

Gents Competitions Newsletter – November 2021

Here we are at the end of the 2021 season and how time flies. Thankfully we were relieved of Covid restrictions in time to start the main season and we have been able to play our competitions as normal, on what has been a golf course in great condition. There were only two winter competitions that we couldn't complete as a result of the bad weather at the end of 2020 and Covid restrictions at the start of 2021. These were the Lumley Cup and Top Dog. Let's hope the 2021 /22 winter fixtures are not similarly impacted.

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2021 Competition Winners / Presentation Evening

I have listed the 2021 major competition winners on Appendix 'A' of this newsletter. I'm sure you would join me in congratulating them all on their achievements.

This year's Presentation Evening will take place on Friday 19th November. It is open to all members, not just those who have won something. Why not come along and show your support to the winners. A free buffet will be available to all those attending.

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WHS and General Play Scores

The World Handicapping System encourages General Play Scores to be inputted for handicap purposes. I know there are differing views about this and like many, I am of the opinion that if a member plays regularly in handicap qualifying competitions, there is no need to enter additional scores from General Play rounds. Putting a figure on it, I would say if a member plays 25 or more competitions in the season, and he plays fairly and within the rules, he will have a handicap that accurately reflects his golfing ability. However, it is up to the player to decide if he wants to enter General Play scores.

If you do choose to input General Play Scores, please remember the following:

- Use the App on 'MyEG' or 'HowDidiDo' to register your intent to play a General Play round, before going out to play.
- If you register an intent, you must submit your score, regardless of how good or bad it is.
- If playing at Eaglescliffe Golf Club, all Gents General Play rounds must be played from the Yellow tees.
- Even though it is a 'casual' round, it must be played under The Rules of Golf and any Local Rules.
- The round must be 'marked' (witnessed) by another handicapped golfer.

As part of WHS, General Play score reports are provided for Handicap Committees. Such reports include 'Unsatisfied Score Intents' and 'Deleted Score Intents'. As suggested by the titles, these are when a player registers an intent but does not follow it up with a score input or deletes the intent. Either of these actions needs to be justified by the player and if no reasonable justification can be provided, a penalty may be issued. (see 7.1b of the WHS Rules of Handicapping).

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Player Score Input (PSI) Terminal

As most of you will be aware, during the clubhouse redecoration works, the PSI was relocated into the concourse. Whilst this is a far more accessible location, on occasions the PSI freezes and causes understandable frustration to members. At this stage, we don't know if the problems are due to the PSI itself, the wiring, its location, or 'finger trouble'. We will monitor the situation over the winter months and try to establish the cause. However, a plea from me: if you encounter problems with the PSI, please do not reboot it, fiddle with the wiring or hit it! Just put your card in the box below as usual and send an e-mail to comps@eaglescliffegolfclub.co.uk, explaining the situation. No-one will be penalised for failing to enter their score electronically but it does help us when closing the competition, if we know how many scores are missing and why.

Also, just a reminder that unfortunately, the Mobile Score Input (MSI) system does not yet have the functionality for sign-in or score entry for anything other than individual competitions, so it cannot be used for the Saturday winter fixtures.

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Thursday Prize Stableford

As noted in one of Brian's weekly updates, we will continue the Thursday Prize Stableford competition, off Yellow tees, on condition that a) the course is in Amber or better conditions, b) we have an 18-hole measured course to play on and c) there are a minimum of 20 entries. If you wish to play in the competition, please remember to tell Andy or Sue in the shop, and sign-in via the PSI or MSI.

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Saturday Winter Competition booking arrangements

As the daylight reduces, we may be faced with a situation where the demand for Saturday competition tee times exceeds the number of slots available. If this happens, then we will introduce the same arrangements as last year, whereby if, due to excess demand, a player is unable to book a tee time, then he will be able to request an advanced booking for the following week. Further details and conditions are attached as Appendix 'B'.

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Electronic Certification of a scorecard

With the advent of Mobile Score Input (MSI) via a smartphone, came the option to provide electronic signatures of the player and the marker. Whilst a physical scorecard is still required to be submitted, we will accept the signatures of the player and marker on either the scorecard or on MSI, or on both.

New Members

For any new members (or established members for that matter) who are unsure or need further information regarding The Rules of Golf, Handicapping or EGC Competitions, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the competitions e-mail:

comps@eaglescliffegolfclub.co.uk. However, it is worth visiting the club website: eaglescliffegolfclub.co.uk, where you will find details of the, fixtures, competition Rules & Conditions, competition purse, etc.

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2022 Fixtures

The 2022 fixtures are currently being compiled and will be available via the EGC website by the end of November. They can be accessed from either the 'Members' tab at the top of the homepage, or from a link towards the bottom of the homepage.

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Thanks to the Team

As always, my thanks go to the other competitions team members (Dennis, Stewart, John and David) who spend time every week ensuring your competitions are well planned and managed.

Happy (winter) golfing,

Paul Fletcher (Competitions Officer)

Feedback on the content of this newsletter, either complimentary or suggestions for improvement, are welcome. Please e-mail me at comps@eaglescliffegolfclub.co.uk

APPENDIX 'A'

GENTS COMPETITION WINNERS 2021

Club Championship – Will Skipp

Club Trophy – Angus Watson

Senior Championship – Roland Todd

Championship Salver – Martin Cockburn

Livingston Cup – Sean Naylor

Livingston Salver – Alan Harper

Clark Trophy – Steve Tate

Hartley Trophies – Sam Murray & Mike Wass

Patrick Scott Scratch Order of Merit – Julian Wynn

Harry Brown Memorial Trophy – Paul Bradley

Eagle Trophy – Joe Pickett

Gaunt Cup – Michael Hilton

John Still Scratch Trophy – Richie Ferguson

John Still Cup – James Haste

Sid Teasdale Memorial Salver – Stephen George

Jim Munro Tiger Trophy – Martin Wensley

President's Competition – Richard Bobela, Darren Carter, Paul Davey & Gary Kemp

Captain's Tankards – Simon Fenny & Chris Read

Dixon Trophies – Graham Cotts & Bernie Summersgill

Jack Liddle Salver – Stuart Waller & Chris Fawcett

Centenary Competition – Simon Coleman

Past Captain's Cup – Ian Shaw

Webster Salver – Brian Waller

Top Dog – Not played due to Covid restrictions.

Lumley Cup – Not played due to Covid restrictions.

Senior's Section

Trophy – Joe McKeown

Salver – Ian Sharp

Lealman Cup – Richard Clements

Wilson-Brown Shields – Richard Clements & Neville Thompson

Presswood Cups – Simon Fenny & Steve Brewer

Mixed Competitions

Greer Cups – Richard & Maureen Hutton

Nattrass Cups – Geoff Sowerby & Wendy Booth

Mixed Knockout – Roland Todd & Susan Dodds

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL

APPENDIX 'B'

Saturday Winter Competition booking arrangements in case of excess demand

- As long as all the competition tee times are taken, then a member (or members) who wants to play but is unable to secure a tee reservation should send an e-mail to comps@eaglescliffgolfclub.co.uk stating the member(s) names and preferred start time for the following Saturday. This e-mail must be sent within 1 hour of the BRS booking sheet going live.
- On receipt of a valid e-mail, the names of those players unable to secure a booking will be added to the following weeks booking sheet, by a member of the competitions committee, in advance of the sheet going live to other members, thereby guaranteeing them a tee time.
- If by way of a cancellation, a member(s) plays on the first Saturday, then his name will be removed from the advanced booking sheet.
- A member who chooses to play in the competition after the designated competition period, will not be eligible for an advanced booking the following week.
- If (after the first Saturday this system is used) the course is closed, any advanced bookings will be honoured for the following week, subject to receipt of a further e-mail confirming that the booking is required.