



2020 Golf Industry Conference

‘Climate – its effect on golf in Scotland’

Tuesday 3rd March 2020

Presented by



Dunblane Doubletree Hotel
Perth Road
Dunblane
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Delegate Rates: Members £40 / Non-members £60

Once again BIGGA Scotland are delighted to have Alison Walker (pictured right) host our annual conference that this year focuses on climate change and how this has affected the golf industry.



We have a great line-up of presenters at the conference who will discuss a range of relevant topics with the opportunity for delegates to ask questions along the way.

CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:00	Registration
8:45	Alison Walker – Welcome and Introduction
9:00	Alex Hill – Scotland's Climate Change
9:45	Steve Isaac – Preparing golf for the climate challenge
10:15	Break
10:40	Carolyn Hedley – Our changing coastline
11:20	Richard Windows – How climate changes greenkeeping
12:00	Deeside Golf Club – What happened there?
12:30	Lunch
1:30	Stuart Taylor – Weather conditions, how they affect us?
2:00	John Kemp – On course for a more sustainable golf course
2:40	Q & A Linking it Together – with Carolyn, Richard & John
3:00	Jim Croxton – BIGGA adapting to the industry
3:30	Close

Jim Croxton, Chief Executive of BIGGA



Jim will draw the conference to a close by discussing the role of BIGGA in assisting members; greenkeepers and the industry against the challenges of climate change and other factors.

Alex Hill, former Met Officer Chief Government Advisor



Alex will be known to many as STV's presenter of weather and was the Chief Government Advisor for the Met Office. Alex will set the scene for delegates through discussing the changing weather of Scotland and what this can mean for the country in making it more resilient in terms of design.

Carolyn Hedley, Scottish Golf

‘Our changing coastline’



Our coastal and links golf courses are being impacted by rising sea levels and changing weather patterns, increasing the threat of coastal flooding and erosion. This session will provide an overview of the risks facing our courses, examples of Scottish clubs that are successfully adapting to coastal change, and the action being undertaken by the golf industry and Government bodies.

Steve Isaac, The R & A

‘Preparing golf for the climate challenge’



The extremes of weather associated with the changing climate will pose serious challenges for golf course condition and playability. This session will provide an update on Golf Course 2030, the R&A led industry initiative, which is looking to deliver research and education solutions to help mitigate the impact of the changing climate, resource constraints and regulation to provide greater resilience for the sport.

John Kemp, GEO Foundation

‘Linking it all together’



What are the opportunities and challenges you have identified, and what action will you take? This session will help you plan your next steps, how you can communicate them, and where to get help.

Stuart Taylor, Glasgow GC

‘Weather conditions, how they affect us’



Stuart will have a one on one discussion with Alison about the skin cancer issues he has faced over the years and the importance for everyone in the golf industry to protect themselves against the sun.

Richard Windows, The R & A

‘How climate changes greenkeeping?’



The session will describe how climate change and extreme weather will impact on the condition, playability and management of Scottish golf courses. Best practice agronomic and greenkeeping solutions will be described on how best to adapt maintenance programmes to cope with the challenges posed to help minimise the threat of deteriorating playing performance.

The Panel Discussion – What happened at Deeside?



To illustrate the devastation that can be caused by weather on a golf club, Alison will discuss the flooding and recovery process to the golf course with **Neil McLoughlin** (Course Manager), **Debbie Pern** (Club Manager / Secretary) and **Frank Coutts** (Golf Professional).

Special thanks to our conference partners



The Dunblane Doubletree Hotel

How to get there



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DRIVING

From **Edinburgh** take the M8 to Newbridge interchange and follow signposts to M9 (Stirling) and continue along before taking exit to Dunblane. Drive for half a mile on the dual carriageway before taking the 3rd exit at the roundabout with the hotel 200 yards to the right.

From **Glasgow** take the M8 motorway and follow signs for the M80 (Stirling). Stay on the M80 until you see the sign for Dunblane, then take the 3rd exit at the roundabout before driving for half a mile on the dual carriageway before taking the 3rd exit at the roundabout with the hotel 200 yards to the right.

From the **South** follow signs for M74 (Glasgow) and M73 (Stirling) before taking the directions as noted above from Glasgow.

From the **North** follow signs for Perth taking the A9 south towards Glasgow. Take the first exit for Dunblane following the road signs to the town centre. The hotel is one mile on your left after leaving the junction.

TRAIN STATION

When exiting the train station turn right and walk towards the main road. Turn left and continue up the main road passing the police station on your left. Take the exit for Perth Road at the roundabout with the hotel 200 yards on your right.



2020 DATES FOR DIARY

25 th March	East of Scotland Golf Championship	Archerfield Links
22 nd April	Central Scotland Golf Championship	Crail Golfing Society
23 rd April	West of Scotland Golf Championship	Hamilton Golf Club
7 th May	North of Scotland Golf Championship	Murcar Links
14 th May	South West Scotland Golf Championship	Turnberry
4 th June	The Seniors Golf Championship	Auchterarder Golf Club
23 rd July	Golf Management Trophy	Crieff Golf Club
27 th August	BIGGA Scotland Golf Championship	Royal Dornoch Golf Club
9 th September	Caledonia Quaich	Downfield Golf Club
3 rd November	Central Learning & Development Day	TBC
4 th November	East Learning & Development Day	Queen Margaret University
10 th November	West Learning & Development Day	Haggs Castle Golf Club, Glasgow
11 th November	South West Learning & Development Day	The Gailes Hotel, Irvine
17 th November	Highlands Learning & Development Day	TBC
18 th November	North Learning & Development Day	The Altens Hotel, Aberdeen
9 th December	Scotland Awards Lunch	The Royal Hotel, Bridge of Allan



2020 GOLF INDUSTRY CONFERENCE BOOKING FORM

To reserve delegate spaces at the 2020 BIGGA Scotland Golf Industry Conference you must complete below and return with payment to the address provided.

NAME: _____

CONTACT NUMBER: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

GOLF CLUB / ORGANISATION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

1. Would you like to organise delegate spaces for the conference? YES / NO
2. How many delegates would you like to book for the conference? _____
3. Provide details of the delegates on the form below
4. Please note that payment **MUST** be made prior to the conference

How will you be making payment? **BACS** _____

Bank of Scotland Sort Code **80 09 22** Account Number **00103924**

CHEQUE _____

INVOICE REQUIRED _____

Return completed form to:

BIGGA Scotland
c/o J Young
2/1, 19 Cardwell Road
Gourock
PA19 1UG

PLEASE NOTE

Once you have registered for the conference you are **LIABLE** to pay the delegates fees. Refunds will only be provided if a cancellation is made **48 hours** prior to the event

