



BEAUCHIEF GOLF CLUB

AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

NEWSLETTERS

All copies of 2020 Newsletters are now available to view on our website under Members Area / Newsletters so no excuses for not knowing of the information they contain!!!

RETURN OF TROPHIES

With the news that the clubhouse will be re-opening from Tuesday 4th August, we would like to re-fill the trophy cabinets. We would normally have requested the return of trophies earlier in the year but obviously covid restrictions meant otherwise!

If you were a trophy winner last year and had that trophy presented to you at the annual dinner, would you please return it to the Pro shop ASAP. Preferably cleaned!!! They will pass them on to us. If you have already returned it, thank you.

STROKE INDEX CHANGES

This is just a reminder that several hole indexes have changed and the new ones are being used in all competitions. Now that scorecards are available from the Pro shop, they are currently issuing the old cards which show the old indexes. Newly printed cards with all the correct details will be available shortly.

In the meantime, the correct hole indexes are those shown on the course furniture. They are also on our website and are being used by both HowDidiDo and Club V1.

For reference, the holes with changes are as follows:

Men's card - 1, 9, 11, 16, 18

Ladies card - 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18

TEMPORARY GREENS

Can we remind members that we have a Wrong Greens Local Rule. The full text for this is available on our website and ALL the current Local Rules will be printed on the back of the new scorecards.

In effect, play from a temporary green is prohibited (unless of course it is in play!) and free relief MUST be taken. The General

Penalty applies for failure to take relief.

At present the temporary greens are not generally marked but we all know where they are!! If a ball is definitely on one, take relief. If it is close to the edge but not certain, take relief anyway.

The only exception to this is the old temporary green for the 15th hole. Play from that is acceptable as it is unlikely to be in play again (hopefully!!!).

SUPPLEMENTARY SCORES UPDATE

The following are the updated requirements for submitting a Supplementary Score. They supersede those detailed in the July Newsletter and MUST be followed:

- * Log In to your HowDidiDo account and select Today's Golf / Sign In.
- * Click on the "Supplementary Score" Sign In button, BEFORE PLAYING.
- * If there is another competition displayed that you are eligible to enter, you are expected to enter that. If you instead submitted a Supplementary Score, it would be rejected.
- * Select the Course Card you will be using (Red, Yellow or White). Then select Strokeplay or Stableford (either is permitted) followed by Qualifying (there is no point in submitting a non-qualifying score as that will not affect your handicap record!!!). Finally click on Sign In.
- * A Supplementary Score round should be played as if under normal competition conditions.
- * A scorecard is now available from the Pro shop to record YOUR OWN scores.
- * Scores should be verbally verified by your playing partner, but they MUST NOT touch or sign your card. Print their name as your marker and sign your own card.
- * After playing, Log In to HowDidiDo again, Today's Golf / Score Entry and enter your gross scores, hole by hole. Confirm your totals after 9 holes, then after 18 holes.
- * Scores will be updated to Club V1 software and verified by one of the competition committee.
- * Keep your card for at least a week as we will randomly request a copy to be submitted.

COMPETITION SCORES

Can we remind all members that if you enter a competition, YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR SCORE **ON THE SAME DAY**.

The current covid method is using your HowDidiDo login and the vast majority of players entering have been able to comply without problem. However, there always seems to be a few who either forget or have other difficulties. Creating a HowDidiDo account, if you haven't already got one, is a very simple process.

If technology is a problem, then you can always email or text your gross scores to Martin Mould, Phil Stockdale, Dave Smedley or Kath Mowforth (details are in the old fixture booklet but please only in exceptional circumstances).

Finally, it is a Rule of Golf that, if you enter a competition, you MUST submit your score. This includes any No Return score holes. In line with WHS guidelines, competition entries where scores are not received by midnight on the day of the competition, will be ignored but any charges will still apply. We can also apply penalties to persistent offenders, including suspension of handicap.

PLEASE COMPLY AND MAKE IT EASIER FOR THE COMPETITION COMMITTEES TO DO THEIR (VOLUNTARY) JOB.

SLOW PLAY REMINDER

Now that 4 ball playing groups are re-established, the speed of play once again comes under the spotlight. Our 2 ball rounds of 3 hours (and less) are a thing of the recent past!! It is therefore perhaps timely to remind everyone to get a move on with a few points to consider to quicken the pace:

- * Readiness to play - Get to the tee, tee off as quickly as possible, and mark up cards afterwards (except if you have time).
- * Speed of assessing your shot, addressing the ball and playing your shot - England Golf advice is 40 seconds maximum. Start your preparation when you reach your ball and not after watching others play their shots.
- * Conversations on the tee - Save them for when you're walking if it's going to cause a delay.
- * Position of bags/trolleys at the green - Leave them at the side nearest to the next tee.
- * Marking of cards - Don't do it on the green. Get off and let the following group play.
- * Searching for balls - The rules now provide only **3 minutes**. Stick to that maximum.
- * Ready Golf - Communicate with your group and play if you are ready, anywhere on the course.
- * Where possible keep up with the group in front, and be aware of those behind you who may be waiting. Have the confidence to say "we need to speed up!".
- * If you can't keep up if lost balls or other cumulative factors are causing delays, please consider letting the following group play through. It might take the pressure off you!

Very few players think they are slow but we can all play quicker. It doesn't have to spoil your own enjoyment. One slow group slows the pace of the whole course!! Please be considerate to your fellow golfers.

REVISED FIXTURES

New dates for most of the competitions up to the end of October are now viewable on the club website (Members Area / Club Diary). The ladies events for September and October are agreed and will be added very shortly. Please do not use the original fixture booklet as new dates have been arranged (some still agree but only a few). We have not been able to accommodate all missed fixtures and most inter club matches have been cancelled this year.

More competition details will be added into the Members Area / Forthcoming Competitions within the next few days.

If you want to enter any of the competitions with pre-booked tee times, please keep checking HowDidiDo / Bookings and enter your name into the appropriate competition(s). A few new ones have just appeared.

PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

We usually hold a mixed betterball stableford competition with this name each year but the President has decided to vary the format this year, in view of the fixture changes brought about by covid.

It will therefore be an actual challenge against the President and his partner (usually his son Andy) playing a foursomes medal format. The challenge is open to any pair of members and will be arranged on a time and date application basis. Matches will be held most Saturday mornings with a 9:40 tee time and will have a £2 entry fee per person. The best nett score of only those pairs who actually beat the President on the day will take the eventual honours.

If you want to enter, and bear in mind this is a trophy and honours board competition, send a text message to Martin on 07855 901250 with the names of your pair. He will contact you to confirm a playing date.

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM (WHS)

Just a reminder to keep checking our website under The Club / WHS for regular updates on the England Golf "Know The Score" campaign to inform members about the new system coming in on 2nd November. These updates are part of a timeline set by England Golf for all golf clubs.

Despite the re-opening of the clubhouse this week, any group meetings will not be possible in the immediate future so do take a look at the information as it builds. It's not time consuming and the messages are all pretty simple and concise.

One important message we will keep repeating is also simple. If you want to have a new handicap index which is representative of your playing ability, you need to submit as many scores as possible between now and the end of October. That means preferably competition play but also supplementary scores when you are playing socially. Only the best 8 of your last 20 qualifying scores will be used in the handicap index calculation and the time period is only 2019 and 2020 inclusive. Prior scores will be ignored. Have you got 20 on your record in that time? The majority of members do not. It is important that you get, at the absolute minimum, 3 scores otherwise you may have to start again as a new golfer. **YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED!!**