

The Worcestershire Golf Club Men's Competition Rules



Updated January 2020 (latest amendments in italics)



Change Control

Changes	Date
Only members with an Active Handicap of 12 or less may enter the Club Championship.	H&C Committee 31 st May 2010
Alan Courtney Cup moved from Sunday to Saturday.	H&C Committee 23 rd May 2011
Club Championship moved to September.	H&C Committee 11 th July 2011
Xmas Goose to be played over two days as one competition not two separate competitions.	H&C Committee
New Year's Day Competition to be played as a 4 ball alliance involving men and ladies.	14 th Nov 2011
Mixed competitions including the Rose Bowl to be played off the Ladies Score Card	H&C Committee 16 th January 2012
Tankard Foursomes and Sprechley Foursomes to be played under Stableford format.	H&C Committee 12 th March 2012
Handicap limit for the De Vere and the Coronation Cup lowered to 16.	H&C Committee 4 th Nov 2013
Handicap limit for the De Vere and the Coronation Cup raised to 18.	H&C Committee 9 th July 2014
De Vere and Coronation Cup invited clubs only and handicap limit lowered to 16	H&C Committee 27 th Oct 2014
Father and Sons Competition to be opened up to a 'Parent and Offspring' though trophy awarded to a Father and Son pairing. Nine Hole Qualifying Competitions to be introduced	H&C Committee 25 th Feb 2015
Father and Sons Competition to be renamed Generations Competition and to be open to men and women, boys and girls and the winning pair to receive the trophy. Garnet Scott Memorial Trophy to be added to diary for 2016. Men's Championship to be staged over two days at the end of the golfing season.	H&C Committee 21 st July 2015
Garnet Scott Tankard to be played alongside the EW Evans Round 2. De Vere and Coronation Cup to be advertised with all other Open Competitions on Golf Empire and the handicap limit is raised to 18.	H&C Committee 18 th August 2015
 From A Junior wishing to play in a mid-week Medal must be accompanied by either one or two adults. To A junior wishing to play in a Men's Competition should, preferably, be accompanied by two adults. Two Juniors may accompany one adult. 	H&C Committee 18 th August 2015
Men's Knock Out Competition Rules added. Boxing Day and New Year's Day Competitions Opened up to all members and guests.	H&C Committee 10 th Nov 2015
Changes to handicap allowances in line with CONGU 2016 revisions. Four-Ball (better ball) handicap allowance changed to 9/10 th and Active Handicap changed to Competition Handicap (c). The Deerhust Competition to be played on the Saturday morning and the Championship on Saturday afternoon. The second round of the Championship will take place on Sunday competitors playing in round 1 result order, best scores going last.	H&C Committee 12 th January 2016



Changes	Date
Conditions of entry into competitions, including distinction between Full Members and Restricted Members added.	H&C Committee 29 th March 2016
Introductory page, winter non-qualifying competitions and details of Easter Competition added. Date for being a Junior changed from 1 st January to 1 st April.	H&C Committee 3 rd May 2016
Details of County Competitions added	H&C Committee 31 st May 2016
From Only Full Members may enter the Weekend Competitions and the Knockout Competitions. To Only Full Members (and Juniors) may enter the Weekend Competitions, the Knockout Competitions and represent the Club in weekend Matches.	H&C Committee 31 st May 2016
Prize Division Information added to the General Notes Regarding Competitions	H&C Committee 23 rd June 2016
From 3. Stroke Play Competitions Unless otherwise stated, in the event of a tie in a Stroke Play Competition (Medal or Stableford) the result will be decided on count back. To Unless otherwise stated, in the event of a tie in a Stroke Play Competition (Medal or Stableford) the result will be decided on count back, last 9, last 6, last 3 and last hole.	H&C Committee 23 rd June 2016
From 3.3.6. Christmas Goose One 18-hole Stableford competition played over a weekend in December. If the Saturday round is cancelled the competition is cancelled, but if the Sunday round cannot be played the Saturday result stands. There is no longer a goose for the winner.	H&C Committee 19 th July 2016
To 3.3.6. Christmas Goose and Veterans Christmas Goose Two 18-hole Stableford competition played over a weekend in December. Each round stands alone; if one round is cancelled the result from the other round stands. The Veterans Goose is played the previous Wednesday and is open to all men over 60 years of age. There is no longer a goose for the winners.	
From Better- ball To Four-ball (better ball) throughout the document.	H&C Committee 23 rd June 2016
From 3.3.27. Veterans Stableford Midweek 18-hole Stableford. Open to all men aged 60 and above. This is a qualifier, played off the Yellow Tees. To 3.3.27. Veterans Stableford Midweek 18-hole Stableford. This is a Club Competition open to all men aged 60 and above (on	H&C Committee 23 rd June 2016
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Details of Men's County Competitions added.	H&C Committee



23rd June 2016

Changes	Date
Details of Competition Formats added.	H&C Committee 23 rd June 2016
Details of Carr-Morgan Trophy added.	H&C Committee 23 rd June 2016
From 9. Club Competition Rules for Junior Members Juniors with a handicap of 5 and below (Category 1) may enter The Coronation Cup, The De Vere and The Hope Cup. Juniors with a handicap of 9 and below may enter The Garnet Scott Memorial Trophy. Juniors with a handicap of 12 and below (Categories 1 and 2) may enter The Meredith Cup and The Ledbury Cup. When juniors have a handicap of 18 they may enter individual trophy competitions under the current rules governing juniors in competitions. Juniors are defined as members less than 18 years of age on 1st April of the current year. Any junior with a confirmed playing handicap of 18 or lower, who is listed on the official computer print-out of handicaps, may play in the following Club competitions: 1. All Saturday Medal and Stableford competitions 2. All mid-week Medals 3. Sunday Medals and Foursomes competitions Juniors who are eligible to play in men's competitions may take vacancies on competition starting- sheets after 10.30 a.m. Juniors may not sign their names on any list for Three or Four-Ball Alliances, Texas Scrambles and the like, but those who wish to enter and who have handicaps of 18 or lower may sign a list of reserves in the Professional's Shop on the understanding that they will be available at short notice in the event of late cancellations by full members. No junior may mark the card of another junior nor may any junior's card be marked by a relative. A junior wishing to play in a Men's Competition should, preferably, be accompanied by two adults. Two juniors may accompany one adult.	H&C Committee 19th July 2016 AGM of the Worcestershire Golf Club 26th August 2016
 To 9. Club Competition Rules for Junior Members Juniors are defined as members less than 18 years of age on 1st April of the current year. Any junior with a competitive status CONGU handicap of 28 or lower, who is listed on the official computer print-out of handicaps, may enter club competitions. A junior wishing to play in a club competition should be accompanied by at least one adult. Teams consisting exclusively of junior members for Alliances, Texas Scrambles and the like are not allowed but juniors are welcome and encouraged to sign up for a team which includes adult members. When playing in a club competition, it is preferable for the junior's card to be marked by an adult member; only under exceptional circumstances may a junior mark the card of another junior or a relative mark the card of a junior. 	
 General Notes Regarding Competitions For club competitions with no closing date the last time of entry/ alteration by computer will be 23.59 on the date preceding the competition. Thereafter entry alterations will need to be made by contacting the Professional Shop. 	H&C Committee 14 th October 2016



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dates.	
 If none are suitable, the other person should offer three dates. 	
• If a date cannot be found the match will be decided by lot or mutual	
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 If players cannot come to an agreement the Chairman of the 	



 All finals will be played on Finals Day, unless a player is in twofinals. Members are asked not to enter the knockout competitions if they 	
 <i>Extension of play:</i> Decisions on requests for extensions of play-by-dates for knockout competitions will be at the H&C Chairman's discretion. Each case will be decided on merit. 	
 If you know that you will be away for an extended period including Finals Day please consider your entry for a knockout competition Extensions will not be allowed in normal circumstances unless due to cours closure. 	se
• Please contact your opponent(s) within 7 days of the start of relevant competition round to arrange match.	
• If a playing date cannot be agreed and neither player/pair offer to withdra	w
 Toss of coin to decide winner (Competition Chairman will do this if required) 	
\circ If neither player/pair agree to this then	
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1. Introduction

This document contains details of all the men's competitions; it shows the format, tees, handicap allowances and trophies associated with each.

2. General Notes regarding Competitions

Dates of all competitions can be found on the Club Website under Club/Diary and the Monthly Diary displayed in the foyer.

They can also be found in the Club Diary, but as this goes to print in October, these are subject to change.

Buggy use – In any club competition, Open or Closed, only the registered player may use the buggy. Any non-registered player accompanying the registered buggy user must not take any advantage whatsoever of the use of that buggy. Any infringement of this rule will render the offender disqualified from the competition.

Only Full Members (and Juniors) may enter Weekend Competitions, Weekend Matches and Knockout Competitions.

Restricted Members (previously known as Five Day Members) may enter the Midweek Competitions and Matches.

Only Members with 'c' status may compete in Club Competitions.

Members without 'c' status may play in competitions for 'Handicap Purposes Only', no entry fee, no prize money.

Fifteen days before a Weekend Competition (from 17.00) members may book a tee time on the PSI computer terminal in the foyer of the Club House or **14 days** before (from 06.00) from anywhere via the Club Website under Members/Members Hub/Book into Competitions.

For Club competitions with no closing date the last time of entry/alteration by computer will be 23.59 on the day preceding the competition. Thereafter entry/ alterations will have to be made by contacting the Pro Shop.

The entry fee is taken off the member's swipe card; money must be deposited onto the card beforehand; this can be done in the bar or the Secretaries Office. If a member withdraws from a competition before 12.00 the previous day the entry fee will be refunded, if a member withdraws after that time the entry fee is forfeited.

Entry into Midweek Competitions is on a more 'ad hoc' basis, members may arrange to play at any time (check diary), pay their entry fee and collect their card in the Pro Shop.

The number of divisions is based on competition entry numbers; one division if less than 30 entrants, two divisions if there are between 31 and 70 entrants and three divisions if more than 71 entrants.

Generally, the Weekend Competitions have 3 divisions.

Division 1	Handicaps	0 - 12
Division 2	Handicaps	13 - 17
Division 3	Handicaps	18 – 28



Generally, the Midweek Competitions have 2 divisions.Division 1Handicaps0 - 16Division 2Handicaps17 - 28

Some mid-week competitions may have no separate divisions. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Medal Competitions: Lowest- net score, second lowest-net score etc.

Stableford Competitions: Highest points total, second highest points total etc.

Start intervals

10 minutes except for Foursome competitions which will be 8 minutes

Mid-week Competition Tees

The H&C committee reserve the right to organise mid-week qualifying competitions from white and yellow tees on the same day. They will be played as two separate competitions each with their own CSS.

Players must indicate which tee they will be playing from when signing in.

Singles Competitions

From January 2019 onwards the H&C committee reserve the right to run Saturday qualifying singles competitions (excluding Round 2 of Club Championship) with entries in 1-hour time zones. Players will enter their names in their preferred 1-hour time zone.

Multiple entries will not be allowed.

Entries will be allowed from 17.00 hours, 15 days prior to competition date until 23.59 hours on the Tuesday before competition date

A draw will be made for start times on the Wednesday before competition date <u>Once drawn</u>

- 1. If a competitor withdraws after the draw has been made, he will not be allowed to re-enter the competition
- 2. Any member wishing to make a late entry will be offered the earliest time available
- 3. 1. & 2. above must be actioned from Pro-shop

Unless otherwise stated, all Club Competitions are played from the White Tees.

Members playing in a Club Competition have priority on the 1st tee and on the course.



3. <u>Stroke Play Competitions</u>

Unless otherwise stated, in the event of a tie in a Stroke Play Competition (Medal or Stableford) the result will be decided on count back.

3.1. Club Championship

3.1.1.A.M. Chance Cup

A 36-hole Scratch Medal for Division 1, held over two days (round 1 to be completed if possible). In the event of a tie after 36 holes, there will be a Stroke Play play-off over holes 1 and 18 and if scores are level after 2 holes, play will continue as sudden death until a hole is won.

History

Presented by Alexander M. Chance in 1890 for a scratch prize and won outright by the Rev. H. Foster in 1894, this trophy found its way back into the Club's possession and is now awarded to the winner of the Club Championship.

3.1.2. Schweppes Cup

A 36-hole Handicap Medal for Division 1 run in conjunction with the Club Championship. In the event of a tie the result will be decided on count back, last 18, 9, 6, 3 and last hole. **History**

Presented by Messrs. Schweppes; this cup once belonged to the Malvern St. Andrews Golf Club who played on the Common after 1927.

Played for by Division 1 players in conjunction with the Club Championship and awarded to the player with the best nett score in the 36 hole medal competition.

3.1.3. Deerhurst Cup

An 18-hole Handicap Medal restricted to Divisions 2 and 3; played on the first day of the Club Championship. In the event of a tie the result will be decided on count back.

History

Presented to the Club in 1912 by Viscount Deerhurst, heir to the Earl of Coventry who was a past president of the Club.

Originally given for an aggregate of several rounds of medal play with an entrance fee of one shilling (5p) which went into a fund to benefit the staff and caddies.

Now played on Club Championship Day as an 18-hole handicap medal for Division 2 & 3 players.

3.2. Annual Meetings

3.2.1. Spring Meeting and May Medal

Easter Challenge Prize18-holes Medal for Division 1

History

This prize, a silver salver was played for at the first meeting of the Club on the 9th August 1881. It was a scratch prize open to members of the Club and all 'well recognised' golf clubs.



It was won outright by the Rev, H Foster in 1887 and given back by him to the Club for competition as a handicap prize in 1889, a condition being that it should never be won outright. The current salver is in fact not the original salver of 1881. In 1893 it was won by F Freeth and while in his possession it was stolen. The present salver was given by him to the Club to compensate for the loss.

Spencer Cup	18-holes Medal for Division 2
History	
Originally presented in 1913	and won outright in 1935 by A H Hopkins who replaced it.

Horton Cup 18-holes Medal for Division 3

History

Originally, a trophy won outright by John Fraser and presented to the Club in Centenary year. Since 1994, it has been awarded to the player with the best net score in Division 3 at the Spring Meeting. Previously, Division 3 players had no trophies to play for, as a third division had not been envisaged in the early days of a small Club.

3.2.2. Summer Meeting and July Medal

Irish Cup	18-hole Medal for Division 1
History	
This trophy was presented to	o the club by S. Jebb Scott and first played for in 1898.

Parker Vase	18-hole Medal for Division 2
History	
The vase dates from 1892.	

Cotton Tankard 18-hole Medal for Division 3

History

Originally presented to the Club by Doug Cotton. John Fraser had won this trophy outright and presented it to the club in Centenary year.

3.2.3. Autumn Meeting and September Medal

Claret Jug 18-hole Medal for Division 1

History

First played for at the Autumn Meeting of 1881. It was originally given by some Malvern residents to be played for by members who lived outside the three counties of Worcestershire, Gloucestershire and Herefordshire. Conditions altered in 1886, it became a handicap event for members.

Autumn Cup 18-hole Medal for Division 2

History

Autumn Meeting - First played for at the Autumn Meeting of 1891. Now awarded to the player with the best net score over 18 holes in Division 2

Cotton Tankard 18-hole Medal for Division 3



History

Originally presented to the Club by Doug Cotton in the Centenary year, 1979.

3.3. Other Stroke play competitions

3.3.1. Alan Courtney Cup

An 18 hole Greensomes Stableford with the handicap of the pair being calculated as 0.6 times lower handicap plus 0.4 times higher handicap.

History

Presented in 1993 in memory of J A S Courtney, Club Captain in 1989. Was originally played on a Sunday as a 36 hole pairs competition - better ball Stableford in the morning, Greensomes Stableford in the afternoon.

3.3.2. Boxing Day Competition

Four-ball (better ball) Stableford. Teams of 4, men, women or mixed, members may invite guests. 2 scores to count on each hole, played with full handicap. It is a Non Qualifier, played off Yellow and Red Tees.

3.3.3. Captain's Day Competition

An 18 hole Stableford competition.

History

The player with the lowest gross score on Captain's Day wins the Captain's Golf Club. The golf club was presented to the Club by Wheatley Robertson in memory of Mr H N B Erskine who died in 1893 whilst Club Captain.

3.3.4. Captain's Drive In

Starting holes drawn. Format to be chosen by the Captain.

Usually it is a 4-ball alliance, with 3 scores to count on the Par 3s and 2 scores to count on all other holes; played as two shotgun starts.

Each player receives 9/10th of handicap up to a maximum of 18 shots.

3.3.5. Chairman's Cup

A Four-ball (better ball) pairs competition played on a Sunday. Each player receives 9/10 of handicap.

3.3.6. Christmas Goose and Veterans Christmas Goose

Two 18-hole Stableford competition played over a weekend in December. Each round stands alone; if one round is cancelled the result from the other round stands.

The Veterans Goose is played the previous Wednesday and is open to all men over 60 years of age, played from the Yellow Tees. There is no longer a goose for the winners



3.3.1. Easter Monday Competition

Four-ball (better ball) Stableford. Teams of 4, men, women or mixed. Members may invite guests, 2 scores to count on each hole, played with full handicap. It is a Non-Qualifier, played off Yellow and Red Tees.

3.3.2. Four-ball Alliance (Club Winter Comp)

Alliance competition, 3 scores to count on Par 3s, 2 scores to count on all other holes. Each player receives 9/10 of handicap up to a maximum of 18 shots.

3.3.3. Garnet Scott Tankard

An 18-hole Stableford, counting as Round 2 of the E.W. Evans Centenary Cup.

History

Presented in 2016 by Ruth Scott in memory of Garnet Scott former Worcestershire Golf Club Secretary and Captain of the Worcestershire in 1975 and in 2000.

3.3.4. Generations Shield (formerly Fathers and Sons Trophy)

An 18-hole Foursomes Stableford for any parent, aunt or uncle and junior pairing, both of whom are playing members.

Played off 1/2 combined handicaps.

Men to play off White Tees, Ladies off Red Tees and Juniors off Yellow or Blue Tees depending on handicap.

History

Presented to the Club by Mr Brian Hawkings, formally a competition for any father and son pairing, but now is open to men and women, boys and girls.

3.3.5. James Cup

An 18-hole Medal competition played on the same Saturday in August as the John Scott Cup and the Ron Richard's Trophy, awarded to the player with the best nett score from those under 55 years of age. (August Medal)

History

Believed to have been donated by the Rev. S R James, Club Captain in 1901 and Headmaster of Malvern College at the time.

3.3.6. John Scott Cup

An 18-hole Medal Competition for players over 55 and below 70 years of age and is played on the same Saturday in August as the James Cup and the Ron Richard's Trophy. (August Medal) **History**

Originally known as the Veterans Cup. The cup was presented to the club by Brigadier John Scott, DSO, in 1954.

3.3.7. Left-handers Cup

Played in conjunction with another Saturday Medal Competition. (June Medal) **History**



Presented to the Club by L K (Laurie) Long.

3.3.8. Len Phipps Cup

An 18-hole Stableford usually played in September, counting as Round 3 of the E.W. Evans Centenary Cup.

History

Members subscribed for 2 trophies, one for gentlemen and one for ladies, in memory of Len Phipps who was head green keeper for many years and died in 1975.

3.3.9. Lowe Cup

An 18-hole Stableford for Past Captains only. Played in June, close to longest day, tee-off 4pm. This is a Non-Qualifier played off the Yellow Tees.

History

The Lowe Challenge Prize Cup was donated by W W Lowe in 1911 following his year as Captain and is played for by Past Captains of "The Worcestershire".

3.3.10. Millennium Trophy

Men + Lady + Junior, 3 ball alliance, 2 scores to count on each hole. Each player receives 9/10 of handicap. Men to play from White Tees, Ladies from Red Tees and Juniors from Yellow or Red Tees depending on handicap and gender.

History

Presented to the Club in the year 2000 by Neil and Margret Phillips, who were past Captain and Lady Captain respectively.

3.3.11. New Year's Day Competition

Four-ball (better ball) Stableford. Teams of 4, men, women or mixed. Members may invite guests. 2 scores to count on each hole, played with full handicap. It is a Non-Qualifier, played off Yellow and Red Tees.

3.3.12. Professional's Cup

18-hole competition, format to be decided by the Professional.

3.3.13. Rabbit's Cup

18-hole Medal for members of handicap 20 or above who have never won a Club Trophy. Played in conjunction with another Medal competition. (October Medal)

3.3.14. RNLI

18-hole Stableford. This is played from the Yellow Tees. RNLI receive the entry fees and provide the winning prizes.

3.3.15. Ron Richard's Trophy

18-hole Medal competition, played on the same Saturday in August as the John Scott and James Cups, and awarded to the player over 70 years of age with the best nett score. (August Medal)



History

Presented to the Club by R L Richards, Past Captain and first played for in 2000.

3.3.16. Spreckley Foursomes

An18-hole Foursomes Stableford played in winter. Handicap allowance ½ combined. There is a handicap limit of 20 but players of a higher handicap may enter.

History

Presented by H W and A G Spreckley in 1922. The trophies are two cups which were originally played for twice a year.

3.3.17. Stan McCabe Trophy

An 18-hole Four-ball (better ball) Stableford played on a Wednesday in mid-season, 9/10 handicap allowance, played off the Yellow Tees.

History

Donated in 1998 by Mrs Pauline McCabe in memory of her late husband W A (Stan) McCabe.

3.3.18. Sunday Cup

An 18-hole Medal. (One of four rounds which count towards the College Cup).

History

Originally the Buckland-Hopkins Cup. The trophy is engraved "To J.W. Buckland from T.M. Hopkins, 1870". This suggests it could be the oldest piece of silverware in the Club although it originated as a gift from one gentleman to another before the Club was founded.

3.3.19. Tankard Foursomes

An18-hole Foursomes Stableford.

Handicap allowance of ½ combined. There is a handicap limit of 20 but players of a higher handicap may enter.

History

Presented to the Club by two former Captains, Peter Rogers and Tony Wormington in 1962.

3.3.20. Texas Scramble (Club Competition)

Stroke Play competition played in teams of four. The tee shot of each player to be used at least **four** times. Handicap allowance is 10% of the combined handicaps.

3.3.21. Veterans Stableford

Midweek 18-hole Stableford. This is a Club Competition open to **all** men aged 60 and above (on 1st April).

This is a Qualifier, played off the Yellow Tees.

3.3.22. Winter Four-ball (better ball)

Four-ball (better ball) Stableford, played through the winter over 4 rounds. Handicap allowance 90% of full handicap (no maximum shots).



The two best pairs from each round qualify for the Match Play stages.

3.3.23. Wormington Salver

An 18-hole Stableford Competition.

Usually it is played early in the season and counts as Round 1 of the E.W. Evans Centenary Cup. The winner has to be a member of 10 or more years.

History

Presented by former Captain Tony Wormington in 1971. Originally a bogey competition but now an18 hole Stableford.

3.3.24. Peter Morgan Memorial Trophy

Introduced in 2018. Donated by Morgan Motors as a prize for a Captain's Charity Event. The format of the competition to be at the current Captain's discretion.

3.3.25. Chapman Foursomes

Sometimes referred to as American Foursomes. Introduced as a new pairs competition in 2018. Each player drives, pairs then swap balls and play second shot. Best ball then chosen to finish hole. ½ combined handicap.

4. Match Play Competitions

Unless otherwise stated in the event of a halved match after 18 holes in a match play competition the result will be decided by 'sudden death'.

Please Note

- If you know that you will be away for an extended period including Finals Day please consider your entry for a knockout competition Extensions will not be allowed in normal circumstances unless due to course closure.
- Please contact your opponent(s) within 7 days of the start of relevant competition round to arrange match.
- If a playing date cannot be agreed and neither player/pair offer to withdraw
 - Toss of coin to decide winner (Competition Chairman will do this if required)
 - o If neither player/pair agree to this then
 - A player/pair standing in the Professional Shop at 0900 on the last day of the round can claim the match. If both players/pairs are present and still cannot play a coin toss will decide the outcome.
 - All finals will be played on Finals Day, unless a player is competing in more than 1 final.



4.1. Fiddian-Green Spoon

Singles Match Play Competition, for the eight players who qualify as first four nett scores in the Spring Meeting Medal and first four nett scores in the Summer Meeting Medal, full handicap allowance.

History

Presented by C A F Fiddian Green, Captain in 1954.

4.2. Ledbury Cup

Foursomes Match Play Competition.

Handicap allowance ½ difference of combined handicaps.

There is a handicap limit of 20 but players of a higher handicap may enter.

The final is played over 18 holes and the winners represent the Club in the Daily Mail Foursomes the following year.

4.2.1.Malvern Cup

Introduced in 2018 as a four-ball Better-ball knockout matchplay competition throughout the summer season. The trophy was presented by M. Stocker and G. Hill.

4.3. Meredith Cup

Singles Match Play Competition, for members of handicap 21 or less, full handicap allowance. The final is played over 36 holes and should have a referee.

4.4. Meredith Plate

Singles Match Play Competition, for members of handicap 22 or more, full handicap allowance.

4.5. Parker Cup

Scratch Singles Match Play Competition.

Players with the best sixteen gross scores in the Club Championship are drawn in a seeded format.

The final is played over 36 holes and should have a referee.

History

First presented in 1892.

4.6. Rose Bowls

Mixed Foursomes Match Play. Handicap allowance ½ difference of combined handicaps. The final is played over 18 holes and should have a referee. *Men play from white tees, Ladies play from red tees*

4.7. Winter Four-ball (better-ball)

Four-ball (better-ball) Stableford Match Play Competition.

The two best pairs from each of the 4 Stroke play competitions qualify to enter the knock out stage.

Handicap allowance 90% of full handicap (no maximum shots).



5. <u>Progressive Competitions and Awards</u>

These competitions are based on the accumulation of results from several competitions.

5.1. College Cup

Awarded to the member who achieves the best aggregate of four net scores in the Sunday Cup, the Spring Meeting, the Summer Meeting and Autumn Meeting.

History

The cup was presented to the Club by some Malvern College masters, many of whom were members and several of whom had been Captains. It was won outright by John Fraser and donated to the Club in Centenary year

5.2. Eclectic Cup

Awarded to the member who has the lowest eclectic score, (i.e. the total of his lowest nett scores at each of the 18 holes) achieved in any Medal or Stableford qualifying rounds played between the 1st April and the 31st October inclusive.

In the event of a tie the result will be decided on countback.

There is a maximum stroke allowance of 18 strokes for those who play off 19 and over.

5.3. Erskine Cup

Awarded to the member who returns the best gross score in any of the Medal rounds in the Spring Meeting, the Summer Meeting and the Autumn Meetings and in the Sunday Cup. In the event of a tie there will be a scratch Medal play off over 18 holes; and then countback.

History

The trophy was bought by subscription in memory of H N B Erskine who died in his year of office as Captain in 1893. It is one of the few cups which is still awarded in a similar way to that when instituted in 1894, i.e. for a scratch score.

5.4. E.W. Evans Centenary Cup

Awarded to the member who is the first to score 100 points in three rounds of Stableford competitions OR who has the highest score over the 3 rounds if no player reaches 100 points. The 3 rounds are spread over the season, the Wormington Salver, the Garnet Scott Tankard and the Len Phipps Cup.

Ties: If player 'A' reaches 100 points on, say, the 12th hole of his 3rd round and no other player reaches 100 until a later hole, 'A' is the clear winner.

If 'A' and 'B' both reach 100 points on the same hole, 'A' wins if his points total after that hole exceed 'B's.

If they have the same score at that hole their points scores for the next and subsequent holes must be taken into account, hole-by-hole.

History

Presented by EW (Ted) Evans, who was Captain in 1979, the Centenary year.

5.5. Gadd Brothers Trophy

Awarded to the member who has the best nett score below C.S.S. in any of the monthly Medals played from the summer white tees.

In the event of a tie there will be a Medal play off over 18 holes.

History

Presented to the Club in Centenary year by Bert Gadd, the last surviving member of a famous family of Malvern golfers.



5.6. Mixed Pairs Tankards

Tankards played for over the autumn and winter by mixed couples over a maximum of six rounds.

Points are awarded on the basis of ten points to the winners and 1 point to the tenth placed pair and each lady and each gentleman carry their individual points with them through each succeeding round, regardless of whether they keep to one partner throughout. Largest aggregate score wins.

5.7. Tweddell Trophy

Awarded to the member with the best nett average of any six Medal rounds played off a single-figure handicap between 1st April and 1st October.

Ties are decided by removing the worst of the six scores and taking the best 5 average or, if necessary, by removing the worst two of the six scores and taking the best 4 average and so on until the tie is resolved.

History

The ball on the trophy is the actual ball used by Dr William Tweddell to drive-in at the opening of the new course in 1972.



6. **Open Competitions and Invitations**

6.1. Coronation Cup

A 36-hole competition for pairs.

Morning - 18 hole Four-ball (better-ball) Medal off 9/10 individual handicap.

Afternoon - 18 hole Foursomes Medal off ½ combined handicap (½ strokes are counted as such) Individual handicap entry limit is 18 at time of entry.

History

Instituted to mark the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and first awarded in 1953.

6.2. The Garnet Scott Memorial Trophy

An individual 18-hole Medal competition for golfers playing off a single figure handicap (including juniors) who are members of a Club within the Worcestershire Union of Golf Clubs. Entrants are not allowed caddies.

History

Presented in 2016 by Ruth Scott, in memory of Garnet Scott former Worcestershire Golf Club Secretary and Captain of the Worcestershire in 1975 and in 2000.

6.3. De Vere Open

An18-hole Four-ball (better ball) Stableford for pairs, 9/10th handicap allowance. Individual handicap entry limit is 18 at time of entry.

History

The trophies were donated to the Club in the 1970s by the De Vere Company who owned the Abbey Hotel in Great Malvern at that time.

6.4. Hope Cup

18-hole Four-ball (better ball) Stableford for pairs consisting of one member and one invited nonmember with a CONGU handicap.

Handicap allowance 90% of individual handicap, up to 18 strokes maximum.

History

Men's Invitation trophy played for as an 18 hole Four-ball (better ball) Stableford competition for pairs consisting of one full member and one invited non-member with a CONGU handicap.



7. Competitions against Other Sections of the Club

7.1. The Carr-Morgan Trophy

An 18-hole 4 BBB Match Play with full handicap allowance and teams of 12, played against the Ladies Section.

History

Marian Carr and Heather Morgan won the original crystal trophy in the form of a golf ball in 1983 at the Finals of the Volkswagen Grand Prix Open Amateur Golf Championships at Turnberry. They presented it to the Club to be played for annually in a competition between the Ladies and the Gentlemen of The Worcestershire Golf Club. The original format was Foursomes Match Play off handicap, with the ladies receiving two courtesy shots per round.

Marian was Lady Captain of the WGC on two occasions and Captain of Worcestershire Ladies County Association for two years. She played for the County 1st team for many years and was Midland Champion in the late 70's; she was the WLVGA Champion in 1997 and Lady Captain of Royal St David's, Harlech. In 1987 she became Secretary of the English Ladies Golf Association, a post she held for 13 years before her untimely death in 2000 at the age of 53.

In 2001, the glass trophy was replaced with a silver cup by the Club and L.E. Morgan in memory of Marian and her close friendship with Heather Morgan. It has been engraved "The Carr-Morgan Trophy" and the inscription on the base is an exact replica of the one that was presented in 1983.



8. County Competitions

Entries into County Competitions, Team Captains and Team Selections are made by the Club Captain.

8.1. Boulton Salver

A 36-hole Medal Foursomes Stroke Play Competition. Played off ½ combined handicap; maximum handicap of 10. Club may enter 3 pairs of players. Teams entered in March, closing date April.

8.2. Club Team Handicap Tournament – The David McDermott Bowl

An 18-hole Stableford Competition. Played off full handicap; handicap of 10 - 28 inclusive. Team of 3 players.

Teams entered in March, closing date April.

8.3. County Team Championship

An 18-hole Scratch Stroke Play Competition. Maximum handicap of 9. Club may enter 2 teams of 3 players. Lower handicap players on team A compete for the Tomson-James Cup. Higher handicap players on team B compete for the Jubilee Shield Teams entered in April, closing date May.

8.4. Brand Hall Gold Vase

An 18-hole handicap Stroke Play Competition. Played off full handicap; maximum handicap of 12. Club may enter a team of 5 players.

Teams entered in May, closing date June.

8.5. Centenary Salver Team Tournament

An 18-hole Medal Stroke Play Competition. Played off half full handicap. Club may enter 2 players, one with a handicap of 12.4 or less and one with a handicap of over 12.5, who have the best nett score in the nominated event. Teams entered in June, closing date July.

8.6. The Droitwich Shield – Winter Knock Out Competition

Scratch Foursomes Match Play Competitions. Maximum handicap of 14. Club may enter 2 teams, A and B, each consisting of 3 pairs and up to 4 reserves per team. The A team to have the lowest handicap players. Teams entered in September.

8.7. The Kidderminster Cup – Winter Knock Out Competition

Scratch Foursomes Match Play Competitions. Maximum handicap of 18. Club may enter 2 teams, A and B, each consisting of 3 pairs and up to 4 reserves per team. All team members must be aged 55 or more on the 1st October. The A team to have the lowest handicap players. Teams entered in September.

8.8 R&A Salver

A knockout pairs County competition for players with handicap range 19 – 28. Format is Better-ball matchplay.



9. Club Competition Rules for Junior Members

Juniors are defined as members less than 18 years of age on 1st April of the current year.

Any junior with a competitive status CONGU handicap of 28 or lower, who is listed on the official computer print-out of handicaps, may enter club competitions.

A junior wishing to play in a club competition should be accompanied by at least one adult.

Teams consisting exclusively of junior members for Alliances, Texas Scrambles and the like are not allowed but juniors are welcome and encouraged to sign up for a team which includes adult members.

When playing in a club competition, it is preferable for the junior's card to be marked by an adult member; only under exceptional circumstances may a junior mark the card of another junior or a relative mark the card of a junior.

N.B. Supplementary cards must be marked by an adult



10. Competition Formats

This section briefly outlines the format of each type of competition.

10.1. Pairs Competitions

10.1.1. Four-ball (better ball)

In a Four-ball (better ball) competition the two players on the team each play their own golf ball throughout the round. At the completion of a hole, the two team members compare scores, and the better score (i.e. lower number of strokes or higher number of Stableford points) is recorded as the team's score.

Each player receives 90% of their full handicap.

10.1.2. Foursomes

In a Foursomes competition the two players on a team play with only one ball and take alternate shots.

Before the competition one player elects to drive on the first hole and will then drive on every odd numbered hole; the other player drives off on the even numbered holes. The handicap allowance is ½ of the combined handicaps of the two players.

10.1.3. Greensomes

In a Greensomes competition the two players on a team drive off on each hole.

The players then choose the better drive of the two and finish the hole playing alternate shots i.e. the player whose drive was not taken plays the second shot.

The handicap allowance is 6/10th of the lower handicap plus 4/10th of the higher handicap.

10.2. Team Competitions (Generic)

10.2.1. Alliance Competitions

Each player plays their own ball, *90%* handicap allowance and the Stableford points for each player are calculated, though not necessarily recorded, see below.

10.2.1.1. Bowmaker Alliance (Mixed)

Each player plays their own ball, full handicap allowance and the Stableford points for each player are calculated.

One ladies score and one man's score is recorded at each hole.

10.2.1.2. Yellow Ball Alliance

Two Stableford scores are recorded on each hole. However, each player takes a turn playing with the 'Yellow Ball'.

The Stableford points' scored by the person playing the 'Yellow Ball' on that hole must count together with the best of the other scores.



10.2.2. Medford Competition

Each player plays their own ball, full handicap allowance. The two players with the lower handicaps play a Medal recording their scores and the two players with the higher handicaps play a Stableford calculating their own Stableford points.

At the end of the Competition the total Stableford points are taken from the total Medal Scores.

10.2.3. Florida Scramble

All players drive, the best is selected and marked. The owner of the selected ball picks up. The other players play their balls from within 6 inches of the marker, not nearer the hole. The best of these shots is chosen and the process repeated until the hole is completed.

At the next tee all players tee off again and continue as before.

Only the gross score needs to be recorded on the card.

The stroke allowance is 1/10th of the combined handicap

10.2.4. Texas Scramble

All players drive off and the best shot is selected and marked. All players play their balls from within 6 inches of the marker, not nearer the hole. Again, the best shot is marked and all players play their balls from there. This is repeated until the hole is completed.

Only the gross score needs to be recorded on the card.

The stroke allowance is $1/10^{th}$ of the combined handicap.