

West End Golf Club

Rules and Regulations for Ladies' Section Club Competitions**Birdie Tree**

This competition was introduced in 1988. A trophy for each division was presented by Mrs W Astin. Gross birdies gained on completed, qualifying 18 hole competitions, Medal and Stableford, cards in events organised by the Ladies' or Men's sections, which comply with the Ladies Section rules only to count. Silver and Bronze winner. In the event of a tie, the trophy will be shared. This competition runs from 1st April to the September EWGA Breakthrough Brooch Medal, inclusive.

Captain's Day

Draw for partners in three divisions, at the Lady Captain's discretion. If the winner is eligible for both the 1st Nett and Gross prizes, she must take the Nett prize. Only one prize may be accepted. A trophy has been presented by Mrs B Sunderland & a base plinth provided by Mrs R Button, to be presented to the overall winner and engraved with her name - to be retained for 12 months.

Eclectic Competition

Trophy was presented by the Ladies section in 1983. To run from 1st April to the September EWGA Breakthrough Brooch Medal. Scores to count on any completed qualifying handicap cards organised by the Men's or Ladies section which comply with the Ladies' Section rules. That the proportion of handicap deducted in calculating the winner will be five eighths. In the event of a tie, the trophy will be shared. Voucher for the winner.

Emily Farmery Trophy

Presented in 1985 by Mr And Mrs G Smithies and Miss E Turner in memory of Mrs Emily Farmery. Competition to take the form of a Golfer of The Year competition on a points system as follows:

18 hole Medal and Stableford's organised by the ladies between 1st April and the September EWGA Breakthrough Brooch Medal, the Medal Final and Lady Captain's Day.

1st – 4 points; 2nd – 2 points; 3rd -1point

Mitchell Cup, Marion Place Trophy and Gross Brooch : 1st – 6 points; 2nd – 3 points; 3rd – 2points

Oates Bowl : Winner – 8 pts; Runner-up – 4pts; losing semi finalists – 2 pts each

Illingworth Bowl: Winner – 6pts; Runner-up – 3pts; losing semi-finalists – 1 pt each

(NB: Points for the Emily Farmery Trophy to be awarded 'across the field' i.e. not in divisions. In the event of a tie in the individual competitions the points will be awarded on a 'count back' using the nett score. In the event of a tie for the trophy the winner shall be the one with most outright wins and, if still tying, the one with the most second places and so on until the winner is established. Voucher for winner and Runner-up.)

In each individual competition: if the field of competitors numbers 14 or less, the points' allocation should be as follows: 1-5 competitors- points awarded – nil; 6-10 competitors- points awarded – 1 pt to the winner only; 11-14 competitors – 2 pts to the winner only (AGM 27.1.4)

Gross Brooch

Presented by the Ladies section in 1978. To be played over 36 holes on two consecutive days. Draw for partners in 3 divisions: 0 - 20, 21 - 28 and 29 – 36 handicaps. Vouchers awarded for the winner of the best gross over 36 holes and to the Runner-up. Nett prizes for both days are presented annually by Mrs B Ford and Mrs B Gledhill. The winner and the Runner-up of the Gross Brooch are not eligible for a nett prize. No entries will be accepted after the draw has been made.

Marie Grey Trophy

Presented in 2004 by the family of the late Marie Grey. Best nett score from 6 EWGA medals played between 1 April and September EWGA Breakthrough Medal. Voucher for winner only.

Marion Place Trophy

Presented by Mr and Mrs G Shields in 1982 in memory of their daughter. Played over 36 holes on two consecutive days. Vouchers awarded for Winner and Runner-up.

Mary Whitaker Trophy

Spoons donated by Mary Whitaker. First played for in 1997 and presented January 1998. Best three nett scores from four selected Medals. Vouchers awarded for winner and Runner-up.

Mitchell Cup

Presented in 1929 by Mr John Mitchell who was the President of West End Golf Club at that time. Best nett score played over 36 holes on two consecutive days. Handicap limit 24 for 36 holes. Nett prize given on Tuesday off full handicap. Vouchers awarded for Winner and Runner-up.

Medals

Played over 18 holes on Tuesdays. Players to arrange own partner. There will be a winner in both Silver and Bronze divisions to whom commemorative spoons or alternative award will be presented. The winners of both divisions and all those tying with the winners will qualify for the Medal Final Trophy.

Medal Finalist Trophy

Presented by Mrs A Miller in 1972. Played over 18 holes. Silver and Bronze monthly medal winners and those who tie with the winners will qualify to play. There will be a draw for partners in Silver and Bronze divisions. The competition to be played on a nominated Sunday before the end of September, in conjunction with the 'Club' fixture list. Vouchers for Winner and Runner-up.

Oates Bowl

Presented by Mr A D Oates in 1911. Ladies enter the draw for match play, over 18 holes. Throughout this competition, competitors are allowed 4 weeks for the completion of each round, (one week extra will be allowed for the period of the Open Week) followed by disqualification of both players in the case of failing to complete the match within the allocated time. The time limit for the final may be extended at the discretion of the Ladies' Committee (Minute Aug 1975). It is the responsibility of BOTH players to arrange the match. Vouchers will be awarded to the winner and runner up. (for the ruling in case of ties see note 12) To enter this competition Ladies must enter their names on the sheet, sign the book and pay their money BEFORE OPENING DAY.

All 3 duties must be completed for the entry to be valid.

Illingworth Bowl

Presented in 1919 by Mrs Illingworth. An 18 hole stroke play qualifying round from which the best 8 nett scores go forward to the match play section, over 18 holes, which is an un-seeded draw. 4 weeks are allowed for the completion of each round (one extra week allowed for the period including Open Week) followed by disqualification of both players in the case of failing to complete the match within the allocated time. The time limit for the final may be extended at the discretion of the Ladies Committee (Minute August 1975). It is the responsibility of BOTH PLAYERS to arrange the match. Vouchers will be awarded for the Winner and Runner-up. (*For rule in the case of a tie see Note 12.*)

Senior Ladies

Ladies of 50+ years of age qualify as Lady Veterans.

There are no handicap restrictions so all Ladies with an active CONGU handicap would qualify to compete.

Prize Days

The format of prize days (which are kindly and generously given by lady members) is at their discretion. N.B. Any stroke play or stableford competition played over qualifying conditions MUST count for handicap purposes.

Stableford Competitions

18 hole ladies stableford competitions are included in the fixture list and, unless otherwise stated, will be draws for partners. Those played from 1 April to the September Medal and Pendant will count for birdies and eclectics. After the September EWGA Breakthrough Brooch Medal, 18 hole stablefords will be run to count for handicap only until the 2nd Tuesday in October where after 11 hole stablefords will be drawn on the morning of the competition.

If there are any problems with partners, a player must contact the Competition Secretary.

SUSPENDED PLAY

In the event of play being suspended (i.e. Course temporarily closed due to adverse weather conditions), if the course is subsequently reopened, a decision will be taken at the time of reopening by the Lady Captain, in consultation with the Competition Secretary, as to whether it is possible for the full field to complete their round before & including the evening players, whose previously booked tee times will stand.

If this is possible the competition will go ahead and play will be in the original order of the time sheet.

If it is decided that there is not sufficient time for the full field to complete their rounds, then the competition will be cancelled or rearranged.

Principle: In fairness to all players.

In general, if the course has not been open and remains closed until 1.30,

then the competition will be cancelled as time remaining for play on any subsequent reopening will not be sufficient.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES:

1. No member is eligible to take part in any Ladies' competition unless she has paid the entry fee and SIGNED THE BOOK.
2. When a tie occurs in a 36 hole competition, the winner will be decided on the second 18 holes or, in the event of a tie, the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole. If there is still no winner this format will apply to the first 18 holes.
3. When a tie occurs in an 18 hole competition, the winner will be decided on the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole. If there is still no winner this format will apply to the first 9 holes.
4. Postponement of a competition – in a competition, e.g. Mitchell Cup or EWGA medal. If the course is closed by the agreed 'club' measurement, (see Handicap Committee rules) the competition will be cancelled. If 10 or more players have signalled their intention to play by signing the competition book and signing into the competition on the computer then the competition will stand. In the event of a Prize Day, the ladies responsible for the day will make the decision.
5. Juniors may compete in any major competition or monthly medal from a CONGU handicap.
6. When starting sheets are used, they will be put on the notice board three weeks prior to the competition. Competition time-sheets are available on the computer three weeks prior to the event, and any draws will be done on a Monday and are currently done three weeks prior to the event.
7. No competitor may go out before 9.00am or after 6pm.
8. Once a competitor has signed for a competition **and played a stroke in it**, her card (whether completed or not) **MUST BE ENTERED INTO THE COMPUTER AND HANDED IN BEFORE LEAVING THE PREMISES. ANY COMPETITOR NOT RETURNING THEIR CARD WILL BE GIVEN A 'NIL RETURN' SCORE.**
9. If the gentlemen run a ladies competition in variance to ladies rules, the scores will not count for birdies or eclectic but will count for handicap. This will apply to 18 hole, 9 hole qualifying competitions. These will include Saturday qualifiers as from 2012. Also including such annual events such as Captain's, Vice-Captain's, Rabbits' Prize day.
10. Ladies are encouraged to play in 2's. If it is unavoidable, 3's are permitted but must go out at the end of the field (with the exception of committee time) where they will not hold up the field. In no circumstances are qualifying cards to be marked in 4's (Committee Minute December 1976)
11. Anyone wishing to enter a Board competition or a Prize Day, must have submitted a minimum of 4 Medal, Stableford or Supplementary Cards returned from the West End course (in case of a West End member) or from a previous club in the case of someone transferring during the 12 months preceding the competition. This ruling will apply except in cases of illness or accident; any decisions relating to such cases will be at the discretion of the Ladies Committee. Those without the requisite numbers of cards are able to compete for handicap purposes but will not qualify for the competition itself or for any prize. (Amended AGM 31/1/2008).
12. In the event of a tie in any ladies club competition involving match play, the winner shall be determined by the continuation of play to sudden death. This rule shall apply with the exception of the West End Ladies' Section: Rules & Regulations for Ladies' Section Competitions Revised - January 2011

final round where a further 18 holes of golf shall be played (which may be on another day). In the event of a tie, after having played a second round of 18 holes, the winner shall be determined by the continuation of play to sudden death. (AGM 28.1.3)

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