

2020 : THE CORONA YEAR

There is a risk that 2020 will go down in history as “the Corona year” or, to borrow an expression from Queen Elizabeth II, an “annus horribilis”. When we came out of hibernation, members were eager to start swinging a golf club again. Instead, coronavirus stopped us all in our tracks: from playing only the winter cups we went to ... not playing at all. Courses closed and our season-opening competition in Le Touquet had to be cancelled.

I would like to acknowledge the way in which the Belgian Golf Federation (FRBG) and the Belgian French speaking golf Association (AFGOLF) have handled the crisis. While observing the restrictions imposed by the Belgian National Security Council, they developed the “Park & Play” concept, which allowed us to start playing again.

When the Corona situation relaxed, the EUGC made an effort to reschedule competitions which had to be cancelled earlier in the year. In trying to do so we assumed that many of you would not go abroad this summer but would instead play golf in Belgium. We therefore negotiated new dates with Avenas, Antwerp, Keerbergen and Kampenhout.

I would have preferred to finish on a note saying: as of September things will be back to normal. But clearly, this will not be the case. Helas. Rest assured, your security will always come first, ... and we may have some new sponsors in the pipeline. Keep safe!

Christian Ehlers



EUGC AND YOU

WHS HANDICAP SYSTEM

The World Handicap System (WHS) is ready to be introduced from November 2020 and will provide golfers with a unified and more inclusive handicapping system for the first time.

Developed by The R&A and USGA in close coordination with existing handicapping authorities, the WHS will provide all golfers with a consistent measure of playing ability, with handicaps calculated in the same way wherever they are in the world.

A key objective of the initiative was to develop a modern system, enabling as many golfers as possible to obtain and maintain a Handicap Index. Golfers will be able to transport their Handicap Index globally and compete or play a casual round with players from other regions on a fair basis. It will also indicate the score a golfer is reasonably capable of achieving the next time they go out to play.



EUGC SHOP

A new section has been added to our EUGC Website.

Are you selling your driver or a set of irons ? You need to buy your club outfit ? Are you planning a golfing event ? Here's your chance to inform other members. [Find out more.](#)

OUR 6 COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Since our last General Assembly, Jeroen VERHAAF has joined the EUGC Committee as members' representative. Here's an overview of the team: President: Christian EHLERS, Captain: Filip VERCRUYSSSE, Secretary: Chantal JACQUES, Treasurer/ Ladies: Helen COLLINS, Vice-President: Emilio RODRIGUEZ, Members' Representative: Jeroen VERHAAF. More info is available on [the EUGC website.](#)



EUGC CORA CUP TEAM

Fabien Gisbert returned to France last month, so he won't be able to play the CORA CUP in Wimereux. These are the players that will represent the EUGC on 24 and 25 October in France: Adrian Cunningham, Christian Ehlers, Javier Arribas Quintana, Jeroen Verhaaf, Susanne Altenberg, Emilio Rodriguez, Helen Collins and Filip Vercruyse.

The [rules and selection procedure](#) for the Cora Cup can be found on the website.

2020 CLUB CHAMPIONS

This year, the club championship took place at the Royal Limburg golf on 18/07.

Congratulations to our Club champions :

MEN : André Husheer

LADIES : Anne Als

SENIORS : Saila Dahl

They have the chance to defend our club colours at the Belfius Masters on 26 and 27 September in Falnuée.

AFG CHALLENGE DE PRINTEMPS

(Seniors) This competition was cancelled due to Covid-19 measures. Our club will participate next season and members who are eligible to take part will receive an invitation from the captain in due course.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome

Patrick CONNEELLY - JRC Geel - Claire DESAVOYE - EC

Patrice JANSSENS - formerly EC

Ingrid LADANYI - Peter MOOZ - EC - Irena MOZOVA

Maxim RAYM - EP - John ROLIN - Cameron SMITH - EP

Isabelle VERGNE - formerly EC

Juniors

Tess ROLIN

Melvil ROLIN

Cercle d'amis

José Ignacio ARRIBAS QUINTANA

Olivier DUCAT - Daniel MESIC - Adrian SAMUEL

Au revoir

Fabien GISBERT, now making birdies in Bordeaux

MEET OUR MEMBERS

Get to know our new members. New EUGC players have the chance to share their impressions of our club. Introducing from Belgium : Adrian Samuel

Name: Adrian Samuel

Nationality: Anglo-Belgian

Current Handicap: 15,2

Which courses have you already played with the EUGC ?

I've played Houthalen & Keerbergen, both for the first time.

What was your impression and which has been your favourite course so far ?

My overall impression is that EUGC goes for quality courses, which is great!

Both courses have distinct characteristics. Keerbergen was gentle where Houthalen was more challenging, but the last 2 holes were tough. If I had to pick a preference it would be Houthalen, with its contrast of woods and heathland. Both had lovely clubhouses & terraces.

What's your goal (Hcp) for this season ?

Play more lovely Belgian courses.

What was your favourite moment, playing with the EUGC ?

Meeting the other members.

What's your motto on the course ?

Don't forget to enjoy all aspects of the course, from the natural surroundings to its design.

