

AHGC MENS SENIOR SECTION

INFORMATION BOOK FOR COMPETITION RULES

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Definition of Senior

For the purpose of all Abbey Hill Golf Club (AHGC) Senior's competitions: Male Members of AHGC over the age of 55 on the start date of the competition and in possession of a WHS handicap index under the current WHS Handicapping Scheme.

General Rules for All Competition Entries

- All Competitions are to be played in accordance with the R&A Rules of Golf and Local Rules as approved
- Players handicaps must meet any specific conditions that may be set for any individual event
- Players must not be currently suspended from competition on the date of the competition
- Competitions will be posted on HowDidIDo (HDID) a minimum of 2 weeks before play date
- Entries must be submitted through HDID before the draws are made:-
 - Draw for Tuesday competitions made 17:00 on Sunday before play date
 - Draw for Thursday competitions made 13:00 on Monday before play date
 - All competitions drawn at random with allowance for early, mid and late starts

Allowance may be made for late entries at the discretion of the Committee

- The appropriate entry fee must be paid before competitors commence their round or their first round in a multi-round competition
- If you are unable to play you must contact a member of the Committee asap (repeated instances may result in temporary suspension from competitions)
- The Starter and contact details will be identified on the published draw sheet
- You must register with the Starter at least 20 minutes before your tee time (failure to do so may result in penalty shots being administered or disqualification from competition)
- Score Cards must be completed correctly in accordance with the competition format:
 - They must clearly identify the marker
 - Be signed by both player and marker after agreement of the scores by both
 - It must be submitted into the ClubV1 systems within one hour of the completion of your round. This may be done through the Player Score Input (PSI) terminal in the clubhouse or through the HDID app on a personal phone or other such device.
 - The cards must also be placed in the Senior's Competition box for possible scrutiny by the Committee
- Except where stated otherwise, all ties will be decided on the last 18, 9, 6, 3, or 1 hole in that order, unless a tie still results, in which case the last 6, 3, or 1 hole of the first 9 will count.
- In the event of any discrepancies or irregularities the Committee ruling will be final
- Members have the right of appeal should they disagree with a ruling or penalty imposed by the Committee. In the first instance this should be submitted to the Committee in writing stating their objection and reasons for this. This will be escalated for consideration to our representative at Berks, Bucks and Oxon Golf which is the regional organisation for our governing body, England Golf.

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COMPETITION RULES

COMPETITION NAME:	BERNIE LUCAS WINTER STABLEFORD
TYPE:	An Annual Competition
FORMAT:	Stableford
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95% Course Handicap
TEES:	Yellow
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	January till end of February, eight weeks inclusive.
SCORING:	Each player's four best stableford score submitted over the eight week period will be added together giving a final aggregate Stableford point score. Each player may discard their worst score cards. This is a non-qualifying competition but Handicaps may still be adjusted for General Play
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winner of the Bernie Lucas Trophy is the player with the most Stableford points at the end of the 8 weeks. Prizes will be given to the top 12 players (or more if there is a tie)
TIES:	In the event of a tie the winner will be decided on count back Using his final card submitted (i.e. 9,6,3,2,1.) over the eight weeks (not his best last card)
HISTORY	The trophy was donated by Bernie Lucas in 2017

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COMPETITION RULES

COMPETITION NAME:	THE A.J TROPHY
TYPE:	An Annual Competition
FORMAT:	Singles Match Play Knockout
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section possessing an official Handicap Index (HI) of 24.4 or less when the competition is posted. If your handicap is higher than 24.4 you must play off no higher than 24.4 for the duration of this competition. Should your HI reduce to below 24.4 then you will play off that handicap.
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	For each two-shot difference in Course Handicap the higher handicap player gets one-hole start. Odd differences in handicaps to be counted down. The Match is then played off scratch.
TEES:	Yellow
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	February through to Final
ARRANGING MATCHES:	Throughout the competition the responsibility for arranging each match is shared equally between the players concerned. Failure to play a match within the applicable time frame may result in disqualification of both players.
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winner will be the player who wins the most holes in the final of the knockout Competition
TIES:	The winner will be decided by the player who has won the most holes In the event of a tie the winner will be decided by way of sudden death extra holes off scratch
HISTORY:	The Trophy was donated in 1991 by A.J. Keightley, the first Captain of the Men's Senior Section on its formation in 1992.

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COMPETITION NAME:	WALTER HARVEY MEMORIAL TROPHY
TYPE:	An Annual Knockout Competition
FORMAT:	Four ball better ball match play knock out
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section
DRAW:	The Seniors Handicap's Committee will draw partners of high and low handicaps, determine the knockout sequence and allocated timeframe for each round
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	Calculate the Course Handicap (CH) for each player then adjust so the lowest player plays off zero. The other players then play off 90% of their adjusted handicap. eg. If Player A Handicap Index is 8.8 CH 6, B is 12.9 CH 10, C is 20.2 CH 17 and D is 27.5 CH 25. Player A gets 0 shots, player B gets 4 shots (90% of 4), player C gets 10 shots (90% of 11) and player D gets 17 shots (90% of 19).
TEES:	Yellow
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	February through to Final
ARRANGING MATCHES:	The responsibility for arranging each match is shared equally Between both teams. <u>Failure to play a match within the allotted time will result in disqualification of both teams.</u> No extensions will be allowed
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winning team will be will be the team who wins the most holes in the final of the knockout Competition
TIES:	The winners will be the team who have won the most holes. In the event of a tie the winners will be decided by way of sudden death on extra holes with the same handicap allowances extended
HISTORY:	The cup was donated by Dr Emily Harvey (sister of Wally Dunkley) in 1997 in memory of her late husband

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COMPETITION NAME:	MENS SENIOR MEDAL CHAMPIONSHIP
TYPE:	An Annual Competition
FORMAT:	Medal Play
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95% of Course Handicap
TEES:	White
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	March to October inclusive
SCORING:	The first six in each of the eight monthly medals will be awarded championship points, 6 to the best score, decreasing to 1 for the sixth best.
WINNER DEFINITION:	The player with the highest number of championship points at the end of the competition will be declared the Seniors Medal Champion
TIES:	In the event of a tie the player with the greater number of first places i.e. 6`s will be the champion or if the tie remains the greatest number of 5`s and if necessary sequentially down to the greatest number of 1`s to determine the Championship.

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COMPETITION NAME:	THE JOHN MILLER CUP
TYPE:	An Annual Spring competition
FORMAT:	Two Ball Scramble Strokeplay (both players tee off then each pair play their shots from the position of the best ball)
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section
PAIRINGS	Pairings of High and Low Handicap players will be drawn by the committee
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	Allowance is taken from Course Handicap. 15% of High handicap and 35% of Low Handicap
NUMBER OF DRIVES:	Each player must take 7 drives and mark them clearly on the Scorecard
TEES:	Yellow Tees
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	End of March
TIES:	The winning pair will be decided on the best Nett score. In the event of a tie the winners will be decided by count back (9,6,3,2,1.)
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winner of the Competition is the pair with the lowest Nett Score after 18 holes
HISTORY:	The cup was donated in 1994 by John Miller Member of AHGC since 1975

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COMPETITION NAME:	THE DENNIS BYRON SALVER
TYPE:	An Annual Summer Knock Out competition related to the monthly Medals
FORMAT:	Strokeplay
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95% Course Handicap
TEES:	White
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	March to September inclusive. Final – Late September or early October
SCORING:	The best 4 NETT SCORES from each players card returned from the monthly medal will be considered for inclusion in the final. At the conclusion of the qualifying period the 8 (EIGHT) players who have the lowest aggregate scores from their best four medal rounds will qualify for the final. The final round will be played according to seeding's. Seed 1 plays seed 8, 2 plays 7, 3 plays 6 and 4 plays 5 in a knockout until a winner is found
ARRANGING MATCHES:	Throughout the competition the responsibility for arranging each match is shared equally between the players concerned. Failure to play a match within the applicable time frame may result in disqualification of both players
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winner of the Competition is the player with the lowest Nett Score at the end of the knockout stages
HISTORY:	The Salver was donated by Dennis Byron in 1995

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COMPETITION NAME:	GEORGE EAMES VETERANS SHIELD
TYPE:	An Annual Knockout competition
FORMAT:	Stroke Play
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95% Course Handicap
TEES:	White
SCORE CARDS:	Each player is responsible for returning his completed score card to the handicap Committee, Failure to do so may result in disqualification
ARRANGING MATCHES:	Throughout the competition the responsibility for arranging each match is shared equally between the players concerned, Failure to play the match within the applicable time frame may result in disqualification of Both Players
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winner of is the player returning the lowest Nett score in Final after the knockout stages

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COMPETITION NAME:	DENNIS SHADBOLT MEMORIAL CUP
TYPE:	An Annual Summer competition
FORMAT:	Stableford
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95%
TEES:	Yellow
COMPETITION VENUE:	To be played on the first Away Day of the season at a course chosen by the current Captain or Committee
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winner is the player who scores the most Stableford points after 18 holes
HISTORY:	The cup was donated by the widow of Dennis Shadbolt in 2016 Dennis was the Senior's Treasurer for many years

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COMPETITION NAME:	STAN WILSON MEMORIAL
TYPE:	An Annual Competition
FORMAT:	Stableford
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95% of Course Handicap
TEES:	Yellow
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	Summer
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winner of Stan Wilson Memorial is the player returning the Highest Stableford points after 18 holes
PRESENTATION	The presentation will take place directly following the competition,
HISTORY:	Stan Wilson was a Past Senior Captain and the trophy was donated by his daughter Elaine in 2019

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COMPETITION NAME:	THE "TOFFS" TROPHY
TYPE:	An Annual 4 Club competition
FORMAT:	Stableford
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95% Course Handicap
TEES:	Yellow
PLAYING CONDITIONS:	Players can carry only 4 clubs, of which one MUST be a Putter
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	End of March
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winner of the player returning the highest Stableford points after 18 holes
HISTORY:	The Trophy was donated in 1994 by Brian Douglas, the designer of the "TOFFS" Logo

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COMPETITION NAME:	MEN'S SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
TYPE:	An Annual Summer competition
FORMAT:	Medal Play
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section possessing an official handicap below 18
ENTRY RESTRICTIONS:	All entrants must have played in 3 Senior Stroke Play competitions between the previous year's Senior Club Championship and the date of the competition
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95% of Course Handicap
TEES:	White
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	June
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winner will be decided on the lowest Gross score

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COMPETITION NAME:	MEN'S SENIOR NETT CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
TYPE:	An Annual Summer competition
FORMAT:	Medal Play
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section possessing an official handicap below 18
ENTRY RESTRICTIONS:	All entrants must have played in 3 Senior Stroke Play competitions between the previous year's Senior Club Championship
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95% of Course Handicap
TEES:	White
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	June
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winner will be decided on the lowest Nett score

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COMPETITION NAME:	THE TERRY CONNELL TROPHY
TYPE:	An Annual Competition
FORMAT:	Medal Play
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section possessing an official handicap of 18 and above
ENTRY RESTRICTIONS:	All entrants must have played in 3 Senior Stroke Play competitions between the previous year's Terry Connell Trophy
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95% of Course Handicap
TEES:	White
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	June
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winner will be decided on the lowest Nett score

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COMPETITION NAME: THE DEREK HOUGHTON ROSEBOWL

TYPE: An Annual One Day Competition

FORMAT: Stableford

ELIGIBILITY: All members of the Senior Section

HANDICAP ALLOWANCE: 95% Course Handicap

TEES: Yellow

PERIOD OF COMPETITION: Late June

HISTORY The cup was donated in 2000 by Mrs Houghton as a memorial competition for Derek Houghton who was a member of Abbey Hill Golf Club for many years. The first presentation was made by Derek's Granddaughter Susan.

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COMPETITION NAME:	CAPTAINS DAY PLATE
TYPE:	An Annual Summer competition
FORMAT:	Stableford
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior section. Invited Guests and Members of the Men's and Ladies' section may play but are not eligible to win Plate
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95% of Course Handicap
TEES:	Yellow
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	Summer
SCORING:	The Senior member with most Stableford points will win the Captains Plate. The Lady member with the most Stableford points score will win a Best Ladies Prize, and the Guest with the most Stableford points score will win a Best Guest prize (AHGC Men aged under 55 years will be registered as a Guest)
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winner of Captain's Plate is the player returning the highest Stableford points after 18 holes
PRESENTATION	The presentation will take place directly following the competition, Players NOT attending the presentation MAY forfeit their right to the winning a prize

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COMPETITION NAME:	BOB ASHDOWN SHIELD
TYPE:	An Annual Summer competition
FORMAT:	Stableford
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior section over 80-year-old
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95%
TEES:	Yellow
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	To be played on Captain's Day
WINNING DEFINITION:	The most Stableford points scored by a member over 80 years old will be declared the winner.

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COMPETITION NAME:	FRED WILLIAMS MEMORIAL
TYPE:	An Annual Competition
FORMAT:	Stableford
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95% of Course Handicap
TEES:	Yellow
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	Summer
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winner of Fred Williams Memorial is the player returning the Highest Stableford points after 18 holes
PRESENTATION	The presentation will take place directly following the competition,
HISTORY:	Fred Williams was a Past Senior Captain and the trophy was donated By his partner Jackie Boone in 2022

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COMPETITION NAME:	STAN WILSON MEMORIAL (AWAY DAY)
TYPE:	An Annual Competition
FORMAT:	Stableford
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95% of Course Handicap
TEES:	Yellow
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	Away Day decided by Captain
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winner of Stan Wilson Memorial is the player returning the Highest Stableford points after 18 holes
PRESENTATION	The presentation will take place directly following the competition,
HISTORY:	Stan Wilson was a past Senior Captain and the trophy was donated by His daughter Elaine

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COMPETITION NAME:	NORMAN SMITH CUP
TYPE:	An Annual Summer competition
FORMAT:	Stableford
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95% Course Handicap
TEES:	Yellow
WINNING DEFINITION:	The winner will be the player who scored the most Stableford Points
HISTORY:	Norman was a Past Captain in the Seniors

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COMPETITION NAME:	THE PETER WADDINGTON SHIELD
TYPE:	An Annual Competition
FORMAT:	Stableford/ Better ball, each player plays his own ball, best score counts
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section
PAIRINGS	Teams of 2 High/Low handicaps will be drawn by the committee.
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	15% of High and 35% Low Handicapper
TEES:	Yellow
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winning team will be the team returning the highest Stableford points after 18 holes

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COMPETITION NAME:	CHARITIES DAY
TYPE:	An Annual Summer competition
FORMAT:	Stableford
ELIGIBILITY:	Open competition. All members of the AHGC and invited Guests
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95% of Course Handicap
TEES:	Yellow
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	Summer
SCORING:	The AHGC member with most Stableford points will win the Charity Salver. The Lady member with the most Stableford points score will win a Best Ladies Prize, and the Guest with the most Stableford points score will win a Best Guest prize (AHGC Men aged under 55 years will be registered as a Guest)
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winner of Charity Salver is the player returning the highest Stableford points after 18 holes
PRESENTATION	The presentation will take place directly following the competition, Players NOT attending the presentation MAY forfeit their right to winning a prize

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COMPETITION NAME:	SENIORS MEMORIAL DAY
TYPE:	An Annual Competition
FORMAT:	Stableford
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95% of Course Handicap
TEES:	Yellow
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	Late Summer
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winner of the Memorial Day Trophy is the player returning the Highest Stableford points after 18 holes
PRESENTATION	The presentation will take place directly following the competition,
HISTORY:	This Competition was set up in 2022 in memory of all of the Senior Members who have passed

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COMPETITION NAME:	JIM ELSE SCRAMBLE
TYPE:	An Annual Summer competition
FORMAT:	3 Ball Texas Scramble
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section
PAIRINGS:	Teams will be drawn by the committee, with 1 Low, 1 Medium and 1 High Handicap Player
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	30% of Low Handicapper, 20% of Medium and 10% of High Handicapper
NUMBER OF DRIVES:	Each player must take 5 drives and mark them clearly on the Scorecard
TEES:	Yellow
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winning team is the team scoring the lowest Nett Score after 18 holes
HISTORY:	Jim Else was a Past Senior Captain and the Trophy was donated by Jim's wife

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COMPETITION RULES

COMPETITION NAME:	BHABUTTA CUP
TYPE:	An Annual Autumn competition
FORMAT:	2 Ball Scramble
PAIRINGS	The Pairings will be drawn by the committee, with 1 Low and 1 High Handicap Player
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section.
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	15% of High and 35% low Handicapper
NUMBER OF DRIVES:	Each player must take 7 drives and mark them clearly on the scorecard
TEES:	Yellow
WINNING DEFINITION:	The winner team will be the players who have the lowest Nett score after 18 holes

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COMPETITION NAME:	THE W.A. DUNKLEY WINTER QUALIFIER
TYPE:	An Annual Winter competition
FORMAT:	Stableford scores as returned from the regular Tuesday Senior's Roll Up games. When no other Competition being played on Thursdays the scores from those games will count
ELIGIBILITY:	All members of the Senior Section
HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:	95% Course Handicap
TEES:	Yellow
PERIOD OF COMPETITION:	Qualifying rounds November to February inclusive. Final Date in March as decided by the Committee.
QUALIFYING CONDITIONS:	The 6 best stableford scores returned each Tuesday will be awarded qualifying points in the order 6 down to 1 and posted on the notice board. At the conclusion of the qualifying period the 12 players (plus ties) having the best aggregate number of qualifying points will qualify for the Final. The Final will, (where possible) be played in groups of three and the winner will be the player with the highest stableford points
WINNER DEFINITION:	The winner of the Final is the player returning the highest Stableford points after 18 holes
HISTORY	The Cup was donated by Wally Dunkley in 1992