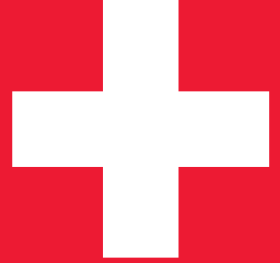


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GOLF4FUN

Golf4Fun, the community for golf-playing expats based in Switzerland, can look back on a great year.

After the successful launch of the platform in 2011 and the first Tournament Series in 2012, founder Nora O'Sullivan has now organized the second Golf4Fun Tournament Series for 2013. She's continuing to plan many other golf and social events for the year ahead.

The first Tournament Series – six Stableford HCP relevant Tournaments – concluded in September 2012 in Waldkirch. Overall Season Winner Patrick Knab and Best Beginner Siegfried Dullnig were not the only smiling faces to be seen at the exciting final: everyone who joined the various events over 2012 found something to smile about as well.

In the words of member John Seeger (USA): "Golf is much more than a game; it's a series of special moments we keep for a lifetime. Sure, that one perfect 7-iron landing next to the cup could be one of those moments. But this past summer my special moments were



It's fun to be part of a community of 700 members and meet on a regular basis

simply playing with the whole Golf4Fun group. I'm so happy I've found this here in my new home of Switzerland."

While playing their favourite game in 2012, members had the chance to travel around Switzerland, visiting golf courses across the country: Gruyère, Emmental, Bad Alvenau, Engelberg-Titlis and many more. For the impatient ones who couldn't wait for the season to start in Switzerland, in March last year Golf4Fun organized a 4-day trip to Portugal.

The other monthly events offered by the group apart from the tournaments have also proved to be very popular. Pitch-and-Putt was a special favourite with the complete beginners, who loved being given the chance to play on a "real" golf course without a handicap. The rest of the calendar was filled with Group Courses, Clinics, Demo Days, weekly "After Work" golf with PGA Pro Brian Murphy, Indoor Golf (friendly "Ryder Cup" series over the winter months), regular Apéros as well as Fondue and Raclette dinners.

"2013 promises to be even more packed with events," said Nora O'Sullivan. A great line-up of sponsors have allowed her to set up a further series of 7 Stableford HCP relevant tournaments, with great prizes to be won. Round 1 will be on Sunday 28 April in Steisslingen, followed by Gruyère, Bad Bellingen, Emmental; and the Season Final will once again take place in Waldkirch.

Registration for non-tournament events such as Lessons and Group Courses, Friendly Rounds, Pitch-and-Putt, "Spring Break" 2013 (Piedmont, Italy) and a trip to Ireland (Autumn), as well as full details about the group is also available on the Homepage. And those not yet fluent in German will be delighted to read that it's possible to do all the courses, including the theory of Rules and Etiquette and the practical exam (*Platzreife*), in English.

New for 2013 is the Community section at the Golf4Fun Homepage. Members can sign up to receive a monthly newsletter, read the blog, see pictures from events, read tips from Brian the resident Swiss/British/Irish PGA Pro, or read course reviews. There will be exclusive Member Deals from the Golf4Fun Partners. For example: join SWISS Golf Traveller through Golf4Fun and get all the normal membership benefits, but with the special added value of a free golf Carry Case in the first year, as well as 3 Wilson Staff BX2 balls.

This group is free to join. Thanks in particular to the joint cooperation with *Hello Switzerland* and its Community Manager Lukas Hayoz, today the community numbers more than 700 members – from beginners to low handicappers – from all over the world including many European countries, USA and Canada, even India, China and South Africa and of course Switzerland.

Contact details and registration:
www.golf4fun.ch

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