

BELTON WOODS GOLF CLUB

LADIES' SECTION HANDBOOK

In this Handbook you will find details of all the ladies' competitions together with some general points of information and explanations that will, hopefully, make life easier for all members. The Handbook is displayed on our website and in the ladies changing room. A file containing the minutes of committee meetings and a copy of the Ladies Section Constitution can also be found on the website and in the ladies' locker room. These should provide you with detailed information and answers to most questions. A book for comments or suggestions is located in the locker room: please write your comments there, or contact any member of the committee for further help.

Please check the notice boards and **Howdido** frequently for competition details and handicap information.

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COMPETITION PROCEDURES

1. BEFORE GOING OUT TO PLAY

- Ladies should have entered their name on the computer (or signed the competition sheet if applicable) 24 hours before the date to signify their intention to play.
- Cancellation **must be made a day prior** to the competition. If you are unable to play after the competition has closed, you must notify the Competition Secretary and your playing partners.
- Competitions played in handicap order will be drawn by a date specified on the sign-up sheet.
- Players must sign in on the computer or Today's Golf on the morning of the competition, prior to commencing their round. This includes each round of two day competitions.
- Tee Times on HDID are for competition players only. If you wish to play on a competition day but not enter the competition please book your own tee times.
- Ladies should always carry a copy of the Rules of Golf in their golf bag. You never know when you might need it.

2. PLAYING OUTSIDE DESIGNATED TEE TIMES

Ladies are encouraged to play competitions as a section. However, in **exceptional circumstances** ladies may, **with the express permission of the Lady Captain or Competition Secretary** play outside the designated tee times for non-trophy competitions

- Requests to play outside of designated tee times must be made with as much notice as possible.
- Fellow competitors and/or Committee members will be assigned as markers.
- The only competitions where this is permissible are monthly club competitions (medal, stableford and par).

3. PAYMENT FOR COMPETITIONS

Entry fees are on HDID/competition posters.

- Entry fees must be paid before going out to play.
- Money should be transferred to the Belton Woods Ladies Golf Section Bank Account in multiples of £10 by BACS or cheque to the Treasurer. Signing up on HDID is a declaration of intent to play. The entry fee for each competition will be taken from your deposited funds. If you do not remove your name from the

competition by the time entry closes on the previous day or notify the Competition Secretary that you are unable to play due to exceptional circumstances you may still be charged at the discretion of the committee. Please ensure that the treasurer knows when entry fee money is paid in or sent to her by cheque.

4. CARDS AND SCORE ENTRY

- All competition cards should be completed with the player's name, date, handicap and type of competition.
- Cards must be signed by both the marker and the player. Unsigned cards could lead to disqualification.
- Scores should be entered via HDID or the computer and the signed card placed in the competition box.
- Players cannot mark their own cards.
- Every effort should be made to find a marker for all internal pairs club competitions. However, the competition can still be played in the absence of a marker, but the situation must be authorised by a member of the committee and the card marked and signed accordingly. THIS IS NOT APPLICABLE TO EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS.

5. PRACTISING

Ladies must not play on the same course on the same day on which a competition is to be played. This does not apply to match play.

6. ADVERSE WEATHER

- Should a competition be abandoned due to adverse weather conditions, the trophy/trophies and prizes will be presented on 9, 18 or 27 holes, provided that all the competitors have completed or had the opportunity to complete that number of holes.

7. DEFINITIONS

- **Handicap Index (HI)** - the measure of a player's demonstrated ability, calculated against a standard slope rating of 113.
- **Course Handicap (CH)** - the number of strokes the player receives to play from a specific set of tees, as determined by the slope rating for those tees.
- **Playing Handicap (PH)** – the actual number of strokes the player gives or receives for the competition format being played. When working out

a playing handicap, the percentage allowance for the format of play is always applied to the player's course handicap. PH is always rounded to the nearest integer. PH is only used to find the results of a competition (not for handicapping).

8. PRIZES

- Vouchers will be issued for the winner(s) of competitions, dependent on the number of players. 5 or fewer players will result in one voucher of £10 for the winner. 6-10 players, one voucher worth £15 for the winner, and for more than 10 players there will be a winner's and a runner's up voucher worth £15 and £10 respectively.

COMPETITION TERMINOLOGY

- **Medal** – 2 or 3 ball games in which every stroke taken counts and the player must complete every hole. The player's total score is the gross score, less their handicap e.g. Gross 103, handicap 29, net result = 74.
- **Stableford** – points are awarded for the net number of strokes taken at each hole. Players should pick up if they are unable to score.
- **Par** – a match play game against the par of the course. A net par on a hole leaves the golfer level (=0). If the net score is one under or better they are +1. With a net one over par or worse the player is -1. Players should pick up if they are worse than level.
- **Foursomes** – Two golfers take turns to play one ball around the course. The player who tees off on the first hole then does so for all the odd numbered holes and their partner tees off on all the evens. Foursomes can be played in either a medal (stroke play) or stableford format.
- **Greensomes** – A pairs competition in which both partners tee off on each hole. They then select what they feel is the best shot and play alternative shots for the rest of the hole. Greensomes can be played in either a medal (stroke play) or stableford format.
- **American Greensomes** - Both players drive and then each play their partners ball before deciding which ball to then play. The player, whose ball was not selected, then plays the third shot and thereafter alternate shots are played until the hole is finished. Can be played in either medal (stroke play) or stableford format.

- **Four Ball Better Ball** - A pairs competition in which both partners play their own ball, but only one score i.e. the better one, counts at each hole. Can be played in either a medal (stroke play) or stableford format.
- **Texas Scramble** – A team competition. All players drive, decide on the best ball, MARK IT and pick up the remaining balls. The owner of the chosen ball plays first; all other players place their ball within 6 inches of the marker no nearer the hole and play it from this position. The procedure is followed until the ball is holed out. If it is decided to play a ball lying in the rough or in a bunker then the balls are dropped. The Committee may, however, vary the rules since this is a fun competition, without official standing. Can be played in either a medal (stroke play) or stableford format.
- **Match Play** – A match consists of one side playing against another over a stipulated round. In match play the game is played by holes. Except as otherwise provided in the Rules, a hole is won by the side that holes its ball in the fewer strokes. In a handicap match, the lower net score wins the hole. Handicap allowances are as follows:
 - Singles match play – full difference.
 - Foursomes match play – Calculate playing handicap for each pair (add Course Handicap of each pair and divide by 2 to give Playing Handicap) then allow the full difference.
 - Fourball match play – Calculate handicap index + slope rating = course handicap x 90% for each player. Players then take strokes from the lowest handicapped player.
- **Silver and Bronze Divisions**-- The silver division is for players with a handicap index of 0-20 and bronze is handicap index 20.1-54. This is only applied in the Spring and Autumn Trophy Meetings.
- **Groups**- Players are divided into groups, based on their playing handicap at the time of each competition. The groups are as follows:
0-5, 6-12, 13-20, 21-29, 30-36, 37-54
This is only used for calculating winners of the PAR Bar

BELTON WOODS LADIES' COMPETITIONS

- To be eligible to win a Ladies' Section competition, players (both home and away) must hold a WHS Handicap. Trophy Competitions played at the weekend are only open to players who are entitled to play on Saturdays and Sundays, with the exception of the PAR Final.

- To win individual or pairs (including mixed) Cups, Trophies or Shield competitions, players **must also** have played in **three** of the following Belton Woods qualifying competitions in the preceding 12 month period:
 - monthly medal
 - monthly stableford
 - par competitions
- Men must adhere to the men's competition procedures for mixed competitions.
- For match-play knockout competitions both criteria must be in place before the start of the first round prior to the draw being made.
- It is the player's responsibility to check that they have completed the requisite number of qualifying cards. Players can check their playing record on www.howdido.co.uk or by asking the Competition Secretary.

Race to Woddhall Spa

This is a national event, run for men and women. The criteria are based on all handicap qualifying competition results throughout the year. The Competition Secretary runs a report at the end of the year to determine the winner. The winning lady is registered and put forward to play in one of 10 area finals. The winning lady is announced at the AGM.

Club Monthly Medal

Qualifying medal competitions are played on a Wednesday and Saturday April - November. Ladies may play on either or both of these days.

Club Monthly Stableford

Club Stableford competitions are played on a Wednesday and Saturday each month. Ladies may play on either or both of these days. If a lady plays on both days, her best score counts towards the Joan Boycott Trophy. Competitions from December to February inclusive will be non-qualifying, but count towards the Joan Boycott trophy.

Birdies or Better

Any birdie, eagle or hole in one achieved in club competitions will be noted by the Handicap Secretary. There is a prize for the player with the most entries in the period between the Christmas Putt and Take competitions.

Par Bar (Lakes and Woods Course)

The Par Bar may only be played in conjunction with club competitions. The fee should be paid on the occasion of the first round. The number of Pars will be calculated by the

player's handicap at the time of achievement. Pars will be noted by the Handicap Secretary from computer reports.

Individual Trophy Competitions

Joan Boycott Stableford Cup

This competition runs from August to July each year. The best club monthly stableford scores for each player are noted and after the July competition their best four scores are added together. The four ladies with the most points then play a semi-final on a match play basis (1st v 4th & 2nd v 3rd). The winner receives the cup which was donated by Joan Boycott.

Secretary's Shield

Ladies with a handicap index of 30-54 are drawn to play a knockout competition in a match play format on the Woodside course. The winner receives the Secretary's Shield.

Vice-Captain's Cup

Ladies with a handicap index of 20.1- 29.9 are drawn to play a knockout competition in a match play format on the Lakes course. The winner receives the Vice-Captain's Cup.

Captain's Cup

Ladies with a handicap index of 20 and below are drawn to play in a knock out competition in a match play format on the Lakes course. The winner receives the Captain's Cup.

Knock - Out Plate

Ladies who lose their **first** match in the above knock-out competitions get a second chance to compete again in a set of match plays on the Woodside course. There are no handicap restrictions for this competition. The qualifying ladies are automatically entered and no additional fees have to be paid. The winner receives the Knockout Plate.

Past-Captain's Trophy

Past Captains of Belton Woods are invited to enter an individual stableford competition for the Past Captain's Trophy. The current Lady Captain may play, but cannot win the trophy.

Ladies Spring Meeting

A stableford competition on the Woodside course held on a Saturday in May for the Spring Meeting Salver. This competition is drawn in handicap order. Trophies are awarded for both Silver and Bronze divisions.

Par Trophy

Six individual Par competitions are played on the Woodside course each summer on dates fixed by the Lady Captain. The winner of each competition (or if a player has already won a previous par competition then the player who comes second on that day), goes through to the final which is played on a date at the end of the season.

The Belton Woods Cup

A medal round: played on a Saturday in June, normally on the Lakes Course. The winner is the lady with the best nett score. A separate trophy is presented to the lady with the best gross. This competition is played in handicap order. The same lady cannot win both trophies.

The Weekday Cup

A Stableford competition played on a Wednesday in June, normally on the Woods Course, drawn in handicap order. There is only one prize, awarded to the best Stableford score.

Linda Cochrane Challenge - "Club Championship"

Two medal rounds played on consecutive days in July/August on both courses. The lady with the best gross score wins the Linda Cochrane Silver Salver and is the Belton Woods Lady Club Champion for the year. The lady with the best nett score wins the Linda Cochrane Cup. The same lady cannot win both. This is a drawn competition in handicap order for day one and on the second day ladies with the lowest gross score go out last.

Ladies Autumn Meeting

A par competition on the Woodside course held on a Saturday in September/October for the Autumn Meeting Trophy. This is a drawn competition in handicap order. There are trophies for both Silver and Bronze divisions.

Tony Roberts Professional Trophy

A medal round to be played on a Saturday usually in August/September with a trophy for the best nett score.

Myles Foster Professional Trophy

A medal round played on a Saturday usually in October with a trophy for the best gross score.

Director's Cup

A stableford competition played on the Woodside course for ladies with handicaps of 30-54. The 3-card rule does not apply in this competition.

Lady Golfer of the Year

Lady Golfer of the year, (GOY), is based on all monthly qualifying competition scores from April to October inclusive. This includes Medals, Stablefords, Par and Individual Trophy competitions played on either course at Belton Woods. A report showing GOY positions will be produced in June and August, and the GOY will be revealed at Presentation Night. Points are awarded as follows: 10 points for the winner, 9 for second place, down to 1 point for tenth place. Points are awarded for position, regardless of the number of people in the competition.

Most Improved Lady Golfer

The Handicap Secretary runs a report based on handicap information for the period April-October inclusive and then a calculation is made, using a specific formula, to determine the Most Improved Lady Golfer. To be eligible to win this trophy Belton Woods must be your home club.

Ladies Pairs Trophy Competitions

Jan McCullough Trophy

A greensomes competition played in October. The ladies choose their own partner and play for the Janet McCullough Trophy – Medal $\frac{1}{2}$ combined handicap.

Winter Challenge

A competition played over six rounds with each round being a different type of pairs Stableford competition:

- 1 Foursomes Stableford competition (half combined),
- 2 Better Ball Stableford rounds (85% handicap for each player)
- 2 Texas Scrambles (35% of the lower and 15% of the higher handicap), each player to take 9 drives, Stableford
- 1 Greensomes competition (0.4 of the higher handicap and 0.6 of the lower handicap combined), Stableford

Players choose their partners. The pair needs to enter a minimum of three rounds. The winners are the pair whose best three rounds produce the best three stableford scores. In the event of a tie after calculating the winning 3 scores, the best 4 scores will

be used and so on until the winners are identified. It is therefore in the best interests of registered pairs to play as many rounds as possible.

The competition is played between October and March on Saturdays. The winning pair receives a trophy. In addition there is a prize for the winning team in each of the individual matches. Ladies can play with any partner for individual matches and qualify for this prize. This score will not qualify for the trophy competition.

Weekday Winter Challenge

A competition played for the Weekday Winter Challenge Trophy. The competition is the same format as the Winter Challenge but is played on Wednesdays between October and March.

Ladies can enter both the Weekday Winter Challenge and The Winter Challenge with the same or different partners.

Mixed Pairs Trophy Competitions

Tonka Twosomes Trophy – "Divorce Stakes" (married couples) and **Boris Bowl** (for mixed pairs who are members of the club)

These competitions are based on stroke play. The handicap is determined by 40% of the higher handicap and 60% of the lower handicap.

- On par threes both tee-off, the better ball is selected, alternating shots are then taken until the hole is complete.
- On par fours, both tee-off, the lady then plays the man's ball and the man plays the lady's ball, the better ball is then selected, alternate shots are then taken until the hole is complete.
- On par fives, both tee-off, the man plays two consecutive shots with the lady's ball and the lady does the same with the man's ball, the better ball is then selected, alternate shots are taken until the hole is complete.

The ASH's Trophy

An American Greensomes stroke play competition (½ combined course handicap). Open for any mixed pair where both players are members of Belton Woods. The competition is played on the Lakes course (where possible). The winners receive a trophy.

Tony Rose Mixed

A mixed Greensomes competition (Stableford 40% of higher handicap and 60% of lower handicap). Partners are drawn and the winners receive the Rose Bowl.

Hardy's Challenge Cup

A winter mixed knockout competition, played between October and March. Matches are arranged at mutually convenient times on either course (please note the date each round has to be played by). Men play from the orange tees. The final is to be played on the Lakes. Gentlemen play off their handicap index + slope rating = course handicap x 90%. Ladies play off their handicap index + slope rating = course handicap x 90%, plus course rating adjustment of 2 (Woods) and 2.4 (Lakes). All play off their own stroke index. This is a match play competition with players taking strokes from the lowest handicapped player.

Team Trophy Competitions

Grandma's Cup

A match-play competition held between "Grannies" and "Non-Grannies". The winning team receives the Grandma's Cup.

The Captains Challenge

A match play competition played one evening between the Ladies and Men's section for the Captains Challenge Trophy.

The Ladies v The Seniors Challenge Trophy

A match play competition between the Ladies and the Seniors section. Organised in alternate years by the Senior/Lady Captain, usually followed by a light meal.

The Ladies v The Staff

This is a match play competition played one evening in July for the Jackie Flack Challenge Trophy.

The Ladies v The Juniors

This is a match play competition usually played in the school holidays for the Trophy.

The Match Team Trophy

A Stableford competition played one evening between the Ladies, the Men, the Juniors and the Seniors. Each team comprises one player from each section. The winner of the Match Team Trophy is the team with the most accumulated stableford points.

Fun Competitions

Lady Captain's Day

The Ladies play for the Lady Captain's prizes. The format is decided by the Lady Captain and is followed by a meal and a prize presentation.

Putt & Take

A stableford competition played in December on the Woodside course. Ladies are only allowed to use 3 clubs and a putter. Bunkers are not in play for this competition. The “entry fee” is a wrapped gift to the value of £10. There are two individual competitions – one on a Wednesday and the other on a Saturday. All members of the Ladies Section are invited to attend a Christmas meal after the Saturday competition.

Lady Captain's Charity Day

The competition format is decided by the Lady Captain with all the proceeds from the day going to Lady Captain's nominated charity.

Ladies Invitation Day

Ladies and their guests play a four-ball betterball stableford competition. Followed by a meal and prize presentation.

Mixed Open

A stableford competition played in May by ladies and gentlemen from within and outside the club. Full details are given on the official entry form. It is the responsibility of the Past Lady Captain to organise the Mixed Open entries and tee times. The Lady Captain then assumes control on the day including the check-in desk, raffle and prize-giving.

PACE OF PLAY

Slow play can ruin the day for all players. Everyone thinks that slow play applies only to other people **BUT** we can all be guilty at times. Please keep just behind the group ahead and let players through if your group is dropping behind. Make sure that you start at your correct tee time; it is as bad to start early as it is to be late.

Please try to:

- Walk briskly at all times.
- Play ready golf when appropriate
- Decide what club to use whilst others are playing.
- When playing a green, ensure your trolley is parked near the next tee **and do not take it between the green and any bunkers.**
- Leave the putting green as soon as possible on completion of the hole
- Mark the card whilst waiting to tee off on the next hole. The player who has the honour should complete her card after taking her drive.
- Tee off as soon as the players in front are clear.
- If you cannot score in Par or Stableford competitions, please pick up.
- If you are unsure of a rule in a medal, par or stableford competition, play a second ball and submit a score for both.