



LADIES SECTION

INFORMATION BOOKLET

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This booklet is an introduction into the Ladies' Section giving basic information about competitions and how they are run.

The Ladies' section is part of Clevedon Golf Club and falls under the management of The Board. It is run by the Ladies' Executive (known as The Committee) which consists of the Chairperson, Ladies' Captain, Vice Captain, Treasurer, Secretary, Competition Secretary, Friendly Captain and New Members Liaison Officer plus two additional members without portfolio but with voting rights. The Committee are able to co-opt additional members, without voting rights and to appoint working groups. The rules governing the Committee are available in the file held in the Ladies' Locker room.

A full description of the responsibilities of each member of the Committee is also available in the Ladies' Locker Room.

The Committee meets approximately monthly and minutes of these meetings are posted in the Locker Room.

The Committee organises the Ladies' General Meeting at which new members of the Committee are appointed, decisions concerning the Ladies' section are made, the audited accounts are presented, some of the competition awards are made and the new Ladies' Captain is appointed.

The Ladies' Section is a member of the BDLGA (Bristol and District Lady Golfers' Alliance – known as The Alliance) in which we currently have two teams. 'A' and 'B' team members are selected on a strict handicap basis only. The Ladies' Captain is the Captain of the 'A' Team and the Vice-Captain is the Captain of the 'B' Team. Full details of matches and Rules are displayed on the notice board in the Locker Room. To be eligible, team members need to have an active CONGU 'c' status handicap and meet the eligibility requirements set out in the current BDLGA Rules and Regulations. 5 day members are eligible to play for either of the teams unless the fixture is at home on a Saturday or Sunday.

Clevedon Golf Club Ladies' are automatically members of the Somerset Ladies' County Golf Association and eligible to play in County competitions. Members can also join the Somerset County Senior Ladies' Golf Association for a small additional fee. The Club has a representative for each section and events and information are displayed on the relevant notice board or in the lever arch file kept in the locker room.

Friendly Matches against other local clubs are played throughout the summer by members who do not play in The Alliance. Details from the Friendly Captain can be found on the notice board.

When playing in County, Alliance or Friendly matches and representing Club, team members are required to wear the agreed team kit. Full details will be provided by the team Captains.

Handicaps

On joining the club as a new playing member you will need to complete either 3 x 18 hole cards; 6 x 9 hole cards or a combination of both in order to be allocated an initial CONGU (c) handicap up to a maximum of 54. Our New Members Liaison Officer will be on hand to help you get started and arrange for any cards to be marked when you are ready to begin. Once you have obtained a CONGU (c) handicap, you may benefit initially from playing in the Nine Hole Qualifying Competitions.

If you are joining from another club and already have a CONGU © handicap registered on the CDH the office will ascertain whether this can be accepted and transferred across.

In order to retain your handicap you will be required to submit a minimum of three 18 hole cards (or a combination of 9 and 18 hole cards) from qualifying competitions in any one year. At the end of every year your handicap will automatically be reviewed. This may result in a reduction or increase to accurately reflect your current playing ability.

Any individual stroke play competition played over 18 holes or designated 9 holes is a qualifying competition and counts for handicap purposes.

Your handicap will put you into one of four divisions.

Division 1 is the Silver division with handicaps from 0-20

Division 2 is Low Bronze with handicaps from 21-28

Division 3 is High Bronze with handicaps from 29-36

Division 4 is the Copper division with handicaps from 37 - 54

To play in Ladies competitions you must have a CONGU (c) status handicap.

Club Competitions

These are either competitions run by the Ladies' section or main Club competitions held at weekends, as well as a Mid week Stableford or medal competition held on a roll-up basis on a Tuesday.

Wednesday is designated as Ladies' Day and there will be competitions each week of different formats. The specific rules for each competition and any handicap restrictions can be found in "The Rules for Ladies Competitions" document displayed on the noticeboard in the Ladies Locker room.

Ladies are also entitled to play in various main club competitions usually once a month at weekends during the summer season or fortnightly during the winter. Full details are contained in the annual fixture diary.

Types of competitions that are regularly played are:-

Individual

- Medal** Where every stroke is recorded
- Stableford** Strokes are recorded and converted to points
- Par** Competition against the course where a win on a hole is recorded as plus or a loss as a minus
- Eclectic** A rolling competition played throughout the summer where your *qualifying competition* scores are combined to produce your best 18 hole score at the end of the season

There will generally be at least two *medal* competitions every month between April and September.

Partnered Competitions

- Foursomes** One partner drives the odd numbered holes and the other the even holes. After the drive you play alternate shots until the hole is completed.
- Greensomes** Both partners drive on each hole. You choose which ball you wish to play then alternate shots are played until the Hole is completed. Usually stableford.
- American Greensomes** As above both partners drive on each hole. Each partner then plays their partner's ball as a second shot (except for par 3's) and only then is the choice made as to the ball in play thereafter alternate shots are taken until the hole is completed.

Four ball better ball Played in pairs. Each player plays their own ball on each hole and the better score of the pair counts.

Patsomes A competition played in pairs, in which holes 1 -6 are played as a "*better ball*", holes 7 – 12 are played as "*Greensomes*" and holes 13 - 18 as "*Foursomes*".

Team Competitions

Bowmaker This is a team event consisting of either 3 or 4 players where the best 2 or 3 scores count depending on the rules of the competition.

Open Competitions

The Ladies' Section arranges two open competitions per year when members from other clubs have the opportunity to compete.

The Club also organises a Mixed and Seniors Mixed Open during the year.

Charity Competitions

We participate in various charity competitions including Golf Foundation Brooch, the proceeds of which support junior golf and the McMillan Spoon in support of Cancer.

Invitation Day

This is an annual competition where you have the opportunity to invite a friend from another club to play in a competition on our course. It is a social event followed by a meal and prize giving.

Ladies Championship

The Ladies Championship is a two round *medal* competition, played over two consecutive days on a Saturday and Sunday in the summer.

Ladies' Captain's Day

The Ladies Captain organises a fun day for all lady members – usually held in the summer. There is also a Club Captain's Day, organised by the Club Captain which is open to all members.

County Qualifiers

The Silver division winner of a designated EG *medal* held in May with a handicap of 0 – 20 will qualify to play for the **Dickinson Cup** at the County Silver Open in August.

The Bronze division winner of a designated *stableford* competition played in May with a handicap of 21 – 36, will qualify to play for the **Barlow Cup** at the County Bronze Open in August.

The Grass Roots Cup is awarded by the County to the best 30 - 36 handicap lady out of all the Somerset Clubs with the best gross score in a designated *medal* competition played in July/August.

An alternative weekend competition is held run for each of the above competitions but should a player play both, only her first score will count for qualifying purposes.

Knockout Competitions

Knockout competitions are held throughout the playing season on a match play basis. This means you are playing against an opponent and the aim is to beat your opponent's score on each hole. There are three such competitions depending on your handicap and details are displayed on the competition board at the start of the season. There is also an additional knockout putting competition.

Ladies are also entitled to play in the Ross-Goobey Mixed Foursomes competition which is run by the Club and advertised on the main Club board in the foyer.

In the winter there is a Ladies Round Robin Greensomes competition where partners are drawn with matches to be played between October and March.

Fun Competitions

During the winter there are various fun competitions such as Texas Scrambles, 3 clubs and a putter and other competitions of different formats where partners are drawn. Some may also be played in the summer when course maintenance has been scheduled. In addition there is a fun competition in the spring and autumn organised by the Ladies Captain. There are 2 annual competitions played with the Seniors one mixed and the other against them for the Loving Spoon.

At Christmas there is a Turkey Trot and Plum Pudding Plod – full details are displayed at the time of entry.

The Club Captain's Mixed Competitions take place on each of the Bank Holidays and Mixed Friendly Matches are held against other clubs throughout the year.

Entry to competitions

The majority of the weekly competitions can be entered two weeks in advance on the computer terminal in either the Ladies Locker Room or in the Club Bar. Alternatively it is possible to enter via the club web site - www.clevedongolfclub.co.uk. From the home page, click on the link Competitions and Results and you will be taken through to the Masterscoreboard site. You will need to enter a password – initially "castle", then you will be requested to enter a personal password for future use.

A similar procedure applies for Club competitions but the entries begin at 5.00 and 7.00 pm on the Friday night 2 weeks prior to a Saturday competition.

Cards are collected from the Pro's shop prior to commencement of play showing your name, handicap and tee time. It is the players responsibility to check the information provided is correct. Any change in handicap must be marked accordingly.

You can enter the Ladies' Knockout competitions by signing the sheet displayed on the competition board that gives full details of the competition and those that are qualified to enter.

Payment for competitions

The cost of each competition is usually £3.00 and is deducted from each entrant's bar card once the Pro's shop has completed the start sheet and the score cards. This also applies to the weekend club competitions which are £4.00

A percentage of the total prize money is paid into the Ladies' Competition Fund (held by the Office) to cover the cost of trophy and honour board engraving, the purchase of replicas and other associated costs. The remainder is paid out in prize money depending on the type of competition and the number of entries.

Results of Competitions

Each individual competitor is responsible for entering their score after the competition on the computer in either the ladies office or the bar. The card must be signed by both the player and the marker before being placed in the competition box. For ladies competitions there is a box by the computer in the upstairs office. For club week end competitions the slot next to the computer in the bar is used. Failure to sign your card or enter a score will result in disqualification. The computer gives a running result as scores are entered, this is however subject to verification and checking of the cards. The final results and allocation of prize money are displayed on the Competition Board as soon as possible. They may also be viewed on the Clevedon Golf Club page on Masterscoreboard.

Cancellation Etiquette

If you are unable to play in any competition you have entered it is your responsibility to ensure you have taken your name out of the competition on mastercoreboard before the start sheet is produced by the Pro's shop. This is done by the Pro's shop on a Tuesday morning. If you need to cancel after that time you should telephone and speak directly to the Pro.

As a matter of etiquette you should also contact each of the other ladies playing in your group if it is an individual competition and particularly your partner/partners if it is a team competition, as this would leave them unable to participate in the competition.

Birdie Tree

The birdie tree runs from April through to October. It is for recording any gross birdie attained in an individual stroke play competition played during that period. The aim is to birdie as many holes as possible on the course and only one score per hole counts. The person at the end of the year obtaining the highest number of birdies wins the Birdie Tree Trophy.

Dress Code

Dress code on the course is collared shirts, which should be tucked in except where the bottom is tailored. Shorts and trousers should be tailored and not of denim material. Appropriate golf shoes must be worn with socks.

In the Clubhouse shorts are allowed until 7pm and jeans are allowed in the bar but no trainers, tracksuits or collarless shirts are allowed.

There will be occasions when you will need to change after golf – these are usually when a sit down meal is organised. Watch out for notices advising this or ask the Captain/Vice Captain.

Pace of Play

Players should play at a good pace and it is their responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If a hole is lost then the group behind should be invited to play through irrespective of the number of players in that group.

Please be aware that players are often called down on the 8th hole to keep play moving enabling the following group to walk down whilst the first group find their balls and play their second shots. You should not play down over the castle when you know you are following another group until invited to do so. On reaching the fairway it is good practice to always leave a trolley or bag in sight of tee near the 100 yard marker so those following you know you are there. If you call the group behind down, it is your responsibility to make sure you and all those playing with you are safe. Do not call the group behind down if one of your group are at the top of the slope. If their ball is there, another might land in the same spot.

Priority on the course is that the Club Captain and his matches have priority on the tee. County, league and internal Club matches will have priority in that order, over friendly and social matches at all times.

Rule Book

All members are entitled to a copy of the Rule Book and it is recommended that you collect one from the Pro. Shop.

If you have any questions Members of the Committee will be happy to answer your questions.

Ladies Trophy Competitions

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| Ladies Championship Cup * | Best 36 holes gross medal score in the Club Championship in 2 rounds played on two consecutive days over the championship week end |
| 125 Salver * | For the runner up of the 36 hole gross medal competition |
| Conway Trophy* | Best 36 holes net medal in the Club Championship in 2 rounds played on two consecutive days over the championship week end |
| Palmer Cup* | Best net 18 holes medal score in Club Championship – 1 st round |
| Salter Trophy* | Best net 18 holes medal score in Club Championship – 2 nd round |
| Thomas/Veterans Trophy | Best 18 holes net in Senior Championship 60+ |
| Tradesman's Bowl | 36 hole medal played in 2 rounds on consecutive weeks |
| Chairman's Cup | 18 hole foursomes medal winners qualify for the Daily Mail Foursomes the following year (max handicap 30 for Daily Mail competition) |
| Secretary's Cup | 18 hole medal |
| Hall Cup | 18 holed Medal for those aged 50 plus |
| Stevenson Shield | 18 hole par competition |
| Walker Treen | 18 hole stableford |
| Langford Ladle* | 18 hole scratch matchplay knockout |
| Floyd Cup* | 18 hole handicap Match Play Knock out (handicaps 0-24) |
| Ford Salver* | 18 hole handicap Match Play Knock out (handicaps 25-36) |
| Paddy's Putter | Putting Knock out competition – (18 holes per round followed by sudden death) until the final which is played over 36 |

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| Ladies Ross Goobey * | Winter Round Robin Greensomes competition |
| Master Medaller | 18 hole medal competition for all those who have won a medal during the year. |
| Pat Wide Salver | Best score in County Grass Roots qualifying competition for 30 – 36 handicap players |
| Eclectic Rosebowl | Best aggregate gross eclectic |
| Granny Goblet | 10 Hole Medal |
| Birdie Tree | Best number of gross Birdies |
| Captains/Past Captains Challenge | Greensomes Competition |
| Jackie Parkins Trophy | Best contributor to Friendly Matches |
| Jenkins Trophy | Most points gained in Alliance 'A' Team matches |
| Ann Pitcher Salver | Most points gained in 'A/B' matches |
| Bamford Bowl | Best contributor to the 'B' team |

Miscellaneous Club Competitions – no trophies

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| Coronation Foursomes | Competition sponsored by Peugeot – winners from Club to be put forward for regional competition |
| Golf Foundation Brooch | Best stableford score – winner receives a brooch from the Golf Foundation |
| McMillan Spoon | Best stableford score - winner receives a spoon from McMillan |

Mixed Club Competitions with Trophies

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| Ross-Goobey * | Mixed Foursomes Competition |
| Loving Spoon | Ladies V Seniors |

* Open to Full Members only

External Individual trophies awarded by the County

Dickinson Cup

Best score recorded at the County Silver Open by the winner of a qualifying medal at her home club

Barlow Cup

Best score recorded at the County Bronze Open by the winner of a qualifying stableford at her home club

Grass Roots Trophy

Best score in the County from a qualifying competition by a 30 – 36 handicap player.

