

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT (2008-2010)

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*"I'd like to congratulate all the (junior) players who are here today; it is an achievement just to be playing in this event. You will cherish these memories, no matter how the golf goes."*

**Padraig Harrington** (12.07.2008)

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As an introduction I wish to link with Maureen's report and to the World Amateur Championships DVD we have just watched. Earlier on we projected the number of strokes that our players have so far been able to hit in various tournaments abroad. If we were to be totally honest, the first reaction would be to question the merits of participation in these tournaments.

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*Celebration of international golf and friendship  
Spirit of golf uniting the nations*



*"To compete irrelevant of handicap"  
Dwight Eisenhower (USA President)*

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In these early years of the MGA, we had to participate, we had to get these players exposed to the pressures of tournament play and we had to network with other federations. The benefits of such participation cannot be measured by the number of strokes played but by whether we chose to remain isolated or to integrate in the best way possible with the international golfing fraternity.

Guided by the advice from our colleagues at the R&A and at the EGA, we chose to do the latter.

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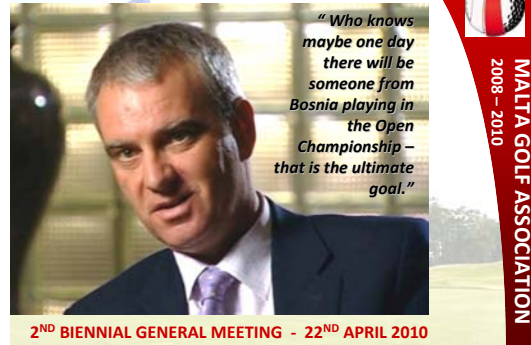
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The players have been afforded the possibility to interact with other golfers and exchange ideas. I know for sure that they have the ambition to win but perhaps they do not have the required dedication as their time and attention is split between their sport and their education or work – a constant dilemma with sports persons from small nations.

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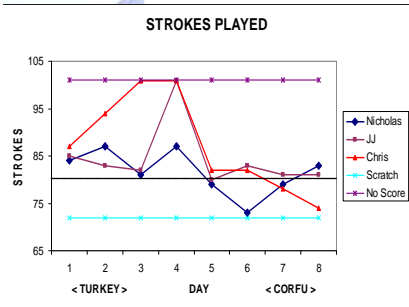
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During one of my trips overseas, I sat down with one of the main European contingents. The discussion evolved on the importance of exposure to tournament play. They remarked that, before they played 15 or so major tournaments in succession, most of their elite players found it hard to break 80 let alone hold a decent score together over four rounds of tournament golf – and these players spend their whole summer going from one major tournament to another across continental Europe.

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As a parallel example, I illustrate the 2008 season. The graph shows Chris's, JJ's and Nicholas's scores over two tournaments played over two successive weeks. Prior to these tournaments, these boys had played – not 15 – but a mere 2 tournaments abroad one of which was from the previous summer of 2007. The top line is set at 100 and marks the two days that Chris did not play in Turkey and JJ's fourth day retirement in the same tournament. The bottom line is set at 72 - level par for both courses. Nicholas' 1-over on the second day of the Corfu Open and his two under 80 rounds together with Chris's two rounds of 78 and 74 indicate that results can be attained given the right investment in coaching and tournament play.

Back home, two members who managed to succeed were Nigel Hall and Jutta Klotz – the winners of the MGA Shield in 2008 and 2009 respectively. I congratulate them both as well as all the other winners in the various categories. Both tournaments, like the inaugural tournament in 2007 which was won by Tony Vella, were well attended and I take this opportunity to thank the sponsor, the RMGC and all the individuals who helped to make these tournaments successful.

I do not wish to continue harping too much on the past but it would be amiss of me not to highlight some of the other most important cornerstones attained over this legislature.

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*"The only place where success comes before work is in a dictionary!"*

Vidal Sassoon



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The affiliation with the Maltese Olympic Committee and the registration with the Malta Sports Council have made golf in Malta a recognised sport with the local authorities. Apart from giving us the possibilities to take advantage of the grants for participation in overseas tournaments, these contacts helped us fulfil the requirements to enable us to affiliate to the European Golf Association.

Whilst we think that it is quite remarkable what all our players have managed to achieve with the limited resources we have so far afforded them, we are fully aware that we need to work even harder and we need to maximise the benefits from the resources we have at our disposal so as to help our players move up the triangle of success; move from participation to competing and excel on the international arena.

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Similarly, the ties with the R&A, with the International Golf Federation, the PGA's of Europe and the networking with other European Golf Federations have been strengthened. The presence of golf in the Olympics from 2016 will help us grow the game at a time when golf's standard of play is rapidly changing owing to the development of very good youth coaching programmes. We can still remember Matteo Manassero who at 16 years of age was the winner of the Amateur Silver Medal at the British Open. Matteo, a couple of weeks ago was again the best amateur at the Masters, and soon will be turning professional at age 17. It is important that these ties with the authorities and governing bodies remain intact if our game is to continue to receive the attention and investment it deserves to grow locally and be present internationally.

The official affiliation with the Council of National Golf Unions became a necessity in 2008 in order to continue using CONGU as the Unified Handicapping System in Malta. As this system completely suited the RMGC, it was quite straightforward for us to comply accordingly.

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C.O.N.G.U.

- SCOTLAND
- ENGLAND
- WALES
- IRELAND
- KENYA
- IVORY COAST
- GAMBIA
- NORTH CYPRUS
- TANZANIA
- U.A.E.
- MALTA

**USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating**  
Club: ROYAL MALTA GOLF CLUB  
Course: ROYAL MALTA GOLF CLUB  
Certified By: CYPRUS GOLF FEDERATION  
Date: 2010-03-08

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More so, we took matters to the next level and secured the approval of the USGA and the services of the slope rating officials of the Cypriot Golf Federation who visited the RMGC and had the course rated both for par and slope according to international benchmarks.

All this has been possible through the determined effort to travel, attend conferences on different golf topics and network with our colleagues abroad – I hasten to add out of our own personal money and that includes Ian's trip to the Mediterranean Games.

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- WORLD CONFERENCE ON JUNIOR GOLF
- R&A GOLF WORLD CONFERENCE
- 2x PGA'S OF EUROPE SEMINARS
- PGA'S of EUROPE & EGA WORKING TOGETHER CONFERENCE
- 3 x EUROPEAN GOLF ASSOCIATION AGM'S
- USGA SLOPE RATING SEMINAR
- OPEN TOURNAMENTS & CHAMPIONSHIPS
- R&A ENVIRONMENT CONFERENCE
- MEETING WITH THE GOLF FOUNDATION
- NUMEROUS MOC & KMS MEETINGS & SEMINARS

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In total, in a four-year period, we travelled to 17 different international venues and attended numerous meetings called by the Olympic Committee and Sports Council. The R&A used the slogan "Working for Golf" for their World Conference last year. They know exactly what it should be all about.

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**ACTIVE ACCESSIBLE ACCREDITED CLUB MARK**

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Another standard achieved was Clubmark – bronze level. Clubmark is a symbol of recognition accrediting the Club that has the necessary facilities, tools and care in place to be able to welcome and work with children and young people. The assessment process sets core and common criteria that sports clubs should meet; including child protection; coaching and competition; equity; ethics and club management. The Children in Golf policy document that you have ratified earlier this evening is just one tool in this whole process, and, over these next months it is our goal to assist the RMGC attain its silver, and in turn, its gold status in this prestigious certification.

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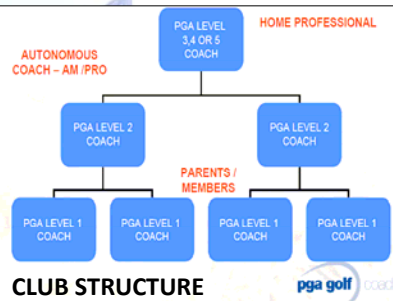
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One of the backbones of golf in Malta is Henning. Henning has been instrumental in the development of our junior golfers for a number of years now and has helped in ways over and above his call of duty. His assistance with the request from the Malta Sports Council to bring school children to experience golf at Marsa is one such example. So, we were more than pleased when the Maltese Olympic Committee accepted our application to afford Henning one of a few privileged places enabling him to attend a 10-month youth development-coaching course via distance learning.

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I digress a bit here, just as a matter of information. The national Professional Golfing Associations in the established European golf countries have been working together on an education policy for these last 18 years. Martin Westphal, our erstwhile National Team coach, is one of the consultants that worked on and pushed this policy forward. The success of such a European education system that sets qualification standards for Professional Golfers is such that, commencing this year, this system will be used in a pilot project that will test the application of these qualification levels for golf to other professional sports associations in Europe including Malta. As golfers, we should be proud that our game has such a strong educational foundation that other sports want to follow.

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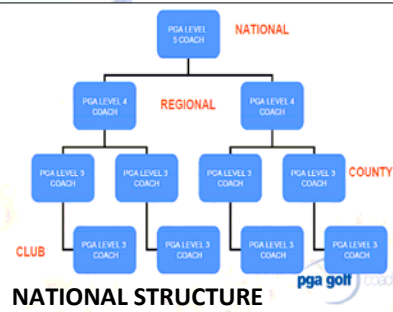
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This initiative from the MOC is the first of its kind within the Olympic Movement with financial requirements totally met by the Solidarity Fund of the International Olympic Committee. At an estimated expense of circa 1500 Euros for each participant, understandably, we are quite delighted that golf in Malta and specifically Henning should benefit from such a project enabling him the possibility to increase his personal knowledge on coaching.

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At national coaching level – level 5 on the diagram, the PGA coach would have an understanding on different aspects of the game including planning, strategy, training, nutrition and psychology with specialist knowledge for team coaching and elite golfers.



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**COACH TO PLAYERS WITH VICTORIES IN LAST 5 YEARS:**

1. ENGLISH U-16
2. WELSH U-13
3. WELSH U-14
4. BRITISH BOYS
5. GOLF FOUNDATION U-13
6. USA U-16
7. BRITISH AMATEUR EURO. YOUTH
8. EURO. BOYS' TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP
9. PORTUGUESE U-14
10. BELGIAN U-16

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David Llewellyn is such a coach, and during the few visits, that we have been able to afford in 2009, he started to make in-roads into the physical and mental requirements of our national team players.

David comes highly recommended and has a wealth of experience both at club, county and national level with a total commitment and willingness to help us reach our goals. David is currently coach to ten young Welsh players all under 18 and all playing in different Welsh national team squads; as well as nine Portuguese players – three of whom are girls and five are national team players for their country. He is also coach to eight professionals who play on the European Tour, one of whom is Rhys Davies – the winner of the Moroccan Open a few weeks ago.

Whether David will continue to visit us very much depends on whether we can obtain the necessary finances and on the strategy taken by the new Executive Council. Without the proper coaching and support, Freddie Zammit in his time and Andy Borg were unable to progress internationally. To some extent, we were also late for our current 18 to 20 year olds. We do not want this to happen again to forthcoming generations.

Another project that again depends on our future strategy is Golf to Schools. This is totally a pilot project not just for us but also for the Sports Promotion Unit within the Malta Sports Council. We are delighted to have secured agreement with the Golf Foundation to assist us with all the advice, resource materials and training workshop to start such a scheme hopefully during the next scholastic year.

Our ambition would be to be able to emulate the application of the 'Skills for Life' of the Golf Foundation which aim to equip youngsters with the confidence and ability to handle themselves appropriately within a social setting; to convey to these individuals an understanding of the importance of adopting an active lifestyle and, of course, to give them a basic knowledge of golf and how to play the game.

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**GOLF FOUNDATION**  
Skills for life

- RESPECT •
- CO-OPERATION •
- PERSEVERANCE •
- HONESTY •
- SELF-MOTIVATION •
- CONCENTRATION •

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**MALTA GOLF ASSOCIATION**  
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With the work being done by the RMGC Juniors Academy and with the Golf to Schools programme we must discover the talented kids and start to train them. Our future champions must evolve from these children.

I conclude by freely quoting the CEO of De La Rue in his address to the company's employees some months back. Obviously I adapt it to our situation in golf and link it to all that has been mentioned before.

Our vision for golf should be to make the most of our strengths, to share our knowledge, best practice and skills to the benefit of the members and the game. To do this we need only three things: honesty, dedication and teamwork.

Honesty is about being open and straight in talking to each other and to our members.

Dedication is about having passion and drive to improve, develop and grow as individuals and as one golfing community.

Teamwork is all about thinking, acting and working as a team – being confident and trusting enough to share and recognise each other's skills and knowledge to help develop the game's best practices for our members.

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**SKILLS FOR LIFE**

- RESPECT •
- CO-OPERATION •
- PERSEVERANCE •
- HONESTY •
- SELF-MOTIVATION •
- CONCENTRATION •
- INTEGRITY •
- CANDOUR •
- AMBITION •
- COMPETITION •
- COLLABORATION •
- APPRECIATION •

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Honesty comes straight from integrity and sincerity; dedication is what we demonstrate when we have a sense of ambition and competition; and teamwork comes from showing collaboration and appreciation.

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**WORKING TOGETHER**  
THE PROFESSIONAL GOLFERS' ASSOCIATIONS OF EUROPE

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Collaboration is of paramount importance also with the Club – we do have different roles to play but we do have a common goal to foster and develop the game of golf. If we just think golf, there is a common path forward and there are parallel routes on which we can travel together for the benefit of the game of golf in Malta.

I am pleased to inform you that we have reached the basis of an understanding with the RMGC Board of Management on these matters and the additional representative of the RMGC on the Executive Council meetings of the MGA is just one link to this journey based on mutual interest and mutual respect.

My colleagues and I feel privileged to work for golf. We promise you to remain faithful to our constitution, to do our best to uphold the game's tradition, etiquette and sportsmanship and to use our best judgement in making

decisions. We believe that your support and your feedback are essential in going forward which in return means that we must improve how we communicate with all of you.

This is a great time to be part of the game of golf, whatever your handicap and playing ability. I am confident that with your contribution we will have a strong and successful future for the game in Malta.

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THANK YOU!

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Thank you.

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Over these last 24 months since our last General Meeting, our national team players have participated in eleven tournaments thanks mainly to the grant on competitions abroad from the Maltese Olympic Committee as well as to the generosity of other golf Federations.

### 2008



**TOURNAMENTS 2008**

INTERNATIONAL EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP MID-AMATEUR  
POSTOLOWO GC, POLAND - JUNE 2008  
77 - 76 - 76

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In June 2008, Malta participated for the first time in the International Mid-Amateur Championship held under the auspices of the European Golf Association. Open to players with a minimum age of 35 and with a handicap of 5 or better, the 54-hole competition attracted 112 players from 18 different countries. Andy Borg's scores of 77, 76 and 76 placed him 11 shots behind the winner and tied 17<sup>th</sup> place.



**TOURNAMENTS 2008**

R&A JUNIOR OPEN - JULY 2008  
HESKETH GC, ENGLAND  
92 - 78

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The R&A Junior Open Championship attracts juniors with an age limit of 16 years. In July it fell to JJ Micallef to participate in the Silver Division. The young boy was afforded the privilege to represent Europe in the photo session with Padraig Harrington – the winner of The Open in 2007 and again in The Open that was played a few days after this photograph was taken.

Unfortunately, Padraig's superb iron play did not rub off JJ who struggled in a very blustery first day. His scores of 92 and 78 placed him in the middle of the table off scratch and second place in the regional table, which considers the players' handicap.



**TOURNAMENTS 2008**

RUSSIAN OPEN - JULY 2008  
PESTOVO G&YC, MOSCOW  
AB: 73 - 78 - 76 - 79  
NB: 87 - 92 - 84 - 91  
NB: 94 - 84 - 88 - 88  
PS: 95 - 85 - 91 - 92

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Under the invitation of the Russian Golf Federation, four of our players travelled to Moscow in July to participate in the 17<sup>th</sup> Russian Amateur Championship. The Pestovo course is a world-class par 72 course stretching 7100 yards. The tournament was won by Steven Uzzell with an 8 under par. Steven is one the UK's top amateur players and travelled to Russia still fresh from his lifting the Barbazon trophy. All our players made the cut after 36 holes of play. Out of the original 96 players, Andy finished 13<sup>th</sup>, Nicholas Beck finished 27<sup>th</sup>, Nick Borg 35<sup>th</sup> and Peter Satariano 41<sup>st</sup> – all better than 50% of the field.



**TOURNAMENTS 2008**

ETHIAS JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP - AUGUST 2008  
ROYAL ANTWERP GC, BELGIUM  
86 - 85 - Missed Cut

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In August, Chris Bergedahl was one of a number of limited guests chosen to play in the Belgian Ethias Junior Championship. Then still at 16 years of age, Chris could not have started anything better than four successive pars and a birdie on his first 5 holes. This was again similarly repeated on the second day. But on the



other holes, the young man had a number of single, double and triple bogeys that prevented him from making the cut. If Chris replaced his triple bogeys with doubles, he would have been only 9 shots behind the leader.

**TOURNAMENTS 2008**

**TURKISH OPEN - SEPTEMBER 2008**  
**CORNELIA GC, ANTALYA**

NB:	84 - 87 - 81 - 87
JJ:	85 - 83 - 82 - Retired
CB:	87 - 94 - Missed Cut



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In September, we took up the dual invitation from the Turkish and Greek Federations. Starting with the 7<sup>th</sup> Turkish Open played in sweltering heat on the Cornelia Prince course measuring 7000 yards. The tournament was won by a 17-year old Portuguese with scores of 70, 76, 71 and 70 - one under par for the tournament. Nicholas was able to play the four days finishing 60<sup>th</sup> from the 99 players that entered the competition. Chris first two-day scores prevented him from progressing, whilst JJ had to hurriedly walk off on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole of the final day due to stomach problems.

**TOURNAMENTS 2008**

**HELLENIC OPEN - SEPTEMBER 2008**  
**CORFU GC, CORFU**

NB:	79 - 73 - 79 - 83
CB:	82 - 87 - 78 - 74
JJ:	80 - 83 - 81 - 81



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Still smarting from Turkey the boys travelled to Corfu to participate in the 25<sup>th</sup> Hellenic Open. Yet another new location for our players but this perhaps a bit different as the course (and the people) was of very similar nature to what we have here in Malta. Nicholas's one over par on the second day and Chris's two over par on the fourth day were due to some excellent play from both boys who were just two holes away

on their respective days to play under par for the course. In the end, Nicholas finished tied 20<sup>th</sup>, Chris placed 24<sup>th</sup> whilst JJ finished the tournament placed 27<sup>th</sup>. Concurrently with the individual play, the Nations Cup was being considered based on the best two scores on each day counting to the team's score. Team Malta placed last in this event.

**TOURNAMENTS 2008**

**MEN CLUB TROPHY - NOVEMBER 2008**  
**KLASSIS G&CC, ANTALYA, TURKEY**

AB:	73 - 72 - 84
PS:	97 - 85 - 95
NB:	91 - 98 - 93



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In November, Andy, Pete and Nick represented Club and Country in another competition hosted by the European Golf Association. 23 teams from other European Countries competed. Andy's individual scores of 73-72-84 meant an individual place of 23<sup>rd</sup> out of 72 players. Both Peter and Nicholas struggled to find their game on a wet course and a tournament characterised by strong wind. Team Malta placed 23<sup>rd</sup> ahead of Croatia and only 2 shots behind Poland.

## 2009

**TOURNAMENTS 2009**

**SLOVAK OPEN - JULY 2009**  
**BLACK STORK, SLOVAKIA**

NB:	87 - 85 - Missed Cut
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In July 2009, Nicholas then undergoing his flight training and only a bus coach away from the Black Stork Resort in Slovakia asked and was granted permission to represent Malta in the Slovak Open utilising his own expenses. Nicholas struggled on the long par 4's and missed the cut in a tournament that was won with a +2 golfer



who carded a one under par for the course. The first 8 places in the tournament were all taken by golfers with a handicap better than scratch. Again, just for you to realise what we are dealing with here, the Black Resort golf course is circa 24% longer than Royal Malta and 6% longer than the golf course used in the Mediterranean Games.

**TOURNAMENTS 2009**



**HELLENIC OPEN**  
OCTOBER 2009  
CORFU GC, CORFU  
AB: 72 - 71 - 74 - 76  
CB: 80 - 79 - 79 - 82  
JJ: 85 - 76 - 79 - 80

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In October, Malta accepted the second successive invitation from the Greek Federation. Playing again in Corfu, JJ, Chris and Andy managed to place second as a Team in the Nations Cup and brought back, the second silverware in our game's history.

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Andy's four rounds of 72-71-74-76 also meant an individual second place for him. This together with his personal score in the Mediterranean Games meant that Andy merited receiving points in the World Amateur Golf Rankings as administered by the R&A - yet another first for Maltese golf.

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**TURKISH OPEN - OCTOBER 2009**  
GLORIA GC, ANTALYA  
AB: 80 - 79 - 79 - 79  
CB: 84 - 85 - Missed Cut

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The final tournament for this 24-month period was the 8<sup>th</sup> Turkish Open. In 2009 this saw 81 starters an astonishing 53 of which had a handicap of scratch or better. Chris was two shots away to make the cut after two days and placed 74<sup>th</sup> overall. Andy's performance placed him joint 54<sup>th</sup> ... 34 shots behind the leader.

**TOURNAMENTS 2009**



**MEDITERRANEAN GAMES**  
JUNE - JULY 2009  
MIGLIANICO GC, PESCARA

AB: 75 - 74 - 72 - 73  
CB: 79 - 83 - 87 - 75  
JJ: 83 - 89 - 86 - 82

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But perhaps the highlight of these tournaments, and the reason of all the exposure afforded to the players in 2008, was the Mediterranean Games that were played in Pescara at the end of June 2009. Team Malta consisting of Andy, Chris and JJ were accompanied by their newly appointed coach David Llewellyn and Ian Restall as official representing the MGA. This was the first time that Malta participated in these Games as a Team. As the name suggests, the Games are open to countries touching the Mediterranean Sea. The other participation Nations were the big four - Italy, France, Turkey and Spain - together with Slovenia, Morocco, Lebanon, Tunisia, Greece, Monaco and Libya.

**TOURNAMENTS 2009**

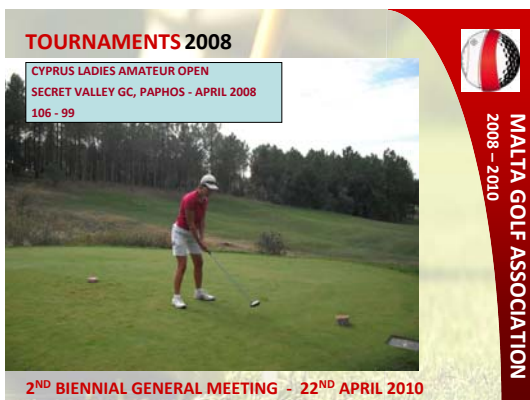
Rank	Name	1	2	3	4	Total
1	ITALY	143	145	142	140	570
2	FRANCE	140	144	145	141	570
3	TURKEY	143	143	145	142	573
4	SPAIN	146	145	148	152	591
5	SLOVENIA	155	144	149	152	600
6	MOROCCO	150	153	150	151	604
7	LEBANON	155	146	149	154	604
8	MALTA	154	157	158	148	617
9	TUNISIA	157	163	151	151	622
10	GREECE	153	157	157	156	623
11	MONACO	107	158	153	164	642
12	LIBYA	171	178	162	159	670

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We were honestly hoping for a better placing and, with some more experience, Malta could have achieved 6<sup>th</sup> if not 5<sup>th</sup> just behind the big golfing nations.



The top finishers in each category will then compete in a showpiece event, modelled on the Ryder Cup, where the best European players are pitted against the top non-European golfers. The top five finishers in each age and gender group also automatically receive an invitation to the U.S. Kids Golf World Championships to be played at Pinehurst Golf Club, North Carolina, in August.



Before proceeding to 2010 I will go back to 2008 when in April, Joanne Cassar decided to participate in the Cyprus Ladies Amateur Championship which was played at the Secret Valley Golf Club. This was a personal arrangement by Joanne and the MGA was quite happy to endorse her participation. Joanne placed 21<sup>st</sup> out of 29 players but we know that she did her best and congratulate her for her bravery in trying her luck in Cyprus and being the only lady to represent her country in such a tournament during this time.

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Looking ahead, we have received an invitation to send Malta's best junior golfers to the prestigious US Kids Golf European Championship and in a few weeks young Quint Van Beek will travel to the East of Scotland to participate in this tournament. Children as young as six and up to the age of 18 will be challenging for the various age group titles at the event.



And in about 8 weeks' time, Daniel Holland will similarly be travelling to the East of Scotland and playing on another links course to represent us in the next edition of the R&A Junior Open Championships. All nations affiliated to The R&A are invited to enter their leading boy and girl golfers under the age of 16 for this tournament held every other year. Daniel's entry is toying between the silver and bronze division – depending on his handicap before the tournament begins.

We consider these tournaments to be a wonderful test for our junior golfers who have made excellent progress due mainly to the sterling work of the Club's Junior Academy. Please join us to wish these young golfers a very enjoyable tournament.



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### 2<sup>ND</sup> BIENNIAL GENERAL MEETING (2008-2010)

Minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial General Meeting  
held At the Royal Malta Golf Club on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2010 at 18:30 hours

#### Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes of the Biennial General Meeting held in March 2008
2. Matters Arising
3. Receiving the Accounts for years ending December 2008 and December 2009
4. Appointment of V Curmi & Associates as Auditors for the ensuing 2 years
5. Motions to amend the Constitution
6. Tournaments' Report
7. Receiving the resignation of the Executive Council
8. Election of the new Executive Council Officers
9. World Amateur Team Championship - DVD
10. President's Report
11. Closure of Meeting

#### Apologies:

Mr Ian Restall (*MGA Secretary*) welcomed the members present including Mr R. Asciak (*MSC Chairman*), Mrs E. O'Brien (*RMGC Lady Captain*), Mr. K. Micallef (*RMGC vice-Captain*), Mrs. J. Cassar (*RMGC Lady vice-Captain*) and Ms Adele Muscat as representative and director of the Maltese Olympic Committee.

Dr. D. Debono (*MGA Executive Council Member*), Mr. P. Stoner (*RMGC Chairman*) and Mr. Vincent Curmi, *partner of V. Curmi & Associates*, could not attend and sent their apologies.

#### 1. Approval of Minutes

Mr Restall asked for the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> Biennial General Meeting held on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2008, to be taken as read. Mrs. A. Thompson proposed and Mr K. Micallef seconded the motion, which was approved.

#### 2. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

#### 3. Treasurer's Report.

Mr. John Bonello, *MGA Treasurer*, presented and explained the accounts for the financial periods January-December 2008 and January-December 2009.

Mr R. Asciak enquired why the accounts did not reflect an audit fee. Mr Bonello explained that the auditor was undertaking the audit free of charge to the MGA. Mr. R. Asciak then proposed for approval of the accounts and Mr K. Micallef seconded the motion. The members present unanimously approved the accounts.

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### 4. Appointment of Auditors.

Mr. Bonello informed the members that although Mr. Vincent Curmi could not attend the meeting he was willing to act as auditor for the forthcoming two years. Mrs. A. Thompson proposed the motion for the appointment of auditors, which was seconded by Mr. S. Borg. The members approved unanimously the appointment of V. Curmi & Associates as the MGA's auditors.

### 5. Motions to amend Constitution.

Mr. William Beck, *MGA President* presented nine resolutions to amend the MGA's Constitution [*the resolutions are included as an addendum to these minutes*].

During the discussion for Resolution No. 3, Mr R. Asciak suggested that it would be better to define what makes a "golf course". During the discussion for Resolution No. 6, Mr. B. Jackson remarked that whilst he resided in Malta he did not possess an identity card. Mr Jackson was assured that this matter would be considered.

The members present unanimously approved all amendments.

At the end of this session, the President requested the members to consider the Tournaments' Report and the President's Report as tabled with a copy of both reports being circulated to the members present. This was accepted. [*Both reports are included as an addendum to these minutes*].

### 6. Resignation/Election of the Executive Council

At the end of their four-year term the Executive Council Members automatically resigned from their responsibilities. Mr Restall thanked Dr Debono for his contribution and welcomed Mr Ray Mountford to join the Executive Council for the 2010-2014 term.

No elections were necessary as Mr William Beck (President), Mr Ian Restall (Secretary), Mr John Bonello (Treasurer), Mrs Maureen Borg (Member) and Mr Ray Mountford (Member) had submitted their nominations for the mentioned posts and remained uncontested.

### 7. WATC DVD

The members present were given the opportunity to see the DVD highlighting the World Amateur Team Championships 2008 that were held in Australia.

There being no further matters, the meeting was called to an end at about 19:45 hours.

*These minutes remain subject to approval by the members at the next General Meeting.*

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