTINENT OF EUROPE	16-9
AUG	23-24	Junior Vagliano Trophy	West Lancashire GC (ENG)	GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND	8-7
		Jacques Léglise Trophy	West Lancashire GC (ENG)	CONTINENT OF EUROPE	12-10

ORDER OF MERIT 2024

The final 2024 European rankings, which extracts European players from the World Amateur Golf Ranking (WAGR), were taken the day before the start of the DP World Tour Qualifying School:

EUROPEAN WOMEN'S AMATEUR GOLF RANKING



JULIA LOPEZ RAMIREZ



LOTTIE WOAD



ADELA CERNOUSEK



EUROPEAN MEN'S AMATEUR GOLF RANKING



CALUM SCOTT



JOSE LUIS BALLESTER



JACOB SKOV OLESEN



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



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EUROPEAN MEN'S TEAM SHIELD CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS **TURKEY**

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JUNIOR VAGLIANO TROPHY WINNERS **GREAT BRITAIN & IRELAND**

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EUROPEAN SENIOR LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP WINNERS **FRANCE**



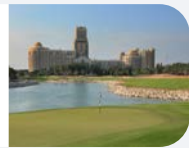
EUROPEAN BOYS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, DIVISION 2 WINNERS **BELGIUM**

2025 EGA EVENTS CALENDAR



BONALLACK & PATSY HANKINS TROPHIES

- Al Hamra GC
- United Arab Emirates
- Ladies & Men
- Int'l Match



EUROPEAN MID-AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- TBA
- Ladies & Men
- Individual



EUROPEAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

- Cornelia Golf Club
- Turkey
- Ladies & Men
- Individual



EUROPEAN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

- Vasatorps Golfklubb
- Sweden
- Men
- Individual



VAGLIANO & JUNIOR VAGLIANO TROPHIES

- Royal Hague G&CC
- Netherlands
- Ladies & Girls
- Int'l Match



EUROPEAN LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

- Golf de Chantilly
- France
- Ladies
- Team



EUROPEAN GIRLS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

- Slaley Hall
- England
- Girls
- Team



EUROPEAN AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

- Killarney G&FC
- Ireland
- Men
- Team



EUROPEAN BOYS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (Jean-Louis Dupont Trophy)

- GR Kaskada Brno
- Czech Republic
- Boys
- Team



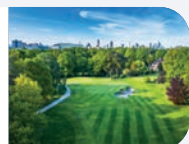
EUROPEAN AMATEUR & BOYS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP, DIV. 2

- Zala Springs GR
- Hungary
- Men & Boys
- Team



EUROPEAN LADIES' AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

- Frankfurter GC
- Germany
- Ladies
- Individual





EUROPEAN YOUNG MASTERS

RCF La Boulie
France

Girls & Boys
Individual



ST ANDREWS TROPHY

RC de la Puerta de Hierro
Spain

Men
Int'l Match



EUROPEAN TEAM SHIELD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Pravets Golf Club
Bulgaria

Ladies & Men
Team



JACQUES LÉGLISE TROPHY

Royal GC of Belgium
Belgium

Boys
Int'l Match



EUROPEAN C'SHIP FOR GOLFERS WITH DISABILITY

Bokskogens GK
Sweden

Ladies & Men
Individual



EUROPEAN SENIOR LADIES' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

Pula Golf Resort
Spain

Ladies
Team



EUROPEAN SENIOR MEN'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

TBA
TBA

Men
Team



EUROPEAN MID-AMATEUR TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

Empordà Golf
Spain

Ladies & Men
Team



EUROPEAN LADIES' CLUB TROPHY

TBA
TBA

Ladies
Team



EUROPEAN MEN'S CLUB TROPHY

Cabot Bordeaux
France

Men
Team



HANDICAPPING & COURSE RATING COMMITTEE REPORT



JAN VISSER
HCRC CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE

Having said our goodbyes to Richard Cau and Mika Wikström in November 2023, the HCRC welcomed Ylva Skännestig from Sweden in the North zone and Johan Verbiest from Belgium in the Central zone to our committee in February 2024. Anne Mahon attending a couple of meetings each year as a guest from GB&I provides very useful input to our discussions and strengthens our relation with GB&I.

A familiar face is returning as well, Ana Gabin, former chair of the HCRC, has been appointed on the Course Rating Committee of the WHA. With Eduardo Berge on the Handicap Research Team, we now have representatives from the EGA on all the major committees.

WHS CHANGES

The 1st of January 2024, an update of the Rules of Handicapping came into effect. Apart from minor changes to the Playing Conditions Calculation making it a little more progressive, the main change was the introduction of the possibility to allow handicapping rounds on short courses. After providing data from pilot projects over a number of years, the decision was taken to allow handicapping on all golf courses with a length of more than 1500 yards. These courses can be rated using the normal rating procedures. Only the calculation module has been updated.

Unfortunately, in spring, it became apparent that the rating calculations for female bogey players did not operate properly. Research is still ongoing to solve the issue. We have provided as much data as we can to support this effort.

Early October, The R&A organised a stakeholders conference to collect feedback and identify areas of focus for the next four-year review of the World Handicap System (WHS), which includes both the Rules of Handicapping and Course Rating System.

INTEROPERABILITY-CROSS-BORDER-CONNECTIVITY

In March, we organised a technical IT webinar on the interoperability system. The WHS IT experts presented the details of the system and answered many questions of the IT experts of our federations. They also took note of the concerns that were raised.

Since spring, the interoperability system has been renamed Cross-Border-Connectivity (CBC).

Currently, the system operates between a small number of countries. For the system to become operational for EGA federations, it is required that our software suppliers are accredited according to the 2024 Rules of Handicapping.

The EGA strongly supports the CBC system as many players have voiced their desire to see the "World" in WHS become a reality. They want access to foreign course data in their local app on their phone when playing abroad to easily submit scores. Also entering competitions in other countries would simply be done by providing their national golf-ID to the hosting club and afterwards their score could be automatically sent to their local database.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK

As the data protection of player information within the CBC system is of the utmost importance, to aid the national associations, the HCRC is working on a document to clarify the responsibilities regarding data protection that need to be passed on to any software supplier down the chain from the national federation.

COURSE RATING

With the WHS organisation, we agreed on the planning of future Course Rating seminars. We will get back to a bi-annual rhythm to organise regular contact between the raters of our federations to ensure that courses across the EGA countries are rated similarly. We will also synchronise the events with the envisioned updates of the course rating system every four years. The first one will be organised in the fall of 2025 and the second one in the spring of 2028 soon after the introduction of the next update of the course rating system.

To support raters becoming familiar with the course rating system, a pilot was performed with a Learning Hub. This pilot proved to be a success and will be moved into production and should become available for our raters.

For the Course Rating modernisation project, we reached out to the national associations to provide us with input regarding wishes for the central WHS calculation software that will be developed. In this way, we imagine that many countries will find the software to fit their needs.

TEE-SELECTION

There is an ongoing discussion within both the HCRC and the HOC on how to provide a recommendation on which set of tees are most appropriate for players, based on ability, course length and course difficulty.

SUB-LICENCE AGREEMENT

Representing the EGA, the general secretary, Michael Thannhäuser, past president Haukur Örn Birgisson and chair of the HCRC committee had regular meetings with The R&A regarding the wider framework of the EGA sub-licence agreement. While The R&A continues to clarify the positioning of virtual golf clubs within the WHS, this joint effort is currently still work in progress.

MEETINGS

In 2024, the HCRC officially met three times, in February, May and August. The minutes are available on the EGA website. Additionally, a meeting is scheduled for Saturday the 23rd of November following the AGM. Before each meeting, the representatives of the zones reach out to the various national associations to collect questions.

The WHS HOC in-person meeting in March was attended by Nick Hüttel. The online meeting in October was attended both by Nick Hüttel and myself.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

My appreciations goes out to my fellow HCRC members for their efforts during 2024 and especially to the new members Ylva Skånnevig and Johan Verbiest who both integrated seamlessly into our committee. They have already contributed significantly to our discussions.

The support of the EGA office in many of our tasks is also much appreciated.

LOOKING FORWARD

Early in 2025, I expect the final details of the Rules of Handicapping to be effectuated across all the EGA associations. The aim is to get the software suppliers accredited and to get the Cross-Border-Connectivity system, operational between our countries to the benefit of our players. In the fall of 2025, our raters will meet at the course rating calibration seminar.

JAN VISSER
HCRC CHAIRMAN



WORKING GROUP IN CHARGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY REPORT



GUNNAR HÅKANSSON
WGES CHAIRMAN

Across Europe and more widely, ongoing pressures and challenges are posed by climate change, environmental regulation, and increased public awareness. There is a clear need for golf to improve its performance and image in these areas. In the past twelve months, the EGA has taken significant steps towards becoming more proactive in addressing environmental sustainability in European Golf.

Since the EGA's annual general meeting in London in 2023, much has happened to define the EGA's role on the issue. At that time, I was elected to the Executive Committee and took on the new role of chairman of the working group focused on environmental sustainability in European golf. Together with EGA President, Caroline Huyskes, and EGA General Secretary, Michael Thannhäuser, we have now laid the foundation for continued efforts.

To ensure the relevance of this work for the EGA's member countries, we have formed a **strategic working group** comprising of senior representatives of EGA Members and the EGA head office along with expert advisors from the GEO Sustainable Golf Foundation, Burson and FEGGA.

To manage the work and drive various processes, the EGA, in collaboration with Swiss Golf, has agreed that Alicia Moulin, who is employed by them, will now work 40% for the EGA.

Three **practical working groups** are also created to focus on technical aspects, data monitoring and communication. These working groups are mainly composed of specialists from EGA Members.

The **strategic working group** is composed of the following members:

- Gunnar Håkansson, Chairperson**
General Secretary of the Swedish Golf Federation (North Zone)
- Michael Thannhäuser**
General Secretary of the EGA
- Alicia Moulin**
Sustainability Expert, Swiss Golf and the EGA
- Jorge Sagardoy Fidalgo**
General Secretary of the Royal Spanish Golf Federation (South Zone)
- Alexander Klose**
General Secretary of the German Golf Association (Central Zone)
- Mark Kennelly**
Chief Executive of Golf Ireland (GB&I)
- Lawrie McLaren**
Senior Managing Director, Burson
- Martin Nilsson**
Vice President of FEGGA
- Jonathan Smith**
Executive Director, GEO Sustainable Golf Foundation



Based on this, the strategic working group aims to establish a long-term involvement, with a renewed and strengthened commitment to sustainability, supporting European Golf's position, performance and profile. Key focuses include:

Position - Help align outlook, commitments and pathways for countries across Europe.

Performance – Ensure that knowledge is effectively developed and shared into industry programs, tools and solutions.

Profile – Elevating European Golf as a recognised leader in sustainable sport enhancing the game's image and reputation.

To achieve these goals, we aim to focus on the following strategic action areas:

Coordination

Help bring members and other stakeholders together to share, problem solve, align actions and efforts to help achieve the best collective impact.

Development

Help facilitate the development and promotion of knowledge, best practices, programmes and tools to the European golf sector, to drive action and track evidence of progress and impacts.

Advocacy

Help represent golf's commitments, actions and achievements to the EU institutions to influence regulation and attract new investment into the sport.

Future challenges

The proposal aimed at long-term reduction of the use of chemical pesticides (Sustainable use of pesticides reduction - SUR) stalled in the European Parliament before Christmas 2023. However, early this year, it became clear that the ambition behind SUR remained. The agenda will likely be adjusted, especially with a new European Parliament set to convene after the summer. We gained insight into the new ambitions for SUR in fall 2024, with proposals expected no earlier than spring 2025.

The upcoming EGA annual general meeting in Portugal will once again include a forum session on sustainable golf. This session will give members the opportunity to discuss a proposed strategy for future years, its financing, as well as how the EGA's future involvement should be shaped. The proposal will include a three-year strategy, drafted with the input from leading sustainable golf experts, and in consultation with national federation members.

The new strategy aims to enable the EGA to play an important role in achieving the following Strategic Goals:

Responding to increasing pressures and needs – As sustainability regulation, resource demands, land pressures and public expectations increase across Europe, it is vital to be as proactive and concerted as possible, particularly with new policies and regulations emanating from the European Union.

Supporting and strengthening European Golf's position, performance and profile – Harmonising and developing a common agenda, programmes, and tools as well as other important solutions across European golf.

Playing an important part in golf's global efforts – Representing the commitments, actions and results of European countries and their facilities allowing European golf to proudly emerge as a leader in global golf and sport.

In parallel to the Strategy development, the EGA will continue ongoing activities, building on the efforts of 2023 that were particularly related to the industry's position and response to the EU Sustainable Use Regulation:

Ongoing monitoring of EU Regulations and Policies - SUR and other priority topics.

Hosting an annual **in-person Forum**, along with at least one other **virtual Forum** focusing on Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Water and Data monitoring.

Establishing **Research collaboration** with R&A GC 2030, STERF, USGA Research and other institutes.

Continuing the meetings with the **Collaborative Platform**, including EGA, R&A, FEGGA and ET.

GUNNAR HÅKANSSON
WGES CHAIRMAN



FINANCIAL REPORT



ACHIM BATTERMANN
EGA HONORARY TREASURER

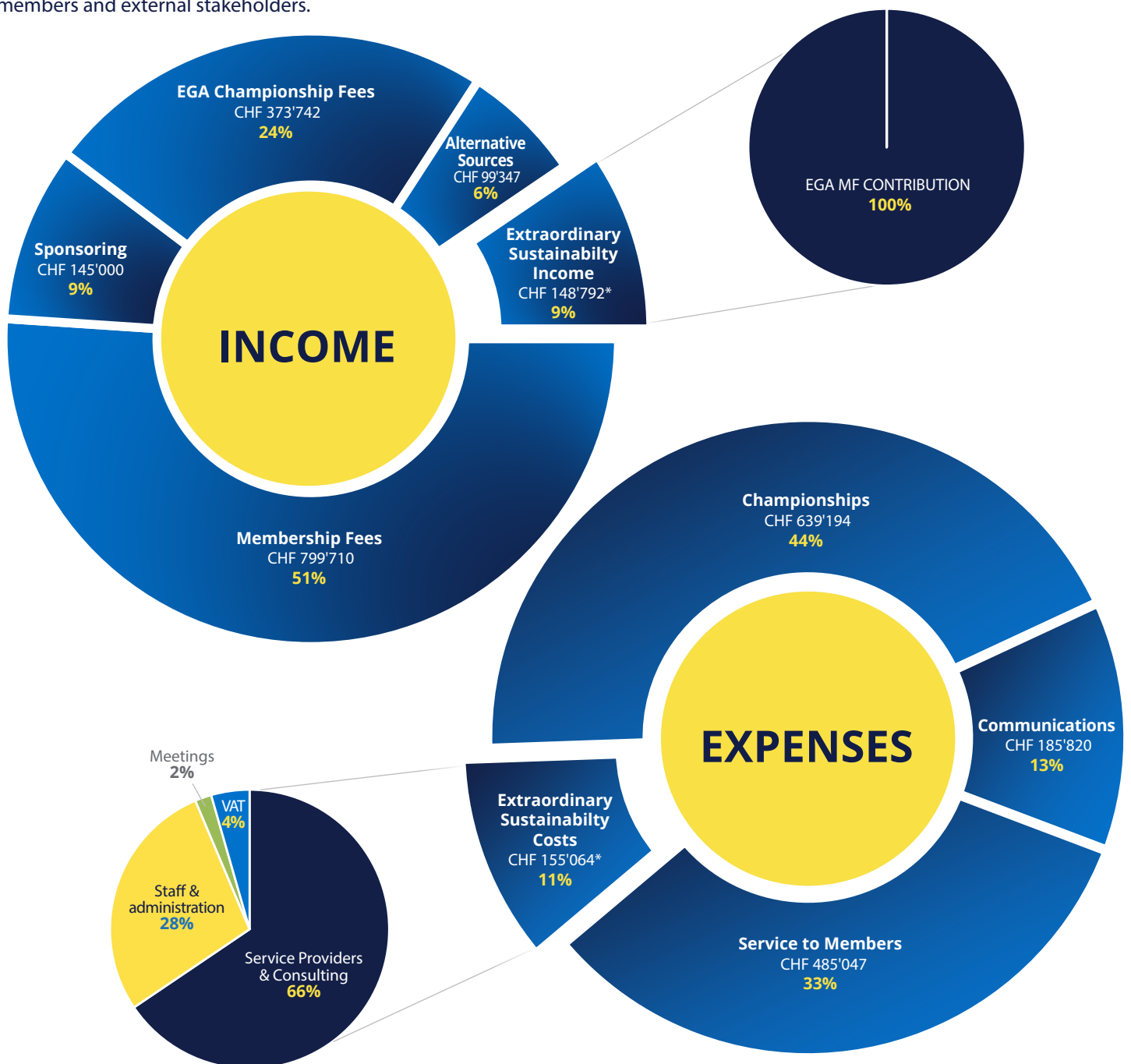
The EGA's primary revenue comes from membership fees (51%) and championship fees (24%), with additional support from sponsorship and alternative income sources.

A significant portion of the budget is allocated to championships (44%) and member services (33%), highlighting the EGA's commitment to hosting high-quality events and delivering strong value to its members.

Investments in communications emphasise the EGA's focus on maintaining strong engagement with both members and external stakeholders.

This year the extraordinary sustainability income relied entirely on members' contributions. Most expenses were directed towards Service Providers & Consulting, with a small portion for staff & administration as well as meetings.

Overall, the EGA continues to maintain a sustainable financial strategy, focusing on championships and providing value to members.



*The differences to the amounts in the yearly accounts are due to the extraordinary budget covering a different accounting period (January – December).

2024 was another very good year for the EGA. All championships had full fields, generating slightly higher revenues than in 2023 with membership fees following the same trend. Overall, revenues were 1.5% higher than budgeted.

Thanks to the Finance Commission's consistent conservative planning and disciplined budgeting, savings were made, particularly in committees and meetings as well as IT costs resulting to expenses being 1.9% lower than budgeted.

Higher revenues and lower costs led to a gratifying positive annual result for 2023/2024 of CHF 22'465.

A separate account will be submitted for the extraordinary "Sustainability" budget.

BUDGET 2024/2025

For 2025, slight price increases are expected reflecting lower inflation in Europe. Therefore, a 1.5% increase in membership fees is proposed. This results in a planned deficit of CHF 13'701, which will be covered by existing reserves.

The "Sustainability" project is planned to continue with an extraordinary budget in the same amount as the previous year to cover the expected costs.

PS: It has been an honour and a pleasure to serve the EGA as Honorary Treasurer for four years. My special thanks go to Sabine Vega for providing me with her excellent support during this time. She played an important role, especially in the collaboration with the fiduciary MSR and the preparation of the annual financial statements.

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.



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Report of the statutory auditor
to the Annual General Meeting of
EUROPEAN GOLF ASSOCIATION
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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 2024.

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, 18 October 2024

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 ON 30.09.2024

ASSETS	Note	on 30.09.2022	on 30.09.2023	on 30.09.2024
Cash in Bank		1'353'658	777'393	585'292
Saferpay current account		-	1'500	-
Receivables	1	58'544	7'339	64'561
Prepaid Expenses/Guarantee Deposit		1'271	609	2'210
Property and Equipment	2	27'603	19'185	10'474
Website		1	1	1
Long-term deposit		-	601'907	755'000
Total Assets		1'441'077	1'407'934	1'417'538
LIABILITIES				
Saferpay Current Account		(300)	-	(4'253)
Creditors & Short Term Accruals		(219'943)	(212'129)	(235'015)
Long Term Accruals	3	(250'542)	(200'542)	(160'542)
Total Liabilities		(470'785)	(412'671)	(399'810)
Net Assets		970'292	995'263	1'017'728
RESERVES				
Balance at the Start of the Year		875'219	970'292	995'263
Surplus/(Deficit) of the Year		95'073	24'971	22'465
Balance at the End of the Year		970'292	995'263	1'017'728
TOTAL RESERVES		970'292	995'263	1'017'728
NOTES ON BALANCE SHEET				
1. RECEIVABLES				
Miscellaneous (short term income)		58'544	7'339	64'561
		58'544	7'339	64'561
2. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT				
Furniture		22'620	15'555	9'665
Computer and IT		4'983	3'630	809
		27'603	19'185	10'474
3. LONG TERM ACCRUALS				
Reserve International Matches (BT/PHT)		100'000	100'000	100'000
Reserve Various		60'542	60'542	60'542
Reserve - Website development		90'000	40'000	-
		250'542	200'542	160'542

R&A AMATEUR STATUS COMMITTEE REPORT



BRIAN FLEMING
CHAIRMAN, AMATEUR STATUS COMMITTEE

The updated Rules of Amateur Status continue to provide an appropriate response to a range of challenges in the modern game. The governance of the game relies on Rules which distinguish between those who play the game for recreation and those who earn their living from it.

The Rules are continuing to help elite amateur golfers to fund their development in terms of the prizes that can be accepted and the support they can receive from sponsors. The Rules are also providing a simplified reinstatement pathway for those professionals wishing to return to the amateur ranks and continue to be involved in golf as their career path changes.

The Rules provide national governing bodies the framework to operate within their jurisdiction, while the Guidance Notes provide essential clarification and direction to assist in applying the Rules.

Consistently, the European Golf Association and its members make an invaluable contribution to this important work and once again we would like to thank you and your representatives on the Committee for this important involvement and the close relationship from which we all benefit.



BRIAN FLEMING
CHAIRMAN, AMATEUR STATUS COMMITTEE



R&A RULES OF GOLF COMMITTEE REPORT

ROGER BATHURST
CHAIRMAN, RULES OF GOLF COMMITTEE



As we approach the end of 2024 and the mid-point of the Rules cycle, there is comparatively little of substance to be reported until we get closer to the next edition of the Rules of Golf. The 2023 Rules, which refined the 2019 major modernisation, have proven to work very effectively, and it is not felt that there is any pressing need for significant change. However, there are several items under review, where a focus is on whether the level of penalty is still appropriate. It was a stated aim at the start of this cycle to evaluate whether certain penalties might bear reduction, but each need very detailed consideration.

One addition this year is a new policy which adjusts how Rule 3.3 is applied at major championship and elite Tour level. It is important to note that this is not a Rule change, nor is it necessarily an approach which will suit all events. In summary, and with certain caveats, the policy specifies that a scorecard will not be considered returned until 15 minutes after the player has left the recording area. The great majority of scorecard errors at this level come to light very soon after recording, where a scorer, television or media has witnessed each shot, and it is relatively simple to correct the scorecard when the player has returned to the scoring area within the 15-minute extension period.

Rules education continues to flourish. Since our 2023 report, there have been two Level 3 Tournament Administrators and Referees Seminars in Africa, three in Asia and two in Europe, including our flagship event in St Andrews. There are now 57 referees from European Tour Group, Ladies European Tour, Asian Tour and other affiliated federations and unions that have qualified at Level 4, with a further 138 working toward its completion.

Europe leads the way in digital downloads of the Rules of Golf App. Of the top ten countries, expressed as a percentage of registered golfers, Denmark (41.5%), UK (33%), Sweden (31.1%) and Finland (27.6%) lead the way. Our aim for 2027, in line with our sustainability policy, is to minimise the amount of printed material, so we encourage all countries to replicate Denmark's success with the number of users of the Rules of Golf app.

I would like to thank the EGA representatives for their invaluable contribution to the work of the Rules of Golf Committee.

R&A

ROGER BATHURST

CHAIRMAN, RULES OF GOLF COMMITTEE

R&A SUSTAINABLE GOLF COMMITTEE REPORT



DANIEL LIGHTFOOT
DIRECTOR - SUSTAINABLE GOLF

Sustainable Golf at The R&A is delivered through 5 key strategic services. Sustainable Championship Agronomy, Sustainable Agronomy Services, Research, primarily the through Golf Course 2030 program, Sustainable Greenkeeping Education and R&A Sustainability, through the Greenlinks initiative.

SUSTAINABLE CHAMPIONSHIP AGRONOMY (SCA)

The goal of Sustainable Championship Agronomy is to deliver sustainable and environmentally positive world-class playing conditions for R&A championship golf courses.

The key aims for 2024 were to continue supporting and influencing a more sustainable sward composition and minimise fertiliser, pesticide, and water usage, while improving agronomic and playability performance at all Championship venues. Playability and performance delivery was adjusted to suit the differing course set-up requirements for the Open, AIGWO, Amateur Championships, and the Curtis Cup.

Nature and biodiversity analysis and improvement plans at all venues continued strongly in 2024, with a particular focus on birds and butterflies.

Attaining the desired level of turf performance at the Championships in 2024 has been challenging, but successful, with the weather a key factor in the management of the turf, especially greens during the Open and AIGWO. The Old Course at Sunningdale was in superb condition for the Curtis Cup.

The 152nd Open – Royal Troon

Course condition, performance and consistency was excellent for The Open and received wide acclaim from players and media. Sward conditions had deteriorated through the spring, due to a combination of high levels of play, cool/dull weather and the slow recovery from spring sand injection (to optimize firmness) but had fully recovered by mid-July. Surface firmness was good >125 gravities on Friday and Saturday. The rain on the Saturday of the Open was disappointing as turf performance had certainly peaked for the weekend. The rough played well and it was great to see diversity in terms of grass and wild flower species.

AIGWO – St Andrews

The delivery of a successful championship despite the strong winds and frequent rain for the AIGWO was appreciated by players, spectators and visitors alike. Potential ball movement challenges on greens due to high winds (especially 11) was a key concern affecting set up. Proactive greens height and mowing management meant that play was uninterrupted despite the harsh conditions. Whilst this was a result of good work during

the tournament, the agronomy support and measures to increase bent grass percentage in greens over the last 9 years, allowed the team to manage the turf effectively for the tournament and show the value of long-term sustainable management on tournament set up.

The Amateurs

Course condition, performance and agronomy were excellent at Ballyliffin (The Amateur) and Portmarnock (Women's Amateur). Players, staff, and media were extremely impressed with the courses.

All electric mowers (mainly Jacobsen) were used for course set-up at Women's Amateur (Portmarnock), and this was a world first at a 'major' R&A Championship. The excellent nature, biodiversity, and sustainability credentials at Portmarnock was communicated to the media to promote this forward step. All greens at St. Andrews for the AIGWO were cut with electric mowers as we continue to drive best practice across the course.

SUSTAINABLE AGRONOMY SERVICES TO CLUBS (SA)

The purpose of SA is to increase the adoption of sustainable agronomy practices and techniques by golf facilities in the UK, Europe and APAC.

It has been a successful year for the SA team. Demand is growing quickly and the task of growing the team with more high-quality agronomists will be the next phase of development.

Due to the wet weather in 2023/24, demand for our project design services (drainage primarily) continues to grow. The first half of the year has been busy with significant "project" work undertaken at venues including Western Gailes, Castle Stuart, Trump Aberdeen, Royal Birkdale and Royal Lytham & St Annes. Gordon Howat is also involved in several other significant projects including the new course at Feddinch, St Andrews a new short game area at Prestwick and rebuilding greens at Noordwijkse GC in Holland.

There have been many notable successes of Sustainable Agronomy Services on the key challenges of water management, fertiliser use and pesticides. The drainage work at Royal Lytham & St. Annes has improved water management on the site to improve playing performance and plant health. This will have a longer-term impact on reducing pesticide use and improving nutrient uptake. There have been similar successes at Minchinhampton, Edgbaston, Broadstone and The Leicestershire. Improvements in fine grass composition, have improved disease resistance, water usage and greens performance.

SUSTAINABLE AGRONOMY RESEARCH (SAR - GC2030)

The aim of GC2030 is to research and deliver ready-to-use sustainable agronomy solutions for golf facilities to adopt. GC2030 also supports the positive impact of golf courses through scientifically robust data and research.

The key goals for 2024 are to continue to develop our leading portfolio of GC2030 collaborative research projects focused on sustainable agronomy to deliver practical and ready-to-use sustainable solutions for golf course practitioners.

The R&A Sustainable Golf department was well represented at ASTMA/GMA Conference 2024, held in Brisbane Australia 17th-21st June. This event reached around 850 industry professionals from golf course management and golf club management industries from Australia, New Zealand, and southern Asia. The aim was to establish strong R&A presence in this region to develop practical GC2030 research in collaboration with regional stakeholders, grow and explore R&A Sustainable Agronomy awareness and client base, and inform the evolution of the education strategy.

The R&A have engaged with TopPR, to build a market research questionnaire to really understand the level of understanding, engagement and usefulness of the GC2030 to enhance delivery of the program in 2025.

The Year 2 summary report for The R&A Golf and Nature Study will be published to coincide with Greenlinks nature engagement at AIG Women's Open. Target audiences will be golf course management stakeholders (greenkeepers, managers, committees) to inform of best practice for ecological course management, as well as further promoting the positive branding of golf as being good for nature to wider audiences such as golfers and Federations.

The R&A Sustainable Golf Team continue to build strong relationships with the USGA Green Section. There are many joint projects being started or undertaken, of which the ITRI collaboration is the most important.

The International Turfgrass Research Initiative (ITRI) provides a unique opportunity to collaborate globally with the USGA – to deliver multi-year, global research projects with practical outputs which maximise wider investment in the GC2030 themes of sustainable agronomy, water, biodiversity and climate.

ITRI priorities for project proposals have been aligned to the four GC2030 themes ensuring that any projects will support the R&A's stated research objectives.

SUSTAINABLE GREENKEEPING EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME (SGE)

Education is the key pillar in improving the delivery and quality of sustainable golf course management, now and in the future. There is a clear objective for The R&A to be a leading supporter of education in sustainable agronomy and to ensure golf is seen as a sport which positively contributes to nature and the environment in many forms.

There is a strong initiative to support the dwindling workforce in turf management, as well as improving access to education and delivery of high-quality agronomy and leadership support for aspiring turf managers.

The Sustainable Golf team have developed a strategy to improve the perception of greenkeeping, align with strategic global education partners and develop world class education opportunities for the leaders of tomorrow.

This will be delivered by creating an inspiring communications campaign, partnering with a global service provider and developing the scholarship program further. This will be supplemented by an inspiring education program. A strong example of this is The R&A turfgrass program at Continue to Learn 2025.

GREENLINKS SUSTAINABLE CHAMPIONSHIPS AND EVENTS AND R&A CORPORATE

The GreenLinks programme objectives are to demonstrate sustainable golf leadership for our key championships. R&A Corporate's objective is to show R&A leadership in driving positive change across key sustainability issues facing the industry.

Greenlinks is being successfully delivered at The R&A Professional and Amateur 2024 Championships. All 2024 UK championships are powered by renewably sourced energy (from solar, HVO Biofuel, Hydrogen and battery technology), have free water refill stations available and are working toward zero waste to landfill. Use of electric cars, community reuse programs and surplus food redistribution plan are in place at all professional championships The 152nd Open, Senior Open and AIGWO.

Sustainable Hub at The Open

The Sustainable Golf Hub was delivered at The 152nd Open with the aim to:

- Increase the recognition and understanding of the positive relationship between golf courses and nature.
- To raise the profile of the R&A's work in Sustainable Golf.
- Raise the profile of Sustainability at The Open.
- Inspire and encourage sustainable behaviours in visitors.

The SG Hub was located in a prominent position, near the visitor entrance with excellent engagement across the Championships. Engagement at The Sustainable Golf Hub was delivered by six Greenlinks volunteers, Marie Athorn (R&A/RSPB Partnership), Rachel Leitch and Libi Newell (both R&A Sustainable Golf). Sustainable Agronomy Services and Golf Course 2030 materials were provided to interested parties. The team will evaluate the impact on the SGH in an effort to improve sustainability communication at the 2025 Open at Royal Portrush.



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WORLD AMATEUR GOLF RANKING® REPORT



ELIZABETH MOSER
WAGR™ MANAGER

INTRODUCTION

2024 is the fifth year of the Power method of calculation within WAGR®.

The number of finished WAGR Counting events has increased again for 2024 with a 7% rise in all events from Weeks 1-34 for 2024 compared to the same timeframe in 2023; however this is 4% less than the increase between 2022 and 2023.

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 just under 8'000 players from 117 countries; this is an increase of 500 more players year on year and includes 14 more countries worldwide. We estimate for 2024 to have processed around 6'800 events by the end of 2024 which would be a 7.9% increase on 2023.

EUROPEAN STATISTICS

At the time of publishing week 34 rankings for 2024, WAGR® coverage included 2'455 players from Europe (1'465 Men/990 Women) from 36 countries. These figures all show an increase on 2023 by 68 players – 52 Men/16 Women.

NEW RANKED AND RE-RANKED PLAYER/S IN 2024

There have been 1'985 (1'273 men, 712 women) new ranked players in 2024 up to Week 37. In comparison for the full year of 2023, 2'381 players became newly ranked.

Players who have successfully become re-ranked are 174 (129 men, 45 women) at the end of Week 34 in 2024. In comparison for the full year of 2023, 140 players became re-ranked.

MARK H. MCCORMACK MEDAL

The winner of the 2024 men's Mark H. McCormack Medal was Luke Clanton of United States. The winner of the women's medal was Lottie Woad of England.

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 5 EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WITH MOST RANKED PLAYERS

WOMEN		MEN	
COUNTRY	N° RANKED PLAYERS	COUNTRY	N° RANKED PLAYERS
France	126	England	232
Spain	112	Sweden	133
Germany	104	France	116
Sweden	91	Spain	114
England	81	Germany	108

TOP 10 POWER MEN'S AMATEUR EVENTS IN 2024 WK1 TO WK34

EVENT NAME	WEEK N°	POWER	COUNTRY
1. Arnold Palmer Cup	202427	1002.918	Ireland
2. U.S. Amateur Championship	202433	996.2581	United States
3. NCAA D1 Championship - Stroke	202422	993.9551	United States
4. The Western Amateur Championship	202431	975.7617	United States
5. Valspar Collegiate	202413	972.6902	United States
6. The Amer Ari Intercollegiate	202406	969.0917	United States
7. Jones Cup Invitational	202401	961.9037	United States
8. NCAA D1 Championship - Match	202422	948.8835	United States
9. Southern Highlands Collegiate	202409	945.6757	United States
10. Cabo Collegiate Invitational	202410	943.6622	United States

TOP 10 POWER WOMEN'S AMATEUR EVENTS IN 2024 WK1 TO WK34

EVENT NAME	WEEK N°	POWER	COUNTRY
1. Arnold Palmer Cup	202427	1002.918	Ireland
2. Augusta National Women's Amateur Championship	202414	996.5841	United States
3. NCAA D1 Women's Championship	202421	980.1587	United States
4. U.S. Women's Amateur Championship	202432	978.4584	United States
5. The Women's Amateur Championship	202426	940.8815	Ireland
6. Darius Rucker Intercollegiate	202410	926.9238	United States
7. Moon Golf Invitational	202408	923.4190	United States
8. SEC Women's Golf Championship	202416	897.5814	United States
9. NCAA D1 Women's Match Championship	202421	890.6681	United States
10. European Ladies' Amateur Championship	202430	881.5810	Finland

TOP 10 POWER EUROPEAN MEN EVENTS IN 2024 WK1 TO WK34

EVENT NAME	WEEK N°	POWER	COUNTRY
1. Arnold Palmer Cup	202427	1002.918	Ireland
2. European Amateur Championship	202426	920.095	Denmark
3. European Amateur Team Championship	202428	874.1184	Italy
4. The Amateur Championship	202425	863.9463	Ireland
5. Women's & Men's Home Internationals	202432	709.9152	Scotland
6. St Andrews Links Trophy	202423	675.4594	Scotland
7. St Andrews Trophy	202430	674.8756	Wales
8. Lytham Trophy	202418	579.9235	England
9. European Nations Cup - Copa Sotogrande	202416	541.0073	Spain
10. Spanish Amateur Copa S M El Rey	202409	513.9808	Spain

TOP 10 POWER EUROPEAN WOMEN EVENTS 2024 WK1 TO WK34

EVENT NAME	WEEK N°	POWER	COUNTRY
1. Arnold Palmer Cup	202427	1002.918	Ireland
2. The Women's Amateur Championship	202426	940.8815	Ireland
3. European Ladies' Amateur Championship	202430	881.5810	Finland
4. European Ladies' Team Championship	202428	876.0112	Spain
5. Women's & Men's Home Internationals	202432	709.9152	Scotland
6. Spanish International Ladies' Amateur Championship	202409	551.2164	Spain
7. Portuguese Internacional Ladies Amateur Championship	202404	530.0729	Portugal
8. Cto. España Federaciones Autonomicas Absoluto	202425	428.1552	Spain
9. European Girls' Team Championship	202428	399.7248	Sweden
10. Championnat de France Par Equipes - Trophée Golfers Club	202421	378.962	France

TOP ELITE EVENT WINNERS IN 2024

MEN	WOMEN
The Amateur Championship Jacob Skov Olesen (DEN)	Augusta National Women's Amateur Championship Lottie Woad (ENG)
NCAA DI Championship Hiroshi Tai (SGP)	The Women's Amateur Championship Melanie Green (USA)
European Amateur Championship Tommy Morrison (USA)	NCAA D1 Women's Championship Adela Cernousek (FRA)
U.S. Amateur Championship Jose Luis Ballester Barrio (ESP)	European Ladies' Amateur Championship Louise Rydqvist (SWE)
	U.S. Amateur Championship Rianne Mikhaela Malixi (PHI)

PLAYERS TURNING PROFESSIONAL IN 2024

As of Week 34, 549 WAGR* players turned professional in 2024:




- 📌 Men: 372 (129 Europe) [2023 Full Year 401 (109 Europe)]
- 📌 Women: 177 (46 Europe) [2023 Full Year 149 (38 Europe)]

MEN	WOMEN
Tobias Jonsson (SWE)	Ingrid Lindblad (SWE)
Aron Snaer Juliusson (ISL)	Helen Briem (GER)
James Claridge (ENG)	Charlotte Heath (ENG)
Adam Wallin (SWE)	Caley McGinty (ENG)
Charlie Crockett (ENG)	Jess Baker (ENG)
Daniel Da Costa Rodrigues (POR)	Blanca Fernandez Garcia-Poggio (ESP)
Mats Ege (NOR)	Andrea Lignell (SWE)
Barclay Brown (ENG)	Anna Backman (FIN)
Frederik Kjettrup (DEN)	Katri Bakker (FIN)
Herman Wibe Sekne (NOR)	
Gustav Frimodt (DEN)	
Robert Moran (IRL)	
Alex Maguire (IRL)	

WR4GD STATISTICS (THE WORLD RANKING FOR GOLFERS WITH DISABILITY) 2024

The three WR4GD rankings have a combined 1'893 ranked players up to week 34, in comparison with 1'580 players in the full year of 2023 (313 more players, an increase of 20%) from 45 countries, and 125 counting tournaments. As of Week 34, 85 events have taken place to date with 115 expected by end of 2024.

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

GROSS RANKINGS (Week 34)	NET RANKINGS (Week 34)	STABLEFORD RANKINGS (Week 34)
Players with golf handicaps up to 18.4	Players with golf handicaps up to 18.4 but excludes Professionals	Players with golf handicaps from 18.5 up to 54
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Kipp Popert (ENG) 2. Simon Seungmin Lee (KOR) 3. Brendan Lawlor (IRL) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jose Bagnarelli (ITA) 2. Wessel Naude (NZL) 3. Mathieu Lebon (FRA) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Richard Saunders BEM (ENG) 2. Kieran McBrien (AUS) 3. Hiroyuki Takatsuka (JPN)
		

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GOLF ON THE RISE IN EUROPE

4.7M

Registered Golfers in Europe

19.7M

Adults engaged with golf in Europe

8.4M

Unregistered 9 & 18 hole golfers in Europe

9%

Rise in registered Golfers in Europe since 2020

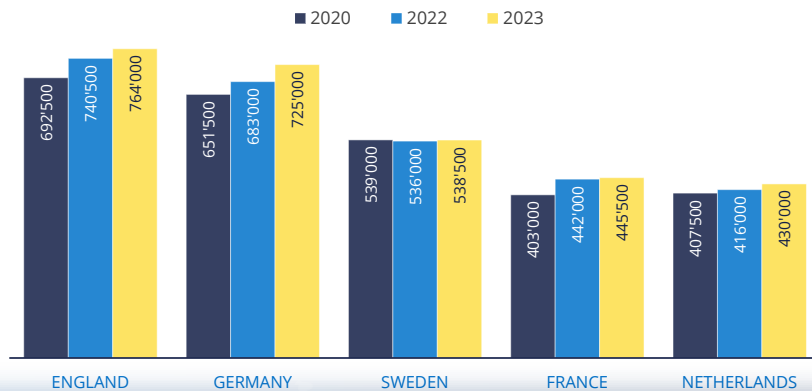
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Golf Courses in Europe

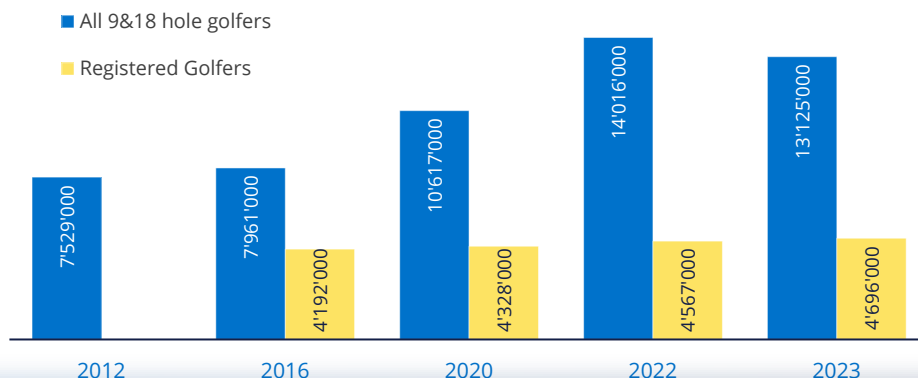
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Countries with the highest % of junior participation globally (excl. US and Mexico) are in Europe

TOP 5 MARKETS FOR REGISTERED GOLFERS



NUMBER OF REGISTERED AND 9 & 18 HOLE GOLFERS BY YEAR



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European Golf Association

Dear Madame President Caroline Huyskes,

Dear General Secretary Michael Thannhauser,

Dear EGA Team and EGA Members

On behalf of the Ukrainian Golf Federation, we would like to express our deepest and most sincere gratitude to the European Golf Association for your unwavering support, invaluable assistance, and generous financial contributions throughout this challenging year. Your commitment to fostering the growth of golf in Ukraine, particularly in such uncertain and difficult times, has been nothing short of remarkable and profoundly appreciated.

Thanks to the continued backing and belief in our Federation, our athletes have been able to participate in prestigious international tournaments, gaining the experience and exposure essential for their growth. This year, in particular, the financial support provided through the EGA Fund has been instrumental in ensuring that our programs and initiatives remain active and resilient, despite the significant hurdles we are facing.

Your partnership has done more than just enhance the development of golf in Ukraine; it has fueled hope and ambition for our young golfers, encouraging them to pursue their dreams and represent Ukraine on the global stage. The belief you have shown in their potential has not only lifted spirits but has also inspired them to strive for excellence with renewed determination.

We are immensely grateful for the sense of unity and collaboration that this partnership has fostered, and we are excited about the future of golf in Ukraine, which is made brighter by your continued support.

We are confident that together we can achieve even greater success and development for the sport we all love.

With sincere gratitude and warmest regards,

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