



BEAUCHIEF GOLF CLUB

MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

CAPTAINS' DRIVE-IN SUNDAY 29th MARCH

This is the first main competition of the season and our Captains Tim Richardson, Sue Murby and Charlie Robertson cordially invite you to join them on Sunday 29th March. The format of the competition will be a "Bramble" which is a cross between a Texas Scramble and a Better Ball. Teams will be drawn from the entries in balanced groups of 4 players (at least 1 lady per team). All players take their tee shots, select one of them and all then play their own balls from that same spot. All players then continue with their own balls until they hole out - best 2 stableford scores will count on each hole. Each player in the team **MUST** have their tee shot selected at least 4 times.

There will be a SHOTGUN start at 9.15am so please arrive at the clubhouse **NO LATER** than 8.30am. Full explanation of the rules will be given and starting tees will be drawn then. There will be a £1 entry fee payable on the day towards a small prize fund and sandwiches and chips will be provided courtesy of the captains after play concludes.

Entry is by advanced booking on either the Clubhouse PSI, the Pro Shop PSI or using your HowDidiDo login and Bookings.

Entries close on Sunday 22nd March and make up of the drawn teams will be emailed to all players shortly after.

OTHER MARCH COMPETITIONS

MEN

- Monthly Medals: Saturday 7th (November), Saturday 14th, Thursday 19th, Sunday 22nd
- Winter Stableford: Sunday 15th
- Seniors Stableford: Thursday 26th

LADIES

- Stablefords: Saturday 7th, Wednesday 11th, Saturday 14th, Wednesday 18th, Saturday 28th
- Stablefords/WFAS (Spring): Saturday 21st, Wednesday 25th

RE-ARRANGED MEN'S MEDAL DATES

Due to severe weather, the Thursday Medal for February was postponed and the Sunday Medal for February did not have sufficient entries to be qualifying. They are both to be re-run and the new dates are:

- Thursday 7th May
- Sunday 14th June

VICE CAPTAINS AWAY WEEKEND

Chris Herold has requested that final payments for those joining him at Breadsell Priory on 24th and 25th May be made at latest by 31st March. The total cost is £115 each. Some have already paid in full but most just a deposit. Please therefore pay the balance as appropriate. This can be direct into his bank account (13156917 40-64-05) or by cheque or cash in an envelope through the committee room letterbox. Don't forget to put your name on it!!

WINTER HANDICAPS FINISHED

Please note that Winter Handicaps are finishing and normal CONGU handicaps will replace them starting on Saturday 7th March. Most players will revert to using the handicap they held on 1st November 2019 (when Winter handicaps were launched) unless you have been advised of an annual review/winter adjustment. Check your CONGU handicap on either PSI, HowDidiDo or our website.

CHANGE TO PREFERRED LIES RULE AND USE OF FAIRWAY MATS

In view of the continuing wet weather and often muddy state of the course, we have already posted revised rules notices in the clubhouse. This change allows placing **ANYWHERE IN THE GENERAL AREA** and not just fairway height grass. Note that the General Area is the entire area of the course except Grass Tees, Bunkers, Penalty Areas and Putting Greens.

Also, for the very short term, we are allowing the use of Fairway Mats in an albeit belated effort to reduce the number of divots on the course and perhaps make a round a bit more pleasurable!! A suitable mat may be used to play off by placing your ball on it in the same manner as for preferred lies. They may be used both socially and in competition. This option will cease once course conditions improve and/or competitions become handicap qualifying. We will use this current period to review mat use with the possibility of introducing it more completely next Winter. It should be noted that many local private clubs already operate such a policy through the winter season.

The full published rule may also be viewed on our website under The Course / Course News.

DOGS ON THE COURSE

Over a long period of time we have had many complaints about dogs and their owners roaming freely on the course and sometimes interrupting play. Obviously we have no control over the public who often think it their right to walk on the course (although it isn't!). We have no problem with that as

long as they accept they are on a golf course and act appropriately, with the safety of all being of paramount importance.

However, many complaints have also resulted from golfers taking their dogs with them whilst playing and often having little regard for their control. After discussions with SIV, we have both agreed that dogs may continue to accompany players **BUT THEY MUST BE ON A LEAD**. We cannot continue to allow dogs to not be under full control as otherwise there is the risk of interfering with other golfers and the very undesirable deposits of dog poo on the course. We are also amending our Competition Rules to add that, in competition, no dogs may accompany a player. Disqualification will be the penalty.

As with all situations like this, it is often the few who spoil it for the majority. However, this stance from the club and SIV is perhaps long overdue so we would appreciate your cooperation. Thank you in advance.

ATHORN CUP MIXED MATCHPLAY KNOCKOUT

Entries are now open. Select your name on either the Clubhouse PSI or Pro Shop PSI, then Knockouts and select Athorn Cup. Create your Team by adding your partner and then confirm Charges for both players. Then confirm entry. £1 entry fee per player. Handicap limits: Men 0 – 28, Ladies 0 – 36. By entering you confirm that you are able to play matches both midweek and weekends. If you want to enter but don't have a partner, please email beauchiefgolfclub@gmail.com and we will endeavour to match you up with someone. Note Major Competition Rules apply. Entry closing date is 31st March.

MEN'S SUMMER MATCHPLAY KNOCKOUTS

Entries for these are now open on the Clubhouse PSI, Pro Shop PSI or by using your HowDidiDo login. Select Knockouts. Entry fee of £4 per entry. All play is from White Tees. Note Major Competition Rules apply. Entry closing dates will be 31st March. Round deadline dates MUST be adhered to.

- Abbey Shield Singles. Handicaps 0 - 15
- Club Trophy Singles. Handicaps 0 - 28
- Pye Cup Doubles. Handicaps 0 - 28
- Rabbits Cup Singles. Handicaps 16 - 36
- Senior Singles. Handicaps 0 – 36. Players must be 55 or over on 1st April.
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