

## A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear members, a very happy and healthy 2020! May the golfing gods be smiling on you! Personally, I could do with some good fortune, as my handicap went up four points in 2019. 2020 will bring about some changes.

- We were able to convince AFGolf that all our members should be allowed to participate in AFGolf competitions, irrespective of their home club. It is enough to be a member of the European Union Golf Club (EUGC).
- At the beginning of the golfing season, the EUGC handicap categories will change. This change will move the EUGC handicap system closer to the categories used by other clubs without affecting the overall balance among our three groups of players. Details can be found further down.

Make good use of our golfing programme. Should you find your performance on the course occasionally frustrating don't forget: A bad day on a golf course is still better than a good day in the office. Presumably, pensioners do not need this kind of consolation.



## EUGC AND YOU

### GOLF IN THE NETHERLANDS

In autumn, the club organizes a [golf trip to the Netherlands](#), which will take place from 25 to 27 September. The price per person is 282.90 € (double occupancy) or 380.90 € (single occupancy) for two nights, all taxes included. This price covers accommodation in a deluxe room, a glass of cava on arrival, a round of golf per day, free access to the hotel wellness centre, breakfast and a 4 course dinner on Saturday.

Please register by reserving a room in the hotel before the end of May 2020.

Once you have received the booking confirmation, please inform Chantal ([eugolf15.chntl@gmail.com](mailto:eugolf15.chntl@gmail.com)).

On Saturday 26 September we will play the [Rijk van Margaten](#) course. On Sunday 27 September the [Golf and country club Wittem](#).



### MEMBERSHIP FEE

In 2020, the membership fee remains unchanged: EUR 68 (or EUR 325 for the restricted country membership in Pierpont). Please transfer the amount to the Club account: BE12 3100 5849 1692 before 15 February 2020.

### CORA CUP WIMEREUX

Adrian Cunningham, Fabien Gisbert, Javier Arribas Quintana, Jeroen Verhaaf, Susanne Altenberg, Emilio Rodriguez, Helen Collins and Filip Vercruysse, are playing the CORA Cup in Wimereux from 3 to 5 April.

They will play an individual stroke play (Stableford) competition on Saturday and a foursomes competition on Sunday. Good luck! The [rules and selection procedure](#) for the Cora Cup can be found on the website.

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The Italian restaurant "[Il Ramo Verdee](#)" will play host our 2020 general assembly on 20 February as from 18h30. Please register via I-golf. All relevant documents can be found on the EUGC website. The menu for the evening is priced at EUR 50 of which EUR 10 will be taken over for paid up members. The Ramo Verde is only a short walk from the Berlaymont.



## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Welcome back

Ricards DERKACS (Latvia Perm Rep)

Pavol JUHAS (European Commission)

Fernando CRIADO ALONSO (Council)

### Cercle d'amis

Kris SPRUYT

Marc GIELE

Steve KNOWLES

Trang NGUYEN

Véronique HOUBAR

### Arrivederci

Massimo BURIONI (enjoying his retirement in Tuscany)

## EUGC 2020 CALENDAR

Our 2020 calendar is available on the website and will be regularly updated. [Check out the programme](#) to plan your golfing weekends with the EUGC

## AFG CHALLENGE DE PRINTEMPS

This challenge concerns players born in 1970 or earlier. Big thanks to those willing to play for the EUGC on Mondays. The teams for the different handicap categories are composed by the captain.

5 qualifying rounds, followed by 3 final rounds will determine the winner.

The rules and dates of the AFG Challenge de Printemps are published on the [AFG website](#).

## NEW HANDICAP CATEGORIES

The committee has analysed the 2019 competitions and the different handicap categories of our club. The change will move the EUGC handicap system closer to the categories used by other clubs without affecting the overall balance among our three groups of players. The details are as follows :

- Category 1 = 0 - 16.4
- Category 2 = 16.5 - 24.4
- Category 3 = 24.5 - 36

## 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 : Laurence Houbar.

**Name:** Laurence Houbar

**Nationality:** Belgian

**Current Handicap:** 35

**Which courses have you already played with the EUGC ?**

So far, none, but I'm all in for 2020, starting at Le Touquet.

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

I am looking forward to the golfing weekend in France. I was told that Le Touquet has two great courses, so for me this will be a first impression of an EUGC event. Let's hope that it's one not to forget.

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

I would like to have a handicap of 30 by the end of the year.

**What was your favourite moment, playing with the EUGC ?**

I played my first competition last September in Duisburg, a 9 hole course near Tervuren. I was very stressed, luckily the team players made me feel comfortable and gave me some very good tips. The formula of the tournament was "Russian roulette", where the individual stableford scores of team players per hole are multiplied.

**What's your motto on the course ?**

Carpe Diem.

