



Scottish Golf and the Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation

Scottish Golf – Our Vision

Scottish Golf is the national governing body for amateur golf in Scotland, incorporating 575 golf clubs across the country representing a total membership of approximately 210,000 golf club members. Scottish Golf's responsibilities span across most aspects of the game in Scotland. These include staging national amateur championships for golfers of all ages and abilities, providing support to golf clubs, maintaining the handicap system, growing participation and enabling golfers of differing abilities (men and women alike) to compete on a fair and equitable basis.

Through the Scottish Golf Strategy, our overall vision is to make golf Scotland's game for everyone.

The following are the key goals that define the strategy:

- Sustainable Clubs, Built for the Future
- Growing the Game, Nurturing Talent
- Showcasing the Game as a Welcoming, Accessible Sport
- Enterprising, Responsible Resources

Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation

Our relationship with the Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation has helped us to achieve our goals, and has continued to do so since Scottish Golf Ltd was formed (the amalgamation of the Scottish Golf Union and the Scottish Ladies' Golfing Association) into a single, unified governing body.

Our relationship with the Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation has also helped us to continue to develop the Performance programme and the support provided to aspiring Scottish golfers.

One of the aims of the Scottish Golf Performance programme is to provide players throughout the pathway with the opportunity to compete at a higher level. By exposing them to training and competition opportunities outside Scotland, they can develop a better understanding of the level required to compete on the world stage. Thanks to the generous support from the ADLF, Scottish Golf was able to provide additional training and competition opportunities – these would not have been possible without this support.

In 2023, there were several supported team events:

- European Team Championships (Men, Women, Boys, Girls, Senior Men and Senior Women)
- European Individual Championships
- Home International Matches (Men, Women, Boys, Girls, Senior Men and Senior Women)
- European Young Masters (Boys and Girls)
- World Amateur Team Championships (Men and Women)
- Dutch Junior Open

The support from the Alfred Dunhill Links Foundation enables us to support our golfers in other ways: by working closely with a group of volunteer chaperones who travel with the players domestically and internationally. Chaperone costs can be a significant part of any event, and we thank the ADLF for their support in this important area.

Stats to note in 2023:

- 4 male players and 2 support staff funded to compete in 3 events in South Africa
- 15 countries visited in 2023 throughout the Performance programme
- 15 events supported throughout the 2023 season – some of these were dual events e.g. Men's & Women's Home Internationals
- 66 players supported with opportunities to compete
- 34 training sessions delivered across the 6 squads to 49 players

Notable successes in 2023:

- Gregor Graham, Gregor Tait and Matthew Wilson all finishing in the Top 10 of the African Amateur Stroke Play Championship.
- Mathew Wilson and Gregor Graham finishing in the Top 10 of the South African Stroke Play Championship.
- Connor Graham finished runner-up in the French Under 18 Amateur Championship.
- Gregor Tait finished runner up in the Australian Master of Amateurs.
- Niall Shiels Donegan won the Hawaii State Amateur Championship.
- The men's team consisting of Gregor Graham, Connor Graham, Gregor Tait and Matthew Wilson finished 4th in the Nations Cup at Sotogrande, Spain.
- Lorna McClymont won both the Welsh Women's Open Strokeplay Championship and Irish Women's Open Strokeplay Championship.
- Jasmine Mackintosh won the Helen Holm Championship.
- Connor Graham won the Scottish Men's Open Championship.
- Lorna McClymont was selected for the International Palmer Cup Team.
- Connor Graham selected for the GB&I Walker Cup and European Junior Ryder Cup teams in 2023.

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