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Seniors Constitution

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Section Objectives

The purpose of these notes is to supplement the constitution of Clays Golf Club and in no way intended to substitute them.

Objectives of the Section are to promote a friendly environment, for social competitive competition within the Section, Clays Golf Club, and with approved Golf Clubs.

1.0 Section Committee

The Committee shall consist of 8 members, namely: Senior's Captain, Treasurer, Competition Secretary, Special Events Officer, Medal and Honours Board competitions Officers (2), Committee Members (1). The role of Secretary will be the responsibility of one of the Officers.

1.1.1 Term of Office

Senior's Captain	[2 years – plus a further 2years without re-election, upon retirement, if he wishes]
Treasurer	[2 years – may stand for re-election thereafter]
Competition Secretary	[2 years – may stand for re-election thereafter]
Other Committee Members	[2 years – may stand for re-election thereafter]

No more than 50% of committee should leave in one year.

1.1.2 Duties of Office

Senior's Captain	Chairs meetings, long term co-ordination within section, Clays Golf Club and other Golf Clubs, general correspondence, communication via notice board. Management, smooth organisation and co-ordination of the section by committee and the Competition Secretary for competitive events.
Secretary	Assist Senior's Captain in his duties. Maintain a record of the winners of the following Trophies: Ramnee – Forrest – 28My!!! – Veterans – Ray Mortell – Donderbuckles.
Treasurer	Management of section funds, production of year-end accounts and interim reports.
Competition Secretary	Assist Senior's Captain with long term planning and match formats, listing and general organisation of matches and events previously planned. Competition Draw – playing order and starter. Seek aid and assistance from other committee members to carry out specific functions or understudy as required.
Special Events Officer	Responsible for the organisation and planning of the Seniors Christmas competition and party; Not Nearly St. Patrick's Day competition; Seniors Away Day Holidays, and any other special events or functions that may require attention.
Medal & Honours Board Officer	Responsible for the organisation and smooth running of all Medal and Honours Board Competitions.
Committee Members	Attend meetings with the above Officers. Assist in the general day-to-day running of the section. Communicate between Committee and members of the Senior's Section.

1.2 Membership of Section

Pre-qualification:

Members of Clays Golf Club Senior's Section must be a member of Clays Golf Club, and be of the age 55 years or over. Annual subscription to the section's social fund will be £5, payable in December of each year. Failure to pay this subscription may result in some competition entry restrictions.

1.3 Competition

The committee will assess all competition proposals, and based upon agreement/consensus shall identify within this document under section 2.0, lay down relevant details for the said competitions. These details will normally include the competition, format, persons eligible to win, prize, and basic outline for the competition. All matches within the section shall take place within the conditions laid down by the Competition Secretary or his nominee. All Honour Board competitions have a handicap limit of 28.

All participants are requested to be mindful and note the existence of agreement with Clays Golf Club management regarding block booking by the section. This is currently arrival 8:30 – 9:00 for a 9:22 a.m. first tee block booking extendable to 11.00 a.m.

The purpose of this agreement is twofold:-

- Make due allowance of time for other Club members (especially shift workers) to play ahead of the Senior's section.
- Maintain a consistent approach with fixed block bookings on nominated days, to allow as far as practical, the Section's numbers to be accounted for within the day's allocation of tee times.

As the Section's success is in part the camaraderie created by attending events en bloc, members are expected to arrive at Home venues between 8.30 and 9.00 a.m. for allocation of tee times and playing partners, except when an advanced draw is posted. Allocation will be by the drawing of the member's Tally Number.

1.4 Dress Code

Whilst the Section's aim is to promote social golf, and for friendly/internal events such as Kitty comps, and Medals, then the normal dress code for Clays Golf Club is acceptable. Dress code for visiting Golf Clubs will be subject to an agreement with visiting teams, but must always be smart and casual.

Dress code at Away venues will be subject to the Away Golf Club custom. This could involve Jacket, Shirt and Tie, and must be observed at all times.

1.5 Bank Accounts

The Section holds funds in three accounts: current, deposit and reserve.

There will be three signatories: the incumbent Treasurer and two other committee members appointed by the committee.

Any changes to signatory names or procedures, can only be made by the committee, with a minimum quorum of 6 members.

Operational funds, chequebooks and passbooks are held by the Treasurer.

1.6 Meetings

Formal meetings are held on a three monthly basis, although ad hoc meetings are occasionally required. The AGM is held December each year.

1.7 Changes to the Constitution

Only proposed changes submitted to the Secretary by either an individual member, with a proposer and a seconder, or the committee and notified to the membership along with the agenda can be voted on at the AGM (voted on at Seniors AGM 2009)

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2.0 **COMPETITIONS and FORMATS**

2.1 **Kitty Competition** **Eligibility: Senior Member, Invitees.**

T Box: Yellow, Full H/C. Friendly competition of varying format. Small prizes and providing a small income to the Section's funds.

Other events take place within the boundaries of Kitty Competitions namely:-

- President v Senior's Captain (Proceeds to 1 of 5 nominated charities)
- Poppy Day (All proceeds to Poppy Day Appeal Fund)

Prizes as detailed in section 3.2.

2.2 **Seniors Medal** **Eligibility: Paid-up Senior Membership**

T Box: White. Full H/C. Monthly Strokeplay competition. Prize: Monthly Medals

Competition is played in two Divisions, with a prize for the winner of each division:

Division 1: Handicaps 0 – 19

Division 2: Handicaps 20 – 28

2.3 **Senior's Champion** **Eligibility: Paid-up Senior Membership**

T Box: White. Full H/C differential. Format: Singles Matchplay

Knockout competition to be played on or before date or dates specified by the committee. The committee will make decisions on anomalies for matches not played by the specified date. The decision made will be final.

Prize: Bronze Figurine donated by Mr. H.Lovell originally for Senior's Trophy. Replica for winner and runner-up.

2.4 **Senior's Trophy** **Eligibility: Paid-up Senior Membership**

T Box: White. Full H/C. Format: Strokeplay

Prize: Cup. Replica for winner and runner-up.

2.5 **Ramnee Trophy** **Eligibility: Paid-up Senior Membership**

T Box: Yellow. Full H/C. Format: Aggregate Stableford

An away event anticipated being a "Holiday Venue" for a period of one week during the Summer Months. The competition to be completed over several days on one or more golf courses at the pre-determined location. To increase the fun/competitive aspect, "Skins" or other formats may be played in tandem to the Ramnee Trophy.

Aggregate Stableford score over the prescribed period. The winner cannot win both the Ramnee or any prize of the Forrest Trophy during this period. Guests do not qualify for this trophy.

Prize: Figurine Drunken Man 6" high ref. BT025

2.6 **Forrest Trophy** **Eligibility: Paid-up Senior Membership**

T Box: Yellow. Full H/C. Awarded during the Ramnee Trophy competition to the golfer with the best nett differential. Guests do not qualify for this trophy.

The winner cannot win both the Ramnee or any prize of the Forrest Trophy during this period.

Prize: Chalice donated by Robin Forrest.

2.7 **28!!!!!! Trophy** **Eligibility: Paid-up Senior Membership**

T Box: Yellow. Full H/C. Awarded during the Ramnee Trophy competition to the golfer with best four aggregate Stableford holes during the whole period of the competition. In the event of a tie on points, the golfer with the single highest score on any hole will win. If there is still a tie, the stroke index of the qualifying holes for each golfer will be summated, and the golfer with the lowest total will win.

The winner cannot be a golfer who has won either the Ramnee or Forrest Trophies during the period. Guests do not qualify for this trophy.

Prize: Carved Figure and bottle of wine donated by Roger Hudson .

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2.8 Copperwheat Eclectic Eligibility: Paid-up Senior Membership

T Box: White. 50% H/C at end. Format: Strokeplay competition within Monthly Medal The lowest summation of the best gross score achieved against each hole, during medal competitions played between April and September (6 Medals).

Prize: Golfer Figurine donated by Mike Copperwheat.

2.9 Gemini Trophy Eligibility: Paid-up Senior Membership

T Box: White. 3/4 H/C. Format: Pairs Betterball.

The aggregate of the best net scored. Flights will be determined by a draw prior to play.

Prize: Cup. Replica for winner and runner-up.

2.10 Senior Pairs Betterball Eligibility: Paid-up Senior Membership

T Box: White. H/C ¾ difference from lowest H/C in group. Format: Better ball Matchplay

Knockout competition. Players may select their partners but a random draw will take place for players without a partner. To be played on or before date or dates specified by the committee. The committee will make decisions on anomalies for matches not played by the specified date. The decision made will be final.

Prizes: To be announced

2.11 Xmas Lunch Eligibility: Paid-up Senior Members & Guests

T Box: Yellow. H/C dependent upon format. Format: Changed annually

Xmas get-together with guests for 9 hole fun competition followed by Xmas lunch.

Objective, to enjoy golf with a variety of prizes for members and guests. Cost of lunch to be subsidised by guests as a contribution towards prizes.

2.12 Round Robin Shield Eligibility: Paid-up Senior Membership

T Box: White. H/C full differential. Format: Matchplay

Automatic qualification for previous year's winner. A preliminary strokeplay round to be played concurrently with the April Medal, the best 15 players qualifying. The 16 players will be drawn into 4 leagues of 4 players each. The 4 players in each league to play each other in Matchplay format. Results to be calculated as 2 points for a win, 1 point for a half, 0 points for loss of match. No matches to be conceded without approval from committee. (See 3.4).

The top scoring points winner from each league goes forward to a final league. All final players to play each other with the same points calculation as before. The winner being the player with the highest amount of points.

Prize: Shield donated by Graham Capper.

2.13 Inter-Club Matches Eligibility: Paid-up Senior Membership

T Box: Yellow. Handicap allowance to be agreed with opposing team prior to commencement of match. Format: Team Matchplay Better ball

Team social event followed by lunch at either Home or Away venues. All playing members are expected to stay for lunch after match.

Team selection may be required dependant upon the numbers permitted and those requesting participation.

2.14 D J Bogie Eligibility: Paid-up Senior Membership

T Box: Yellow. Full H/C. Format: Bogie competition Introduced in 2002.

Prize: Dave G. Jones Perpetual Trophy Figurine donated by Dave Jones, plus a generous donation of £150 to be distributed as Whisky prizes, when Dave G. Jones advises the Committ

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2.15 Veterans Trophy Eligibility: Paid-up Senior Membership & aged 70years or over, on the day.

T Box: White. Full H/C. Format: Strokeplay Introduced in 2006.

Played in conjunction with the Senior Trophy. An eligible member may win both Trophies on the day. Prize: An Engraved Slate Dragon donated by Don Wraight.

2.16 Donderbuckles Trophy Eligibility: Paid-up Senior Member

T Box: White. Full H/C Format: Strokeplay. Introduced in 2008

Prize: Trophy awarded to the best net round played in a qualifying Monthly Medal April to September.

2.17 Ray Mortell Memorial Trophy Eligibility: Paid-Up Senior Member

T Box Yellow. Full H/C Format: Stableford. Introduced in 2008

Prize: Trophy donated by Mrs Mortell. Incorporated in the annual Nearly St. Patrick's Event , for the best score of the competition.

3.0 COMPETITION RULES

3.1 Ball Sweep

In any competition organised by the Section, any gross score of "2" on any hole, shall share the proceeds of the ball sweep. Senior's organised events will, in support of Clays Golf Club, normally purchase golf balls from the Golf shop. A person achieving two or more "2's" will receive two or more appropriate shares. Any balance from equal division shall be carried over to the next competition.

In no player achieves a "2", the proceeds shall be won/shared by those players achieving the best aggregate score on all available par 3 holes.

3.2 Kitty Competitions

The normal entrance fee shall be £1.00. The winner shall receive or share up to the first £10 of income for the competition. Thereafter the income to Section funds shall be limited to £5. Additional prizes shall absorb the remainder. For consistency in prizes a spreadsheet is available (subject to review dependant upon Section affluence).

In the event of a tie, the winner shall be decided on count back.

Kitty competitions will normally take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The playing format will change on a rota basis.

Those not representing the club when a team is at an away match may hold kitty comps at the home club For a partnership [pairs, three or fourball] competition, up to the first £20 may be shared by the partnership.

All the above is subject to review and subsequent revision.

3.3 Competition Count Back

Medal Play Regardless of the order the course is played count back shall be applied as follows:-

Last 9 holes gross score less 1/2 of playing handicap

Last 6 holes gross score less 1/3 of playing handicap

Last 3 holes gross score less 1/6 of playing handicap

18th hole gross score less 1/18 of playing handicap

If there is still a tie, a play off may be considered for larger competitions, i.e. a play off over three holes @ 1/6 handicap.

Matchplay "Sudden Death". Strokes received by the higher handicap player as in the first round.

Stableford This is a form of strokeplay, strokes taken, giving a point score based upon a nett score, therefore count back can be applied over the 9th, 6th, 3rd, and last hole, as above.

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3.4 Round Robin Matchplay League Scoring System

To minimise the number of games required, the competition shall be played with a single qualifying competition, followed by two rounds, each of 3 matches.

Qualifier A qualifier shall be played in strokeplay format with the best 15 scores plus last year's winner qualifying.

Round One Each qualifier shall be drawn by lot into 4 separate leagues.

Each player shall play each other in their respective leagues (3 matches)

Points shall be awarded for each match, 2 for a win, 1 for a half, 0 for a loss, the winner being the player with the most aggregate points.

Final The four winners from the four leagues play each other (3 matches)

Adopting the same scoring points system from Round One, the winner shall be the player with the most aggregate points.

Matches not played for mutually agreed reasons return zero points.

Any individual match given as a walkover must be subject to committee approval.

Count back in the event of a tie for the winner of individual leagues shall be calculated as follows:-

Review of the scores from the round to select the strongest player:-

- The first count back to produce a winner will be the player credited with the highest number of wins within the group
- The second count back to produce a winner will be the player credited with the highest summation of holes not played. ["Sum of holes not played in matches won" minus "Sum of holes not played in matches lost"].

Player 'A' winning 5/4; 3/2; 1/0 = 6 points for holes not played

Player 'B' winning 5/4; 2/1; 1/0 = 5 points for holes not played

Therefore the winner would be Player 'A'

- If both count back systems fail to produce an outright winner, then a further round shall be played over 18 holes, continued, if required, with sudden death play-off.

3.5 Team Selection and expectation for play against other Golf Clubs

The Inter-Club team events are primarily social friendly games to promote enjoyable golf and friendship between Golf Clubs. Members are expected to adhere to the dress code of the Golf Club, and participate in the meal.

It is expected that the member shall pay for a meal even if not taken. The view taken is that the payment is for Green Fee with a free lunch, rather than lunch with free golf.

The treasurer or appointed person will collect dues from each team member at all venues.

Persons who for health reasons, do not wish to participate with the festive board offered, should through a committee member seek alternatives with the Host, but in any event sit up at the table for both Home and Away venues. i.e. Social participation.

It is recognised that some team members have to leave following a match to attend work or other valid reason. Whilst this situation is unavoidable, it is respectfully requested that persons in this category give priority for team selection to members who are able to stay for social participation.

In any event, the final decision regarding Team Selection is at the total and final discretion of the Competition Secretary.

This constitution replaces all previous constitutions. December 30th revision in red at 1.7

For details of revisions see Revision Master Document

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