

## **Grange-over-Sands Golf Club Competitions and Trophies**

### **General Section** (15-03-2015)

Competitions are open to Full and Introductory members of Grange-over-Sands Golf Club with a current C.O.N.G.U. (Council Of National Golf Unions) handicap and are played from the white markers. (Note exceptions). Juniors with a club handicap of 24 or less may play in medals subject to rules in force. Juniors and graduate members with a handicap of 12 or less may play in majors. Flexi members can play in all Medals and only those competitions designated by Captains' Committee.

Major competitions are listed on the back of the fixture list and on the Club B.R.S. computer system. Members are able to reserve tee times using B.R.S. up to two weeks in advance of the competition date. Members are able to access the computer system from home and also from the computer terminal in the club house. Members are encouraged to use the computer system to complete their reservation rather than ask the Professional (who is often teaching or otherwise engaged). Entry lists for the Captain's Drive-In, knock-outs, all shotgun starts and the Club Championship are put on the men's competition board in the locker room.

Men must sign the register in the Professional's shop to indicate their intention to play and pay the appropriate entry fee. The register will show the type and rules of the competition. Ladies must sign the Competition sheet in the Ladies' locker room and pay the appropriate entry fee. On completion of their round competitors must check and sign their card, ensuring that their current handicap is correct, before entering their score into the computer system. The card must then be placed in the competition box.

In certain mixed competitions (Jubilee, Mascord, Birley, Thoms, Pecan, Alan Wilson, etc), handicap limits, allowances and any additional shots are shown in the individual competition rules, but should be in accordance with the current C.O.N.G.U. unified system, effective 1/10/11.

Knockout competitions' entry lists are put up at the beginning of APRIL with the draw at the end of the month (done on the computer or manually to C.O.N.G.U.). The draw list shows the individual round completion dates (mandatory), a date for the final and a complete list of the competition rules. Competitors must have paid the appropriate entry fee before the draw is made and they sign the Competition Book when they play their first round. There is no need to sign in a second time. A named person on the Captain's Committee is responsible for supervising the knockouts, checking the position on the last day of each round and taking the necessary actions when games have not been played.

A number of Men's Summer competitions are qualifiers for smaller knockouts. The same rules apply. In these competitions prizes are awarded for the winner of the matchplay stages, not the qualifying rounds.

ALL CLUB COMPETITIONS ARE PLAYED AS "QUALIFYING COMPETITIONS" UNLESS SPECIFIED OTHERWISE. "QUALIFYING" in this case means qualifying for handicap adjustment.

NON-QUALIFYING AND REDUCTION ONLY COMPETITIONS: When ground conditions on the course deteriorate and "preferred lies on closely mown areas" has to be introduced alongside "relief from plugged balls through the green" then the competition can be made a non-qualifier and competitors will be informed of this as they sign in to play.

PREFERRED LIES allows the player to LIFT, CLEAN AND PLACE THEIR BALL WITHIN SIX INCHES (FIFTEEN CENTIMETRES) OF IT'S RESTING PLACE on areas where the grass is of FAIRWAY LENGTH OR LESS, i.e. FAIRWAYS, FRINGES OF GREENS AND GREENS, NOT THE MOUNDS SURROUNDING THE GREENS. The resting place HAS TO BE MARKED BEFORE THE BALL IS LIFTED AND THE BALL IS REPLACED NO NEARER THE HOLE.

PLUGGED BALLS IN THE ROUGH MUST BE DROPPED NO NEARER THE HOLE/GREEN.

The computer will change a competition to a "REDUCTION ONLY" competition if the scores raise the C.S.S. by a significant amount above the S.S.S.

TIES in all stroke play competitions are settled by card play-off (cpo), BACK 9,6,3,1 (done by the computer).

MATCHPLAY TIES are to be decided by sudden death, strokes to be as per allowance and card index.

A minimum of TEN players need to tee off in a club competition for it to be valid.

BAD WEATHER. If, for reason of bad weather or some other situation recognised by the organisers, some competitors are unable to complete their rounds, the competition result will stand if 75% could or did return their cards.

When MAJORS are played off a handicap limit of 18 there will be two divisions, up to 18 and 19 to 28. Juniors with a handicap of 12 or less may enter.

In most competitions prizes for 2's are run by the PRO. This will be stated on the signing-in register.

The PRO also organises Winter OPENS for men and ladies, which take various formats.