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Dear Golfer

Your yearly ticket is due for renewal by 31 March 2017 for the year 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018 and I am pleased to enclose a renewal form for you to complete and return, along with the yearly ticket categories and prices for 2017/18 which have been agreed by Trustees.

As there is such a high demand for NEF, ORD and OLT tickets, if you do not renew by 31 March 2017 you may lose your ticket, as there is a waiting list for these categories of tickets. If you hold any other category and do not renew by this date your ticket will be suspended until you renew.

Information Required for Renewing

Residents of St Andrews	Completed application form with payment*
North East Fife	Completed application form with payment, copy of GC Fixture Card and handicap card/certificate where required**
Ordinary	Completed application form with payment, copy of GC Fixture Card*** and handicap card/certificate where required**
Open Links Ticket	Completed application form with payment and handicap card/certificate where required**

* St Andrews Links reserves the right to ask for additional information for proof of residence

** A current handicap card/certificate is required for those purchasing their first Full Ticket in NEF, ORD and OLT categories of ticket.

*** Those with ORD tickets issued prior to 1999 do not require copy of GC Fixture Card

With the relevant documentation, renewals are accepted as follows:

E-mail to: reservations@standrews.com

If you wish to email your renewal form and include payment details with any documents required (e.g club fixture card / handicap proof) please only scan or photograph these and send as an attachment. If you do renew by email please do not send the original documents by post.

Post to: Reservations Dept, Pilmour House, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9SF

In the drop-off box at: the Links or Eden Clubhouses (cash payments cannot be accepted)

In person: at the Reservations Dept, Eden Clubhouse

Online: at www.standrews.com/ticketrenewal

Currently available for all categories except Residents and Juniors. If using this renewal method please do not send any documentation by post.

Please note that we can no longer accept renewals by fax.

The Reservations Office is open 09:00 – 16:30 Monday – Friday (09:30 on Thursdays).

(We will also be open on Saturday 25 March from 09:00 - 14:00 and on Sunday 26 March from 09:00 - 14:00)

Your current ticket will be re-validated when payment is received, unless you are changing your ticket category (see note 2).

Your Links ticket can also be used to store credit for practice balls at St Andrews Links Golf Academy. Reduced rates are available to ticket holders on 500, 1000 and 2500 ball credits. To find out more, please ask staff on your next visit to the Golf Academy.

If you would like any further information about yearly tickets, please contact us on the number below or by email reservations@standrews.com I look forward to receiving your completed application form and wish you success on the Links during the coming season.

Yours sincerely
John Grant
Director of Golf

IMPORTANT NOTES

1. **Methods of payment**

Payment may be made by cheque payable to "St Andrews LMC". We accept most major debit and credit cards, but not Diners Club. If you are renewing by post and paying by card, please complete the payment section of the renewal form and sign it. Payments in cash should be made in person at the Reservations Office.

2. **Changing your category of ticket at renewal time**

If you wish to change the category of ticket held or the amount of play within that category e.g. Full to Restricted or 7-day to 5-day, please mark clearly on the renewal form the new type of ticket you wish to purchase for 2017/2018. A new ticket valid from 1 April 2017 will be sent to you as soon as possible. (7-day allows access each day of the week. 5-day allows access Mon-Fri only.)

3. **Changes at Quarterly Intervals**

Changes in residence which result in a change of category of ticket e.g. OLT to NEF, will be permitted at the quarterly intervals of 30 June, 30 September and 31 December provided all criteria are met. For changes to play within the Yearly Ticket Category, an upgrade e.g. 5-day to 7-day play, will only be allowed at the quarterly intervals. A reduction of access within any category will only be permitted at the annual renewal.

With the exception of resident categories, any change from restricted to full ticket will require proof of a current official handicap.

4. **Junior golfers**

Children and young golfers may take advantage of special Yearly Ticket rates (see back page). Where a junior price concession applies, the age on 1 April 2017 decides the appropriate ticket category. If you currently hold a junior category of ticket but will no longer qualify for that category on 1 April 2017, please read Section 5.

5. **Junior Upgrades**

If you are no longer eligible for a Junior category of ticket, (i.e. Under 16 on 1 April 2017), then you may apply for a Youth category of ticket which is for those who are 16 and under 18 years on 1 April 2017. (Child Residents will change to YOU category at the age of 16.)

There is now a Youth category for NEF and ORD categories for those Juniors who currently have NEC or JCM tickets, when they reach the age of 16 they can now upgrade to the relevant Youth category. Club membership is required for this ticket.

6. **Resident yearly ticket**

Permanent residents of the town of St Andrews may apply for resident yearly tickets. The Trustees have adopted the boundaries contained in the St Andrews Local Area Plan approved by North East Fife District Council in March 1996. Only persons permanently resident within these boundaries may purchase resident yearly tickets.

Applicants must produce sufficient and acceptable proof of permanent residence within St Andrews. Additional evidence may be requested by St Andrews Links Trust. In determining questions of residence the decision of the Trustees shall be final.

Children and young people not yet entitled to appear on the electoral roll in their own right must be able to demonstrate that their parents or guardians appear on the roll and that they are permanent residents of St Andrews.

Residents of St Andrews who move out of the town and who have held a resident ticket for a minimum of two full calendar years will be granted automatic transfer to a NEF or ORD category provided they are members of a local golf club, or OLT category if they are not.

7. **NEF, ORD and OLT**

There are combined limits on the numbers of tickets sold in these categories. **If you do not renew by 31 March 2017, you may lose your ticket.**

All purchasers of NEF and ORD categories of ticket, including those renewing, must be members of **a recognised golf club in St Andrews**. Please provide proof of club membership, i.e. fixture card for New GC, St Andrews GC or St Regulus GC and membership card for St Rule GC.

To qualify for any of the NEF category tickets, applicants must also be permanently resident within the 1996 North East Fife District Council boundary and be registered on the electoral roll. Additional evidence may be requested.

Open Links Tickets (OLT) are for golfers who are not members of recognised Golf Clubs in St Andrews and live outwith the town. **If you do not renew by 31 March 2017, you may lose your ticket.**

8. **The Castle Course**

All restricted ticket holders (including Youths/Juniors) will be entitled to two rounds on The Castle Course per annum on payment of a surcharge of £10 per round at the point of play. These rounds can be booked 24 hours in advance, or yearly ticket times can be booked 7 days in advance, subject to availability.

Restricted ticket holders will be able to use any of their guest points when playing the two £10 rounds to which they are entitled at The Castle Course.

9. Guest concessions

Guest concessions are available to golfers on their 3rd consecutive ticket, in the following categories: RES, NEF, ORD or Full Members of the R&A. **The guest must play with the Yearly Ticket holder who requires to have his/her yearly ticket with him/her for displaying to the Starter.**

For 2017/2018 qualifying ticket holders will be entitled to following number of guest points:

RES – 30 guest points - Full or Restricted

RSB – 20 guest points

NEF – 20 guest points - Full or Restricted

ORD – 10 guest points - Full or Restricted

Guest points may be used on all courses available within the ticket category.

These points will be valid from 1 April 2017 and any unused points may not be carried forward to the following yearly ticket period.

Guest concessions do not apply to the OLT category or any Youth/Junior categories.

Guest concessions may be used in any permutation with the number of points used depending on the course being played. A ticket holder must play with his guests and may take a maximum of 3 guests at any one time. The points and charges for each course for 2017/2018 are set out below:

Course	No of points	Cost calculated as:	April shoulder season	High season	October shoulder season	Low season
Old	4	1.5 times resident green fee	£47	£66	£47	£33
The Castle	3	1 times resident green fee	£28	£40	£28	£20
New	3	1 times resident green fee	£18	£25	£18	£12
Jubilee	2	1 times resident green fee	£18	£25	£18	£12
Eden	2	1 times resident green fee	£11	£15	£11	£8
Strathtyrum	2	1 times resident green fee	£7	£10	£7	£5
Balgove	1	1 times resident green fee	£2	£5	£2	£2

Old Course

Shoulder Season: 1 – 16 April and 16 – 31 October 2017

High Season: 17 April – 15 October 2017

Low Season: 1 November 2017 – 31 March 2018

Castle Course (closed 6 November 2017 – 28 February 2018)

Shoulder Season: 1 – 16 April and 16 – 31 October 2017

High Season: 17 April – 15 October 2017

Low Season: 1 - 5 November 2017 and 1 - 31 March 2018

Other Courses

Shoulder Season: 1 March – 16 April and 16 – 31 October 2017

High Season: 17 April – 15 October 2017

Low Season: 1 November 2017 – 28 February 2018

10. Local Preferential Tee-Times - Old Course

The Links Management Committee would like to remind all Yearly Ticket Holders that Local Preferential ballot times should be used by yearly ticket holders to play with other yearly ticket holders and/or to introduce bona fide guests, and should not be used for commercial/personal financial gain. These times give eligible ticket holders (RES, NEF, STU & R&A) a range of start times that only they can apply for which gives them preference over other ticket holders and visitors.