

CONSTITUTION

AMENDMENTS CARRIED AT THE AGM FEBRUARY 2016

THE ORGANISATION will be known as the Clacton on Sea Golf Club - Seniors.

MEMBERSHIP will be available to all paid male members of the Clacton on Sea Golf Club, who have attained the age of 55 years.

OBJECT To promote and encourage competitive but friendly golf and to foster comradeship between members of the Seniors and Seniors and Veteran members of other Clubs. To foster a shared productive relationship with our parent Club and its Members.

CONTROL shall be by majority vote at the Annual General Meeting to be held not later than the end of February each year. Motions & Amendments to the Constitution, and Nominations for Officers and Management Committee members, shall be invited four weeks before the AGM by publishing a notice on the Seniors noticeboard. If the number of candidates exceeds the number of Officers and/or Management Committee places, a secret ballot shall decide the outcome.

Club Members over the qualifying age of 55 may attend the AGM but only registered Seniors as at 31st December of the previous year are qualified to (i) propose nominees, or (ii) to stand for election as an officer or as a management committee member, or (iii) to propose motions and amendments to the Constitution.

Only Registered Seniors as at the date of the AGM of the current year are qualified to stand as an adjudicator or teller, or to speak in or to vote in debates.”

REGISTRATION The Registration Year will start immediately after the Annual General Meeting. Registration is automatic upon playing in a Seniors competition for the first time in the registration year. Only registered Seniors may participate in the Summer Singles Knock-out Competition, the Winter Pairs Knock-out Competition, the Turkey Shoot Competition, the Top Dogs Competition and Inter & Intra Club Matches. To qualify to purchase two Christmas Dinner tickets during a restricted period prior to open sale, Seniors must have paid an entry fee to play in at least four Seniors competitions during period February to October of the current year. The Captain's right of discretion will apply in particular cases.

OFFICERS AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE shall be as follows:

PRESIDENT To be appointed by invitation following a proposal put to the AGM. and carried by a 75% vote. The holder will not be subject to re-election but can be required to resign on the decision of the current Committee.

The President will hold an honorary non-executive position but will normally be invited to preside at all formal functions such as the Annual General meeting and the Annual Dinner. He will also have the option of attending any Committee meeting in an advisory capacity but will not be entitled to vote.

CAPTAIN AND VICE CAPTAIN To be elected at the AGM. but will normally not hold office for two consecutive years. *The Vice Captain of the previous year shall automatically be appointed as Captain for the following year.*

SECRETARY AND TREASURER To be elected at the AGM. *The tenure of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be two years.*

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE To be responsible for the day to day operation of the Seniors and comprise: Captain, Vice Captain, Immediate Past Captain, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer and three other members (to be elected at the AGM). Four members of the Committee will form a Quorum. The Committee may co-opt a member to fill any vacancy which may arise.

DUTIES of the officers will be as follows:

CAPTAIN will decide the format for all games and matches and will “Chair” all general and committee meeting.

VICE CAPTAIN will deputise for the Captain when he is not available. Will arrange the running of all Competitions.

HONORARY SECRETARY will deal with correspondence as agreed with and/or required by the Captain, maintain accurate records of minutes of all meetings, confer with other Clubs and Societies to ensure the smooth operation of competitions and matches, arrange catering when required. Will negotiate and settle dates for all games and matches with the Parent Club, the Ladies, Junior and Seniors & Veterans of other Clubs.

TREASURER will arrange collection of all entrance fees and will maintain a true and accurate record of all income and expenditure of the Seniors.

SCRUTINEERS. Two Senior members to be invited to scrutinise the accounts for probity and sign-off the balance sheet as a true record.

THREE ELECTED MEMBERS will be known as the Competition Sub-Committee and will provide the Starter, issue and check cards, maintain handicap and competition records, submit cards to the Club and make newspaper and other reports. **The tenure of the three other members shall be two years.**

PROGRAMME The annual programme will be split into two periods. During the Summer period home and away matches to be arranged against as many other Clubs as possible subject to any restriction placed on the Seniors by the Parent Club.

SUMMER COMPETITIONS (1st April to 30th September). Six monthly medal competitions will be played by the members off their Club Handicap.

In addition to the 6 monthly medal competitions, competitions for “King of the Course” and “Ancient King” will be decided. Points reducing from 20 to 0 will be awarded to the first 20 competitors in each of the two age categories of players taking part in these competitions, namely those under 75 and those aged 75 or over on 1st March of the year in question. The player in each category with the highest points total for the 6 games will be the corresponding “King of the Course” or “Ancient King”. No player can win both categories.

During the Summer period the Seniors will also endeavor to arrange at least one match against members of the Parent Club and a Mixed Greensome competition with the Ladies of the Parent Club, the latter game being played for a trophy donated by Mr. Eddie and Mrs. Phil Cripps.

Entrance fees and prizes for the various trophy competitions and the six Summer monthly medal competitions will be decided by the Committee. The April and September medal competitions will be played off yellow tees. The other four medal competitions will be played off white tees.

A Guest Day will be held each year in which all Club Members over the age of 55 are invited to enter.

WINTER COMPETITIONS (Session 1: 1st January to 31st March. Session 2: 1st October to 31st December). In order to maintain continuity during the Winter period, monthly games will be arranged by the Committee. These will take the form of a sweep and an entrance fee of £1 or such other sum as the Committee decide will be payable. The gross received will be allocated to Seniors funds from which vouchers are to be purchased for the Gold, Silver and Bronze Winners. All monthly competitions to be played off the tee of the day.

STARTERS Two Starters will be appointed for all competitions except the Top Dogs and their decisions as to the starting order will be final. They will collect all entrance fees and ensure that the total sum collected is handed to the Treasurer as soon as is practicable.

HANDICAPS All Seniors singles strokeplay competitions are qualifying competitions for handicap adjustment provided the course complies with CONGU requirements. A temporary Winter

Handicap system devised by the Management Committee shall be introduced when the course does not comply. Winter Handicaps will be applicable to individual strokeplay competitions including Monthly Stablefords, Fun and Roll-up competitions but not to the Nine Hole Breakfast competition, The Turkey Shoot competition or the Four Club competition.

WINDING UP In the event of the Seniors ceasing to exist the trophies are to be handed over to the Parent Club and any funds in hand are to be donated to the Imperial Cancer Fund.

CONSTITUTION Any amendments to this Constitution can only be made by resolution duly passed at an AGM or an Extraordinary General Meeting. Any member wishing to amend the Constitution must give 14 clear days written notice of his proposal to the Clacton Golf Club Seniors Honorary Secretary prior to an AGM or EGM.

An EGM may only be called by the Secretary 28 days following a written request by at least five registered members.