

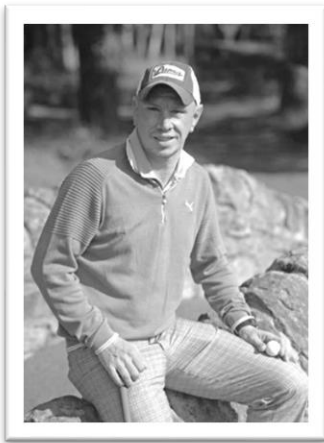


Blind Golf Scotland

The driving force behind blind golf in Scotland since 1982

Meet Barry McCluskey

B3 US Open Blind Golf Champion and Ranked Top 10 Blind Golfer in the World!



Barry on a Tee Break

Barry took up blind golf in 2018 after suffering sight loss from a disease called Keratoconus, brought on by eczema irritation. Suffering the illness in his eyes since he was 18 years old, it slowly got to the stage where he was registered blind.

Barry had played golf from age 14 and thought that his golfing days were over until he heard about Blind Golf Scotland through the hospital. He got in touch with BGS and soon went along to play in his first tournament in April 2018 at Stirling Golf Club. He never looked back! Barry went on to represent Scotland in the 2019 Vision Cup 'Rest of the World' team versus North America, winning the final point and securing a victory for his team!

"The guys were so welcoming and blind golf has been a great thing for me. It's given me confidence to play the game I love against other blind golfers".

Barry

Following his sight loss, Barry studied Health and Physical Education and also completed a training course in Golf Psychology. Today, now 38 years old, Barry is a proud father who works as at the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall staffing events and spends much of his free time on the golf course.

Barry believes talking about his disability with others is beneficial, stating *"It's great to share stories about our eyesight and it really helps me with day-to-day life dealing with sight loss"*.