

John Petrie appointed as England Golf Chief Executive

Following the merger of the English Golf Union and the English Women's Golf Association on the 1st January 2012 it has been announced that John Petrie has been appointed as the Chief Executive of the new organisation, England Golf.

The decision to appoint John Petrie (pictured top right), who was previously Chief Executive of the English Golf Union, in the role, was ratified at the first meeting of the new Board of England Golf earlier this month.

Talking of his appointment he said, "It is both an honour and a challenge to have been appointed as Chief Executive of England Golf. I am under no illusions that there is a huge task ahead bringing two successful companies together to make one even more successful company. I am fortunate to have excellent staff from both the EGU and EWGA to help make this happen as well as the support of the Board and the many volunteers that support the governance of golf."

Nigel Evans (pictured bottom right) has also been nominated by the Board to be the first Chairman of England Golf. This position will need to be approved at England Golf's Annual General

Meeting to be held on 15th February 2012. Previously the English Golf Union's Chairman, Nigel was elected in February 2009 and plans to chair the new England Golf Board for a further two years.



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Editors Notes

On January 1st 2012, the English Women's Golf Association merged with the English Golf Union to form England Golf, the governing body for all amateur golf in England.

England Golf is one of the largest sports governing bodies in England looking after the interests of over 1,900 golf clubs and 770,000 men and women club members.

Responsible for the training of the country's top amateur golfers, England Golf also organises all the major English amateur championships. England Golf works to actively encourage new golfers and increase the continued interest and participation in golf through its golf development initiative 'Get into Golf'.

England Golf is a member of The England Golf Partnership (EGP) together with the PGA and supported by the Golf Foundation and Sport England. Their Whole Sport Plan for golf identifies how England will achieve its vision of becoming 'The Leading Golf Nation in the World by 2020' from grass roots right through to elite level."