

# **Buckingham GOLF CLUB**

## **MEN'S SENIORS' SECTION**

### **Welcome!**

If you are 55 or over you automatically qualify as a Member of Buckingham Golf Club Seniors. We pride ourselves on being one of the most vibrant Seniors' sections of any Club in the area - and probably the most convivial! We take pride in having one of the most active sections of Buckingham Golf Club.

Add to this the fact that you are eligible to play in matches against a variety of clubs in Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire and Warwickshire then you are some way to understanding why the section is so popular.

We are not a club within a club: members are encouraged to participate in all aspects of club life. There are additional 'roll-up and play' groups early on various days during the week, allied to this there are Club competitions most Wednesdays and the Seniors competitions on selected Fridays during each month. By joining in with the Seniors, you can greatly increase the number of competitions and matches you can play in, you can of course continue to play in all club competitions and matches too.

Inter-Club matches at home are mainly on Fridays, and a few on Tuesdays, away matches can be on any day depending on the away club.

A full fixture list is supplied to all Members who need one. Plus one is posted on the Seniors Board.

### **Our Philosophy**

Sociability is high on our list of priorities. Get to know other Members by putting your name in the first available slot on our Time-sheets – and be aware that they soon fill up!

There is a high level of competitiveness, but friendly banter is the order of the day at the 19th.

### **Communication**

Our notice board in the men's locker room is the focal point for Seniors' information, this is where match and competition entry sheets are displayed. You can also add your address to the club website with other contact details.

### **Who's Who Currently?**

The 2018 Seniors Committee is as follows:

Captain	Tim Lenihan
Vice-Captain	Nigel Watts
Treasurer	Harry Smith
Secretary & Past Captain	Jerry Bartlett
Fixtures Secretary	Joe Farrell
Trophy Manager	John Carter

The Captain and Committee Members are either elected or re-elected at the Seniors AGM in October.

Officers' responsibilities are as follows:

**Seniors' Captain**

- Leading policy discussions
- Liaison with Club officials
- Selection of teams and leading them in inter-club Matches
- Promoting the section's interests
- Instigating social activities
- Holding the Captaincy for one year

**Seniors' Vice-captain**

- Organising competitions
- Assisting Captain as required
- Deputising, where necessary, in matches and at Seniors' functions
- Note: Normally takes over as Captain next year, subject to confirmation at the AGM.

**Treasurer**

- Managing finances
- Custodian of Section finances
- Advising on allocation of resources

**Secretary**

- Internal communications
- Management of annual diary and meeting minutes

**Fixtures Secretary**

- Organisation of fixtures and liaison with other clubs
- Production of fixture list and members' list of those interested in playing for the Seniors

Nominations for office are sought ahead of the AGM in October.

All Senior members are eligible and are encouraged to stand.

All members of the Seniors Committee are available to discuss issues or ideas for improving our Section – your input is important and welcome.

## How to Register for Golf

Start sheets are put up on the Seniors notice board about four weeks before competitions or matches.

Social golf will be interspersed with competitions to ensure everyone has the opportunity to play in competitive golf on a regular basis. Remember that we all have to put in at least three 'counting' cards per year to maintain our club handicaps.

## Seniors' Competitions

A small entry fee, usually £3.50 is charged for each competition. Some competitions have lunch afterwards, which is an extra cost.

Prizes normally are awarded down to third place. The aim is to give back as much as possible in prizes while retaining a small amount for

Seniors' funds. The latter are used to subsidise social events, major competition prizes etc. Prizes are normally either vouchers to use in the Pro Shop or on some occasions alcohol related or as the Captain or his VC determine.

Competitions are available off yellow tees that count for handicap purposes, there are also Club competitions off white tees during the main golf season.

## Seniors' Trophy Competitions

We run a number of Stableford competitions on a Friday, which along with other competitions qualify for The Winter Cup.

There are 10 further competitions run for the Seniors, throughout the year. These include individual, pairs, and team competitions. The Dusty Rhodes Trophy is our singles knockout trophy and is keenly contested by all; the final of this competition is played on the Club Finals Day in September. Please note you must be available for the final, please do not enter if you are not going to be able to make the Finals Day.

The major trophies are as follows:

The Winter Cup

Golfer of the Year

Founders Cup

Captain's Day

The Dusty Rhodes

The Wolverson Cup

Three Clubs & a Putter

The Glenmorangie Putter

The Pairs Cup

The John Clark Trophy

The Strong Salver (in conjunction with the Ladies)

## Seniors' Social Events

We have several extremely well supported events through the year. These will be advertised on the notice board and you will also receive details by email.

Key events are The Seniors Captain's Dinner, Seniors Captain's Away Day, Seniors Captain's Day and the Christmas Bash.

There are also lunches after a number of Stableford competitions and main trophy competitions too.

## Inter-club matches

Indicate availability by signing up on match sheets on our noticeboard. The Captain seeks to ensure that everyone putting their names down for matches will get games during the season.

Exceptions are those who volunteer only for away matches!

All matches are match-play in pairs, with the Captain deciding the Pairings. The fixtures are printed in the Seniors' Directory and published on the web-site. *Please note that if you are selected and cannot play, it is your responsibility to contact the first reserve listed on the sheet to act as your replacement - and to then to inform the Captain immediately of the change.*