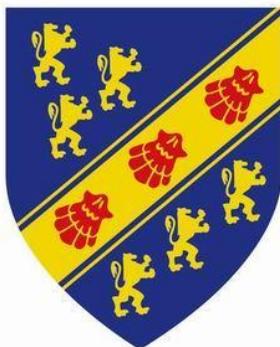


Thorpe Hall Golf Club



Founded 1907

WELCOME GUIDE

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Introduction to Thorpe Hall Golf Club

Joining as a new member can be daunting as each club has its own traditions and quirks.

This guide is intended to provide an overview of what goes on at Thorpe Hall allowing new members to quickly feel at ease in their surroundings and able to join in with the various sections and activities.

The club operates a “Buddy System” to help new members integrate and find regular playing partners.

The office staff and members of the Committees are available to help so please ask if you have a query.

Thorpe Hall was established in 1907, celebrating its centenary in 2007; it is not the place of this guide to provide a history of the club but if you are interested in knowing more there are copies of the centenary book, available to borrow from the office.

The club has four active sections, Men’s, Ladies, Veterans and Monday League (VMLS) and Cadets. Each of these runs a variety of competitions having their own eligibility criteria. Competitions are covered in more detail elsewhere. An active Social Committee organises a range of events throughout the year which are intended to appeal to a variety of tastes. All members, old and new, are encouraged to support the Social Committee in their endeavours.

The Club has reciprocal golf arrangements with Clacton-on-Sea GC, Newton Green GC, Rushmere GC and Theydon Bois GC whereby members of Thorpe Hall GC are able to play these courses twice in a calendar year free of charge. Please ask at the office for more details.

Like all clubs, there are rules regarding dress and conduct which, as far as possible, are kept to a minimum but which are intended to be for the benefit of all. Members are expected to follow these at all times and observe common courtesy both on and off the course.

Please read this guide which we hope you will find helpful.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Swipe Card

On payment of the subscription, the office staff will provide a member with a 'swipe card' which is used when entering competitions and paying for drinks and food. The annual subscription includes an amount that is credited to the swipe card. The credit held on the card may be topped up at the bar. Top ups can be made by cash, cheque or debit card. Purchases in the clubhouse using the swipe card receive a discount on the non-member prices.

Bag Tag

Members are provided with bag tags and these are required to be attached to and displayed on members' golf bags. An additional tag may be requested to avoid the need to transfer from one bag to another. Colour codes indicate the membership category: Full member – Red, 7 Day Restricted – Orange, 5 Day – Yellow. Date labels are provided each year on payment of renewal subscriptions.

Diary

A printed copy of the club diary is available to all members which includes details of competition dates known at the time of publication together with members contact details. These may be subject to change during the course of the year. A summary of the club rules and dress code is also included. There is also a digital version of the Diary on our website: www.thorpehallgc.co.uk.

Lockers and Trolleys

A number of lockers are available for those members who would like to keep their golf clubs at the club. The office staff will be pleased to help. Members who rent a locker are able to store their trolley in the trolley store. The facility to charge batteries is also available for a small additional cost.

Parking

Cars must only be parked in the marked bays. The spaces behind the Ladies tee are reserved for the Captains, President, Secretary/General Manager and Board members. An overflow car park is available adjacent to the 14th hole when the member's car park is full. Commercial vehicles must be parked either in the overflow car park or on the road.

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Playing Restrictions

General playing restrictions are shown in the diary. There are also time restrictions when players in two, three and four balls can start at the 1st and 10th tees. These are shown in the table below.

Tee Time Restrictions

		Summer	Winter
		1 April to 31 Oct	1 Nov to 31 March
1st Tee	Two Balls only	07.30 – 08.30	08.00 – 08.30
	No restrictions	08.30 – 12.30	08.30 – 12.30
	Two Balls only	12.30 – 13.30	12.30 – 13.30
	No restrictions	After 13.30	After 13.30
10th Tee	Three & Four Balls only	07.30 – 08.30	08.00 – 08.30
	No restriction	08.30 – 12.30	08.30 – 12.30
	Three & Four Balls only	12.30 – 13.30	12.30 – 13.30
	No restriction	After 13.30	After 13.30
Weekend Playing Restrictions			
7 Day Restricted members may not start until		12.00 noon	11.00 am
Cadet playing times vary by category and are displayed in the Clubhouse			

Probationary members without a handicap may play from 11.00am on weekdays and from 2.00pm at weekends. While working towards gaining a handicap they must be accompanied by a playing member or one of the club professionals until they have been given an appropriate assessment. The notice board at the front of the clubhouse shows details of competitions and tee reservations for the week. This is updated on Friday and should be considered to be an accurate indication. General play is not permitted from a tee which has a reservation.

When starting play from the 10th tee, club etiquette requires that members do not tee off if a group playing the 9th hole has a ball on the green. When the course is busy, groups who started at the 10th wishing to continue their round at the 1st must alternate with members beginning their round.

Course Status

Updated on a daily basis, details of restrictions affecting play on the course are available on the club website and on a recorded message. Telephone 01702 582205 ext. 2

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Website

Members are encouraged to register with the club website. This provides access to information about what is going on at the club as well as competition results and handicap information. The Men's section also uses forward booking for competitions where there are reserved tees and reservations can be made through the website.

Bar & Catering

Snooker Room

Situated adjacent to the Men's changing room, the snooker room contains two full size tables which are available for all adult members to use.

Guests

Member's guests are always welcome at Thorpe Hall and should be signed in using the book in the professional's shop. Guests who are playing golf should have a recognised handicap and all guests are the responsibility of the member whilst at the club.

Before inviting guests, members are advised to check that there are no restrictions in place that might limit their enjoyment of Thorpe Hall. Members may sign in up to three playing guests at any one time but, at weekends, they may not play before 11.00am. Members are required to accompany their guests when they are on the course and in the bars or restaurant.

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Etiquette – On and Off the Course

The Captains have precedence on the course.

1. Do not forget to sign in on the computer for a competition before playing.
2. Before playing, check on the main outside board for permitted times of play for two, three and four ball games and make particular note of any tee reservations. Reserved tee times are also shown in the digital diary on the THGC website. Also check whether 'Winter Rules' are in force.
3. Players continuing their round from 18th green should alternate with any players waiting at the 1st tee. Players starting at the 10th must not tee off if a group playing the 9th have a ball on the green without asking if they are continuing their round.
4. Play without delay but always ensure that players ahead are out of range. If a match fails to keep its pace on the Course and loses more than one clear hole on the players in front, it should always allow the match following to pass. It is imperative that you are always aware of any match following and if you are holding them up please let them through.
5. Priority on the course is determined by a group's pace of play. It is a matter of courtesy to allow a match to take precedence
6. Lost Ball – call following players through as soon as it is obvious that the ball will not be easily found – do not wait the permitted time for searching (five minutes) before doing so.
7. Always leave your trolley or bag at the side of the Green toward the next tee – never in front of the Green. Leave the Putting Green as soon as play of the hole is completed and only then mark your card. Do not wheel trolleys between bunkers and green.
8. Take care to:
 - (a) Replace divots.
 - (b) Repair pitch marks on the Greens.
 - (c) Ensure that no damage is done to the Green when putting down the flagstick; make sure damage is not done to the hole by standing too close and replace the flagstick carefully.
 - (d) Repair spike marks on completion of the hole.
 - (e) Smooth over holes/footprints when leaving the bunkers.

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9. Marking Cards – check scores with playing partner on completion of each hole after leaving the green and at the end of the round. Before leaving the course, check each hole and the result; ensure that your handicap is correct and do not forget to sign the card and return the whole card whether completed or a No Return (NR).

THE MEN'S SECTION

An important part of any golf club is the opportunity to enjoy social golf as well as taking part in competitions. As well as the regular monthly competitions, Thorpe Hall provides a variety of such opportunities for members, both new and old, to meet new friends or find playing partners.

Veterans and Monday League Section (VMLS)

As the name implies, this group is open those who have reached the age of 55 with the “regulars” competing in a league of four divisions. A full calendar of events is planned by the VMLS committee with matches scheduled to be played on Mondays. The “irregulars” are those who no longer wish to commit themselves to play every Monday but who still like to play on an occasional basis. Matches against other local golf are also arranged throughout the year.

The AYC

The AYCGC (Alexander Yacht Club Golf Circle) was first established in 1926 and is still going strong. It was originally an allegiance between THGC members and AYC members and was a very formal society, but nowadays it is made up of solely THGC members and is run on a much less formal basis. It holds 6 events each year as shown below:

- April - Captain's Drive In & Dinner (18 Holes Singles, 9 Hole Texas Scramble, Dinner)
- May - Captain's Prize Day & Dinner (18 Holes Singles, 9 Hole Texas Scramble, Dinner)
- July - Guest Day & Dinner (18 Holes Pairs Better Ball, 9 Hole Texas Scramble, Dinner)
- August - Annual Fixture v North Foreland Golf Club - Alternating Annually Home & Away
- October- Dunning Salver & AGM & Dinner (18 Holes Singles, 9 Hole Texas Scramble, Dinner)
- November - Texas Scramble & Dinner (18 Hole Texas Scramble, Dinner)

New members are welcomed and details of who to contact can be found on the AYC Notice Board in the clubhouse.

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The Strugglers

Open to all handicap golfers, this group meets on Wednesday mornings with a draw at 8.15 for playing partners. Depending on numbers, play is in three balls with the best two Stableford scores of each team counting.

The Roll Up Boys

This weekend roll-up takes place when there is no club competition.

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Handicaps and Competitions

Obtaining an official CONGU handicap

The Council of National Golf Unions (CONGU) controls the way in which handicaps are allocated and maintained in Great Britain and Ireland. To obtain a CONGU handicap, a golfer must submit to the Men's Committee three score cards each for 18 holes of golf played over the golfers 'home' course. If an appropriate standard is reached, the handicap that is allocated will be based on the lowest score of the three. The maximum handicap that is available to men is 28 therefore at Thorpe Hall a golfer must be able to show that he can complete 18 holes in 99 shots. Although it is not a CONGU requirement, it is also expected that a golfer can demonstrate an ability to complete a round of golf in a reasonable time. At Thorpe Hall, unless there are extenuating circumstances, two golfers should complete their round in less than three and a half hours.

CDH Number

All golfers in England who maintain a CONGU handicap are registered on the Central Database of Handicaps and are given a unique ID number. Details of competition results and current handicap are stored on the database and updated following each qualifying competition. Golfers who enter competitions away from their home club will usually be asked to provide their CDH number on the competition entry form.

Competition Handicaps

To maintain a 'competition' handicap, golfers must complete three qualifying rounds in a calendar year. If this does not happen the handicap will become 'inactive' on January 1st of the following year. Members whose handicap is 'inactive' may not enter the majority of the knock out competitions nor may they represent the club in the county interclub competitions. An 'inactive' handicap will return to a 'competition' handicap when another three qualifying scores have been submitted to the Committee.

Notice Boards

There are four separate notice boards in the men's changing room. Nearest the entrance door, the boards are used to display the results of the current month's competitions and information regarding future events. At the other end of the changing room, opposite the shower enclosure, are the draw sheets for the ongoing knock out competitions. There is also a message board at this point.

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Eligibility for competitions

Any member with a CONGU handicap may enter the monthly medal and Stableford competitions. The handicap does not need to be a 'competition' handicap but such members are not eligible to win prizes. To be eligible to enter the knock out competitions and the named trophy competitions the handicap must be active at the time of entering.

Further details of the competitions run by the Men's Section are included later in this pack, posted in the changing room and available to view or download from the club website. New members are encouraged to make themselves familiar with these.

Mixed Competitions

A number of mixed events are held each year. These are run jointly by the Ladies and Men's Sections. Entry sheets for these are posted in the foyer.

Guest Days

Guest Day is usually held at the end of August or beginning of September and comprises an 18 hole Better Ball competition in the morning, a buffet lunch, and a team competition in the afternoon followed by a formal dinner. The course is closed to those not taking part. If held at a weekend, 7 day restricted and 5 day members are able to take part if the available places have not been filled by full members.

Captain's Day

Taking place in June or July, there is a Stableford competition in the morning, buffet lunch, a team competition in the afternoon followed by dinner and prize presentation.

The course is closed for the day with the morning competition having a four tee start. 7 day restricted and 5 day members are able to take part if the available places have not been filled by full members.

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COMPETITION RULES AND RULES FOR PLAYING GOLF GENERALLY

1. Rules of Golf

All Competitions shall be played under the “Rules of Golf” which shall prevail but The Committee is empowered to vary Competition Rules save where they conflict with the “Rules of Golf”.

2. Types of Competition

The Club runs two types of Competition namely Club Competitions and Monthly Stroke Play Competitions. Monthly Stroke Play Competitions may be Medal, Stableford or Bogey.

3. Eligibility

Competitors shall:

(a) be 7 Day Full Members unless otherwise stated.

(b) have a Competition CONGU Handicap unless otherwise stated.

To obtain a Competition Handicap three cards must be returned in Qualifying Competitions, or as Supplementary Scores, during the previous calendar year or alternatively have been returned in Qualifying Competitions in the current calendar year to qualify for any Competition, other than a Monthly Stroke Play or Stableford Competition, the Ken Berry Cup and Mixed Competitions.

Note: The Rules governing Competition handicaps are controlled by the Council of National Golf Unions (“CONGU”) and guidance on their operation is published by England Golf and displayed in the Club.

(c) have paid their annual subscription.

In exceptional circumstances the Committee may waive the entry conditions in (a) to (c) above to allow members who are competent golfers but are not entitled to CONGU handicaps to compete in certain competitions with suitable handicaps allocated to reflect their golfing ability.

4. Entering Competitions

(a) For Stroke Play Competitions, tee times should be reserved using the electronic booking system; play outside the reserved times is permitted according to the category of Membership. It is a condition of the Competition that Members sign in using the computer system before commencing play.

(Note – The Rules of Golf state that if a competitor fails to enter a Competition in the correct manner, he does not have an acceptable score. Accordingly, such a player does not have a score either for the Competition or for handicap purposes.)

b) For Match Play Club competitions, entrants shall enter their names on the appropriate entry sheet.

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5. Entry Fees

Entry fees shall be determined by the Committee and, unless otherwise indicated, will be deducted from Members' swipe card accounts when signing in to the Competition. For Match Play Club Competitions, entry fees will usually be taken when the draw is published.

6. Rounds

All Competitions and matches shall be played over one stipulated round, unless otherwise stated. A stipulated round is 18 holes in the correct sequence commencing at the First Tee.

7. Starting Tee

Play in Competitions and matches shall start at the First Tee, unless otherwise stated on the entry sheet or in the Competition details.

8. Tee Markers

Play shall commence from the White Tee markers unless otherwise stated.

9. Handicaps

The CONGU Handicap categories are:

Category 1 Handicap 5 or less

Category 2 Handicap 6 to 12 inclusive

Category 3 Handicap 13 to 20 inclusive

Category 4 Handicap 21 to 28 inclusive

It is the responsibility of the player to play off his correct handicap and he shall ensure that it has been correctly entered on his scorecard. Likewise, he shall declare his handicap correctly to his opponent in Match play.

Players must report immediately to the Handicap Secretary, details of all gross scores or Stableford points (including No Returns) in non-qualifying Competitions returned at other Clubs, together with the date, name of the Club, the Course Par and the Course Standard Scratch Score. Players are reminded that failure to report scores returned at other Clubs could result in the suspension of their handicaps. To obtain a handicap, a player must submit three cards from their home course, signed by the player and a marker who must be another Playing Member of the Club together with details of golfing history and any other details required under CONGU Rules.

10. Stroke Allowances

Stroke allowances shall be as stated on the entry sheet or on the Competition details.

11. Card Marking

For Singles, Foursome and Aggregate Four-Ball Competitions, record the gross score on each hole. For Four-Ball Competitions, record the gross score at each hole of whichever partner's score is to count and keep the scores of the two partners in separate columns. Correct handicaps must be shown. The work of the Competition Secretary will be eased if Markers

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also calculate the net score and points when applicable and, if playing, record their own gross score in the “Marker’s Score” column on the scorecard.

12. Practice Grounds

Players may practice only from the areas and at the times prescribed on the Club Notice Board. When the course is closed (e.g. Captain’s Day, Guest Day, etc.) no practice is allowed by non-competitors on the course, on the putting green or in the nets.

13. Putting Green

Chipping or running the ball is only allowed from the right (18th hole) side of the putting green. Under no circumstances may practice take place from the side adjacent to the 1st fairway. Pitching is not permitted to this practice area.

14. Local Rules

Local Rules shall be published on the Score Card and on the Club Notice Board. It is the responsibility of the player to be aware of all Local Rules, whether permanent or temporary.

15. Responsibility of Players in Match Play Competitions

The player or players drawn first are primarily responsible for fixing their matches as indicated on the sheet. Matches must be completed by the date given on the draw sheet. In the event of a result not being recorded by the due date, both sides will be eliminated. However, if only one side has been unable to play by the due date, the other side may claim the match as a walkover.

The Committee may prescribe a protocol which shall be used in the event of any dispute as to any party claiming a walkover which must be made to the Committee within 48 hours of the closing date.

16. Halved Matches

A halved match shall be decided on a “sudden death” play-off. Players are to proceed directly from the 18th green to the first tee (or to the 10th tee from the 9th green if starting on 10th hole) and play is to continue until one side wins a hole, strokes being given and received as shown on the scorecard.

17. Results

The result of the match shall be recorded on the draw sheet immediately after play.

18. Finals

All finals shall be played over 36 holes except for the Veterans Cup, which shall be 18 holes.

19. Four-Ball Competitions

Play shall start from either the 1st or 10th Tee in accordance with the starting time regulations shown on the Notice Board in the car park.

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20. Score Cards

Score cards must be returned as stated on the Competition entry sheet. For qualifying Competitions, scores must be entered on the computer. In all circumstances it is the responsibility of the player to ensure that the correct score and correct handicap are entered on his card as well as complying with the rules of golf, otherwise disqualification may occur.

21. Method to be used to decide Ties

(a) The Club Championship and the Walton Trophy shall be held jointly by those tying.

(b) Captain's Day - There will be a play off from holes 14-18 before prize giving

(c) In all other Competitions, the winner shall be the person having the best score or best number of Stableford points over the first of the following holes:

- (i) Holes 10-18 inclusive
- (ii) Holes 13-18 inclusive
- (iii) Holes 16-18 inclusive
- (iv) Hole 18
- (v) Holes 4-9 inclusive
- (vi) Holes 7-9 inclusive

Where there is a qualifying round in a Competition, competitors tying for the last place shall qualify except in the Wallis Arthur which shall be decided as above.

22. Cadets

Cadets may only play in the Club Competitions for which specific provision has been made in the Competition Rules.

23. Qualifying Competitions (QC)

These will be indicated on the entry sheet.

24. Evacuation Rules

For any Competition, when the klaxon is sounded (one prolonged note) players must immediately mark their ball and leave the course. A player completing the hole or taking any other shots will be disqualified.

25. Buggies

The use of sit-on buggies is prohibited for all Competitions. For those Members who are unable to play without the aid of a buggy, this Rule may be waived at the discretion of the Committee and a medical certificate may be required. Playing partners must not ride in the buggy.

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26. Prize Monies

Members who do not attend the appropriate prize presentation for named competitions will forfeit prize money. Winners of such competitions will continue to have their names added to the relevant honours board.

27. Course Marshall Starters and others

On the day of play only, the Course Marshall on duty and or a member of the Men's Committee on the club premises and or a starter at the time may in their sole discretion make individual variations to the order of play, tee times and start tees to be used for any competition, match play and or general play to achieve a better use of the course and smooth passage of play. In addition, players more than five minutes late maybe deferred from starting

Members or their guests not complying with the dress code or not having paid their subscription fees or guests the proper green fee shall be denied access to the course until any default has been remedied

Whilst on the course the Course Marshall shall give directions to any players to promote a smooth passage of play.

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COMPETITION DETAILS

Monthly Stroke Play Competitions

1. Monthly Medal and Stableford Competitions (QC)

Open to 7 Day, 7 Day Restricted Members (playing at permitted times) and Category 1 & 2 Cadets.

The competitions are divided into two divisions; Senior Division (Handicap 12 and below) and Junior Division (Handicap 13 – 28). Play must be in pairs or in threes. Play shall commence from either 1st or 10th tees, subject to restrictions stated on the entry sheet. A competition shall be void unless entrants number eight or more. (Senior and Junior Divisions may be amalgamated to achieve at least 8 entries for a valid competition.

2. Mid Week Competitions (QC)

Open to all Members, and Cadets, with a CONGU handicap. Adult Members may play in twos or threes subject to the normal tee-off time restrictions. Cadets may play upon the terms published in the changing room or on the Entry Sheet.

3. Monthly Veteran's Stableford Competitions (QC)

Open to all members aged 55 years and over.

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Club Competitions (Played off White Tees unless otherwise stated)

Except where stated all entrants must have a competition CONGU handicap at the time of entry and have submitted five qualifying scores in the preceding year.

Where 5 Day, 7 Day Restricted and Cadet Members are allowed to play in the following competitions, they may only do so at the appropriate times. Except for the Fisher Family Foursomes and the competitions shown in section 5 below, Cadets are not permitted to win any prize in the competitions but their scores will be used for handicap purposes in qualifying competitions.

4. Handicap Allowances in Match Play Competitions

Singles:	The full difference between the handicaps of the two players.
Foursomes:	½ the full difference between the aggregate handicaps of each side.
Greensome Foursomes:	Full difference between Greensomes handicaps (see below).
Four-ball:	Player with lowest handicap to concede strokes to the other three players of 90% of the difference between the full handicaps.

Handicap Allowances in Strokeplay Competitions

Singles:	Full handicap allowance
Foursomes:	½ of the total of combined handicaps of both players
Greensome Foursomes:	lower handicap times 0.6 plus higher handicap times 0.4.
Four-ball:	90% of handicap of each player

Strokes shall be taken according to the men's stroke index shown on the card, unless otherwise stated.

5. 36 Holes Stroke Play Competitions

The Club Championship: (QC)

Open to 7 Day Full Members and Category 1 Cadets. Played off scratch and run concurrently with the Burges Cup.

Burges Cup: (QC)

Open to 7 Day Full Members and Category 1 cadets.

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Ollie Trophy:

Played simultaneously with Burges Cup and open to Members with handicaps 10 to 20. The Burges Cup winner cannot also win the Ollie Trophy.

Collis Trophy:

By invitation only to 7 Day Full Members of handicap 7 or less and Category 1 Cadets. Morning round is Foursomes and afternoon round is Singles. Joint winners.

Cripps Trophy:

By invitation only to 7 Day Full Members and Cadets of handicaps 8 to 12. Morning round is Foursomes and afternoon round is singles. Joint winners.

6. 18 Holes Stroke Play Competitions

The following stroke play Competitions are open to **7 Day and 7 Day Restricted Members** playing at their appropriate times.

Hospital Cup: (QC)

Also open to Category 1 and 2 Cadets.

Norris Cup: QC)

Restricted to Members with handicaps 13 to 20.

H D Fisher Cup: QC)

Restricted to Members with handicaps 6 to 12.

Senior Club Championship: (QC)

(The Fred Laws Trophy)

Restricted to Members aged 55 years and over. Played off scratch.

Turner Salver:

Run concurrently with, and open to, Members eligible for the Senior Club Championship.

7. 18 Holes Singles Match Play Competitions.

Thorpe Hall Challenge Bowl:

Restricted to 7 Day Full Members

Iles Cup:

Restricted to 7 Day Full Members with handicaps up to 10. Played off scratch.

Machin Challenge Bowl:

Restricted to 7 Day Full Members. Played Autumn to Spring.

Veterans Challenge Cup:

Open to 7 Day and 7 Day Restricted Members aged 55 years and over.

Alan Lindsey Cup:

Open to all adult Members. **To be played on weekdays only.**

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Wye Challenge Cup:

Open to 7 Day and 7 Day Restricted Members. Limited to members with handicaps 20 – 28 at time of entry.

Frank Allen Cup:

Restricted to eight 7 Day Full Members from each of the Senior and Junior Divisions who qualify in the appropriate Medal Competition.

Walton Memorial Salver:

Restricted to the Past Captains of the Club (**Yellow Tees**). Entry restrictions do not apply.

Wallis Arthur Gold Cup:

Open to the eight 7 Day and 7 Day Restricted Members who qualify in the appropriate Medal Competition, together with eight Ladies. The draw is such that each lady plays a man in the first round. The handicap allowance is the full difference in handicaps. Ladies shall play off the red tees and each shall receive an additional 2 shots to take account of the Ladies par being 2 strokes higher than that of the Men. Where a lady is receiving strokes they are to be taken from the stroke index on the ladies card. Where a man is receiving strokes they are to be taken from the stroke index on the men's card.

8. 18 Holes Bogey Competition

Guinness Cup: (QC)

Open to 7 Day, 7 Day Restricted Members and Category 1 and 2 Cadets playing at their appropriate times. . Record gross score where better than a double bogey.

9. Four-Ball Better-Ball Match Play Competitions

Wick Bowl:

Restricted to 7 Day Full Members. Entrants choose their own partner. Play may start at either 1st or 10th tee until semi-final and final rounds, which must start at the 1st tee.

Ken Berry Cup:

Open to all adult Members with or without a Competition Handicap. Five qualifying scores not required. **To be played on weekdays only.** Entrants choose their own partner.

David Gordon Cup:

Captain & Pro Challenge competition. Open to all Members, who self select pairs, playing at their appropriate time. Cup awarded to member pair with greatest winning margin.

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10. Foursomes Match Play Competitions

Rand Smith Challenge Bowl:

Open to 7 Day Full Members. Played Autumn to Spring. Partners are drawn on a high/low basis according to handicap.

Bradban Trophies:

Open to 7 Day Full Members. Entrants choose their own partner.

Mixed Challenge Bowl:

Open to all adult Members playing at the appropriate time. Entrants choose their own partner.

Fisher Family Foursomes:

Open to all Members, including Cadets, of either sex playing with their parent/child/grandchild and at the appropriate time. Entrants choose their own partner.

11. Greensome Foursomes Match Play Competitions

Frank Lockhart Trophy

Open to all categories of Men. **To be played on weekdays only.** Entrants choose their own partner.

12. Greensome Foursomes Medal Competitions

Bonallack Trophy:

Open to all categories of Men, Ladies and Cadets with a CONGU handicap (when playing with an adult Member) and playing at their appropriate times. The pairing may be two Ladies, two Men, one Lady and one Man or one adult Member playing with a Cadet of either sex. The round does not have to be the first of the day. Each Lady receives 2 additional shots. To calculate the handicap allowance Ladies are to first add the 2 shots to their handicap. Entrants choose their own partner.

13. Greensome Foursomes Stableford Competitions

Welton Bowl:

Open to 7 Day Full Members. This Competition is also the qualifying Competition for the Kindred Clubs Shield. The Rules of the Kindred Clubs Shield forbid the pairing of two players of 9 handicap or less, so if a pair wishes to take part and qualify, partners should be arranged with this Rule in mind. Entrants choose their own partner.

14. Singles Stableford Competitions

Walton Trophy:

Restricted to the Past Captains of the Club. (**Yellow Tees**)

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Harris Veterans Trophy:

Restricted to 7 Day Full Members aged 55 years and over. (**Yellow Tees**)

Latham Senior Veterans Cup:

Open to all categories of Member aged 65 years and over. (**Yellow Tees**)

Founders Cup:

Open to 7 Day Full and 7 Day Restricted Members.

Grandfather's Tankard:

Restricted to Grandfathers and played in conjunction with the appropriate Veteran's Stableford competition (**Yellow Tees**).

15. Finals Day

Finals must be played on Finals Day or before. All finals are to be played off white tees and over 36 holes, with the exception of the Veterans Cup which is played over 18 holes.

16. The Gold Medal

An 18 hole Competition for the winners of each monthly Medal and Stableford Competition (played since previous Gold Medal) and those tying. There is a Senior and Junior division. A player shall compete in the division in which he first qualified but off his current handicap.

17. Four-Ball Better-Ball Stableford Competitions

St. Georges Day Trophy:

Open to 7 Day and 7 Day Restricted Members playing at their appropriate times. Entrants choose their own partner.

St. David's Day Trophy (Welsh Cup):

Open to 7 Day and 7 Day Restricted Members playing at their appropriate times. Entrants choose their own partner.

Dickie Henderson Cup:

Open to all adult categories. Entrants choose their own partner.

Centenary Salver:

Open to all categories of membership including Ladies and Cadets. Played over two days. Entrants choose their own partner. Members may enter on both days but must play with a different partner. Any combination of Men and/or Ladies but no more than two Cadets may play in any fourball and they cannot partner each other.

Harries Trophies:

Open to 7 Day and 7 Day Restricted Members playing at their appropriate times. Entrants choose their own partner.

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18. One Day Mixed Foursomes Competitions (normally Greensome but at discretion of The Committee)

The following Competitions are run jointly by the Men's and Ladies Committees:

ARGLES MEMORIAL TROPHY

Played Easter weekend.

ST PATRICK'S DAY

Played near St Patrick's Day. Drawn competition.

ST. DAVID'S DAY

Played on a weekend near St. David's Day.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY

Played on a weekend near St. George's Day.

CAPTAIN'S MIXED

Played in the Summer.

JUNE CLEAVER CUP

Played August.

RHODODENDRONS

Played in September. Husband and wife pairings not permitted.

Open to 7 Day and 7 Day Restricted Members who have a CONGU handicap; members without a Competition handicap may enter but may not win prizes.

19. Winter League - *Lockhart Shield*

Open to 7 Day Members and played on Sunday mornings between October and March. Format is 4 Ball Better Ball with partners drawn on each day. Best four scores count towards entry in league final.

20. The Veteran's Charity Bowl

Open to all senior members (over 55) and awarded to the player with the best aggregate score from any three of the Veteran's Stableford competitions played between April and September.

21. The Millennium Eclectic Cup

Open to all adult categories. Awarded to the player with the best eclectic score from all monthly and midweek qualifying competitions played from April to September inclusive.

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22. The Victor Berry Cup

The *Victor Berry Cup* is awarded to the player returning the best aggregate score from any three monthly Medal cards during the year (November to October inclusive).

23. The Kent Cannon

This trophy is awarded to a Member who, in the opinion of the current Captain, the Vice-Captain and the Immediate Past Captain, has made the most significant contribution to the game of golf, on or off the course, during the year.

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THE LADIES SECTION

Below you will find some detailed information about etiquette and the competitions that are run by the Ladies Section. Please make sure that you refer to the notice board in the Ladies changing room for details of competitions and social events – there is also a notice board in the foyer displaying social events and mixed competitions. Entry to a competition must be made on the computer or noted in the entry book by the computer.

General

Cadets

Girl cadets, with a maximum handicap of 36, may enter the Ladies Section competitions (Medals, Stableford and Cup competitions) within their allowed playing times (see Club diary for these).

Hole In One Honours Board

For a hole in one to be recorded on the Board it MUST be scored at Thorpe Hall, in a competition.

‘Big Days’ - Lady Captain’s Day, Spring And Autumn Meetings

A Member must hold an active CONGU handicap to play in the a.m. qualifying round. All ladies are able to play in the p.m. 9 hole team competition. Ladies entering these competitions are expected to attend the evening meal and prize giving.

Cancellation Of Meals On Competition Days

If meals are cancelled less than 3 days prior to a competition, members will be charged the full cost of the meal.

Monthly Competitions

Advanced entry lists are posted on the notice board prior to the competition with reserved tee times.

Main Medal Day - 1st Thursday of the month,

Stableford Day - 3rd Thursday of the month.

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Business Girls

Monthly Medal and Stableford Competitions are held at the weekend – usually at the weekend prior to the weekday competition. There are no reserved tees, The Stableford Competition is also an alternative day. Scores for weekday and weekend Medals and Stablefords are combined for prize purposes.

Best Four Medal Scores

There is a national competition with regional qualifiers for the person who achieves the 4 best medal scores in qualifying competitions.

Gold Medal

Winners of a medal competition during the year are eligible to play in this. Two divisions – Bronze and Silver – and players remain in the division they started the year in.

Prizes are only awarded in competitions where there are 8 or more entries.

Running Cups

- 1. Harry Garon**
Silver Division - up to 20 handicap
- 2. Murray**
Bronze Division - handicaps 21 – 36
- 3. Jarrett**
Silver and Bronze - 30 handicap limit
- 4. Lady Iveagh Foursomes**
Enter in pairs – 30 handicap limit
- 5. Block Cup**
Enter in pairs - handicaps 29 – 36
- 6. Mixed Foursomes Challenge Bowl**
Run by the Men's Section
- 7. Fisher Family Foursomes**
Run by the Men's Section. Any combination of parent or grandparent and child.
- 8. Wallis Arthur**
8 Qualifiers from May Medal go forward to matchplay competition with qualifiers from Men's Section.

Finals of the above are played over 36 holes, except the block cup which is 18.

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- All entry lists will be put up at the beginning of each year. Entry fees to be paid via swipe card.
- For rules governing the running cups please see the noticeboard.
- Finals to be played on Finals Day or before and a referee to be provided.
- Substitution may only be made in the Lady Iveagh or Block Cup competitions before the first match is played, thereafter, no substitution can take place.
- Reimbursement for withdrawal cannot be made once the draw has been finalised.

Day Cups (All Reserved Tees)

9. Club Championship

36 Hole stroke play competition (Scratch Winner)

10. Bradban Scratch Trophy

Silver Division Scratch

11. Tyrie Scratch Trophy

Bronze Division Scratch.

12. Crowther Handicap Trophy

Silver Division Handicap.

13. Jackson Handicap Trophy

Bronze Division Handicap.

Only one trophy may be won. Supper and presentation same day.

14. Amy Marshall Cup

18 Hole 4BBB. Both scores on 13th hole to count.

15. Bonallack Trophy

Run by the Men's Section

18 hole Greensome Medal. Played at the weekend. Open to Men, Ladies and Senior Cadets playing with an adult. Any pairing allowed. 7 Day Members. Refer to draw sheet.

16. Bradban Cup Qc

Handicap 29 – 36

17. Centenary Salver

Run by the Men's Section. 4BBB.

18. Flora Banks Cup

18 Hole Greensome Stableford.

19. Founders Cup

18 hole Stableford. Winner from Ladies and Men's Section.

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20. Froom Charity Cup

Flag competition.

21. Grandmothers Cup

Played in conjunction with the August midweek Stableford.

22. Harries Trophy

36 hole eclectic. The A.M. Medal card is a QC. The P.M. Medal score is based on 5/8 handicap and is non-qualifying.

Supper and presentation in the evening.

23. Ina Cameron

2 clubs and a putter – 9 holes only.

24. Lady Captains Drive In

18 Hole Stableford Q.C. in the morning followed by the new Lady Captain's Drive-in at approx. 3pm. Tea and presentation.

25. Pam Sentance Cup

27 hole Greensome Stableford.

26. (Past Captains) Roach Cup

Competition run by and for Past Captains. Present Captain invited.

27. Peg Megson Salver

18 hole Greensome Stableford. Draw for partners.

28. Senior Veterans Cup

9 hole Stableford. Age restriction - 70 yrs

29. Turkey Trot

18 hole Foursome Stableford. Christmas Lunch & presentation.

30. Veterans Cup Qc

18 hole Stableford. .Age restriction-60 yrs.

31. Welton Hi-Lo Trophy

Draw for partners on the basis of a high and low combination. 4BBB. Both scores to count on 13th.

32. Yuletide Foursomes

9 hole Greensome Medal. Tea and presentation.

Other Competitions

33. Guest Day

18 holes. Format is a Committee Decision. Evening meal and presentation.

34. Open Meeting

Format is a Committee Decision. Evening Meal & presentation.

35. Coronation Foursomes

18 hole Foursomes Stableford. Qualifiers go forward to Regional final.

36. Cross Country

Run by the Ladies Section on a Thursday in December.

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37. Daily Mail Foursomes

18 hole Foursomes Medal. Qualifiers go forward to knockout competition against other clubs.

38. Hunter Foursomes

County competition for lady and junior – no limit on pairs per Club.

39. Ida Bunting Cup

Run by the Society of Essex Lady Captains for present and past Captains (must be members of Society). Played in conjunction with the August Medal. Qualifier goes forward to knockout competition against players from other Essex Clubs.

40. Lady Captain v Vice Captain

Team Matchplay. Draw for partners.

41. Lifeboat Spoons

Charity Stableford.

42. Munro Foursomes

County Foursomes Knockout competition played off scratch. One pair per club plays pairs from other clubs within Essex.

43. Par Q.C.

18 hole competition played against the course.
(Gross score to be entered on score card.)

44. Red Cross

Eclectic competition commencing Lady Captain's Drive-In until 30 April. One entry fee. First round to be entered in the Eclectic book, hereafter, improved scores entered for any 9 or 18 hole completed. Player must hole out.

45. Tiger Trophy

18 hole medal competition played off the white tees. Non-qualifying.

Trophies

46. Birdie

Results calculated by computer. Two divisions - Bronze and Silver. Ends 31st December.

47. Par

Pars scored in a competition (not a better ball) 'should be ringed' on the score card and entered in the 'Par' book. (Open to members with handicaps 29 – 36). Ends 31st December.

48. Golfer Of The Year

Points are awarded to the winners and runners-up in competitions throughout the year. Year ends 31st December.

49. Joan Donaldson Cup

Awarded to the player with the greatest reduction in handicap during the year.