

GOSHAWKS

When did Goshawks start?

In 2009 Eddy Edmondson brought together a small number of local teams for seniors friendly matches and the programme has grown since.

Why Goshawks

Being a keen bird watcher club member Eddy came up with the idea of a name that portrays a rare secretive and sexy bird of prey, fitting for our senior section. **GOSHAWKS, Grange over Sands Hawks**, fits the bill.

Aims of Goshawks

To provide friendly enjoyable and non-competitive golf for seniors on a regular basis throughout the summer against other clubs in the surrounding area, all at an affordable price.

Past Organisers:

2009-2012	Eddy Edmondson
2013-2017	Tony Hudson
2018-	Frank Watson

Eligibility

Age 55+

Membership criteria

Full members

Returning full members

Fixtures

Currently (2019) matches are played on a home and away basis against 11 clubs between May and September.

Playing home and away gives players the opportunity to enjoy a day of golf at an away venue and the hospitality of the host venue - this being reciprocated when playing at Grange.

Format

Matches are 4 ball better ball, with 9/10 full handicap taken from the lowest handicap player.

Selection

*Once fixtures are published (normally January), members are invited to submit their availability for all fixtures. Availability may be amended at any time – simply email with your request/availability.

* Preference is normally given to those players being available for both home and away fixture.

* Teams are 16 players from each club for most matches.

Currently we have more than 60 members on our database with about 40 playing in at least one match during the season.

Selection is not an exact science. We aim to share opportunity between all available members including new members. Members should avoid 'cherry picking' venues.

Reserves

In order to fulfil a fixture with a full team, reserves (particularly first reserve) are asked to be on standby until the last possible moment - otherwise inform the organiser.

Cost

Currently approx £12/£13 is payable home/away to include:

- Tea/coffee/biscuits on arrival
- 18 holes golf
- Two course meal/soup, sandwich, chips after play

Each club determines their own cost/menu for the day.

Expectations

All players are normally expected to arrive **no later than** 30 minutes before first tee time and stay for the post match meal and drinks.

The home players will normally buy the visiting pair 1 or 2 rounds of drinks.

Car Sharing

A final teamsheet including pairings will be emailed to each member of the team to include individual email addresses. This may help players organise car sharing arrangements.

Dress Code

A team polo shirt and sweater each with the Grange Golf Club and Goshawks logo can be ordered yearly. Approx prices are £18 for polos and £28 for jumpers. Please contact Eddy for details, but please remember that these items are only ordered once. ie just before the start of the season.

Generally clubs are quite relaxed about dress code for the post match meal/drink/presentation.

Data

The following information will be kept on the organiser's computer. Players who do not wish for the following to be retained should contact the organiser:

name, email, tel home, mobile, handicap

Postponement/Cancellation

When inclement weather threatens a fixture please check your emails regularly.

An email will be circulated to all players – Please reply immediately to confirm receipt. An attempt will also be made to contact each player by phone to avoid unnecessary travel.

If there is any doubt, please contact Frank by email.

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