

GRAY CHALLENGE BOWL

This competition can be played on the Hawkstone or Championship course; if the competitors fail to agree a coin should be tossed with the winner to select the course. This is open to all male members and played under the Rules of the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews, Competition Rules, Local Club and Committee Rules. Play to be from the White Tees

The Gray Challenge Bowl is a Fourball Better Ball Matchplay Knockout competition. The Maximum Playing Handicap Index for this competition is 24. Playing Handicap for each player is 90% of Course Handicap. Each player receives full difference in 90% of Course handicap from the lowest handicapped player. The Trophy will be awarded to the winners and prize money credited to competition account to the Winners & Runners up.

Presentation will be at the Annual Dinner. Winners are expected to attend.

Entry to the competition will be via Club V1 App at normal competition cost. A random draw will be made for partners and opponents and posted on the Club V1 App.

Each player has a responsibility to arrange matches by the date stated. If this is proving difficult this MUST be reported to The Organiser or the Chairman of Matches & Competitions at least 7 Days prior to the closing date. (Failure to do this may lead to disqualification from the competition).

In the event of a TIE after 18 holes, the match should continue and be played from the first tee using handicap strokes as they are taken the first time. Play to continue until one team wins a hole.

On completion of the match the winner's names are to be put on the Club V1 App.



- **Appendix C – Handicap Allowances.** The application of allowances in four-ball match play events has been changed so that the 90% is applied to the difference between course handicaps.
- The full Course Handicap is calculated and then strokes received (Playing Handicap) is calculated using 90% of the difference taken from the lowest course handicap, which equates to Strokes Received for each golfer.

Example:

Player	Course handicap	A is lowest CH. Difference between CH for A and CH of B, C and D	Four-Ball Match Play Playing Handicap 90% Handicap Allowance
A	+4	0	0
B	16	20	18
C	7	11	10
D	26	30	27

In four-ball match play, player A plays off zero (0) strokes, player B receives 18 strokes (90% of the difference in Course Handicaps from Player A), player C receives 10 strokes (90% of 11) and player D receives 27 strokes (90% of 30).

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