

Report of the Directors and
Unaudited Financial Statements
for the Period 24 November 2010 to 30 September 2011
for
Kent Golf Union Limited

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Company Information

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DIRECTORS:

C H Tappin (Chairman)
I S R Burton
P J Cannons
M Chaston
D J Curtis
P J Donaghey
S Naylor
D E Oldcorn
J E Pocknell
A E Raphael
C G Reynolds
W F Rodgers
R W Saunders
I D Betts
M Ward
D Watkins
R Young

PRESIDENT:

C H Tappin

VICE PRESIDENTS:

C G Reynolds
W F Rodgers

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J G Young

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Chairman's Report

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The past year has seen many changes within the County Golf Union. Probably the greatest change has been the retirement of Bernie Sparkes the Kent Golf Union Secretary and the appointment of John Young to that position. John was selected from a number of applicants and with his knowledge of golf and his range of experience on golfing matters, I believe that his appointment will prove to be most successful. The other significant change has been the incorporation, replacing the old Kent County Golf Union with the new Kent Golf Union Limited. This change has afforded the County the opportunity to progress on a more businesslike footing and introduce administration and finance systems in line with a suitable structure befitting a modern organisation.

FINANCE

In reviewing the progress during the year I do not intend to comment on the Treasurers Report, but despite the loss of £8,000 in 2010 and the increased expenditure on our coaching programme our overall financial position remains very strong. Although, the financial statements show a profit of £44,000 effective for the first 9 months of trading up to the end of September this year. If we take the previous 3 months into account, we made a net profit of only £11,865. The increase in subscriptions introduced this year together with the prudent measures taken by the Board have enabled us to maintain our level of income without seeking a rise in subscription for 2012.

MEMBERS HANDBOOK/COUNTY CARD

Last year in my President's report I mentioned that the County Handbook would be replaced in its present format. The website has been updated and contains much more information including details of matches and reports soon after they are played. Therefore, there is no need to have a duplication of the same results usually some months after the events have taken place. The County Card is to be issued in a convenient credit card size form which meets the modern requirements of business life. This change will show some considerable savings in the printing costs of producing over 4,000 hard copies of the Handbook. Included in the County Card will be the individual county membership number together with name of the member and their golf club. I believe that combined with the advanced computer technology this format will prove to be far more user friendly for all our members.

GOLF DEVELOPMENT

Last year we introduced warm weather training into our coaching programme, which proved to be beneficial to the further progress of our elite players. We continued with the programme this year placing the emphasis on a slightly lower age criteria and we believe the team spirit combined with an intense week of solid practise produced the basis of some excellent training. We owe a debt of gratitude to both Dave Watkins, Kent Colts Manager, and to Allister Raphael, Kent Coaching Manager, for organising and running this event.

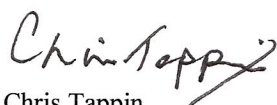
The Kent Golf Partnership has continued to flourish bringing golf into schools and developing the grassroots level of the sport. Jim Pocknell and Ian Betts have put in a lot of time and effort in expanding into new areas for golf. Our aim is to give the sport a much wider appeal and a broader base for all age groups to participate. There are still many golf clubs in the county with membership vacancies and it is the responsibility of the KGU, the Kent Ladies Golf Association and the Kent PGA to try to maintain and increase the number of people playing golf. Over the past few years the number of Club members have been falling throughout the Country and it is important that despite the present economic climate that we continue to preserve current levels and reverse this worrying trend.

MERGER UPDATE

Earlier this year at the EGU Annual General Meeting, four counties decided to call for a poll vote on the merger between the EGU and EWGA. This means that instead of each county getting one vote, each county will be voting the total number of affiliated golf clubs in their county, which in Kent is 92 votes. Following our poll vote of Kent Clubs there was 100% 'For the Merger' vote of those that replied. I will therefore be voting for the merger at the meeting at Woodhall Spa, the EGU headquarters on the 16th November. All Clubs will be notified of the result of the vote of the merger as soon as it is known.

CONCLUSION

Finally, I should like to thank all members of the Board for the sterling work carried out throughout the year and for the efforts of John Young and Susan Partington in the County office. It has been a busy and rewarding year and I hope that with my colleagues we have met the exact standards required of the Kent Golf Union Limited.



Chris Tappin
Chairman KGU Ltd.

