

# Club Night Guidelines - 2024 Season

#### Introduction

Club Night is a weekly competition with the aim to provide a challenging test of golfing consistency but most of all to socialise and meet other members of the club.

- Players are encouraged to play with different people each week and, where possible, to play as 4-balls.
- Club Night will run on Wednesday nights and is scheduled from **3 April 2024 to 11 September 2024** (23 games with Presentation Night being a standalone competition). It is open to all members of Brickhampton Court Golf Club.
- Play takes place, on a roll up basis, over the front 9 holes of the Spa course; the first tee is at 3.30pm and the last tee is at 6.30pm. No tee time reservations are necessary.
- To assist in maintaining a cashless society, members must enter via the PSI, HowDidiDo or the Club V1 Members Hub **BEFORE THEY GO OUT TO PLAY**, when a fee of £3 will be deducted.
- Score cards must be returned to the organisers by 8.30pm.

Club Night handicap requirements are explained in Appendix 1. Changes to Club Night handicaps during the season do not affect players' WHS Handicap Index used for other competitions.

#### **Format**

Club Night is played as follows:

- A Stableford competition over the first 9 holes of the Spa Course.
- A 'Ready Golf' approach to ensure a good pace of play.
- Men play off the GREY tees and Ladies play off the GREEN tees.
- Initial Club Night handicap will be the unrounded handicap as detailed in the handicap tables available to view on the competitions noticeboard.
- There is no handicap allowance; players play off 100% of their Club Night handicap.
- There is no course rating adjustment for this competition; there are no additional shots for Men or Ladies.
- Split into Divisions as follows:
  - Men's Division 1 Club Night Handicap 0 to 14.
  - Men's Division 2 Club Night Handicap 15 to 40.
  - Ladies Club Night Handicap 0 to 54.
- Winners' and runners-up Club Night handicaps are adjusted each evening as shown in Appendix 1.
- Best 13 scores count towards the players' overall score for the season.

#### **Prizes**

On each night that the competition is played prizes will be awarded for winners and runners-up in each of the divisions. There will also be prizes for various Longest Drives and Nearest the Pin. The number of prizes may vary based on the number of players as shown in Appendix 2.

The Nearest the Pin and Longest Drives prizes are dependent on the number of Sponsors each year (Sponsors are approached by the Club Night Organisers). All competitors are eligible for these prizes.

A Presentation Evening will be held at the end of each Club Night season. All prizes will be vouchers which are redeemable against any purchase in the shop, range, simulator or, by 5-day members, against weekend green fees. The vouchers are not valid for food or bar purchases nor for competition entry fees. Members discount has been taken



into consideration and the value of the vouchers increased accordingly. Therefore, no further discount will be given when using vouchers to purchase goods in the pro shop.

# Organisation and administration

Club Night is run by the Club Night Organisers in accordance with this Guidance. The names of proposed Organisers are notified to the General Committee prior to Club Night starting each year. Liaison between the Club Night Organisers and the General Committee is through the Competitions and Handicaps Secretary.

The tasks carried out by the Organisers include:

- Organising and running each week's competition including putting out and collecting markers and Sponsor Boards.
- Ensuring prizes are purchased, awarded, and recorded.
- Ensuring entrance fees (£3.00 per night) have been recorded.
- Printing finance forms.
- Recording income and expenditure.
- Recording results.
- Prize giving each week.
- Ordering new score cards.
- Organising the Presentation Evening at the end of the season.
- Maintaining records of stock in hand.
- Securing sponsors.

# Financial control and probity

Club Night generates a healthy income each year. It is important that members and sponsors can see how and where this money is spent and that it is properly accounted for. Club Night is financially self-supporting with income and expenditure recorded as a separate line in the Club Accounts. It is expected that the balance at the end of the year will be around £200 in cash or balls for prizes for the start of the following year. Cash carried forward of more than £250 will be transferred to Club Funds.

Of the £3.00 entry fee, 0.50p is paid direct to members' funds for administration. The remaining £2.50 raised from each entry fee and the sponsorship balls will be returned to participants as follows:

- Prizes each evening.
- Prizes for end of season Presentation Evening.

The Organisers are required to send a financial statement on a weekly basis listing income and expenditure (supported by receipts) to the Club Treasurer. All entry lists and other paperwork shall be retained and made available for inspection until after the Club accounts have been audited each year.



## **Club Night Appendix 1**

### **Playing Handicaps**

- To participate in Club Night, members are required to have a current WHS Handicap Index by entering competitions and/or submitting General Play scores.
- However, for one season only members without a WHS Handicap Index can participate in Club Night and will have
  their Club Night handicap calculated after 3 Club Night cards have been submitted; there is no fee for these 3
  rounds and members will be eligible only to win sponsor balls. For these players there will be no reductions in
  handicaps for the first three competitions and these scores will not be included in the main competition results.
- Once members' Club Night handicaps have been determined they will be moved to the appropriate Division, pay the entry fee and be eligible for all prizes.
- If a player with a Club Night handicap subsequently obtains a current **WHS Handicap Index** during the Club Night season, he/she will play off the lower of the two handicaps. Previous scores will not be amended.
- All players with a current **WHS Handicap Index** start each year on their course handicap as at the date of their first Club Night round their Club Night handicap from the previous year is discarded.
- The Club Night handicap is specific to Club Night it may not be used in other Club competitions and is not connected in any way to a **WHS Handicap Index**.
- Members are required to obtain a current **WHS Handicap Index** if they wish to take part in the next or subsequent year's Club Night.

#### Handicap cuts

#### Men & Ladies - in all Divisions

Winner Club Night Handicap Cut by 3 Shots.

2nd Club Night Handicap Cut by 2 Shots.

3rd Club Night Handicap Cut by 1 Shot.

\*\* PLUS a further Club Night Handicap Cut for any points over 20 \*\*

E.g. 21 Points 1 Extra Club Night Handicap Cut.
22 Points 2 Extra Club Night Handicap Cut.
23 Points 3 Extra Club Night Handicap Cut.

So, for a 1st Place with 23 Points the members' Club Night Handicap would be Cut by a total of 6 Shots.

Please note that members' Club Night handicaps will continue to be cut even when they reach '0'.



## **Club Night Appendix 2**

Prizes are awarded as follows:

### Men's Division 1 (Handicap Index 1 – 14)

Winner 1 tube premium balls. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1 tube standard balls. 3<sup>rd</sup> (if more than 10 players) 1 tube standard balls.

### Men's Division 2 (Handicap Index 15 -40) and the Ladies Division (Handicap Index 0 - 54)

Winner 2 tubes standard balls. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1 tube standard balls. 3<sup>rd</sup> (if more than 10 players) 1 tube standard balls.

The Winner, 2nd and 3rd in each Division will be established, if necessary, on a 6/3/1 holes points countback.

#### Men (all divisions)

Longest drive (6<sup>th</sup>)

Longest drive (8<sup>th</sup>)

Nearest the pin (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Nearest the pin (5<sup>th</sup>)

Nearest the pin in 2 (1<sup>st</sup>)

Nearest the pin in 3 (4<sup>th</sup>)

1 tube of sponsor's balls.

#### **Ladies**

Longest drive (8<sup>th</sup>)

Longest drive (8<sup>th</sup>)

Nearest the pin (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Nearest the pin in 3 (1<sup>st</sup>)

Nearest the pin in 3 (9<sup>th</sup>)

1 tube of sponsor's balls.

**Eagle on any Hole** 1 tube of premium balls or 2 tubes of standard balls.

(player's choice)

**Highest number of birdies** 1 tube of premium balls or 2 tubes of standard balls.

during Club Night season (player's choice)

All competitors are eligible to win Sponsored balls.