

**Email sent to David Ramsey and Alan Cargill of PK County Golf Association regarding
Scottish Golf Strategy**

Alan, David,

I wanted to share some thoughts from Dunning with respect to the Scottish Golf strategy.

Last night we had our regular Committee meeting and one of the key discussion points was the proposed changes by Scottish Golf. The Committee is unanimous in its opposition to these proposals as they stand on the following grounds` ; -

1. Clearly the expense. A more than doubling of the levy in one stage is completely unacceptable and will force a major increase in our subscriptions. The level of expense for those clubs smaller than Dunning, will be extreme and will represent a major outgoing for their operations. We get the feeling that Scottish Golf is too focused on the major clubs and does not fully represent the interests of smaller operations.
2. The proposed introduction of CRM and a national booking system is, in our view, 10 years too late. Dunning along with most clubs in the County have a fully operational on-line booking system that works well and costs a few hundreds of pounds to operate, so why would we want to contribute thousands to a new system that will bring few benefits and being large national systems is almost inevitably going to be slow to implement and will go over budget - they always do!
3. Dunning has quite a high proportion of members that have no interest in having a handicap and play purely with their own group, these members currently have absolutely no benefit from Scottish Golf and for all intents and purposes do not exist for Scottish Golf, yet we will have to pay £24 for each such member.
4. The insurance issue is useful yes, but our members are already covered, at least for play at Dunning and this sort of insurance is not an expensive issue for members to obtain additional cover.

On the plus side we are obviously supportive of the intention to sees more direct support to clubs through improved coaching and support to green keeping etc.

Scottish Golf have not indicated any sort of Plan B; I think they should re think their current plans at least think in terms of staging any increases and give more thought to setting the size of the levy to the size of the club. Secondly they should drop all, or most of the proposals for imposed software systems and frame their budget on the basis of direct physical support to clubs.

It would be nice to see some detailed accounts from Scottish Golf, our Committee get the feeling that they are great at wasting money and need to be more open on how current funds are spent.

Regards

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