

CLACTON-ON-SEA GOLF CLUB

SENIORS SECTION

CONSTITUTION

THE ORGANISATION

Will be known as the Clacton on Sea Golf Club Seniors Section.

MEMBERSHIP

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

OBJECTS

- To promote and encourage competitive but friendly golf for the Seniors Section and via social events to foster comradeship amongst all members of the Seniors Section.
- To promote and encourage competitive but friendly golf with Senior Golfers of other Clubs.
- To foster good relationships with all the male, female and junior members of our parent Club.

CONTROL

Shall be by majority vote at the Annual General Meeting to be held not later than the end of February each year.

Motions to the AGM, Amendments to the Constitution, and nominations for all vacant Officer and/or Committee positions, shall be invited at least four weeks before the AGM date by publication of a Formal Notice on the Seniors Section noticeboard. All Club Members over the qualifying age of 55 may attend the AGM but only registered Seniors as at 31st December previous to the AGM are qualified to (i) propose nominees, or (ii) stand for election as an Officer or as a Committee member, or (iii) to propose motions to the AGM and/or Amendments to the Constitution.

If the number of nominated candidates exceeds the number of Officers and/or Committee positions a secret ballot of the candidates will be held on the day of the AGM.

REGISTRATION

The registration year will be from the 1st January to 31st December each year.

Registration is automatic upon paying an entry fee and playing in a Seniors competition for the first time in the defined registration year. Playing in inter-club competitions and inter-club matches do not qualify for registration.

Only registered Seniors may participate in the Turkey Shoot Competition and the Inter-Club Matches. It is at the Captain's discretion to include non-registered Seniors to make up Inter-Club Teams, if deemed necessary.

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To qualify to purchase two Christmas Dinner and Dance tickets per Senior during a restricted period prior to open sale, Seniors must have paid an entry fee to play in at least four Seniors competitions during the months January to December of the current year. The Captain has a right of discretion in particular cases to allow an individual to purchase Christmas Dinner and Dance tickets when participating in four competitions by an individual Senior has been impossible to achieve.

Invitations to funded guests of the Seniors at their annual Christmas dinner & dance will be sent to the Club Chairman, Club CEO, Club Men's Captain, Club Ladies' Captain, Club Professional & Honorary Members.

The Seniors Captain has the authority to waive the qualification rule for entry to the Turkey shoot for Senior members in exceptional circumstances provided that the member pays for the full cost of entry

A schedule explains the agreed procedure on how to become a "registered Senior" and forms part of the Constitution; it is attached as Appendix A henceforth.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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 at all formal functions such as the Annual General Meeting and the Annual Christmas Dinner. He will also have the option of attending any Committee meetings in an advisory capacity but will not be entitled to vote.

CAPTAIN will have been elected as the Vice-Captain at the previous year's AGM and served one year on the Committee, in normal circumstances. He will not normally hold office for more than two consecutive years.

VICE CAPTAIN To be elected at the AGM each year. The tenure shall be one year.

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

COMPETITION SUB COMMITTEE To be elected at the AGM. The tenure of these members shall be two years.

COMMITTEE RULES

- The Committee will be responsible for the day to day management of the Seniors Section.
- The Committee will comprise of a Captain, Vice-Captain, Immediate Past Captain, Honorary Secretary, Treasurer and five other Committee Members.

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- Four Committee Members will form a Quorum for the holding of an ordinary meeting.
- The Committee may co-opt a Senior as a Member to fill any vacancy which may arise during the year, until the position is filled at the next AGM.

COMMITTEE DUTIES

CAPTAIN will manage the format and schedule for all competitions and all matches run by the Seniors Committee during his year. He will manage the smooth operation of all Seniors competitions and all matches with other Golf Club's during his year. He will be the "Chairman" of all Committee meetings held during his year.

IMMEDIATE PAST CAPTAIN will provide advice and assistance to the Captain based on his experiences of the previous year. He will organise, facilitate and run the Summer Social event as required by the Captain.

VICE-CAPTAIN will deputise for the Captain when he is not available to fulfil any of his responsibilities. He will help the Competition Sub-Committee in the running of the annual competitions schedule each year. He will arrange the bi-annual Committee Members away games. He will organise, facilitate and run the Christmas Dinner and Dance event as required by the Captain.

HONORARY SECRETARY will deal with all correspondence of the Committee and as and when required by the Captain. He will organise, facilitate and maintain accurate records of all Committee meetings. He will arrange Inter-Club matches with the Seniors Secretaries and Golf Societies of all other Clubs as and when required by the Captain. He will agree dates for the annual competitions schedule, as determined by the Competitions Sub Committee, with the Club Officials, with the Ladies Section of the Club and with the Junior Section of the Club.

TREASURER will arrange collection of all entrance fees and manage all income and expenditure of the Seniors Section. He will provide monthly reports on the accounts to the Committee and ensure good financial probity at all times. He will produce a true and accurate statement of all income and expenditure which will be presented at the AGM for members approval.

SCRUTINEERS/AUDITORS two Seniors will scrutinise the Treasurer's accounts for probity and sign-off the balance sheet as a true record before each AGM.

FIVE ELECTED MEMBERS known as the Competition Sub-Committee will determine the annual competitions each year and produce a twelve months schedule; arrange for starters for each competition; issue and check the score cards for each competition; maintain handicap and competition records on behalf of the Seniors Section and submit score cards to the Club for Club handicap purposes.

A Committee member will also provide newspaper and other reports to the Club for PR purposes.

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COMPETITION FIXTURES LIST

The Committee will compile an annual competition fixtures list which will be displayed on the internal and external Seniors notice boards and on the Seniors section page on the Club website.

The gross income received from all competitions run by the Committee will be allocated to the Seniors funds from which prizes are to be purchased for the Overall, Gold, Silver and Bronze winners and the Draw winners.

Entrance fees and prizes for all the competitions run will be decided by the Competition Sub-Committee.

Organisers will be appointed by the Competition Sub-Committee to run all competitions and their decisions as to the starting order will be final.

The Starter of the day will only postpone and/or cancel any scheduled competition if less than nine (9) holes are open for playing.

During the summer inter-club, home and away, matches will be arranged against other Golf Clubs subject to a schedule as agreed by the Committee and also subject to any playing restrictions placed on the Seniors section by the Club.

The "King of the Course" and "Ancient King" will be decided by 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.

The April and September medal competitions will be played off yellow tees. All other medal competitions will be played off white tees.

A guest day will be held each year in which golfers over the age of 55 will be invited by Seniors to enter as their guest.

Ladies, over 55, will be eligible to play in scheduled medal competitions, initially on a trial basis. This is provided the Lady member pays the full cost of entry.

HANDICAPS The competition fixtures list will be amended so that all competitions that qualify under the World Handicap System (WHS) rules on a qualifying course will be played off WHS Club handicaps.

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WINDING UP In the event of the Seniors Section ceasing to exist all the trophies are to be handed over to the 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 a 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 with a named Senior proposer and seconder to the Senior's 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 Seniors.

AS AMENDED AT THE SENIORS AGM HELD IN FEBRUARY 2024