



BGCS 25th Anniversary Meeting, St Andrews Wednesday and Thursday the 27th & 28th of June 2012

We are privileged to have been able to make special arrangements with The R&A, the British Golf Museum and the St Andrews Links Trust to hold this celebration meeting at The Home of Golf. Numbers are limited to 44 golfers (BGCS members only) and eight non-golfing members or guests of members. Ladies and gentlemen are welcome to all events.

In the event of oversubscription, a ballot will be held.

Programme

This **two-day event** gives flexibility of activities on the first day up until a reception at the British Golf Museum at 6 pm. Options include:

- a) A **meeting of the Literati of the Links** (probably in the afternoon)
- b) informal **Hickory golf** at nearby Kingarrock
- c) Golf on the several **St Andrews Links courses**, including the opportunity to enter the ballot for the Old Course.

In addition, the **President's Putter**, awarded only to a BGCS member, will be played for on the St Andrews Ladies Putting Club course, over the famous Himalayas, over the two days. Competitors may play as many rounds as they wish. There will also be guest's prize.

Wednesday the 27th of June

6 – 7 pm

Champagne Reception at the British Golf Museum hosted by Angela Howe, R&A Director of Heritage and Museum Director.

7.30 for 8 pm

Dinner at the Swilken Restaurant, St Andrews Links Clubhouse.

Thursday the 28th of June

We have reserved Forgan House, The R&A's private premises overlooking the eighteenth green of the Old Course, for the exclusive use of BGCS members and guests for the day. A full range of refreshments will be available, including lunch, culminating with our Jubilee Dinner.

8.30 am

Forgan House opens.

9.04 – 9.44

and

12.16 – 12.48

Golf – The Founders' Prizes will be awarded for an individual stableford competition, played over the New Course. All players must use club handicap. No adjustment for those using hickories.

Afternoon/early eve.	R&A Clubhouse tours
7.15 pm	Official photograph outside The R&A Clubhouse
7.30 – 8 pm	Drinks reception, Forgan House.
8 pm	Presentation Dinner, Forgan House. The Captain of The R&A has graciously accepted our invitation to join us.

Costs

The cost of the event is being offered as a **package deal only** from 6 pm on the first day (BGM Reception) until the end of the Presentation Dinner on the second day. **(Costs incurred prior to the BGM Reception are the responsibility of individuals).**

The total costs cover the BGM champagne & canapes reception in the British Golf Museum and the dinner, with wine, in the Links Clubhouse on the evening of Wednesday the 27th.

On Thursday the 28th, costs cover use of Forgan House and include all refreshments during the day: Tea/coffee, snacks alcoholic drinks, lunch (including wine); the pre-dinner drinks reception; and dinner, including wine.

The total cost also includes the £70 green fee for the New Course. (No green fee will be payable by holders of Links tickets and non-golfers.)

Categories	a) Golfers without Links Tickets	£200
	b) Golfers with Links Tickets	£130
	c) Non – golfers	£130

Deposit & Payment

We are required to pay green fees by the 30th of November, and therefore need a deposit of £70 by the 11th of November. (£50 for non-golfers and Links Ticket holders.) **Full payment of all balances will be required by the 30th of April 2012.**

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY PAYMENT WITH YOUR APPLICATION

Procedure for Applying

A. Initially please indicate by **e-mail** to BGCS Hon Secretary, Bob Fletcher at secretary@golfcollectors.co.uk, or **mail** to 17 Wood Lane, Streetly, Sutton Coldfield, B74 3LP, if you wish to participate (please include a guest name if applicable).

B. Indicate for which category, a, b or c you are applying.

C. Indicate if you or your guest wish to go on a waiting list if you are not successful in any ballot.

D. Please send your application to Bob Fletcher to arrive no later than the 13th of October.



BGCS 25th Anniversary Meeting, St Andrews: Additional Information

1. Accommodation

Details of a wide range of accommodation in the area will be provided later.

2. Forgan House

The top venue in St Andrews, providing world-class furnishings and service by R&A staff. There are panoramic views of the West Sands, eighteenth green, first tee, and the R&A clubhouse.

Dress code: Daytime, casual
 Evening, jacket & tie for men

3. The Courses

The New: Built by The R&A with help from Tom Morris and opened in 1895, it is said to be perhaps the best course in St Andrews.

The Himalayas: Opened in 1867 as the St Andrews Ladies Golf Club (putting only). It is the oldest ladies' golf club and the putting course is aptly named!

The Old Course is the most famous in the world. It is possible to secure tee times by entry into the daily ballot. There is also the **Jubilee** (1897), the **Eden** and two smaller ones.

Kingarroch: Approximately ten miles from St Andrews, Kingarroch is the recently restored hickory-only nine-hole course set in the grounds of the National Trust of Scotland's Hill of Tarvit Mansion house. The course was originally built by the Sharp family for their private use but was ploughed up at the start of the last war. It was re-opened for play in June 2008. See www.kingarrock.com for more details.

4. R&A Clubhouse

Completed in 1854, Jack Nicklaus is reputed to have described the R&A Clubhouse as 'like entering the hallway of the gods'. We have special permission to take our members and guests on full tours; this will be one of the highlights of our event. R&A Members will act as guides and subject to availability, the tour will include the Secretary's office and balcony. Dress code for men is jacket and tie.

5. British Golf Museum

Opened in 1990 by The R&A with BGCS member Peter Lewis as the first Director responsible for initial set up and development. The current Director, Angela Howe has made further considerable enhancements. Today it is recognised as the premier golf museum in the world and has won several international awards. This visit is a 'must' for all BGCS members.

6. Links Clubhouse

Run by the St Andrews Links Trust, it is strategically placed on the Links near the first tees of the New and Jubilee courses. It affords great panoramic views of the courses, particularly from the roof viewing areas. The Clubhouse is open to the public and has full services and facilities for golfers and other visitors. The Swilken Restaurant provides excellent bar, snacks and full dining facilities, as well as lovely views.

7. **St Andrews** is a truly lovely historic town, apart from the golf, and a walk round or open-top bus tour is highly recommended.