

# **Match & Handicap Guidance**

## **GGC Match & Handicap Guidance Notes.**

**The Match and Handicap Convenor has the following authority available in performing his role at Greenock GC.**

Delay to Start of Play - In the event of certain circumstances, such as mist, frost, vandalism, inclement weather which is predicted to cease or any other unforeseen situation, then a 1 hour delay to the start of play can be implemented. All member's times move back by 1 hour.

Restructure of the Competition – If the Match and Handicap Convenor considers that the condition of the course is not conducive for the reasonable play of a competition, then, as soon as is practical, he can change the competition into a non handicap qualifying sweepstake. He cannot change the competition into one where a trophy is at stake or where qualification to a Matchplay event takes place.

90% Rule – When a situation arises where more than 90% of the entrants have returned their scores (No Returns included) and the competition is called off, possibly due to extreme bad weather or holes being flooded, then the 90% Rule shall be applied as follows. The competition shall be declared null and void. Those not completing their competition round shall have their entry monies refunded into their Pro shop accounts. The remaining participants shall be deemed to have taken part in a sweepstake competition and the monies shall be allocated in the normal fashion. No trophies shall be awarded. Only those players with net scores of 68 or less shall have their handicaps adjusted.

## **Greenock Golf Club Championship**

### **Week 1 –**

Timesheet put out for the first round of the Championship where every 2nd timeslot can have three names appended.

### **Week 2 - Championship Strokeplay Round 1**

The first 18-hole stroke play round shall take place

Timesheet put out for the second round of the Championship where every 2nd timeslot can have three names appended.

In the event of withdrawals from the Championship, those times will be available to members on a “first come, first served” basis.

## **Week 3 – Championship Strokeplay Round 2**

All members are playing in the same sweepstake competition.

There will be a random draw for the matchplay rounds.

The presentation of the Syd Montford Trophy shall take place as soon as is practical after the completion of round two.

In the event of one of the rounds being cancelled, then qualifying will take place over the remaining single round.

### **18-hole Matchplay Rounds will take place on:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday (starting at 5pm)

Players should be ready to tee off at their allocated time as per rules of golf. Any player who has difficulty with his tee times should contact the M & H convenor.

Rule 6-3a shall apply

### **36-hole Matchplay Final will take place on:**

Saturday. (First 18 starting at 0830 and second round at 1300).

### **Rules of Challenge Book.**

The challenger must provide his opponent with 3 dates for the tie to be played. This challenge must be put into the challenge book 5 days before the first of his challenges. This must include one Sunday and two weekdays as a challenge. Reasonable times for the ties must be entered.

The challengee shall respond to the challenge by accepting one of the challenges and is required to do so, 2 days before it is due to take place.

If a tie has not taken place, then the committee shall remove one of the players using the following procedure:

If no challenges are in the book, then the challenger is eliminated.

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### **PLAY TO A FINISH IN ALL CASES**

**ALL MEMEBERS PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL MATCH PLAY GAMES ARE TO BE COMPLETED ON THE DAY UNLESS THEY ARE UNABLE TO DO SO DUE TO POOR LIGHT. IF EXTRA HOLES ARE REQUIRED, PLEASE ENSURE THESE ARE USED. IT IS NOT AN OPTION TO FINSISH ALL SQUARE AFTER 18 AND RESCHEDULE. IF YOU CANNOT DO THIS, THEN PLEASE DO NOT ARRANGE FOR DIFFERENT DATE. THIS HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED TO AVOID CONFUSION AND ENSURE ALL TIES ARE PLAYED IN A TIMELY MANNER.**

### **The Reid Rose Bowl**

From a Saturday strokeplay qualifying competition, the 16 players with the best net scores shall progress to a matchplay stage.

A random draw shall take place and the draw shall be displayed in a position of prominence.

In the event of a tie for places from the strokeplay round, then, the Standard Countback Procedure shall be used.

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### **The Lyle Medal**

There are 3 competitions played throughout the season. The Spring, Summer and Autumn meetings.

The Lyle Medal is awarded to the player who has the best 2 round aggregate Net score from these.

In the event of a tie, then the player with the best net score from his third round shall be declared the winner.

### **The Robert Spence Trophy**

The Robert Spence Trophy is a scratch competition where the trophy is awarded to the player with the best 10 scratch score total achieved during the season.

Eligible rounds are all Saturday and Wednesday strokeplay competitions, up to and including, the Kinnaird Trophy.

In the event of a tie, the eleventh score shall be used to decide the winner and so forth.

## **The Syd Montford Trophy**

The Syd Montford Trophy is awarded to the player who has the best scratch total score over the 2 rounds of the club championship.

In the event of a tie, then the player with the better second round score shall be the winner. If there is still no winner, then the Standard Countback Procedure shall be applied, starting with the second round.

## **The Challenge Cup**

All ordinary members may enter the Challenge Cup, which is a handicap Matchplay competition.

An entry sheet shall be posted in the clubhouse before the start of the season and players can append their names.

A random draw shall take place and the draw shall be displayed in a position of prominence.

The Matchplay rounds shall take place between dates determined by the committee.

Full handicap differential is applied. See "Rules of Challenge Book" for details of challenge procedure.

## **The Seniors Championship**

The Seniors Championship is a scratch competition for members who are aged 55 or over on the day of the qualifying round. It is an 18-hole strokeplay qualifier followed by a series of Matchplay rounds.

From the Saturday strokeplay qualifying competition, the 16 players with the best scratch scores shall progress to a matchplay stage.

A random draw shall take place and the draw shall be displayed in a position of prominence.

In the event of a tie for places from the strokeplay round, then, the Standard Countback Procedure shall be used.

The Matchplay rounds shall take place between dates determined by the committee.

See "Rules of Challenge Book" for details of challenge procedure.

The final shall be played over 18 holes and shall take place on the same day as the Club Championship final.

## **The Whinhill Seniors**

The Whinhill Seniors is a handicap competition for members who are aged 55 or over on the day of the qualifying round. It is a strokeplay qualifier followed by a series of Matchplay rounds.

From a Saturday strokeplay qualifying competition, the 16 players with the best net scores shall progress to a matchplay stage.

A random draw shall take place and the draw shall be displayed in a position of prominence.

In the event of a tie for places from the strokeplay round, then, the Standard Countback Procedure shall be used.

The Matchplay rounds shall take place between dates determined by the committee.

See "Rules of Challenge Book" for details of challenge procedure.

## **The Captains' Foursomes**

All ordinary members may enter the Captains' Foursomes, which is a handicap Matchplay competition for the play of Foursomes.

An entry sheet shall be posted in the clubhouse before the start of the season and players can append their name and that of their partner.

A random draw shall take place and the draw shall be displayed in a position of prominence.

The Matchplay rounds shall take place between dates determined by the committee.

The handicap differential is half the difference in the two teams' totals.

See "Rules of Challenge Book" for details of challenge procedure.

## **The Provost Trophy**

The Provost Trophy is a handicap competition for teams of two members playing together in a Fourball Better Ball event.

From a Saturday fourball betterball strokeplay qualifying competition, where each player receives 90% handicap allowance, the 16 couples who have the best net scores shall progress to a matchplay stage.

In the event of a tie for places from the strokeplay round, then, the Standard Countback Procedure shall be used.

A random draw shall take place and the draw shall be displayed in a position of prominence.

The Matchplay rounds shall take place between dates determined by the committee.

The handicap differential is determined by each player receiving 90% handicap allowance against the handicap of the lowest player in the group of four.

See "Rules of Challenge Book" for details of challenge procedure.

An entry fee is levied from all participants and the money is donated to the Provost of Greenock's charity fund.

## **The Navy Cup**

The Navy Cup is a Greensomes event for teams of two players.

A Greensomes format is not recognised form of golf by the Royal and Ancient, so no formal rules are set in place.

Subsequently, Greenock GC organise this competition using our own handicapping system. However, the rules of golf shall be strictly adhered to during play.

The winners of the trophy are the team who has the best net score on the day of the 18-hole competition.

Handicaps are allocated to each team in the following manner:

The better player shall receive 0.6 of his handicap and his partner shall receive 0.4. The two results are added together to give the team handicap.

Both players will tee off at each hole and, from their resultant positions, shall decide which ball to play from there on, using alternate strokes.

The other ball is discarded.

In the event of a tie for places from the strokeplay round, then, the Standard Countback Procedure shall be used.

### **The Challenge Quaich**

The Challenge Quaich is a handicap Matchplay competition.

The qualifiers for this event are those players who have played and lost a single round (either in the preliminary or first round proper) in the Challenge Cup.

A random draw shall take place and the draw shall be displayed in a position of prominence.

The Matchplay rounds shall take place between dates determined by the committee.

Full handicap differential is applied. See “Rules of Challenge Book” for details of challenge procedure.

### **The Bennett Cup**

There are 6 Wednesday medal competitions played throughout the season during the months of April, May, June, July, August and September.

The Bennett Cup is awarded to the player who has the best 2 round aggregate Net score from these.

In the event of a tie, then the player with the best net score from his third round shall be declared the winner. A further tie would be resolved by using the fourth best net score.

### **The Willow Trophy**

There are 6 Wednesday Willow medal competitions played throughout the season during the months of April, May, June, July, August and September.

The Willow Trophy is awarded to the player who has the best 2 round aggregate Net score from these.

In the event of a tie, then the player with the best net score from his third round shall be declared the winner. A further tie would be resolved by using the fourth best net score.

### **The Laurie Trophy**

This is a handicap competition for players who have reached the age of 55 years on the day of the competition.

The Laurie Trophy is awarded to the player who has the best net score from the handicap strokeplay competition. In the event of a tie the Standard Countback Procedure shall be used.

### **The Turner Quaich**

This is a handicap competition for players who have reached the age of 65 years on the day of the competition.

The Turner Quaich is awarded to the player who has the best net score from the handicap strokeplay competition.

In the event of a tie the Standard Countback Procedure shall be used.

### **The Crawford Bogey**

This is a handicap Bogey competition.

The Crawford Bogey is awarded to the player who has the best result against the course during the handicap strokeplay competition.

Players are awarded full handicap allowance and they then play a match against the course, using the stroke index table.

If a player's net score at a hole is "Better than Par", then he wins that hole.

If his net score is "Equal to Par", then he halves that hole.

If his net score is "Poorer than Par", then he loses that hole.

In the event of a tie the Standard Countback Procedure shall be used.

### **The H G McLennan Trophy**

This is a handicap competition played over two successive Saturdays.

The H G McLennan Trophy is awarded to the player with the best two round total score from the two handicap strokeplay events.

In the event of a tie the trophy will be awarded to the player with the better second round score. If this does not resolve the competition then the Standard Countback Procedure shall be used and applied to the second round in the first instance.



### **The Kinnaird Trophy**

This trophy is regarded as Greenock GC's medals final.

The event is held in October each year, in conjunction with a sweepstake for non-qualifiers.

Members may qualify by winning their relevant medal prize in each of the monthly medals which run from March to October. The winners of the previous year's October medals shall also qualify if this is carried forward due to unforeseen circumstances.

There are 3 handicap section winners and a scratch winner. No player can win 2 prizes on the same day.

The Kinnaird Trophy is awarded to the player with the best net score on the day of the competition.

In the event of a tie the Standard Countback Procedure shall be used.

### **The Captain's Day Trophy**

This is a handicap strokeplay competition.

The Captains Trophy is awarded to the player with the best net score on the day. In the event of a tie the Standard Countback Procedure shall be used.

### **The Centenary Quaich**

This is a handicap strokeplay competition.

The Centenary Quaich is awarded to the player with the best net score on the day. In the event of a tie the Standard Countback Procedure shall be used.

### **The Charity Salver**

This is a handicap strokeplay competition.

The Charity Salver is awarded to the player with the best net score on the day. In the event of a tie the Standard Countback Procedure shall be used.

There is an entry fee, determined by the management committee. All funds from this shall go to the club's charity fund and be distributed, as seen fit, by the committee.

### **The Tri Am Trophy**

This is a handicap strokeplay competition.

The Tri Am Trophy is awarded to the player with the best net score on the day.

In the event of a tie the Standard Countback Procedure shall be used.

There is an entry fee, determined by the management committee. All funds from this shall go to the Tri Am Fund and be distributed, as seen fit, by the Tri Am committee.

The winner of the Tri Am Trophy shall be given a place in the Tri Am competition.

### **The R C Johnstone Trophy**

This trophy is awarded to the most improved golfer in the club over that particular season, as regards handicap.

Only Ordinary members may win this award and the person must have been a member for over one year (not joined during the year in question).

A sliding scale of factors are applied to all members who have had their handicaps reduced and this is dependent on the reduction allocated and the members handicap at that time. The higher the handicap the less points awarded therefore the lower the handicap the more points awarded due to the difficulty in reducing lower handicaps. This is calculated fully by the handicap computer programme used by the club that reports all changes to Howdoido.

In the event of a tie, then the player who has the lowest actual handicap at the end of the season is deemed the winner.

### **The Murray Cup**

This is a handicap strokeplay competition played over the “Wee Course”.

The Murray Cup is awarded to the player with the best 2 round net total score.

Players are required to play over the “Wee Course” during the months of March through to September. Members may play on two occasions on any month, but only their best score of the two is counted for that particular month.

In the event of a tie the best third round score is used and then the fourth, if no resolution is reached.

## **Winter League Masters**

Teams of 12 players compete in a Ryder Cup style competition on US Masters Sunday.

It starts at 12 noon with a shotgun start. Teams deploy players to both the 18- and 9-hole courses playing for stableford points towards their team total.

Players play Singles on the 9-hole course and Doubles better ball on the 18-hole course.

108 players can be accommodated therefore 9 teams of 12 players is the ideal entry.

Competition not solely for winter league teams as there are spaces for additional teams.

Any member may pull together a team. The event is well advertised in the weeks leading up to US Masters in April each year.