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Brussels, 29 June 2022

**Draft minutes  
of the EUGC committee meeting on 28 June 2022, 12h30,  
Il Ramo Verdee, Rue de Toulouse 46, 1040 Bruxelles**

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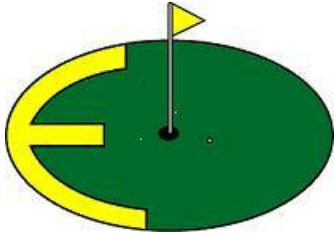
In attendance: Christian EHLERS, Chantal JACQUES, Victoria PAGADIGORRIA,  
Filip VERCRUYSSSE

Excused Peter BAADER, Emilio RODRIGUEZ,

1. Golfing programme 2022 (state-of-play)

- A slow-play incident occurred at the Club Championship (flight n° 5, delay of 30 minutes = two holes). The flight was asked three times to speed-up play and close the gap in front of them but did not manage to do so. The players should have been penalised by deducting two strokes/points. When playing important competitions or competitions with many participants the committee should put in place a system which can deal with such a situation before prize giving and/or encoding the results.
- The committee decided that the club would not reserve a tee-time in Ravenstein in 2023. A green fee of €140 is prohibitive. Members are not prepared to pay such an amount on a weekday.
- The committee decided to organise a golfing weekend in Vittel in September.
- The committee still holds on to three vouchers for winners of the astérisque competition 2021. The Secretary will contact the winners with the view to finding out if they can pick them up. The winners are currently not in Belgium.

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- The committee is concerned about the low level of participation in EUGC competitions in 2022. Therefore, it decided
    - to lift the threshold for asterisque competitions with immediate effect,
    - and send a monthly mail to members (the Captain & the Vice-President) alerting them to extraordinary results and calendar events of the following month.
  - The committee will consider adding Flanders Nippon and the Golf Park Tervuren to next year's calendar.

## 2. Membership situation

At the time of the meeting the club had 134 members.

## 3. Club Championship (Seniors)

The committee nominated Michel DUPON Club Champion (Seniors).

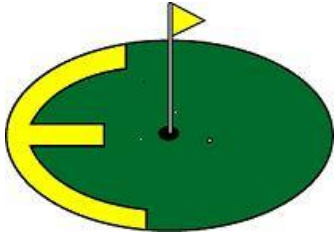
## 4. Marshal and Slow play

- The committee endorsed the text (annex 1).
- The EUGC Committee also meet as "Sports Committee" to rule on the Marshal's recommendations (i.e. penalties for slow play).

The committee endorsed the responsibilities of a Marshal in EUGC competitions (annex 2).

## 5. AFGOLF competitions

- The committee briefly discussed the Ladies' and Men's European Tour events in Belgium. They were considered important "lighthouse events" for golf in Belgium
- Peter BAADER and Christian EHLERS took part in the "Trophée des Volontaires" in Méan.



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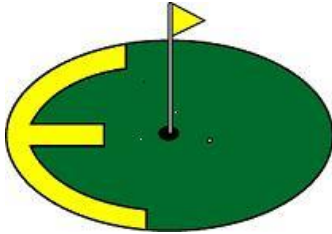
6. Next meeting

The next committee meeting will take place on 1 September 2022, 12h30,  
Il Ramo Verdee, Rue de Toulouse 46, 1040 Brussels.

7. Miscellaneous

The Secretary, Chantal JACQUES, announced her intention to leave her position in  
2023. Peter BAADER is prepared to shoulder more responsibilities.

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## Annex 1

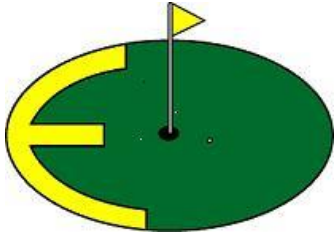
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### Slow play ... and how to avoid it

(by Peter BAADER on behalf of the EUGC Committee)

- Before starting the round, **be ready for the round**: pitchfork (!), balls and an extra ball in your pocket for playing a provisional ball, tees, ball marker, golf glove, food, and drink.
- If you are **unfamiliar with a course**, buying a stroke saver booklet in the pro-shop might be a good idea.
- Always respect the golf **etiquette** (i. e. know the rules of golf, show up on time, don't talk while others are hitting, don't stand or move behind a player who is about to hit his/her ball, be familiar with the lost-ball-rules, avoid slow-play, switch off your mobile phone, shout FORE if a ball you mishit could endanger other players, obey the cart path rules) !
- Before starting a round, agree within the flight to play "**ready golf**" (in stroke play/Stableford, i.e., to play a ball first that is closer to the hole than another ball);
- **Walk up to your ball as early and as closely as possible** (without putting yourself at risk) while other players get ready to execute their strokes. Be ready to play when it is your turn.
- **Plan your next stroke** even before reaching your ball (distance, club selection, line of play, etc.). Do not loose time putting on your glove only when it is your turn to play. Once ready to play, you have **max. 40 seconds** to execute your shot!
- **Play a provisional ball** if you are unsure whether your original ball is lost (outside a penalty area) or out of bounds.
- **Two or three practise swings** are more than enough!
- **Watch the trajectory of other players' balls** in your flight to assist them finding the balls, if needed.
- If you need to **search for your ball**, remember that you have **no more than three minutes** from when you reach the area in which your ball might be (look at your watch, also to put other players in your flight 'on the clock'!)

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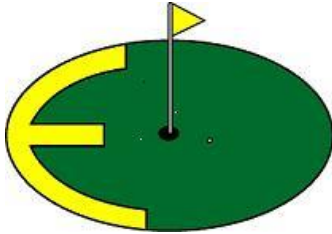
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- If **several balls must be found or any other reason prevents your flight from moving forward swiftly**, don't forget to wave the flight behind you through.
  - **On the green**, benefit from the other players' putting when examining your own line of putt.
  - For **shortish putts**, always ask if you may putt out first instead of marking and lifting your ball. If in match play the hole or your next stroke has been conceded, pick up your ball and move on.
  - Once a **hole is completed, move away from the green as swiftly as possible** (discuss any issues, fill in the scorecard and rearrange and clean your clubs by the next teeing area).
  - Be aware of **relief procedures** in order not to lose time by thinking about your options, determining a relief area, and putting a ball back into play (penalty areas, abnormal course conditions, unplayable ball, etc.) - read the rules, watch YouTube on golf rules.

**Always remember:  
Your position on the course is just behind the flight in front of you,  
and not just ahead of the flight following you!**

**Internal Rules of the European Union Golf Club:**

- A flight is considered to be out of position:
  - On a par 3 when players are not on the tee box when the previous flight has already left the tee box of the following hole.
  - On a par 4 when players have not left the tee box when the previous flight has already left the green.
  - On a par 5 when players are not on the tee box when the previous flight has already reached the green.
- A maximum time allowed per shot is 40 seconds. The 40 seconds start when it is the player's turn to play, and he has had sufficient time to reach his ball and to be able to play without distraction or interference. On the green, the timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair ball marks and clear loose impediments on his Line of put. Time spent looking at the line in preparation of the putt counts as part of time taken for the next shot. The marker should verify that this rule is observed.

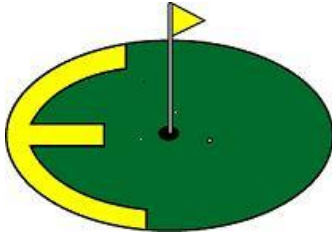


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- On average, a flight of 2 players should be allowed 3h36' (average 12' per hole), a flight of 3 players 4h12' (average 14' per hole) and a flight of 4 players 4h30' (average 15' per hole) to complete a round of 18 holes. A flight is considered out of time if after appropriate assessment of mitigating circumstances by the committee the flight has exceeded the max. time indicated.
  - All players are obliged to mark the time when he/she left the 18th green. Thereby the committee will be able to establish when and where slow play begun when reviewing and registering the scores.
  - The committee may impose, once the competition is completed but not yet encoded, the following penalties for slow play in accordance with the Rules of Golf:
    1. First transgression of max. time: warning
    2. Second transgression of max. time: 1 penalty stroke
    3. Third transgression of max. time: 2 more penalty strokes
    4. Fourth excess of max. time: disqualification
  - If the committee cannot identify the responsible player, the penalties will be applicable to all players of the flight causing the delay.
  - Players declared "out of time" will not be able to receive any prizes or points in the context of individual competitions or series of competitions i. e., Astérisque, Winter Cup, etc. Their scores, however, remain valid vis-à-vis the Royal Belgian Golf Federation.



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## **Annex 2**

### **The role of a Marshal in EUGC Competitions**

In EUGC competitions with 30 or more participants, the EUGC Committee may employ one or more Marshals.

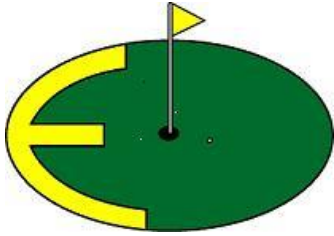
The primary role of a Marshal shall be to help maintaining an adequate pace of play of all groups in the competition with regard to the time-par.

In addition, a Marshal shall

- assist players if they are unfamiliar with the layout of the course.
- inform a player about local rules if the Marshal observes that the player might be in violation of one of them.
- remind players to replace divots and rake bunkers if the Marshal observes that this is not done.
- help players to search for a ball if the occasion arises and inform players when the 3-minute search period has elapsed if this is the case.
- help players to follow relief procedures correctly, in particular when determining the reference point for measuring a relief area.

A Marshal shall not have the rights and obligations of a Referee, i.e. the Marshal shall not give rulings or impose penalties on any player.

However, a Marshal shall alert the players in a group and warn them if they are slow, i.e. when they are late in relation to the time-par and when there is at least a gap of a full par 4 with regard to the group ahead. The group shall be encouraged to accelerate play. If the group does not accelerate play within two holes of the first warning, the Marshal shall warn the group a second and a third time over the following holes respectively.



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As from the second warning, the Marshal shall inform the players that the Committee will be alerted to their slow play to decide if an individual player or the entire group may have to be penalised for slow play.

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