



BEAUCHIEF GOLF CLUB

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BEAUCHIEF WEBSITE & WHS

If you've not been following the build up to the WHS introduction on 2nd November, either on our website or elsewhere, then it's **absolutely essential** that you do **NOW**. It's not going to go away. **Your CONGU handicap will no longer exist from that date.**

There is plenty of information provided on The Club / World Handicap System page.

I would especially draw your attention to the Rules of Handicapping Player Reference Guide which gives a very good overview of the new system. Reading this is a minimum!!

Due to Covid, the course assessment planned by YUGC for Beauchief was unfortunately not able to be carried out this year. Consequently England Golf have given us a Provisional Course and Slope Rating Certificate to carry us through the winter and spring, when it is intended to do the assessment and provide an official certificate.

A copy of the Certificate, together with Provisional Slope Tables for each tee, can now be viewed on a new page The Club / WHS Certificate & Tables. These conversion tables will also be displayed at the club to allow players to convert their Handicap Index into a Course Handicap prior to playing.

YOUR WHS TRANSITIONAL HANDICAP INDEX

Further to my message a couple of days ago, Club Systems have now been able to transfer email addresses and dates of birth to the new WHS Platform. You can therefore now register yourself onto the site "My England Golf" using this URL

It will ask you to enter your membership number which is your CDH number. If you don't know that number, you can find it in your Profile on HowDidiDo. It will then send you an authorisation number to input - that will be sent to your email address (the one to which this Newsletter has been sent).

Once registered, you will be able to see your Transitional Handicap Index (HI) and the way your qualifying scores have been used to calculate it. Be aware that this is not necessarily the HI you will be using from 2nd November as no October scores have yet been included, and those will NOT be transferred until the night before. This may seem last minute but it is just part of the difficulties and complexity of the changeover.

Also please be aware that it is ONLY handicap qualifying scores

which will appear in your record. These are ONLY individual rounds and never Betterball, Knockouts etc. That also means NO winter handicap comps (November 2019 to March 2020 - and Ladies Club 15/16 comps) and summer comps where the course was non-qualifying on the day. By all means check the information between HowDidiDo and the new site and email the club if you find anything different that's significant.

I can't promise an immediate reply to such queries, as it depends on the volume, but I believe plenty of information has already been provided to answer most procedural questions. If anything in common is questioned, I may give a global reply to all.

Please note that the data transfer has only been done for "Home" handicap players at Beauchief. Most "Away" players data has not yet been sent but that responsibility lies with their home club to sort.

Also note that HowDidiDo should show your HI and scores record from 2nd November but not before.

FUTURE FIXTURES

We have been unable to process any November or December competitions into Club V1 until Club Systems released their new WHS compatible version. This has just become available and we will be populating it with competitions shortly. This in turn will add comps into the website diary and into HowDidiDo Fixtures.

However, all November and December competition dates and details are already on our website under Members Area / Forthcoming Competitions. This section we will always try to populate with advance competition information so it's well worth checking.

PREFERRED LIES

We have already posted official notices that our Temporary Local Rule of Preferred Lies is now in operation, but only on grass cut to fairway height or less. Mark, clean and place within 6", no nearer the hole. We are also permitting the use of a fairway mat, same conditions, for those who wish to use one. The mat option can also be used in competitions. At present, all balls in semi rough and rough MUST be played as they lie.

Please note that the other Temporary Local Rules for Preferred Lies in Bunkers and Non-Removal of Flagsticks are still in operation.

CLOSING OF MEN'S COMPETITIONS

We try to close all competitions in a timely manner and are often criticised when that doesn't happen. It is expected that all participants should submit their scores (via HowDidiDo)

promptly after playing.

When play resumed after lockdown, we stated an absolute deadline of midnight. We would now confirm that deadline to be 9.00pm. This allows the competition committee to close most comps on the same day. We also request copies of leading scorecards for verification and normally will not close a comp until they have been received. Therefore, if you have been asked to send a copy, PLEASE reply to that as quickly as possible so we can close each comp promptly as well. Also make sure you have signed your card - you will be disqualified if you submit a scorecard unsigned!!

IT IS A PLAYER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO SUBMIT SCORES FOR A COMPETITION THEY HAVE ENTERED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER PLAY. We should not have to remind players of that requirement so please comply. Thank you.

CLUBHOUSE USE UNDER TIER 3 COVID

The erection of our marquee at the back of the clubhouse has allowed SCT to plan refreshments and food more easily for golfers after playing, without the constraints of the weather. That still allowed groups of 6 to sit "outside" under Tier 2 but only single people at a table inside (other than same household).

However, the recent upgrade of Covid restrictions to Tier 3 has changed the options. The requirement inside of one per table is unchanged but now that is also the requirement under the marquee. The picnic tables can no longer be used and they have been replaced by a number of small single seat tables. Facemasks must be worn inside the building except when seated. Table service only. Soft drinks can be served but alcoholic drinks can only be purchased when having a "substantial" meal. SCT are revamping their menu choices to accommodate that. The staff will do all they can to help but they will NOT break the rules for anyone!

Please try to support the efforts by SCT to retain some semblance of normality by continuing to remain open. Without that support the clubhouse could close again!

There are no changes to the structure of playing golf and social distancing should still be complied with. There has been talk of restricting movement between areas under different Tiers. That is currently the case with Tapton and Sinfin. However, that is only a guideline and it is up to any individual to make that decision for themselves. Members living in a Tier 2 area can still play on Tier 3 courses, and vice versa, but should respect and take the appropriate precautions whilst playing and after playing.

READY GOLF

Whenever possible, please play Ready Golf to try to keep round times to a reasonable length.
Play when you are ready and it is safe to do so.
Play a provisional ball if there is doubt about finding your previous ball.

Play your own ball BEFORE helping a partner to find their ball.
Remember that search time is a maximum of 3 minutes from reaching the probable area.
Keep up with the group in front and not in front of the group behind.
Be aware of your position on the course in relation to other golfers and play promptly.

WEBSITE MEMBER DETAILS

Have we got your up to date details on our Club V1 Membership and Competition software?
Are you registered on our website to view the Members Area and Results sections?

On the home page of our website

are instructions for checking your personal contact details and privacy settings. Please check that we hold current information and submit any changes that are needed for us to update them. Accepting some of this data will also allow fellow members to contact you and you to contact them!
Please help us to keep up to date. We can't do that if you don't tell us!