

2025 Committee Newsletter to Members

Introduction

As a new initiative, the 2025 Committee has been working on transitioning to a new communications platform to inform members of upcoming events to diarize. Specifically, the members website will be refined to streamline the content and to create a user-friendly site for members to browse and source relevant information.

As part of this simplification project, a regular and highly focussed newsletter highlighting key forward events for the upcoming 4-6 weeks will evolve shortly. The intent of the highlight's newsletter will be to direct members to the website for additional information and event registration for those activities of interest, and to heavily cut down on the volume of email communications to members.

The focus of the Committee will consist of Golf Events, Social Events, Sponsorships and Fund Raising, Committee Minutes, and a Photo Gallery.

We look forward to informing members of our progress over the coming months, as we work hard to implement the change initiatives, whilst offering a wide range of engaging golf and social events for our club members.

Naming Rights: What's in a name?

It is important that we seek a buy-in from our club members in relation to our simplification project. We ask members to propose both a Name and Design Header for our forward looking newsletter. This way our future newsletters will be easy to distinguish, and a popular medium for our information exchanges. Please submit your suggestions to newsletter@secretvalleygolfresort.net

Highlights: March 2025

The 2025 Committee took office on 1 March 2025, and during March successful events were held, including the Captain's Drive-In, the Captain vs Vice Captain match play (held over two weekends), St. Patricks International Day, the Black and Yellow tee challenges, Quiz Night, and the 9 Wine and Dine.

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The first interclub match for the season took place against Minthis.

The draws for the 2025 knock-out competitions are now being finalised.

The Handicap Review Committee reviewed all player handicaps administered by SVGR under the WHS system, and a handful of player handicaps (< 1%) have been identified for adjustment and changed effective from 1 Apr 2025.

The new course signage, ordered in 2024, was received and installed next to the Starter Hut.

The sign's QR code is beneficial for members to readily source course handicap information before starting their round.



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Captain's Report

Good golf, fun, and camaraderie ... my motto

1 Mar 2025 - Captain's Drive-In

What a fantastic start to the new season! Players were greeted at the starter hut with a ginger-lemon shot, homemade quiche and healthy cookies. At the half-way house, there was a fortifying shot (or two) of Jägermeister and a delicious lemon cake. Players enjoyed an authentic Berliner curry sausage paired with a Bavarian pretzel in the Club House. A total of Euro 494 was raised for charity, in addition to the bulk of our accumulated fundraising monies being collected from our generous members on this day. A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers who made the event possible.



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12 Mar 2025 – Interclub match vs. Minthis (away)

A great day filled with sunshine and camaraderie. Despite the defeat, our spirits remain high, and we look forward to the rematch at home.



Secret Valley and Minthis Hills team photo.

14 Mar 2025 – Quiz Night

With 46 participants tackling questions about culture, politics, economics, and The Beatles, the evening was another success. Thanks to Meg and Trevor Fordham who hosted the event. The total raised for charity was Euro 230.



The Winners (and the Quiz hosts)

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17 Mar 2025 – St. Patricks Day

The course, and later the club house, was filled with green, white and orange. Members participated to toast the Irish national holiday with whiskey and baileys (hiccup!). A total of Euro 240 was raised for charity. A big thank you to Iona Elliott and everyone who helped to contribute to this day.



22 & 29 Mar 2025 - Captain vs Vice Captain Matchplay

Despite the challenging windy conditions, the team matches were compelling and competitive. The result had two faces ... a big smile, and an even bigger smile, from members of Team A and Team B, respectively and, above all, a fantastic atmosphere in the club house. The Captain (Team A) congratulated the Vice Captain and Team B players for their decisive win. Well done to all players.



Team A & Team B Leaders (match play can be fun!)

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28 Mar 2025 – 9 Wine and Dine

9 holes were played, before players enjoyed a hearty meal of fish and chips, and wine. Here, too, there was a happy 'winner' and an even more cheerful 'loser'.



And Grinning is Contagious ...

Social

It is great to be seeing so many happy faces at the competitions and social events over the past few weeks, and here is to many more competitive and fun golfing and social events ahead.

So ... our next BIG FUN event is the Easter Golden Golf Ball Hunt on Sat 19 Apr 2025 ... book your entry via the website. Expect some 'eggcellent' prizes, some chocolate nibbles, shots, and bags of fun. Easter dress-up costumes are encouraged ... if your brave enough.

Don't forget if you fancy to join in the very popular Quiz Nights – just drop a message to Trevor Fordham, Ted McMichael, and Jon Broadhead (together with your favourite questions and answers), so they can add you in and give you details. Who knows, maybe, maybe, your favourite questions and answers will be used by the Quiz Masters ... its worth a try!

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The next International Day golf event for anyone wishing to take part is St. George's Day – the date is Tue 22 Apr 2025. Get it booked in to celebrate this Patron Saint of England where myth and legend has it he slayed a Dragon (not his life-partner) and saved many lives. So lets don our white and red outfits and celebrate with a great game (and a tippie later).

Then its ALL GO with the Club Championships on Sat 17 & Sun 18 May 2025. Cannot wait to support this tournament and see our best club players going head to head ... day-2 will be very exciting! Who will be the 2025 club champion (by gender)? We will celebrate afterwards with a buffet and drinks at the club house.

Go Prosecco Ladies – we are seeing if we can squeeze in an April game, and would LOVE to combine this with afternoon tea (because of hunger pains) after the game. We will update the *WhatsApp* group and any ladies wishing to join this fun group, please email me at socialsec@secretvalleygolfresort.net

Financial

- **Member Competition Fund**

At month end, the member competition fund balance stands at Euro 2,790.

- **Sponsorships**

The success and enjoyment received by members participating in our major golfing and social events throughout the year is dependent on the generosity of our Sponsors.

Currently, we have attracted five (5) major sponsors, contributing almost Euro 6,000 in cash and in-kind donations. We wish to sincerely thank, *TopQuotes* (insurance), *Golfmarie* (golf clothing), *Wine Delivery Online* (beverages), *Pro85* (consulting) and *Ekfraseis Winery* (beverages) for their generous contributions.

Merchandise discounts are offered to club members as follows:

-*Ekfraseis Winery: Online 15% discount (code: SVGC2025)*

-*Golfmarie: Online 10% discount (code: KZTVDPSSH7A9)*

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-O'Vrakas Tavern: 10% of every bill (on showing proof of your SVGR membership)

-Cruise VIP Wine: Contact winedeliveryonline@gmail.com for product discounts (groups of up to 10 receive a discount of Euro 10 per person, and groups over 10 receive a discount of Euro 15 per person)

In addition, donations totalling almost Euro 1,000 have been gratefully received from Gloria Serenity Resort Belek (golf venue), La Papillon Beaute (massage) and O'Vrakas Tavern (restaurant).

- **Fundraising**

The Captain's Charity in 2025 is the Ronald McDonald House Organisation in Strovolos, Nicosia. The 2025 fund raising target is Euro 15,000.

Following a successful start to the 2025 charitable fund-raising initiatives, a gross income (before costs) of Euro 3,850 has been raised.

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Key Events: April / May 2025

Members are directed to the website for detailed event information and registration.

Golf Club (major events)

- Medal (multi-tee): Sat 5/4/25
- Stableford (multi-tee): Tue 8/4/25
- Order of Merit: Sat 12/4/25
- Easter Golden Golf Ball Hunt (social / fundraising): Sat 19/4/25
- St. George International Day: Tue 22/4/25
- Medal (multi-tee): Sat 26/4/25
- Stableford (multi-tee): Sat 3/5/25
- Black and Yellow Tee Challenge: Sun 4/5/25
- Medal (multi-tee): Sat 10/5/25
- Stableford (multi-tee): Tue 13/5/25
- **Club Championships: Sat 17/5/25 & Sun 18/5/25 (followed by presentations)**
- SVGR Maintenance Closure: Mon 26/5/25 – Wed 28/5/25, inclusive
- Stableford (multi-tee): Sat 31/5/25

CGF events

- CGF Matchplay Qualifier: Sat 5/4/25 (SVGR)
[We wish our club representatives Andy Cave & Dominic Hampton, happy golfing and our best wishes for an enjoyable tournament.]
- CGF Matchplay Quarter Finals: Sun 6/4/25 (Elea)
- CGF Matchplay Semi Finals: Sat 12/4/25 (Elea)
- CGF Matchplay Finals: Sun 13/4/25 (Elea)
- NOOM: Sun 11/5/25 (SVGR)

Interclub Matches

- Versus Minthis: Wed 16/4/25 (SVGR)
- Versus Aphrodite Hills: Wed 30/4/25 (SVGR)

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We trust that you like, and find useful, this streamlined forward-looking events newsletter.

To help us further refine and develop this product for delivering timely information to you, may we seek your feedback in writing, viz., newsletter@secretvalleygolfresort.net

From The Committee

Fun Golf Quiz: Understanding Golf Rules

Question 1

Statement: In stroke play, if a player plays from outside the playing area when starting the hole, they get two penalty strokes and the ball must be played as it lies. True or False?

Question 2

Statement: When taking lateral relief from an unplayable ball, the two club-length relief area is measured from the nearest point of relief. True or False?

Question 3

Statement: A player makes a practice swing and accidentally moves their ball on the fairway. What is the correct ruling?

- A. There is no penalty, but the player must replace their ball.
- B. The player gets a penalty and must replace the ball.
- C. There is no penalty, but the practice swing counts, and the ball must be played as it lies.

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Fun Golf Quiz Answers

Question 1

False. [See Rule 6.1b\(2\)](#). In stroke play, the penalty for playing from outside the teeing area is 2 strokes, but the player must correct their mistake by playing from within the teeing area.

Question 2

False. [See Rule 19.2](#). The relief area is measured from the spot of the ball, not from the nearest point of relief.

Question 3

There is a 1 stroke penalty, and the ball must be replaced. [See Rule 9.4](#).

This guide is intended to clarify key rules in golf regarding penalty strokes and proper procedures, ensuring that players can adhere to the regulations and maintain the integrity of the game.
