



MEMBERS INFORMATION BOOKLET

Bromsgrove Golf Club



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Introduction:

Welcome to Bromsgrove Golf Club, which operates within the family owned and run Bromsgrove Golf Centre. The Club was formed in 1993 and its affairs are managed jointly by a members committee and the proprietors of the Centre, a partnership that has guided the Club to become one of the most progressive and successful in Worcestershire.

Golf is no stranger to this corner of Bromsgrove as the game was first played on the present site some 100 years ago on a course described as consisting of "9 rather sporting holes". In those days golf was only played on Saturday afternoons, the greens having been mowed in the morning. The rest of the course was left more or less in a natural state probably grazed by cattle or sheep. This early course would certainly not have borne any resemblance to today's with its well tended fairways and manicured greens.

Originally founded in 1894, Bromsgrove Golf Club was based at Breakback (just off Rock Hill) until 1903, before moving to Slideslow farm for the period 1904 to 1912, the site of today's Club. The Club then returned to Breakback before closing in 1918. The Slideslow course measured 2537 yards, with a bogey of 38 and Breakback measured 2434 yards, bogey 42.

In its early days the 80 men and 20 lady members of Bromsgrove Golf Club enjoyed inter club rivalry with matches played against neighbouring clubs including Moseley, Kings Norton, Kidderminster, Stourbridge and Ipsley (Redditch). The Blackwell Club was first played in 1896 and resulted in a victory for the members of Bromsgrove. The return fixture the following year unfortunately saw Blackwell gain revenge by a wide margin.

It was a further 70 plus years before golf was restored to Bromsgrove by the present owners of the course, the Morris family. Having purchased Slideslow Farm back in 1956, many of our current members still recall the old farm shop selling a variety of fresh produce particularly the sacks of potatoes and home reared meat. Familiar sights at the time were the herd of pigs grazing amongst their shelters on the land bordering the Redditch carriageway- now the 18th fairway. It was then in 1987 that the family took the decision to try and diversify into golf. Ted Morris had initially tried to obtain planning permission back in 1979 only to be thwarted by the Ministry of Agriculture. But now a window of opportunity appeared and the time felt right. Two years later the Bromsgrove Golf Centre was born consisting of a 41 bay floodlit range and accompanying facilities. This was soon followed by the opening of the first 9 hole course in May 1992 as a natural progression of the initial development.

The success of the first 9 holes very quickly became apparent thanks to the initiative of Ted and his sons Philip and Adam who invested in the flair and style of the highly respected golf course architects Hawtree & Son. The same winning combination was then applied to the second 9 holes introduced in 1996 resulting in the current 18 hole layout now consisting of a series of well defined adventurous holes some with panoramic views.

Each hole, now individually named, either reflect the origins of the site or are derived from links with the past, notable landmarks or the various elements that affect the play of the hole. A detailed explanation of the hole names is displayed in the Clubhouse Reception area.

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Although every effort has been made to ensure accuracy, Bromsgrove Golf Club and/or Bromsgrove Golf Centre cannot accept responsibility for omissions and for errors. Members are advised to check details as decisions/rules are liable to change without notice.

1. DATA PROTECTION:

Your privacy is important to us, so we'll always keep your details secure and never use them for marketing communications that you haven't agreed to receive. We may share your information with credit reference agencies and other companies for use in credit decisions, for fraud prevention and to pursue debtors, together with disclosure of information in fulfilment of the membership contract to England Golf, BRS Golf and Handicap Master Competition software.

We will ask you if you agree to your personal data being disclosed to BRS Golf and Handicap Master in order to run and administer the handicap and competition information and tee booking system.

If you choose to hear from us we may send you information based on what is most relevant to you. This might be about membership, events, or competitions. We will never share your information with companies outside Bromsgrove Golf Centre for inclusion in their marketing. If you agree to receive marketing information from us you can change your mind at a later date. We will also ask your consent to show your contact details in the members Diary.

2. CLUB CONSTITUTION/ RULES/ INFORMATION:

The Club Rules and Competition Rules are detailed on pages 5 – 8 of the Members Diary. A copy of the Club Constitution can be downloaded from the Members Area (Members Information) Section of the Golf Centre's website. A copy can also be requested from Golf Course Reception.

3. MEMBERSHIP CARDS:

Membership number should always be communicated to the Receptionists when making a tee time booking by telephone. Member's swipe cards must be presented for each and every transaction at the Centre in order to obtain the following benefits:

- I. Obtain the relevant members discount on golf related items.

In addition, subject to your members card account being in credit you can also:-

- I. Enter medal or Stableford competitions (providing you have a current handicap).
- II. Enjoy discounts in the bar and restaurant (i.e. 10% on food and drink purchased at the bar, excluding confectionary, sundries and special offers).
- III. A saving of £100.00 off our function room hire when taking our Buffet Menu on a Friday or Saturday evening (excludes Christmas Week & bookings for business use).
- IV. Obtain Members rates on range ball hire charges when purchasing tokens from Range Reception.

You may credit money onto your card account (or check your current balance) at any one of the Centre's till points, (excluding the Golf shop), utilising any of the standard methods of payment. Please note that a minimum payment amount of £10.00 (Junior's £5.00) at any one time is required. Green fees and hire items may also be paid for by utilising the card, providing sufficient funds are available to cover the full cost of the transactions.

Failure to produce the membership card at the time of any transaction will result in the full rate being applied. The discounted amount will not be recoverable or refunded at a later date. The full Terms and Conditions of Use are displayed on the notice boards in the Clubhouse Changing Rooms.

Replacement cards –

- i) Damaged and faulty cards will be replaced free of charge upon return of the old card.
- ii) Lost or stolen cards: The first replacement card in each 'Membership Year' will be supplied free of charge, further cards will be subject to a £3.00 administration charge

Note: Payment of the administration charge can be deducted from your member's swipe card account (if there is sufficient credit available) or via normal payment facilities, at the time of ordering or upon collection of the replacement card.

4. HOW TO BOOK TEE TIMES/ BOOKING ALLOWANCES

- a) **Over the counter/by telephone** - up to 17 days in advance, max 2 tee times per person/day

Note:

- To assist receptionists, please have your membership number at hand.
- Bookings consisting of a single player are not accepted at peak times.
- See Section 'General Restrictions'.

- b) **Online booking** - up to 18 days in advance, max 2 tee times per person/day.

Note: See Section General Restrictions.

Registering for online booking (BRS):

If you joined the club after 1st April, you will have automatically been registered to use our Online Tee Time Booking Service if you provided us with an email address upon application.

Before you make any bookings we advise that you change the temporary password that you have been issued. Firstly go to <http://www.bromsgrovegolfcentre.com/>

Click on “**Online Booking**” button and select “**Members On-line Booking**” and you will be directed to the on-line booking system page.

Enter your “User Login” details:

Username: (enter your **membership number** on the **rear** of your new membership card)

Password: (enter the temporary password **golfer**)

Select: “Login”

In the “Members Booking Information” screen, firstly go into “**My Account**” and change the temporary password that you have been provided. *Note: if you do not wish to utilise any of the services that this facility provides, please remove your email address.*

The “Online Booking Facility” is now ready to use. Please remember to cancel any un-required tee times and log out after each use.

Making a tee time booking online:

1. Go to www.bromsgrovegolfcentre.com
2. On homepage, click on ‘Online Tee Booking’ link
3. Click ‘**Book a Tee Time**’
4. Select the day you wish to play.
5. Follow the instructions on the screen to make a booking. The booking must include your own name together with fellow players from the drop-down list. *Note: any unused places are available for other members to book and join you.* IMPORTANT Please refer to section Unhonoured/Partially honoured tee times for unused or un-cancelled tee times.

Amending or deleting a booking online:

1. Access the system as described above to view bookings made and click ‘**timesheet**’
2. Click ‘**edit**’ to the right hand side of the screen
3. Select all the players you wish to remove from the booking and click on ‘**confirm booking**’ then ‘**logout**’

Note:

- The person making the booking is solely responsible for making sure the booking is fully honoured – see section: Unhonoured/Partially honoured tee times
- Only bookings made online can be cancelled online
- The facility for reserving buggy’s online is not yet available, please book at Reception (tel. 01527 575886)
- All names of the players intending to play must be added at the time of making the booking
- Bookings for 9 holes (on the back 9) may only be made at Reception 17 days prior
- To ensure members have priority on the course, GUESTS may only be included up to 17 days in advance

General restrictions:

- Advance Weekend booking for Weekday Members is restricted to 17 days.
- During peak periods the Golf Centre reserves the right to join up smaller groups to form 3 or 4 balls
- Individual Club Match Play Knockout Competitions (e.g. Morris/Ann Morris Bowls, Winter Match play League), following an agreement reached with the Members Committee the Centre reserves the right to join up players to make 3-4 balls in all matches up to the semi-final stage. For both the semi-final and final stages of these competitions the Centre agrees to reserve the tee time solely for the use of the finalists providing they receive prior notification of the status of the match from the competition co-ordinator and/or the players involved.
- Only bookings for 18 holes of golf are allowed off the 1st tee during weekend mornings or Christmas week.
- 9 hole bookings may be accommodated off the 10th tee for the first 1½ hours of each days play, subject to tee time availability.

Unhonoured/partially honoured tee times during general play or weekend medals/stablefords:

All members have an obligation to honour the bookings that they have made or if not required, take the appropriate steps to cancel the booking – preferably at least 24 hours in advance.

During periods when tee times are in demand, the Centre takes a strong stance on those players who fail to show consideration for others by failing to honour tee times that are booked or those who have a tendency to regularly book for more than are actually intending to play.

In either of these cases the Centre will take the following action on players in breach of these rules:

- Members registered for online booking = First penalty - suspend on line booking facility for 2 weeks.
Further penalty - suspend on line booking facility for 2 months**
- Members booking over the counter/by telephone = booking allowance reduced to 7 days for a period of 1 month**

Note:

- I. *If this action fails to remedy the problem, the Golf Centre will inform the Golf Club Secretary of the actions of the individual member with a view to the Club commencing disciplinary action*
- II. *Adverse weather conditions on the day of the booking will be taken into consideration when determining whether or not there has been an abuse of the booking system.*
- III. *Refer to Section Handicaps and Competitions for penalty when failing to honour tee times in block booked/trophy competitions.*

5. BEFORE GOING ON THE GOLF COURSE:

- I. All members, including Silver & Gold categories, **must check in at Reception**, before entering the course.
- II. Any green fees due must be paid prior to teeing off.
- III. The green fee receipt must be retained and presented to the Starter/Marshal upon request.

6. GUESTS OF SILVER AND GOLD MEMBERS:

Silver and Gold members have the added benefit of being able to introduce up to three guests at a discounted rate on each visit, subject to the conditions below:

- I. Bookings which include guests may only be made up to 17 days in advance
- II. The concession is based upon 18 hole rounds only
- III. The Gold/ Silver member **must be** present during the registration of the guest, and accompany him/her during the 18-hole round
- IV. Gold members can introduce guests any day of the week
- V. Silver members can introduce guests during Monday-Friday (including Bank Holidays) only.

7. CLUB MATCHES & SOCIETIES:

Pre-booked tee times are often frowned upon by other members as they are often considered an infringement upon their playing opportunities. However, members must be aware that club matches and Golf Societies are an important element in maintaining both a healthy membership and the economic viability of the Centre.

Club Matches: Although tee times for medals/ stablefords are taken on a first come first served basis, other matches such as team challenges and inter club events have tee times block booked in advance. These bookings are usually scheduled to avoid peak times on weekend mornings.

Golf Societies: As a rule the Centre does not allow visiting groups to tee off until set times of the day subject to the day of the week. Should during a weekday an important booking be jeopardised due to the restriction applied, then an exception shall be considered.

Society Playing Periods:

1st FEBRUARY TO 31st OCTOBER		1st NOVEMBER TO 31st JANUARY	
Monday, Wednesday & Friday	from 8.30 am onwards	Monday to Friday	from 8.30 am onwards
Tuesday & Thursday	from 10.30am onwards	Bank Holidays	from 8.30 am onwards
Saturday	from 12noon onwards	Saturday & Sunday	from 11.30 am onwards
Sunday	from 11.30am onwards		
Bank Holidays	from 8.30am onwards		

8. REPRESENTING THE CLUB:-

The Club have a number of teams entered in various Inter-Club leagues, which provide members of all playing standards with the opportunity to represent the Club. A list is displayed, on the notice board, at the start of every season by each team captain asking for the names of members who would like to be considered to represent the club.

No member can represent the Club in matches, other than friendlies, without holding a 'Competition' handicap.

When representing the Club at away matches, courtesy of the course is usually offered by the home club. In order for Bromsgrove Golf Club to reciprocate and pay the Centre for the tee times required for the return fixture, a levy is charged to each and every team player (including 'All Inclusive' yearly green fee members) when playing in matches both at **home** and **away**. Details of the current levy payable are displayed on the notice board headed 'Competition Entry Fees'. This levy is payable in addition to any charge for food (the payment of which is the responsibility of the individual member) which may be made by the Home Club.

9. HOLE IN ONE: –

The Members Committee provide a bottle of whiskey to be used at the time by the member concerned to fulfil the old tradition of providing a round of drinks after achieving a hole-in-one during an official 'Club qualifying trophy competition' held on main greens. See notice in Changing rooms.

10. COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS:

a) **Web Site:**

The Centre's Web Site (www.bromsgrovegolfcentre.com) has an area specifically for members where a whole host of information can be obtained, including forthcoming events, latest news and a number of useful links. Via this area, access can be gained to both Mastersscoreboard (the Clubs online Competitions & Results service) . The password 'golfbag81' must be used to gain access to Mastersscoreboard when registering.

b) **Facebook** – The Golf Centres Facebook page is also a great way to keep up to date with many things going on behind the scenes and again is accessible via the Centre's website. If you would like to receive immediate notification of the latest news, simply sign up and then 'Like' our page.

c) **Suggestion Box**

Constant feed-back from the membership is considered to be an important element in retaining a healthy club. To enable members to communicate their ideas, concerns or observations, a 'Suggestion Box' is located on the Golf Reception counter, sharing the same slot as the 'Competition Entries'.

d) **Members Newsletter** – regular news letters are sent out to Members who have registered their email addresses with the Centre. Don't miss out inform Reception of your email address if you would like to receive a copy.

e) **Bromsgrove App** – This Free app is designed to improve every part of your customer experience. Book your next tee time on-line by your mobile and receive the latest news and deals direct to your phone. Download from the 'App Store' or 'Google Play Store'.

f) **BRS App**

The BRS Golf Members App provides an alternative and most convenient way to book your next tee times. The app is now available free of charge via the iOS App Store or Google Play stores.

11. PRESENTATION NIGHT

At the end of the season the Club holds their Presentation Night. This is the evening when the Club honours the major competition winners and runners up by presenting them with their trophies. The event is open to all members, with priority offered to those who have been successful in winning a competition. The evening usually takes the form of the Presentation by the Club Captains to the winners, followed by entertainment and an excellent buffet prepared by the Centre's Chefs. This is a date to be remembered and entered in your diary.

12. GOLFMARK and CLUBMARK AWARD

Bromsgrove Golf Centre/Club has been awarded GolfMark accreditation, demonstrating their hard work and dedication to both junior and beginner's golf. Bromsgrove Golf Centre has a long history of supporting and developing young golfers, and in 2006 was awarded the Junior GolfMark award. When the England Golf re-launched the scheme as GolfMark it formed part of the development strategy for junior golf to achieve this nationally recognized award for quality sports clubs. Bromsgrove Golf Centre / Club are therefore delighted not only to have achieved the required standard and be awarded GolfMark and to be recognized by Sport England as a Clubmark facility.

GolfMark acknowledges that as a Centre / Club Bromsgrove meets high standards in coaching and playing, Club Environment and Child Protection.

13. MEN'S & LADIES MORNINGS:

- Looking for new playing partners?
- Looking for some fun & camaraderie?
- Wishing to gain a handicap?

Regardless of age or ability our **Ladies and Men's mornings** provide the perfect opportunity to socialise and meet other members of the Club. Come along and have a chat or just add your name on the list to play in the changing rooms (or the Men's in the corridor).

Men's Morning: every Tuesday. For further information contact David Lippitt – lippitt@talktalk.net

Ladies Morning: every Thursday. For further information contact Maxine Mortimer - maxinesmortimer@talktalk.net

14. SENIOR SECTION:

(Those over fifty five = TOFFS)

Those members aged 55 years and over are eligible to play in Seniors Competitions organised by the Senior Section Committee of the Club. An Annual General Meeting of the Seniors Men's Section is held annually to elect the Senior Gentlemen's Captain and members to serve on the committee. All senior members are encouraged to attend. Monthly competitions are held, many being in a mixed format.

A number of friendly fixtures against neighbouring clubs are also arranged throughout the season and full details can be found in the Members Diary. A list is displayed on the notice board 2/3 weeks prior to the fixture and those who would like to be considered for selection to the team are asked to complete the required details.

Note: Membership category green fees apply. (Senior concessionary green fees apply from age 65 years).

15. JUNIOR SECTION:

The junior section of Bromsgrove Golf Club has gone from strength to strength over recent years. The section comprises junior members, of all playing abilities, between the ages of 10 and 17 years of age.

An Annual Presentation Evening of the Juniors Section is held annually to elect the Junior Captain, Vice Captain, Junior Organiser and members to serve on the Junior Committee and award of trophies to the winners of the various leagues and competitions.

Regular competitions are held throughout the year played in a league format. Those who have achieved a handicap of 28 or below play in league A (played over 18 holes) and the remaining junior members enjoy 9 hole competitions in league B.

A Junior Club Championship is held annually open to those juniors with a playing handicap of 28 or less. As members of the Junior West Midlands League, junior members with handicaps of 36 and below are able to represent the Club in these inter-club matches.

Upon reaching the age of 18 years juniors are transferred to the Intermediate Section of the Club until they attain 30 years of age.

16. STUDENT MEMBERSHIP:

Available to those in full time education - max period 4 years (evidence of study is required).

Student Membership offers a very generous discount of normal fees as well as providing unlimited access to the golf course, ability to play in club competitions and a wealth of other benefits and advantages. To enjoy the benefits that it brings, we ask that you provide us with 'Proof of Student Status' documentation from your educational establishment, annually, in order that we can then establish if you continue to qualify for the student category.

17. MEMBERS BENEFITS:

i) County Card scheme:

Members of Bromsgrove Golf Club are able to take advantage of the County Card Scheme which allows card holders to visit up to 1200 golf clubs across the UK and enjoy reduced green fee rates in the process.

Once you have an official handicap (see section: How to obtain a handicap) you may apply for a card by leaving a note at Reception (together with your name and Membership number) for the attention of the Club Secretary. Once your application has been processed by the County Union (allow approx 3 weeks) your card will be sent to you.

ii) Reciprocal Golf:

Arrangements have now been put in place for our members to enjoy a low cost round of golf at three other clubs. The Clubs which have agreed to this (with the same arrangements being mirrored at Bromsgrove) are:



Gaudet Luce Golf Club, Droitwich. Telephone number 01905 796375.

<http://www.gaudet-luce.co.uk/>



Burghill Valley Golf Club, Burghill, Hereford. Tel number 01432 760456.

<http://www.burghillvalleygolfclub.co.uk/>



Kington Golf Club, Bradnor Hill, Kington, Herefordshire, HR5 3RE

<http://www.kingtongolf.co.uk/>

The offer available to our members is: - Monday to Friday @ £14.00pp.
- weekends (subject to availability) @ £17.00pp

In all cases telephone the Pro Shop and quote 'Reciprocal Golf' when making a booking and present **Bromsgrove Golf Club Members** Card upon arrival.

III) Network Golf:

We are delighted to be part of Network Golf, a group of over 30 like-minded clubs that have teamed together to offer our members **FREE** reciprocal golf on weekdays. Weekends and Bank Holidays will be available but at a special guest rate applied by the host club.

This offer applies to our **Full ADULT 12-month Gold and Silver members** who can play up to a maximum of **5 times a year** at each participating club. For further information, T&C's and a list of our partner clubs go to www.network.golf

To enjoy these benefits, members will need to purchase a NETWORK.golf card at an annual rate of £10.00.

IV) Short Game Area:

A newly constructed short game area, comprising chipping area, bunkers and putting green will be available for members to use shortly as part of their package..

18. ENGLAND GOLF CENTRAL WEBSITE:

Members wishing to obtain information on external club open competitions or would like access to the England Golf's best guide to playing golf in England are advised to visit www.Englandgolf.org. Here you will find a link to England Golf Central which provides access to up to date information in a 'one-stop' shopping manner for all your golfing needs. For Open Competitions, nationwide, Members are advised to log onto Empire Golf - www.golfempire.co.uk/

19. HANDICAPS & COMPETITIONS:

Much of the fun of golf is taking part in Club Competitions and competing generally on a level playing field with players of varying abilities for which a Handicap is a requirement.

Unlike many sports golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be.

Further guidance for beginners, ranging from definitions, how to score, competition formats, rules and etiquette may be obtained from www.getintogolf.org.

Complimentary Rules of Golf books are available from Golf Course Reception

20. HOW TO OBTAIN A HANDICAP

To obtain a handicap, members must play 54 holes of golf over a measured course (i.e. not when temporary tees or greens are in use) holing out at every hole and counting all shots, including penalties. It is now permissible to obtain a handicap from a series of 9 holes rounds so long as the 9 and 18 holes submitted total 54 holes.

Note: A member of a golf club (Bromsgrove or other) who holds an official CONGU handicap **must** accompany you on each round and record your score on the scorecard after which you must both sign. If you do not know a member who can mark your card, please ask at reception to see if a playing partner can be arranged or consult the notice displayed in the Changing Rooms, headed 'Members with a Handicap' which lists members who are willing to mark other members cards.

21. QUALIFYING FOR A HANDICAP

Members should note that submitting three cards will not necessarily gain them a handicap as a certain level of ability needs to be achieved before the award of a handicap as detailed below.

Gentlemen – The Standard Scratch Score (SSS) off the yellow markers is 68. Any score between 68 and 104 will qualify for a handicap. Maximum handicap awarded is 28.

Ladies/ juniors – The Standard Scratch Score (SSS) off the red markers is 69. Any score between 68 and 124 will qualify for a handicap. Maximum handicap awarded is 36 Ladies) & 54 (juniors).

22. SUBMITTING CARDS FOR HANDICAP

Cards for handicaps **should not** be submitted until you have completed 54 holes of golf. Once you have, clip all the cards together and deposit in the Men's / Ladies Handicap slot allocated adjacent to the club's electronic 'Player Score Input' (PSI) system near the bottom of the stairs in the clubhouse.

Upon being processed, your handicap will be displayed in the appropriate changing room. You are advised to refer to the handicap list on a regular basis to ascertain your current handicap. Confirmation may also be obtained on-line (See note 5 below – General Handicap information)

General Handicap Information

1. **MEN** – Handicaps cannot be obtained or altered during the winter months when playing from the winter tee mats as this is not a measured course.
2. Golfing Society Handicaps will not be recognised as official handicaps.
3. Any **NEW** member joining the club who holds a handicap from another Club is to submit a copy of their Certificate, Playing Record or CDH number to the Handicap Chairman as soon as possible.
4. Players holding a Handicap at another Club must advise the Handicap Secretary immediately of any adjustment

5. Members requiring proof of handicap i.e. Handicap Certificate, should download a copy from the Masterscoreboard web site. www.masterscoreboard.co.uk, (which can also be accessed via the Members Area of the Bromsgrove Golf Centre web site).
6. To retain an Competition Handicap - All members are required to return at least 3 qualifying scores (9 hole qualifying events included) in the calendar year commencing 1st January, to retain a competition handicap. Those who fail to return the stipulated number of scores will still retain a CONGU handicap but may be prevented from entering certain events, including external 'Open' competitions, where an Competition handicap is required as part of the entry conditions.
7. A handicap will become a Competition handicap, annotated with a 'C' symbol, on the return of 3 qualifying scores during the previous calendar year. Qualifying scores of less than 3 are not permitted to be carried over to the next year, i.e. no topping up of qualifying scores permitted, e.g. 1 score in the previous year and 2 in current year.

23. CLUB COMPETITIONS

Bromsgrove Golf Club provides a vast array of competitions to cater for both Full and Weekday Members including age specific categories. All members are welcome to participate on the basis that you have a current Competition handicap.

There are three types of Club Competitions as listed below:

1. Monthly Competitions

Regular monthly competitions in the form of Medal and Stableford are provided throughout the main season i.e. April to September, being run over a 2 day period of which you may enter on either of these days (but not both). Whilst Weekday (5 day) members are restricted to weekday competitions, Full (7 day) members have the opportunity to play in both midweek and weekend events.

2. Trophy & Major Trophy Competitions (see format in Members Diary)

Regular programs of competitions are run throughout the Club season with a range of playing formats to suit the interests of all.

Although these competitions are run on Weekends (excluding Senior Section competitions), a number of these fixtures are also open to Weekday (5 day) members as detailed below.

Please note that the appropriate weekend green fees apply.

- a. Spring Scramble (April)
- b. Fun Day (May)
- c. Captains Day (August)
- d. Fare & Feather (December)
- e. Santa's Scramble (December)

As well as being listed in the Members Diary, each competition is promoted by means of a poster which is displayed on the Club Notice Board approx 7 weeks prior to the competition date. The poster includes details of the competition format, the entry fee and also the name of the person co-ordinating the competition and the closing date by which entries must be received.

In the event that you wish to participate in the competitions or represent the club in matches, other than Friendlies you will require a 'Competition Handicap'. See Section 'General Handicap Information'.

Prior to entering a competition, members are advised to familiarise themselves with the Competition Rules and Regulations – which are contained in the Members Diary with additional rules for Trophy Competitions displayed together with the notice promoting the competition.

The following competitions are also open to Weekday (5 day) Members:

1. Ladies / Men's Club Championship – weekend competition
2. Ladies / Gentlemen's TOFFS Trophies
3. Ladies / Gentlemen's Vets Trophies

Penalty for not cancelling a tee time or honouring a competition entry:

General Play or Monthly Competitions

The Golf Centre takes a strong stance on those players who don't honour their tee time booking. Members are advised to take note of the policy relating to those who fail to give 24 hours notice of an unwanted time or reduction in the numbers booked for that time. For further information on the 'Un-honoured Tee Time' policies please refer to the Section 'Unhonoured/ Partially Honoured Tee times during general play detailed under Section 2.

Trophy Competitions

The members committee in conjunction with the proprietors have agreed that all members who enter a competition that is block booked by the club and failure to honour that tee time without giving 24 hours notice to the co-ordinator will be expected to pay a 'NO SHOW PENALTY' of £10 along with the loss of the competition entry fee before entering any further competition. Offending member's names will be posted on the notice board one month from notification of failing to comply, and subsequently membership suspension may apply. Please note – all members may be subject to disciplinary procedures in not adhering to this rule.

24. ENTERING MEDAL/ STABLEFORD COMPETITIONS

Before the Day

1. Refer to the Members Diary for the date of the competition and book a tee time for that day. As all monthly competitions have a small entrance fee (see notice board for seasons charges) which is automatically deducted from your Members Card account upon entering on the day. Please ensure that your Card account has ample credit on it

On the Day

1. Check in at Reception and pay the appropriate green fee. As players should report to the tee at least 5 minutes before their allocated time, please allow sufficient time for registration.
2. **Before Play:** Register your entry on the electronic 'Player Score Input' system (PSI) located at the bottom of the clubhouse stairs.
3. **After Play:** Enter your score into the 'Player Score Input' using the instructions provided and then immediately deposit your card into the appropriate slot on the left hand side of the PSI cabinet. Note: Players are advised to submit all competition cards regardless of the outcome of the round. Failure to do so on two successive occasions will disqualify members from further competition until a medal card is submitted. Incorrect completion of the scorecard may result in disqualification.

Winnings

Once the competition has been processed, winnings will be transferred to Member's Card Accounts in line with the list of winner's notice that is posted on the changing room notice board. Winnings are taken from the Competition Entry Fees after a percentage has been retained for club funds. Regardless of entry numbers in each division, winnings are evenly split throughout the handicap divisions.

Insufficient Entries / Cancellation of a Competition

Should in sufficient entries into a qualifying competition make that competition void or an authorised official of the Club declares the competition cancelled, entry fees will automatically be credited back onto Members Card Accounts. In the event of Hazardous Weather Conditions, please refer to Members Diary – Section 'Hazardous Weather Conditions' – point 3.

Entering Trophy & Major Trophy Competitions (entrants must hold a 'Competition' handicap)

Each competition is promoted by means of a poster which is displayed on the Club notice board approx 7 weeks prior to the competition date. The poster includes details of the criteria for entry; the format and the entry fee together with the name of the person co-ordinating the competition.

Before the Day

1. Obtain a 'Competition Entry/Payment Form' envelope to be found in the dispenser on the table in the Clubhouse Foyer. Complete the details required on the envelope and post your entry together with the non-refundable entrance fee in the slot located in the Reception counter headed 'Competition Entries'. No entries will be accepted after the competition closing date.
2. Entrants are NOT required to book their own tee time. All entrants are advised to check the Clubhouse Notice Board (approx 7 days prior to the event) to establish their allotted tee time which are usually booked from 8.00am onwards and run for approx 2 hours depending upon the number of entries.

On the day

Check in at Reception and pay the appropriate green fees. Collect your score card from the Competition Co-ordinator and ensure that you are on the tee at least 5 minutes before your allotted time in order to avoid a penalty for late attendance.

Awards

Awards will be presented at 'Presentation Night' and where applicable, names entered on the Club's 'Honour Boards' displayed in the foyer.

25. DISCOUNTED BUGGY HIRE FOR LESS ABLE MEMBERS

A reduced buggy hire rate of £7.50 (the same for either 9 or 18 holes) is available to Members who are able to provide a valid 'medical confirmation of disability' as provided by a registered GP or Consultant, that the player is suffering from a disability, as defined in Section 6 of the Equality Act 2010. Where the disability prevents the player from driving the buggy, he/she may nominate a third party, to drive the buggy for them, who must be approved by the Centre. To apply for a discount card (or to establish if you qualify) please provide the required evidence or ask to speak to somebody in Reception.

26. PUBLICATION OF COMPETITION RESULTS AND LATEST HANDICAP RECORDS

Members are instantly able to view all their handicap information and obtain any results from competitions they have entered via the Master Scoreboard website accessible through the Golf Centres website or direct: www.masterscoreboard.co.uk.

Before setting up your own password you will need to enter the default password: **golfbag81**.

27. WEATHER GUARANTEE – free Range balls for Silver/ Gold members in the event that the golf course is closed for the complete day due to unfavourable weather conditions. Both Silver & Gold members will be entitled to one free basket of Range balls as per below:-

Gold Members – balls available Monday to Sunday

Silver Members – balls available Monday to Friday

Terms of use:

Members must have their names registered on the tee sheet for that days play to enable us to confirm membership category and entitlement.

Balls must be redeemed and used on the day of closure. Not transferable.