



Les Mielles Ladies Golf Club Information Pack 2020

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Welcome to Les Mielles Ladies Golf Club

The Committee hope that you will find the information in this pack useful. Please use it for reference but if you require more information please do not hesitate to ask and if we don't know the answer, we will find out.

Information

Your Club Membership Subscription includes affiliation fees to England Golf (EG), via Hampshire Golf and also to the Jersey Ladies Golf Association (JLGA). This enables you to enter their organised competitions. Details of JLGA competitions can be found on our notice board, their website or Facebook page or will be emailed to you by the club. Details of England Golf and Hampshire Golf competitions can be found on their respective websites.

Central Data of Handicaps Number

After you have submitted cards for a handicap index you will be registered on the computer and given a CDH number – **Central Database of Handicaps Number**. This is your **lifetime ID number** and goes with you to any club and you should keep it safely. It allows other clubs to confirm your club membership, your exact handicap index and course handicap – very useful when you enter other Clubs' Open competitions.

2. Club Notice Boards

A great deal of useful information can be found on the Club notice boards near the Shop. Normally, every week there will be a 'sign up' sheet for the competition to be played. Simply add your name at the time you wish to play. During the pandemic of Covid-19 most information goes out from the Committee by email or via the WhatsApp group.

If for any reason you are unable to play at that time it is polite and necessary to contact the Booking Office and the ladies you signed up with and inform them. Nobody wants to be left to play on their own with no-one to sign their card. If we know you will not be playing, we can adjust the groups accordingly.

Also, on the notice boards you will find information about:

The Seniors Section and a 'sign up' sheet for their competitions,

Club Knockout competitions

Inter-Club competitions

Mixed Competitions

Results

Handicaps

Upcoming Events

Birdie Tree

3. The Diary

Every member receives a Diary with the dates of all our competitions and the dates of the Mixed Competitions, the Men's Club competitions, other Clubs Open Competitions, and members contact numbers etc.

4. The Score Card

The score card is very important and must be filled in neatly so it can be read by the Handicap and Competition Secretaries. Please ensure that all the relevant information is in the appropriate boxes:

- Name of the Competition you are playing, e.g. Texas Scramble
- The date and the time when you are teeing off
- Your name
- The name of the person marking your card
- Your correct Handicap Index
- If you are playing only nine holes or you are playing in a competition that requires a fraction of your handicap eg 95% you should put your stroke allowance in the 'strokes received' box. If you are not sure of the number of strokes you receive please ask one of your playing partners.
- Tick the red or blue box to indicate which tees you are playing from.

Stroke Index (SI)

Each hole on the course has a level of difficulty and is awarded a number – 1 for the most difficult and 18 for the easiest. These SI numbers have nothing to do with the course hole numbers!

On our course, for Ladies, Hole 2, is designated the most difficult and is awarded Stroke Index 1. Hole 17 is rated the easiest and so awarded Stroke Index 18. Stroke Index numbers are shown in the last column of your score card.

The Stroke Index is important as your handicap reduces. For example, if your handicap reduces from 36, then you will no longer have the luxury of 2 shots over par on every hole for Stableford Competitions. At playing handicap 35 you have only 1 shot on the hole with Stroke Index 18. At playing handicap 34 you have only one shot on holes with Stroke Index 18 and 17 and so on as you progress.

You also have to work out where the player whose card you are marking gets 2 shots, one shot or no shots. For example, a player with handicap 19 gets 2 shots over par on hole 2, Stroke Index 1, and only one shot on every other hole.

A player with a playing handicap of 17 gets no shots on the hole allocated Stroke Index 18 but one shot on all the rest.

NOTE: Be aware that the Gents' SI differs from the Ladies SI.

In normal circumstances your playing partner who is marking your score card will enter your gross score for each hole in the column titled 'Player's Score', and will enter their own score on the left hand side in the 'Marker's Score' column. Whilst the COVID-19 is still widespread, procedures may be changed to avoid personal contact.

Always check your score and your marker's score when you finish your round and it is most important that you sign the card to show that you accept and agree with the scores written down.

If you are playing a qualifying competition (QC) your score will affect your Handicap Index so you must enter your gross scores via the internet. Please see the section on 'Competitions' to see how to do this. The Handicap Secretary will process all the scores for that competition and the result will be published on www.howdido.co.uk and sent to you. Please register on HOWDIDIDO as soon as possible. There is a HowDidiDo app you can download and use on most smart phones and tablets. If you have problems with this please let us know.

Results for Fun Competitions are posted on the notice board or emailed to Club Members but not published on HowDidiDo.

When you have completed your card, place it in the Les Mielles Ladies box by our noticeboard or in the external box as required during the pandemic.

5. The World Handicap System

Course Rating and Bogey Rating

Every golf course has to be 'Rated' to assess how difficult the course is for people to play. One of the main factors that affect the difficulty of a course is its length. The courses played from each set of Tees have different lengths.

At Les Mielles we have 4 sets of Tees, White and Yellow for the men and Red and Blue for the ladies. All four sets of Tees have been officially measured and rated to comply with WHS regulations to be used for handicaps and competitions.

As well as the length of the course from the Tees you are playing, many other things are taken into account, for example:-

- the topography and how well the ball will roll [compare La Moye with Les Mielles!]
- the shape of the hole ('doglegs' make the course more difficult for players with higher handicaps and forces them to make extra 'lay- up' shots instead of playing over the top of ponds etc)
- the width of the fairway, how much rough there is, how close trees , bushes and OBs are to the fairway
- how many bunkers and penalty areas there are and where they are placed , the exposure of the course – the altitude and wind etc. etc.

After all this is taken into consideration, 2 important numbers are produced:

1. A Course Rating which is the number of strokes a Scratch golfer would take to play that course
2. A Bogey Rating which is the number of strokes a lady player, in our case, with a handicap of around 24 would take to play the course.

The WHS uses the relationship between these numbers to work out how difficult the course is for all other levels of ability.

Slope Rating

Slope Rating tells us how difficult a course is to play.

The 2 important numbers, the Course Rating and the Bogey Rating numbers, are used in a calculation to work out the Slope Rating of a course.

The sum uses the difference between the Bogey Rating and the Course Rating and multiplies this by a constant factor, the same for every course. The Slope is then given as a whole number from 55 to 155.

The average Slope is 113, so the higher the number the harder the course. Easier courses have a Slope number of less than 113.

Obviously, if you play a harder course or from a harder set of tees, you will be given more strokes, your course handicap will increase. If you play an easier course or from an easier set of tees your course handicap will go down.

113 is the Slope Rating value where all players play off their actual handicap, that is the course is equally hard for both Scratch and Bogey players.

The Slope Rating for the Red Tees at Les Mielles Golf & Country Club is 135.

The 18 hole slope ratings for the Red Tee courses of other golf clubs in the Channel Islands are currently:-

La Moye	132	Alderney	107
Royal Jersey	121	La Grande Mare Guernsey	110
Les Ormes	109	Royal Guernsey	123
St. Clements	120		
Wheatlands	83		

Handicap Index

The handicap index is calculated by averaging the best 8 of the last 20 qualifying rounds. When a new 'best score' is added to the record it becomes number 1 and the old 8th drops out of the calculation.

The computer remembers previous low scores prior to the last 8 recorded. It also uses 'caps' somewhat similar to the old 'buffer zones' to prevent handicaps swinging wildly after a round. For these protective caps to come into action there must be a bank of 20 scores. The 'soft Cap' stops the movement of handicap by 50% after a 3.0 stroke increase over the low handicap index has been reached. Low handicap index is the lowest round in the last 12 months. The 'hard cap' will restrict upward movement to 5.0 strokes over the low handicap index.

New golfers get a Handicap Index by submitting score cards that total 54 holes in a combination of 18 or 9 holes. The Index will be the lowest of the 3 rounds, minus 2 strokes and it will continue to build until 20 scores are achieved. The highest Handicap Index is 54.

The computer can detect poor playing conditions if a certain number of higher scores are submitted on the same day and it can make adjustments – so a high score on a tough day may still be a good score and one of your best 8.

Course Handicap and Playing Handicap

Course Handicap

Now that you have a Handicap Index you can use it to get a 'fair deal' on every course you play. When you get to the course decide from which set of Tees you are going to play. If you are playing a harder course or off a harder set of Tees you will get more strokes (a higher course handicap) if it is an easier course you will get less strokes (a lower course handicap). To find out the correct course handicap for your round you will need to look at the table which each Club should have situated around the Club House or close to the 1st and 10th Tee boxes. Simply find your exact handicap index on the list, e.g. 20.4, and then alongside this will be the course handicap you should play off for that set of Tees for a friendly game.

Playing Handicap and Competitions

Some competitions we play have special handicap allowances which affect the number of strokes we will be given. Before you Tee off in these competitions, a special 'Playing Handicap' is worked out for you, based on your Course Handicap. For example, for Individual Strokeplay and Stableford Competitions you would play off 95% of your Course Handicap. Your committee will normally post the allowances for the competition beforehand and if there are special scorecards your name and Playing Handicap will be written on the card for you.

General Play and Competition Rounds

From November 2nd 2020 you must use the Course Handicap wherever you play, even in social non-qualifying golf, because that's what makes it fair for everyone.

When you play in a qualifying competition you must 'sign in' and register your intent to play in the competition. When you finish you must input your score as soon as possible and definitely on the day of the competition otherwise your Handicap Index will not be updated and you certainly will be disqualified from the competition.

For a score to count for your Handicap Index, the round must be played on a course that has an official Course and Slope Rating. These should be well displayed around the Clubhouse or on the golf course.

Your card must be verified by a marker, you must have completed at least 14 holes and you must be playing in an organised competition in an 'authorised format'.

'Authorised formats' are any rounds that you sign in for beforehand, 9 or 18 holes, which will include Supplementary Cards or what are now called 'Personal Scores'. Authorised formats also include any organised competitions you play in at other Clubs, e.g. their Opens.

Other types of competition which cannot be used for your Handicap Index are Four Ball Better Ball competitions (4BBB) and some other Matchplay formats.

The Competition Secretary/Handicap Secretary will always let you know whether or not the round you are playing will count towards your Handicap Index and what your handicap allowance will be for that competition format – for example you may have to play off a percentage of your Course Handicap for that competition. England Golf's recommended Individual Strokeplay and Stableford allowance is 95% of your course Handicap.

You will soon remember what your regular competition handicaps will be on your own course!

Stableford/ Nett Double Bogey Adjustment

This adjustment allows a player who has a bad score on one or more holes in a qualifying competition - or does not complete a hole for any reason - to continue to record a score on all the other holes for handicap index purposes.

The score for a hole not completed or for a hole where you have taken 9 or 10 shots will be reduced to the Double Bogey score for that hole, e.g. on a Par 3 scores more than 6 will be reduced to 5, Par 5 scores more than 8 will be reduced to 7 etc. This is done automatically by the computer after you have inputted your actual score. Your handicap adjustments will be made for you, printed and posted on the notice board and also sent to you by HOWDIDIDO.

6. Advice on Rules and Etiquette

- a) Be familiar with the make and number on the ball you are playing and mark it in a unique way which will allow you to identify it easily before your next shot and when other players assist you in searching for it if lost.
- b) **On the teeing ground** - ensure that you do nothing that would distract a fellow player when they are teeing off. Follow the flight of all balls in your group to assist in locating any wayward shots. You will find this is reciprocated when you play an errant shot. You may place your tee up to 2 club lengths behind the tee markers. However, you incur a penalty if you tee your ball up in front of the markers by even as little as an inch.
- c) **On the 1st tee of your round**, the lowest handicapper has the honour of teeing off first. On subsequent holes, the best score from the last completed hole has 'the honour'. If it is your honour, play your tee shot immediately and mark the score card afterwards. This speeds up play. When playing a team competition at HOME against another club, the visitors always have the honour on the 1st tee.

You may find that now ladies wish to play **READY GOLF** in order to really speed up the game. Ask on the first hole if this is acceptable in which case on any tee the person who is ready first tees off first, regardless of who had the best score on the previous hole.

- d) **Provisional Ball** - always play a provisional ball if there is any doubt that you may not find your first ball. There is nothing more annoying for the other players in your group and in the group behind to see a player return to where her previous shot was played when a provisional ball could have been played.

State clearly to your playing partners that you are playing a provisional ball, otherwise it becomes the ball in play. If, after playing a provisional ball you find the original, you **must** play your original ball. (There is an exception to this in a Local Rule for specific water hazards).

- e) **Lateral Water Hazards/Penalty Areas** – All water hazards at Les Mielles Golf Club are Lateral Water Hazards or Penalty Areas which are defined by an imaginary **straight line** between the **RED STAKES**. If any part of your ball touches the hazard, it is deemed to be in the hazard. Given the number of these, it is hardly surprising that the rules involved cause the greatest problems. Your **point of entry** into the Penalty Area is where your ball crosses that imaginary line between the red stakes as it enters the hazard. This point of entry is crucial in determining where you take your 'drop' under penalty. If your ball is 'playable' in the Penalty Area, you are allowed to fairly take your stance; however, take extra care to ensure your actions cannot be misconstrued as testing the surface or improving your lie, etc., as this would incur a penalty.

- f) **Taking relief from a Water Hazard/ Penalty Area** – It is not sufficient to simply assume that because your ball cannot be found outside of the hazard that it has gone into the hazard. You must **know or be virtually certain** that it has entered the penalty area to support this. In the absence of **virtual certainty**, it must be treated as a lost ball and your next shot must be played under penalty from where you played your original shot. Where there is knowledge or virtual certainty that your ball has definitely entered the water hazard, you have several options when taking a penalty drop. You may:

- drop your ball on the spot from which you played your original shot,
- go back as far as you wish, keeping your **point of entry** into the hazard in a direct line between you and the flagstick, and drop your ball,
- drop your ball within 2 club lengths of your **point of entry** but no closer to the hole;
- **Please read and fully understand Rule 26 in relation to water hazards which are a major feature of our golf course.**
- **Local Rule 6** – permits a provisional ball to be played at certain water hazards when there is doubt as to whether a ball has come to rest within that hazard. The purpose of this rule is to prevent delay in play. However, **IF YOU KNOW THAT YOUR BALL HAS COME TO REST WITHIN THE CONFINES OF THE HAZARD YOU MAY NOT PLAY A PROVISIONAL BALL**. In other words, you cannot play a provisional ball just because you are unsure if the ball will be unplayable or lost in the hazard. Please read this local rule carefully and understand it, as it is one that is often misinterpreted.

PLEASE NOTE this local rule states that if you do play a provisional ball under this rule and you find your original ball, you must either play your original ball **as it lies** or play your provisional ball. You do not have the option to 'take a drop' under Rule 26.1 with the original ball, e.g. if the original ball is lying in the margins of the water hazard/ Penalty area and you feel you do not have a decent enough lie to play it, you cannot pick it up and take a penalty drop.

- g) **Taking FREE Relief/Dropping Balls**. When taking free relief from staked trees, paths, immovable obstructions etc., you must mark the position of your ball before lifting it. Failure to do so will incur a penalty.
- Determine the **nearest point of relief** to where your ball lies (i.e. the point closest to where your ball lies where the obstruction from which you are taking relief no longer interferes with your stance and swing), ensuring that you take **full relief**, but no closer to the hole and mark this point **(1)**. NOTE: If you do not take **full relief**, you could incur a penalty,
 - Measure ONE club length no closer to the hole from point **(1)** and mark that point **(2)**.
 - **Hold your ball at knee height and drop it between points (1) and (2)**. The ball must not land closer to the hole.
 - If the ball rolls closer to the hole, you must re-drop it. If on the re-drop, either of the above happens again, you **must** then **place it** where the ball landed on the 2nd drop. Dropping the ball a 3rd time will incur a penalty.
- h) **Pump House Relief** – the pump house is an immovable obstruction and as such you are allowed relief without penalty **for stance and swing only, NOT line of sight**.
- i) **Preferred Lies** – Pay particular attention to **Temporary Local Rules** where preferred lies may apply on certain holes throughout the year or on all holes for some periods (notices are posted outside the clubhouse). Normally, this can only be done if your ball is on closely mown areas, i.e. the fairway, and around the greens. The correct method of doing this is to mark the position of your ball. You may then lift and clean it before replacing it within 6 inches but no nearer the hole. You cannot re-lift it.

- j) **On the course** – do not stand in a position or do anything to cause distraction to any other players. This includes players who are playing other holes, especially when tee-boxes and greens are in close proximity. Always select the club you are going to play your next shot with as quickly as possible and be ready to play at the earliest opportunity. Then move briskly onwards being continually mindful of the group playing behind you who may be waiting to play. Be continually aware of your pace of play and the group following. It might be prudent to invite the following group to play through rather than both groups ending up frustrated. On reaching the green, position your bag/trolley at the point where you will leave the green to go to the next tee.
- k) **On the Green** – make a special effort to find your pitch mark and repair it properly.
- If there are other pitch marks in the vicinity repair at least one of them as well,
 - If a pitch mark is on your line of putt, identify it first to your playing partner to agree that it is a pitch mark before you repair it.
 - When tending the flag, don't stand close to the hole if you are wearing spikes/cleats
 - When tending the flag do not let your shadow fall across the hole – stand on the other side,
 - After putting out you may pat down any spike marks to improve the condition of the green,
 - DO NOT dally on the green, move swiftly along to the next tee where you can mark your cards, chat about your putts on the last green etc.
 - Always put the flagstick back in the hole.
- l) **Out of Bounds** – All of the ball must be outside of the 'out of bounds' boundary markers for the ball to be deemed out of bounds. Always play a provisional ball if there is a possibility your ball may have landed out of bounds. You are not allowed to move any wall, fence or white stakes that mark the out of bounds boundary in order to play your ball. If you do, you incur a penalty, even if you replace the marker before you play your shot.
- m) **Adverse Weather Conditions:**
- Every attempt is made to anticipate extreme weather conditions and to notify members that a competition is cancelled ahead of the competition start time.
 - Members will be advised of the date to which a cancelled competition is re-scheduled as soon as possible.

Your Committee

Please remember that that the Les Mielles Ladies Golf Club Committee, and any other club member appointed by the Committee, work for **all** members of the club on a voluntary basis. The Committee is governed by the R&A and England Golf Rules and regulations.

The Committee will make every effort to be fair to all members. To this end, if you have any questions or complaints with regard to general play in terms of misbehaviour or infringements, you should approach the Committee and allow them to discuss the matter at the earliest opportunity.

We hope that you find these notes beneficial.

This document is no substitute for the R&A Rules of Golf. It is recommended that you have the latest edition of that 'little book' in your bag. The R&A and England Golf have also produced short useful videos of various rules in operation. These can be found on their respective websites.

7. Competitions and Scoring at Les Mielles Ladies Golf Club

There are two types of Competitions, Qualifying and Non-Qualifying Competitions. Qualifying Competitions (QCs) affect your Handicap Index and Non qualifying or what we call 'Fun' Competitions

(NQC's) do not affect your Handicap Index. To see how qualifying competitions affect your handicap see the section on the World Handicap System (WHS).

Sometimes the Club's Handicap Committee may look at the record of your Fun scores to see if there is evidence to increase or decrease your official WHS handicap. These scores are usually only used in exceptional circumstances.

The section on the WHS will also explain that Les Mielles has two officially 'slope rated' courses for ladies, the Blue Tee Course and the Red Tee course. The 'slope' of a course tells you its degree of difficulty. You may play off either course in Qualifying Competitions. Our Blue Tee course is easier than the Red.

When playing in a qualifying competition you must 'sign in' before you play to show your intention of entering the competition and that you understand your score may become part of your Handicap Index. 'Signing in' is now done by using the HOWDIDIDO website or app or the PSI system in the Club House. You MUST sign in BEFORE you play. If you don't, your score will not be counted for either your Handicap Index or for a place in the competition.

When you finish your competition round, you must verify your score with your playing partner and then input your gross score onto the WHS by using the HOWDIDIDO website or app or the PSI in the Club House.

Strokeplay Scoring

In strokeplay scoring simply count the number of strokes it takes to get the ball into the hole. At the end of the round your playing handicap is subtracted from your total or 'Gross score' to produce your 'Net score'. The lowest net score wins the competition. Strokeplay is used in both QCs and some NQCS.

If for any reason you do not complete a hole enter a zero on your card and move on and continue to record your scores for the remaining holes. Your card will be considered a No Return [N/R] for the competition but can still affect your Handicap Index

England Golf Medals (EGMs) are Strokeplay qualifying competitions usually played once a month during the summer season. Consistent performance in these competitions can lead to Club prizes and possibly to UK Regional and National Finals.

EGMs are run on Saturdays and Tuesdays and are separate competitions so it is possible to play in both competitions. If you wish to play in both, as a courtesy, please let the Handicap Secretary know.

Maximum Score Rules

These rules allow players to have a maximum number of shots for each hole. Our maximum score is Par + 5. Once you reach the maximum score for the hole, pick up your ball, record the maximum score for that hole on the scorecard and move on.

- Par 3 holes are capped at 8 shots
- Par 4 holes are capped at 9 shots
- Par 5 holes are capped at 10 shots

Stableford Scoring

Stableford Scoring is used for both QCs and NQCs, Individual and Team competitions. You score points on each hole. The amount of shots you are allowed is determined by the Stroke Index of the hole and your playing handicap. The Stroke Index [SI] indicates the degree of difficulty the hole is considered to be to play, the most difficult hole is listed as SI 1 the easiest hole is SI 18.

- A 'NET BOGEY' [one over the number of shots you are allowed for that hole] = 1 point
- A NET Par [exactly your permitted number of shots for that hole] = 2 points
- A NET BIRDIE [one under your allowed number of shots] = 3 points
- A NET EAGLE [two under your allowed number of shots] = 4 points
- A NET ALBATROSS [a very rare 3 shots under your allowed number of shots] = 5 points.

If you can't score any points on a hole, pick up your ball and move on to the next hole.

The winner is the person with the most points.

Stableford QCs are 'combined competitions', the scores from Saturday players are combined with Tuesday players to produce a winner. You cannot compete on both a Saturday and a Tuesday as is possible with the Strokeplay EGMs. You have to sign in on your playing day and input your score in the same way as the Strokeplay qualifying competitions.

9 Hole Qualifying Competitions

Currently it is possible to enter 9-hole qualifying competitions from the Blue tees on either the South course, holes 1-9 or the North course, holes 10 to 18. You are required to sign in and input your scores in the same way as you would for an 18-hole qualifying competition.

The Competitions - Annual Trophies, Fun competitions and How to play them

8. Annual Trophies

There are Trophies attached to some of the qualifying competitions. There can be two winners; one lady can win the competition and another lady the Trophy, depending on the criteria for the Trophy. Some of the Non qualifying competitions also have trophies.

Competitions with Trophies awarded annually

The Annie Ramsden Trophy

This was formerly the Bronze Medal. It runs from January to December –the best 4 scores out of 11 Strokeplay competitions for Handicaps 21 to 36. This is calculated from 8 EGMs and the 3 special Strokeplay competitions, the Thorpe Plate, The Club Repair Classic and The Committee Cup. Only scores entered on a player's designated playing day may count.

The Annual Cup

A non-qualifying competition, eligible for Ladies who won a strokeplay competition or an EGM in the previous year and the previous year's winner of the Annual Cup. The competition is usually run on a Sunday afternoon. The lowest net score wins the Cup.

The Annual (Thorpe) Plate

A Maximum Score qualifying competition attached to one of the 3 Maximum Score Strokeplay competitions, open to all Ladies, the best Net score wins the Plate.

The Bette Normington Cup

A qualifying Stableford Competition, open to all ladies BUT only seniors (50+) are eligible to win the Trophy. The lady over 50 with the most points wins.

The Bunny Trophy

This is an annual trophy awarded at the Winter Presentation to acknowledge a club member who has made a significant impact on LMLGC activities. The Club Committee chooses the winner.

The Braybrooke Salvers.

An NQC mixed pairs Foursomes Stableford competition, (See format definition below).

Only members of Les Mielles Ladies Golf Club and Les Mielles Golf Club who have WHS handicaps are eligible to play in this competition and the pairings are randomly drawn from the lists of Ladies and Gents who sign up to play

Captain v Vice Captain's Match

A drawn, Team, Individual Matchplay competition. Lady Captain's team plays in Club jumpers and Vice Captain's team plays in blue jumpers. Allowance is given for full handicap differences. The team that has the most individual match wins, is awarded the Salver.

Chatsworth Pairs Cups

A Greensomes pairs competition, Stableford format. The pair with the most points win the Cups.

Club Champion Trophy

Awarded at the Winter Presentation to the player with the best 6 lowest gross scores from her strokeplay rounds over the year. Only scores from a player's designated playing day count.

The Club Repair Classic

This is one of the three Qualifying Maximum Score Strokeplay Competitions open to everyone. It has only one Division and there are prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, the lowest net score wins the trophy.

The Committee Cup

This is one of the three Qualifying Maximum Score Strokeplay Competitions open to all ladies. The lowest of all net scores wins a prize but the trophy goes to the lowest net score by a past or present committee member.

The Continuum Open

A Mixed Pairs Greensomes 'Open' competition. Open to any golfer with a recognised WHS Handicap. Pairs have the option to convert their round from Strokeplay to Stableford when they reach the 14th tee. It is played on a Saturday with afternoon tee-off times with dinner and prize giving in the evening. There are trophies and prizes for the Lowest Gross score and Lowest Net score and a separate prize, but no trophy, for the Best Stableford score. Additional prizes are presented for nearest the pins.

The Copper Trophy

A QC attached to a Stableford competition, open to all ladies but only those with handicaps of 29 and above are eligible to win the trophy. Highest points from the lady with a 29 + handicap wins the trophy.

Invitation Day Pairs Cups

A NQC Pairs 4 Ball Better Ball (4BBB) stableford competition, with the one best score to count on each hole. LMLGC members invite ladies from other clubs to play as guests. Guests must have a WHS competition handicap. The morning 'shotgun' start is followed by lunch.

Jack A'Court Trophy

Awarded, at the Winter Presentation, to the lady with the best 6 net scores from the year's strokeplay rounds. These must have been played on her designated playing day.

Jill White (Most Improved Bronze Player) Trophy

Awarded at the Winter Presentation to the lady with a handicap of 21 and above who has gained the best reduction in her handicap over the year.

Jill Davies (Most Improved Silver Player) Trophy

Awarded at the Winter Presentation to the lady with a handicap of 20 and below who has had the best reduction in her handicap over the year.

Laffoley Chapman Anniversary Trophy

This is awarded every 5 years to celebrate the Club's Anniversaries. All past and present LMLGC members are invited to play in a Texas Scramble Strokeplay competition – team of 3 -followed by dinner and presentation. See Fun competitions for how to play a Scramble. The team with the lowest net score wins the trophy.

Most Birdies Trophy

Awarded at the Winter Presentation to the lady who scored the most gross birdies in qualifying competitions throughout the year.

Parkins Putting Competition

An individual Strokeplay NQC, recording the number of putts as well as the gross score. The player with the least number of putts wins the trophy.

Past and Present LMLGC Captains Trophy

Played every 2 years by past and present Lady Captains of LMLGC. It is an individual stableford competition followed by lunch. The player with the best stableford score wins the trophy.

Silver v Bronze Matchplay Salver

Ladies are invited to 'sign up' and Teams are drawn. Ladies with handicaps of up to 20 play in the Silver Team, handicaps of 21 + play in the Bronze Team. The team that wins the most individual matches is awarded the Salver.

The 'Nines' Salver

Awarded at the Winter Presentation to the Lady with the best 3, qualifying 9-hole stableford scores – on both the North and South courses - over the year.

Sue Trower Trophy

Presented to the lady with a handicap of up to 20 who has had the best 4 net scores out of the year's qualifying Strokeplay competitions.

Summer Eclectic Trophies

Division 1 (Handicaps up to 20) the Myra Tanner Trophy

Division 2 (Handicaps of 21 +) the Judy Farley Trophy

These trophies are awarded at the Winter Presentation to the ladies with the lowest aggregate scores over the required number of rounds from April to September of that year.

Winter Eclectic Trophy

Awarded at the Summer Presentation to the lady with the lowest aggregate score over the required number of rounds from the preceding October to April of the following year.

9. FUN COMPETITIONS and how to play them – can be played over 9 or 18 Holes

ABCD: A (NQ) TEAM of 4 Strokeplay competition. Teams of 4 are 'drawn' to play together.

Each member of the team plays her own ball throughout the round. All of the players are classified based on their handicap, with 'A's being the lowest and 'D's being the highest. Teams are drawn with one from each category. Scoring = Count the gross score of the A and B player and the net score of the C and D player on each hole. This lends itself to individual as well as team prizes.

➤ **The Team with the over-all Lowest score wins.**

Cha-Cha-Cha: An (NQ) TEAM of 4 Strokeplay, Teams of 4 are 'drawn' to play together.

In the Cha-Cha-Cha format, each member of the team of 4 plays her own ball throughout. But a 3-hole rotation exists for determining how many scores are used to create the team score.

- On the first hole (Cha), the one lowest net score counts as the team score.
- On the second hole (Cha-Cha), the two lowest net scores count as the team score.
- On the third hole (Cha-Cha-Cha), the three lowest net scores count as the team score.

The rotation starts over again on the fourth hole.

➤ **The team with the over-all Lowest Score wins the competition.**

Champagne Scramble (see also 'Shambles'): A TEAM (NQ) Stableford competition with each lady playing off her own individual handicap. Players are 'drawn' to play in teams of three or four.

- On every hole, all players tee off.
- One tee shot of the three/four is chosen and marked (usually with a tee peg).
- Each lady then plays her 2nd shot from within 6 inches of that marker.
- Then, unlike a Texas Scramble, each player plays her third, fourth etc. shots from where her own ball lies until she 'holes out'. ONLY the second shot is played from a common point.
- As in Texas Scramble, each individual player must contribute 3 or 4 tee shots.
- The best two Stableford scores count on each hole.

➤ **The team with the most Stableford points wins the competition.**

Drives & Putts:

An Individual (NQ) STROKEPLAYfun competition.

- If your tee shot lands on the fairway (on the green on a par 3) you score 10 points.
- Then there is no opportunity to score again until you reach the green.
- For every putt you take to hole out, you must deduct 1 point from your running total. So, if you don't hit the fairway with your tee shot on hole 1 the number of putts you take on the first green means that you end up with a running total of minus points.
- When you have completed your round, you **ADD HALF** of your playing handicap to the total points you have accumulated over the 18 holes.

➤ **The Lady with the most points wins the competition**

Eclectic Competitions

These are your best scores on each hole over a period of time.

➤ **Summer Eclectic**

In the summer there are 2 divisions. Division 1, for handicaps up to 20 and Division 2, for handicaps 20 and upwards.

Your first eclectic card must be 18 holes. You must putt out on every hole.

Scores from the EGMs and the 3 special Strokeplay competitions, played on your designated playing day, automatically go towards your eclectic score when you enter your gross score on the computer and press the 'Accept eclectic score' button on the day. The 3 special Strokeplays are the Thorpe Plate, the Club Repair Classic and the Committee Cup.

You can play EGMs on both Tuesday and Saturdays. If you do this you should inform the Handicap Secretary that you are doing so. The score from your non designated playing day will not count automatically so you must use a 'Wild Card' for your improved score to count.

If you play one of the 3 special Strokeplay competitions, on a day which is not your designated playing day, your score will automatically count as those competitions are combined so you do not have to write a wild card for any improved scores.

If your first card is not an EGM or a special Strokeplay it should be 18 holes and you must putt out on every hole. Write out your first 'Wild Card'. Head it up as 'Eclectic Wild Card 1' and place it in the box.

From then on, if you play at any other time and wish to declare an improved score you have to use one of your 6 Wild Cards. On these cards write only the scores of the holes you have improved on, sign it, have your playing partner sign it and place it in the box.

NB

Please note that **NRs** [No Returns] do not qualify for automatic updates on the computer so if you have good scores on that card you must use one of your 'Wild Cards'

➤ **The Players with the lowest aggregate scores win**

➤ **Winter Eclectic**

In winter there is only one division, no scores are entered on the computer but you have **12** 'Wild Cards' to submit your best scores.

As in the summer your first card, this time your first Wild card, will be 18 holes, and you must putt out on every hole.

No EGM or special Strokeplay rounds are automatically counted. Also, as in the summer, after your first Wild card all others must show only the scores on holes which you have improved.

- **The Player with the lowest aggregate score wins**

Florida Scramble: Normally, a **(NQ) TEAM Strokeplay** competition.

- Players are 'drawn' to play in teams of three or four.
- Team handicaps are calculated - 25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicaps
- All team players tee off,
- One tee shot is chosen and marked (usually with a tee peg).
 - (a) The player whose shot is chosen does not play the next shot,
 - (b) The other ladies play from within 6 inches of that marker,

Play continues implementing (a) and (b) on each shot, including on the putting green..

This continues until the ball is holed.

NOTE: Normally, a minimum of three or four tee shots of each team player must be chosen.

Foursomes:

A **(NQ)** Competition played in Pairs.

Player 1 elects to drive from the first tee and will then tee off from every odd-numbered tee.

Player 2 tees off from every even-numbered tee.

After each tee shot, the players take alternate shots until the ball is holed.

The Playing Handicap for each pairing is calculated ½ of their combined, individual course handicaps

- Normally a **Stableford** competition when the pair with the most points wins.
- If **Strokeplay**, the pair having the lowest Net score wins.

Four Ball Better Ball ("4BBB"):

A **(NQ)** Competition played in Pairs.

This is a **Stableford** competition with each player playing off 85% of her individual course handicap.

Each player plays their own ball throughout but only one score counts on each hole.

- **The pair with the best Stableford score wins the competition.**

Greensomes:

A **(NQ)** Competition played in Pairs.

The Pair play off a combined Handicap calculated by taking 60% of the lower course handicap and adding 40% of the higher course handicap. e.g. (30 x 60%) 18 + (12 x 40%) 5 = 23.

Both players tee off, the best tee shot is selected and that ball is then played by the other player.

Thereafter, players play alternate shots until the ball is holed.

- Normally a **Stableford** competition when the pair with the most points wins.
- If **Strokeplay**, the pair with the lowest Net score wins.

Gruesomes:

A **(NQ)** fun Matchplay Practice round played in Pairs, basically the same as Greensomes above, except the worst tee shot could be selected by the pair you are playing with/against.

Thereafter, players play alternate shots until the ball is holed.

This **practice fun** round may be adapted to an **(NQ)** Stableford or an **(NQ)** Strokeplay scoring round to produce a winning pair.

- Normally a **Stableford** competition when the pair with the most points wins the match.
- If **Strokeplay**, the pair with the lowest Net score wins the match.

Majors:

These are monthly **(NQ)** competitions run by Les Mielles Golf & Country Club, normally on the third Saturday of each of the months April to September. These are **NOT** LMLGC competitions

- **The Ladies format is Stableford and the Lady with the most Stableford points wins.**

Nines Competition:

A **(NQ)** **Stableford** competition played over two days, either 2 Tuesdays or 2 Saturdays. Either 9 or 18 holes may be played on one or both days. After play on both days has been completed

- **The lady with the two best nine hole scores from either two north or south cards or one from each side wins the competition.**

No Alibi: An **Individual**, **(NQ)** Strokeplay Fun competition

Extreme mulligan golf where your playing handicap converts into the number of mulligans you receive (a Mulligan allows you to discount a shot you have just played and re-play it)

So, if you have a 6 handicap you get 6 mulligans during the round to replay any shot. However, you must use your opening tee shot and you cannot replay a shot twice. Everyone then plays off scratch.

- **The Individual with the lowest over-all score wins.**

Novelty:

A **(NQ)** Individual **Stableford** competition over 9 or 18 holes, with the availability of using 6 different novelty rules in different situations. For example, a free drop out of water penalty area, a free 2nd tee shot (commonly known as a Mulligan). Details of the novelty shots will be explained on the day.

- **The lady with the best Stableford points wins the competition.**

Pairs Multiplier

A **(NQ)** Pairs Stableford competition played over 9 or 18 holes.

Both players tee off and complete the hole.

The Team score is the sum of the individual scores multiplied by each other

Eg 1 Player A scores 3 points Player B scores 2 points Team score = 6 points

Eg 2 Player A scores 4 points Player B scores 0 points Team score = 0 points

Aim to score something on each hole.

- **The Team with the highest number of Stableford points wins.**

(Course) Par Competition:

(formerly the Lori Baker Par Comp) Can be Qualifying or Non Qualifying

A Matchplay format, open to all Members (no handicap restrictions to enter)

You play off your full course handicap, hole by hole, against the Course Par.

- If you score under your net par you win the hole (+).
- If you score your net par you halve the hole (0)

- If you score over your net par you lose the hole (-).
- **The Lady with the most '+' on her card is the winner.**

Patsomes:

A **(NQ) Stableford Pairs** competition where players are 'drawn' to play together.

The format changes three times over the 9 or 18 holes. In the 18 holes version

- Holes 1 to 6 are played as a 4BBB
 - Holes 7 to 12 are played as Greensomes
 - Holes 13 to 18 are played as Foursomes.
- **The pair with the most Stableford points wins the competition**

Ping 4BBB:

A **(NQ) Stableford 4BBB** competition for **Pairs** with the better stableford score to count on each hole (see earlier explanation of the 4BBB format). It is primarily a competition where the winning pair may qualify to progress through to play in a UK final, depending on their total score.

A separate "non-UK Qualifying" competition is run alongside this one for ladies who choose not to progress through to the UK stages.

- **The Pair with the most Stableford points wins the UK Qualifying competition.**

Progressive Stableford:

A **(NQ) TEAM Stableford** competition where the players are 'drawn' to play in teams of 3. The scores that count change in groups of six. The 9 Hole version is called the Waltz, see below.

- on Holes 1 to 6 only one score counts;
 - on holes 7 to 12 the two best scores count
 - on holes 13 to 18 all three scores count.
- **The team with the most Stableford points wins the competition.**

Rainbow Tees:

An Individual **(NQ) Stableford** competition played off blue, red and yellow tees in turn.

- **The Lady with the most Stableford points wins the competition.**

Roll the Dice: A **(NQ) TEAM of 4 Scramble Fun competition** . Teams are 'drawn' to play together.

Each team is given one die. After all four players hit their tee shot you roll the die. If a 1 (one) comes up, pick and play the drive of the 1st person listed on the scorecard. If a 2 (two) pick and play the drive of the second person listed on the scorecard, etc. If you roll a 5 (five) pick and play the worst drive and if you roll a 6 (six) play the best drive. The die is only rolled to decide on the tee shot to play. Play then continues with the best shot being selected until the ball is holed out.

- **if a Stableford competition, the team with the most points wins.**
- **If Strokeplay, the team with the Lowest Net score wins.**

Secret Pairs : A (NQ) Stableford game – Each lady plays 9 or 18 Holes After submitting their scores

the names of all the competitors are placed in a hat and two names at a time are randomly drawn out.

The scores of each pair are added together to determine the winners.

The Highest Stableford score wins

Scotch Foursomes: A (NQ) Fun Competition played in Pairs.

Similar to ordinary Foursomes (see Foursomes explanation) except the alternate shot is carried on from hole to hole. That means if Partner A holes out on the first green then Partner B will drive off on the second and so on throughout the round. Watch out for the occasional tactical miss on the green to ensure that the stronger driver tees off on the next tee.

- Normally a **Stableford** competition when the pair with the most points wins.
- If **Strokeplay**, the pair having the lowest Net score wins.

Shambles (see also 'Champagne Scramble') A (NQ) TEAM Stableford competition with each lady playing off her own individual handicap.

Players are 'drawn' to play in teams of three or four.

- On every hole, all players tee off.
- One tee shot of the three/four is chosen and marked (usually with a tee peg).
- Each lady then plays her 2nd shot from within 6 inches of that marker.
- Then, unlike a Texas Scramble, each player plays her third, fourth etc. shots from where her own ball lies until she 'holes out'. ONLY the second shot is played from a common point.
- As in Texas Scramble, each individual player must contribute 3 or 4 tee shots.
- The best two Stableford scores count on each hole.
 - **The team with the most Stableford points wins the competition.**
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Skills (1 and 2) Fun Practice: A two-part (NQ) Individual practice round/competition that sets a special target for each player to achieve on each hole for which points are achieved. Examples are, but not restricted to:

<u>Hole 1</u>	land your tee shot on the fairway	= 1 point
<u>Hole 2</u>	take only 2 putts to 'hole out'	= 2 points
<u>Hole 3</u>	land your 2 nd shot on the green	= 1 point
<u>Hole 5</u>	get over the water in one	= 3 points etc. etc.

NOTE: Special scorecards are prepared that identify the skill required on each hole and the points available to be scored.

Skills 1 is played early in the year

Skills 2 later in the year to see if progress has been made – one of the days could be a bad day!

This can be played as a **Stableford** competition.

- • **The Lady with the most Stableford points over the 2 legs wins the competition.**

Six-Six-Six: Primarily a Practice round to familiarise players with the 4BBB format.

It is a **TEAM** of 4 players with 2 pairs playing a (NQ) **Stableford** round playing throughout in a **Fourball Better Ball format** (see 4BBB explained).

- The players within the group change partners every 3 or 6 six holes depending if they are playing 9 or 18 holes.

- Handicaps are calculated at 85% of the individual's full handicap.

If it has been progressed to the TEAM Stableford competition, there is the option of only one best score to count or the 2 best scores to count. This could be played as a 9 hole competition change after every 3 holes.

➤ **The team with the most Stableford points wins the competition**

Split Sixes: Primarily a PRACTICE round to familiarise players with the Greensomes format.

It is a **TEAM** of 4 players with 2 pairs playing 9 or 18 holes **(NQ) Stableford** round in a **Greensomes format**. (see Greensomes explained).

The players within the group change partners every three or six holes depending whether they are playing 9 or 18 holes.

If it has been progressed to the TEAM Stableford competition, there is the option of only one best score to count or both scores to count.

➤ **The team with the most Stableford points wins the competition**

St Andrews Awesomes: A 9 or 18 hole **(NQ)** Fun Competition played in **Pairs**.

Similar to a Greensomes, (see 'Greensomes' explanation) with a touch of Foursomes, (see 'Foursomes' explanation) except that one player plays all the second shots on the odd numbered holes and the other player plays all the second shots on the even number hole, irrespective of which tee shot is chosen.

Thereafter, they play alternate shots until the ball is 'holed.' They still both drive and elect the better drive for the appropriate player to play.

The pair play off a combined handicap calculated by taking 60% of the lower handicap and adding 40% of the higher handicap e.g. $(30 \times 60\%) 18 + (12 \times 40\%) 5 = 23$

➤ **Normally a Stableford Competition where the pair with the most points wins**

Texas Scramble: A 9 or 18 hole **(NQ) TEAM Strokeplay** competition.

- Players are 'drawn' to play in teams of three or four.
- The team handicap is calculated 25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest course handicaps.
- All team players tee off
- One tee shot is chosen and marked (usually with a tee peg). The player whose shot is chosen must play her ball first
- The other ladies play from within 6 inches of that marker,
- Normally, a minimum of three or four tee shots of each team player must be chosen.
- After each subsequent shot, one is chosen, marked as above. The player whose shot is chosen must again play her ball first and all ladies again play from within 6 inches of that marker.
- This continues until the ball is holed.

➤ **The team with the lowest NET score wins the competition.**

Three (3) Blind Mice: A **(NQ) Individual Stableford** competition. Three 'blind' holes are chosen by an independent person in advance of the competition and 'hidden' from the players. The scores earned on these three holes are removed from the individual's total Stableford score.

➤ **The Lady with the most Stableford points wins the competition**

Tombstone: A **(NQ) Individual Strokeplay** competition.

Your playing handicap is added to the par of the course (e.g. handicap 20+71=91). When you have played 91 shots your competition challenge is finished. Your competition result is where you finished

after you've played your 91st shot. This could well be 'in the water, 40 yards from the 17th green' or '60 yards from the 18th hole'.

You must clearly write on the score card where you finished on the golf course.

- **The Lady who finishes at a point furthest around the course than any other player wins**

Waltz: A (NQ) **Team** competition where players are 'drawn' to play in teams of three. It is played similarly to the Progressive Stableford and can be played as a 9 or 18-hole competition.

- Holes 1 to 3 one score to count
- Holes 4 to 6 two scores to count
- Holes 7 to 9 - three scores to count

- **The team with the most Stableford Points wins the competition**

Xmas Mixed Pairs: An 18/9 hole (NQ) **4BBB Mixed Pairs Stableford** competition run by LMLGC. The pairs comprise a Lady LMLGC member and a Gent from Les Mielles Golf Club.

In the festive spirit, prizes are usually Christmas hampers and alcohol. The competition is usually followed by mince pies and mulled wine.

- **The Pair with the most Stableford points wins the competition**

Xmas Texas Scramble: A (NQ)**TEAM Strokeplay** competition of 4 players, run by LMGC that is Open to any golfer with a WHS handicap.

- However, the teams of 4 must include at least one lady and one of the team must be a LMGC or a LMLGC member. Normal Texas Scramble rules apply with a minimum of four of each player's Pair play off a combined Handicap calculated by taking 25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest course handicaps.

- **The team with the lowest score wins the Competition**

Yellowball: A (NQ)**TEAM** competition where players are 'drawn' to play in teams of three.

Each player plays her Individual **Stableford** game off 95% course handicap. The 'Yellow Ball' title rotates consecutively between the three players over the 18 holes. All three stableford points count on each hole with the points of the designated 'Yellow Ball' player being doubled.

- **The team with the most Stableford points wins the competition**

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