

**Welwyn Garden City Golf Club Limited**  
**Ladies Section**  
**Competition Rules**  
**and details of Matches/County Competitions entered**

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## General Rules for Club Competitions

### **Competitors are advised to read the rules of golf, the rules for LGU/CONGU competitions and to carry a copy of the rules of golf with them when playing**

1. The Competition Book must be signed before playing and where applicable an entrance fee must be paid (both have to be fulfilled for entry to be accepted).
2. No Member without a 'c' [competition] handicap may play in any club competition. Players without a 'c' handicap may play in the competition to use it as a qualifying score but cannot win the competition.
3. Competition cards must be marked in compliance with LGU regulations and the marker must also be an Annual playing member of Welwyn Garden City Golf Club who has an official CONGU handicap.
4. A competitor is solely responsible for the correctness of the date, current handicap and gross score recorded on her card for each hole, and to make sure that it is signed by both the marker and player.
5. The minimum entries for EWGA medals is one, for all other competitions it is four players.
6. All major competitions may be postponed by the Committee at their discretion. Any other competition can be postponed if the course is deemed unplayable; a new date must be found within two months. If the Tuesday competition is postponed the Saturday competitors cannot replay, but their cards will be held until the Tuesday Competitors have competed.
7. To qualify for prizes in the following competitions a player must have returned 3 qualifying cards at Welwyn Garden City in the year prior to the date of the competition. The only exemption will be for a new member to the club for their 1st year. - Spring and Autumn Meetings; Reiss Trophy; Battle Of Britain Cup; Chrysanthemum Bowl; Granny Cup; Saturday Cup; Youngsters Salver; Betty Caldwell Cup; Veterans Salver; Senior Salvors; Foursomes Bowl and all Mixed Competitions.
8. Any player who has not returned 3 qualifying cards at Welwyn Garden City in the year prior to the draw date of a knock-out competition is not eligible to play. (The only exemption will be for a new member to the club for their 1st year)
9. All Competitions played under LGU regulations must be played from the Ladies Medal tees (Red markers/tee of the day)
10. Knock-Out Competitions are to be played under LGU and CONGU regulations, and must be played from the LGU permanent measurement marker. It is the responsibility of all players to ensure the results of the matches are entered on the draw sheet. All finals to be played on Finals Day, the only exception being if a player has qualified for more than one final, one must be played on Finals Day, the other to be played on Reserve Final Day or before.
11. A tie in Stroke Play will be decided on a card count back on the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole/s for 18 holes or the last 18, 9, 6, 3 or 1 hole/s for 36 holes. If tied after count back on all 18 or 36 holes, the result shall be a draw.
12. A tie at the 9<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> or 36<sup>th</sup> hole in Match Play will be resolved by the first person to win a hole on the continuance of play and the play off should start at the hole where the match began.
13. Buggies (at the discretion of the Lady Captain), Electric trolleys and Caddies are permitted for any Stroke Play Competitions with the exception of the Reiss Trophy. Caddies may not give help or advice and are not part of the team. Electric trolleys and Caddies are permitted for the finals of Matchplay Knock-out Competitions with agreement of all players.
14. Distance Measuring devices (DMD's) can be used in all Club competitions, unless it forms part of a qualifying competition that doesn't permit the use of DMD's.
15. If full member intends to play on a Tuesday after the start sheet please sign up on sheet as notification of intention, so that competition doesn't get closed.

## Handicap Limits for Club Qualifying Competitions

**Definition:** Qualifying competitions for handicap purposes are all single stroke play competitions played over 18 holes on a course of an affiliated club (SS not less than 60) and where players are receiving full handicap allowances and where the competition is run by an affiliated club or organisation.

**Therefore:** All club single Medal and Stableford competitions are qualifying competitions for handicap purposes except:

- a) When you are receiving less than full handicap allowance (i.e. 7/8 or ¾ etc.)
- b) Playing in a team competition
- c) Playing in a competition where the number of clubs has been restricted
- d) A score returned when more than two temporary greens are in use or the length of the course has been reduced by more than 100 yards/91 metres - which could be less than two temporary greens on our course.

Unless specified to an entry/signup sheet the handicap limits for divisions will be:

Silver	For handicaps 20 and under
Bronze	For handicaps 21 and over

These divisions will be applicable for Knock Out Cups. At Spring and Autumn meetings divisions will be decided by the Lady Captain and her Committee according to number of entrants and their handicaps.

All other competitions will be open to all handicaps unless specified differently in the Competition rule book.

### Rules applicable to Girl Members

*Under 18 years of age*

- Girls are members of the Ladies section, but are not categorized as **Full Members**.
- Girl members are eligible to play in all major Ladies competitions and medals throughout the year, once a handicap has been obtained.
- Girl members cannot enter competitions which are restricted to **Full Members**, i.e. Saturday Cup, Mixed Scratch Salver, Letchworth Salver, Foreward Bowl, Autumn Mixed Foursomes and all Mixed matches

## Knock Out Competitions

### Applicable for all Ladies Knock outs:

Open to all members (Full and 5 day) as long as General Rule 8 is met to be played from the LGU permanent measurement markers.

Unless stated under the individual competition an entrance fee will be applicable which will be decided by Committee of the Year, if the fee has not been submitted in the designated box in the Ladies Locker room by closing date of entry, the player will not be entered into draw (in case of pair competitions both players need to have paid).

All rounds to be played by fixed date determined by the Committee - **No extensions to be granted.**

All players are responsible for contacting the other to arrange a mutually convenient playing date.

Full members must offer one midweek date (as long as start time is feasible for match to be completed) and 5 day members must offer one weekend date.

It is the responsibility of all players to ensure that the result of the matches are entered on the draw sheet, failure to do so will result in both players being disqualified.

If a suitable date cannot be agreed then the match date will become the closing date of the relevant round, the match will start at 12 noon, where this date is used players must be ready to play 18 holes, in the event of one side failing to turn up they will forfeit the match.

Winners' names must be entered on the Draw sheet by the 'play by' date to enable the next round players their full playing time.

Finals to be played on Finals Day unless a player has qualified for more than one final, in which case see conditions as detailed in item 10 of General Rules.

It was the decision of the committee in October 2012 that all entrants must be available to play on Finals Day.

Referees will be provided for the Finals by the committee.

Entrance fee to be decided by the Committee of the Year.

## Scratch Cup

*Donated by Mrs Oliver Scotchmer in 1947*

- Match play knock-out played off scratch
- Final to be played over 36 holes
- No entrance fee
- Draw to be an "Automatic Draw" as detailed on Page 19. Qualification date will be 1<sup>st</sup> March.

To qualify:

- WGCGC must be the players 'Home' club or main club.
- Holder qualifies automatically and lowest seven handicappers as per actual handicaps. Should any of these eight people be unable to play then the next lowest handicap player will qualify - and so on until there are eight available to play

## **Silver Cup**

*Originally a tankard donated in 1958 by Clara Cliffe and later replaced as a cup by Mrs Marjorie Prince*

- Match play knock-out, shots will be given by the lower handicapper with full difference of the two handicaps
- Final to be played over 36 holes
- Open to all members in Silver Division with a competition – 'c' handicap at the date of the draw are eligible

If the number of entrants is below 8, there will be no competition

## **Bronze Cup**

*Donated by Olive Chear in 1946*

- Match play knock-out, shots will be given by the lower handicapper with full difference of the two handicaps
- Final to be played over 18 holes
- Open to all members in the Bronze Division with a competition - 'c' handicap at the date of the draw are eligible.

If the number of entrants is below 8 there will be no competition.

## **Ide Cup**

*Donated by Mr T J Ide in 1928*

- Match play knock-out, shots will be given by the lower handicapper with full difference of the two handicaps
- Final to be played over 36 holes
- Open to all members with an active handicap at date of the draw are eligible.

If the number of entrants is below 8 there will be no competition.

## **Four Ball Better Ball Cup**

*Donated by Mrs Pat Thompson in 1991*

- Match play knock-out, Back marker to concede shots to the other three players based on  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the difference between the full handicaps
- Final to be played over 18 holes
- Open to all members with a 'c' handicap at date of the draw are eligible
- Substitutes are allowed until the deadline date of the pairs first match in the competition has passed, and are only permitted due to injury

If the number of entrants is below 8 there will be no competition

## **The Plate**

*Donated by Mrs Iris Griffiths in 1996*

- Open to all members that lost their first match in the Silver Cup, Bronze Cup, Copper Cup and Ide Cup are eligible for The Plate
- Played in conjunction with the monthly club stableford in September
- No entry fee

## Stroke Play Trophy Competitions

### Applicable for all Stroke play competitions:

Open to all Full and 5 day members unless specified and as long as General Rule 7 is met.

Entrance fee to be decided by Committee of the Year.

When any trophy competition is played in conjunction with a club medal or stableford, then the entrance fee is for the medal or stableford only.

May be played Saturday or Tuesday (Except Reiss Trophy and Scratch stroke play Championship Putter)

### Reiss Trophy

*Donated by Mr Richard Reiss in 1928*

- 36 hole continuous medal competition to be held on a Tuesday in the summer months
- All cards to be in by 7pm

Reiss Trophy prizes: Winner, Runner Up, Best AM round, Best PM round.

A competitor may only take one prize (Only exception being the Peggy Cunneen Putter which is a separate competition, but played in conjunction with this trophy).

**Note:** The EWGA medal competition will run concurrently with the AM round of the Reiss Trophy.

### Scratch Stroke play Championship Putter

*Donated by Mrs Peggy Cunneen 1995*

- 36 hole continuous medal competition to be held on a Tuesday in the summer months
- All cards to be in by 7pm

Putter to be awarded to the player with the best Gross score.

The winner can also receive a prize from the Reiss Trophy competition as they are two separate competitions.

### Battle of Britain Cup

*Donated by Mr Alistair Buchanan in 1990*

- Played in conjunction with an EWGA Medal.

### Chrysanthemum Bowl

*Donated by Mr Peter Chapman in 1990*

- Played in conjunction with an EWGA Medal.

### Saturday Cup

*Donated by Mrs Betty Harvey in 1982*

- Open to Full members only.
- 18 hole Stableford, to be played on one Saturday during the Summer months.
- No entrance fee is required.

### Youngsters' Salver

*Donated by Mrs Marjorie Jones in 1987*

- Open to all members under 50 years of age
- 18 hole Stableford, to be played in conjunction with the Betty Caldwell Cup, Veterans' Salver and Senior Salvors

## **Betty Caldwell Cup**

*Donated by Mrs Betty Caldwell in 1980*

- Open to all members aged 50-59 inclusive
- 18 hole Stableford, to be played in conjunction with the Youngsters Salver, Veterans Salver and Senior Salvors

## **Veterans' Salver**

*Donated by Mrs Phil Profit in 1954*

- Open to all members aged 60 - 69 inclusive
- 18 hole Stableford, to be played in conjunction with the Youngsters Salver, Betty Caldwell Cup and Senior Salvors

## **Senior Salver [18hole]**

*Donated by the Ladies Committee of 1983*

- Open to all members aged 70 and over
- 18 hole Stableford, to be played in conjunction with the Youngsters Salver, Betty Caldwell Cup and Veterans' Salver

## **Senior Salver [9hole]**

*Redonated by Celia Twigg 2013 – Trophy originally came from Lesley Haddy*

- Open to all members aged 70 and over
- 9 hole Stableford to be played on front 9 in conjunction with the Youngsters Salver, Betty Caldwell Cup and Veterans Salver
- This will be a 9 hole Qualifier counting for Handicap

## **Granny Cup**

*Donated by Mr George Defee in 1980*

- Open to all members who are Bona-Fide Grannies, this includes Step Grannies and Adopted Grannies, to be played in conjunction with a monthly Stableford.

## **Foursomes Bowls**

*Originally donated in 1939 by S Bernard-Baker and later replaced by Mrs Nalda Binz & Miss J Bowmer in 1990*

- To be played during the Summer months in conjunction with a foursomes stableford competition for which an entry fee will be applicable
- Handicap allocation is half of combined (half strokes should be rounded up). No handicap limit.

## **Lady Captain's Day Cup**

*Donated by Angela Mercer in*

- To be played for on Lady Captain's Day and presented to the overall winner of the day.

## **Wilkinson Spoons**

*Made by Marion Andrews with Medal Spoons won and donated by Norma Wilkinson*

- To be presented on Lady Captain's Day at the Lady Captain's discretion.

## **Putting Trophy**

*Donated by Miss Chris Coots in 2009*

- To be played in conjunction with the July EWGA medal
- Minimum number of putts over the 18 holes wins, only shots on putting green to be counted

## **Copper Cup**

*Donated by Mrs Marlene Duke in 1986, originally used for Knockout for handicaps 31-36, but due to Competition not being played for several years, has been re-launched in new format in 2012*

- Awarded to the aggregate winner of the Spring & Autumn Meetings.

## Stroke Play Competitions

### Prize Allocation for Club Medals and Stablefords

There needs to be 4 entrants for the Club medal prizes to be awarded.

Prizes will be awarded as one division; the following amount of prizes will be awarded depending on entrants:

8 or more players	-	2 prizes
16 or more players	-	3 prizes
24 or more players	-	4 prizes
32 or more players	-	5 prizes
40 or more players	-	6 prizes

Prizes will be voucher gift cards, which will be accumulated during the year with two presentations being made

### Club/EWGA Medals

*Rules taken from the EWGA guidance document for medals*

- All EWGA medals are qualifying competitions for handicap purposes
- The Committee must run a minimum of four and up to twenty four stroke play competitions for the EWGA medal awarded annually to the Club and can be played in conjunction with any Club stroke play competition
- EWGA medal award goes to the member with the best four nett medal scores over the EWGA year and goes forward to represent the club at the Regional Final
- Minimum number of entries is one player, where there is a single competitor the Committee shall appoint an eligible marker if the player cannot find one (as per General Rule 3)
- EWGA medal play can be in two, three or fours, but the committee ask that consideration is made to other playing members before going out in fours.
- EWGA medal dates can only be re-scheduled if the course is unplayable
- No entry fee for EWGA medal, although these will be run in conjunction with our Club medal for which an entry fee is applicable (if no fee is paid, score will count for handicap purposes only)
- Club medals will be run by combining the monthly Saturday EWGA medal and Tuesday EWGA medal combined. A player can play in both medals, with their nominated score counting as their Club medal score. Only one Club medal fee needs to be paid

Prizes will be awarded depending on the number of entries as stated above

### Final Medal

- An 18 hole Club medal competition
- Cups to be awarded to Winners of each division; Silver (0-20) and Bronze (21-36)
- To be played in conjunction with Club/EWGA medal in September (Saturday and Tuesday)
- No entry fee for Final Medal, although these will be run in conjunction with our Club medal for which an entry fee is applicable (if no fee is paid, score will count for Final Medal and handicap purposes only)
- Competitors shall play in the Division for which they qualify, but off their handicap at the time of the Final Medal



To qualify:

- Winners and Runners-Up in each division (plus competitors on the same score as the Runners-up) from the monthly Club medal
- Qualifying medals run from 1<sup>st</sup> October - 30<sup>th</sup> September of the following year

### **Stablefords**

- Entry fee applicable
- Prizes will be awarded depending on the number of entries as stated above
- As with Club medal, players can enter Saturday & Tuesday's with their nominated score counting

### **Jubilee Rose Bowl Final**

*Donated by Mrs Eileen Hilton-Johnson in 1972*

- 18 hole stableford competition, to be played in September
- No entry fee for Rose Bowl final, although this will be run in conjunction with our Club Stableford for which an entry fee is applicable (if no fee is paid, score will count for Rose Bowl Final and handicap purposes only)
- To be played on Saturday or Tuesday, players can enter on both days with their nominated score counting

To qualify:

- The top four in the Rose Bowl Qualifiers (plus competitors with the same number of points)
- Players qualify from the 6 designated monthly Club stableford competitions (RBQ) played in the months between March to August inclusive

## Lady Golfer of the Year

Original trophy donated by Joyce Kaufmann in 1962 and later replaced by Mrs Linda Woolnough in 1989  
A trophy is awarded to the member obtaining the highest number of points throughout the year from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 30<sup>th</sup> September (or up to and including the Final Medal if played in October), points are awarded as following (or up

Competition	Point Allocation		
Medal & Stableford (Results grouped as I Division)	1 pt entry	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	6pts
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	5pts
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4pts
		4 <sup>th</sup> Place	3pts
		5 <sup>th</sup> Place	2pts
		6 <sup>th</sup> Place	1pt
		Competitor enters 'NR' doesn't qualify for 1pt entry	
Knockouts (Silver, Bronze, Ide Cup)	1 pt entry	<b>Winner</b>	6pts
		R/Up	4pts
		Losing Semi Final	2pts
	1 pt entry	1 <sup>st</sup> place	6 pts
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	5pts
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4pts
		4 <sup>th</sup> Place	3pts
		5 <sup>th</sup> Place	2pts
		6 <sup>th</sup> Place	1pt
Eclectics Summer & Winter Results grouped as I Division	1 pt entry	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	6pts
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	5pts
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4pts
		4 <sup>th</sup> Place	3pts
		5 <sup>th</sup> Place	2pts
		6 <sup>th</sup> Place	1 pt
Reiss Trophy (Results grouped as 1 Division)	1 pt entry	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	6pts
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	5pts
		3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	4pts
		4 <sup>th</sup> Place	3pts
		5 <sup>th</sup> Place	2pts
		6 <sup>th</sup> Place	1pt
Handicap Reductions		Silver	2pts
		Bronze	

## Date Candlesticks

Donated by Mrs Tiggy Date in 1971

The winner to be the Lady member who is runner-up the greatest number of times in all weekly 18 hole qualifying competitions during the year from the first competition day in November to 30<sup>th</sup> September (or up to and including the Final Medal if played in October), the following year.

## Handicap Salvagers

One Salver per division

Handicaps: Division 1: 0-20; Division 2: 21-30; Division 3: 31-36

To be presented to the three members (one from each division) who reduce their handicaps by the largest number of strokes during the year beginning with their handicap as at 1<sup>st</sup> November and finishing on their handicap as at 30<sup>th</sup> September (or up to and including the Final Medal if played in October), the following year. The commencing handicap as at 1<sup>st</sup> November each year will determine in which division a member will qualify.

## Other Competitions

### Coronation Foursomes

Rules taken from [www.lgu.org](http://www.lgu.org) (Coronation Foursomes)

- 18 holes foursomes stableford qualifying competition
- Open to all members
- Handicap allocation is half of combined (half strokes should be rounded up) no handicap limit
- Club qualifying competition usually held in April (as LGU state between December & June)
- Winners will be put forward to represent the club at one of the area finals (if they do not wish to represent the club the runners-up will be given the option)
- Entry fee is set by LGU (currently £3 per pair and all entrance fees get paid to LGU)
- **DMD's cannot be used at any stage of the competition**

### Daily Mail Foursomes

Rules taken from [www.mailgolf.co.uk](http://www.mailgolf.co.uk) (Daily Mail Foursomes)

- 18 hole foursomes qualifying competition to be played (format can be decided by club)
- Open to all members with active handicap (unfortunately not open to U'18s)
- Handicap restriction is maximum of 30; players with higher handicap can represent club, but must play off 30
- Handicap allocation is half of combined (if stableford round half strokes up, if medal will be actual)
- Club qualifying competition usually played in October
- Winners will go forward to represent the club in knockout tournament, where the format will be foursomes match play (if they do not wish to represent the club or if it is known that one member of the winning pair is going to be unavailable before the draw is made then the runners-up will be given the option)
- No entry fee for Daily Mail Foursomes (external), although will be run in conjunction with club competition

### Ping Four Ball Better Ball

Rules taken from [www.pingchampionship.com](http://www.pingchampionship.com)

- 18 hole four ball better ball stableford qualifying competition to be played
- Open to all members with an active handicap
- Handicap allocation - each player will receive % of full handicap
- Club qualifying competition is usually played in June as has to be played between January and start July
- DMD's can be used in Club qualifying competition, but not in Grand or Plate finals
- Winners will be put forward to represent club. Top 60 club winners go to Grand Final, next best 72 stableford scores qualify for the Plate Final
- Winners and Runners-up will receive prizes from Ping which will be presented at the Autumn meeting
- Entry fee is set by the organising competition committee

### RNLI Four Ball Better Ball

- 18 hole four ball better ball stableford competition
- Open to all members with an active handicap
- Handicap allocation - each player will receive 3/4 of full handicap
- All entry fees plus donations will be sent to RNLI
- The Club no longer request RNLI to provide a prize for this competition as it takes away from the donation

### Duck Run

Introduced by Mrs Margaret Bottomley

- Entrance fee to be decided by Committee of the year
- 9 hole stableford competition to run over three consecutive weeks in November/December Best two scores to count over the three weeks
- May be played on Saturday or Tuesday

## **Birdie Competition**

- Any birdie recorded in any competition organised by the Ladies Committee (Medals, Stablefords and Match play competitions where the match is still alive) - excludes Mixed competitions.
- Birdies must be recorded and counter signed in the 'Birdie book' on the day that they were achieved.
- Two divisions (0-20 and 21-36)

Competition will run from 1st November each year and closes on the Tuesday of the Final Medal, to allow final marking before AGM

## **Eclectic Competition [To be run as agreed by the Ladies Committee of the year]**

### **Summer Eclectic**

- 18 hole stroke play competition
- To be played from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> September (or up to and including the Final Medal if played in October)
- To be played division as agreed by committee of near as possible equal numbers, in current handicap order to start of competition. Results to be calculated with  $\frac{1}{2}$  handicap at end of competition deducted
- Maximum of 6 rounds, no limit to number of holes that may be improved in one round
- Rounds may be played in conjunction with club single stroke play competition and non-competition rounds, but **never in match play or any team competition including 4BBB**
- First round can be played with any single stroke play competition (which includes stablefords). A score for each hole must be recorded for the first round but if this round is null and void or incomplete the 2<sup>nd</sup> round becomes the first round and subsequently only four more rounds will be allowed
- Sheet to be signed with date before play each time (kept in folders in the Ladies Locker room)
- Separate white cards to be completed with the scores for each hole (1<sup>st</sup> round) subsequent rounds only the improved score need be recorded. White cards must be dated, marked with the round number and signed by player and marker, and placed in box provided by Ladies Committee
- Entry fee applicable

### **Winter Eclectic**

- 9 hole stroke play competition
- To be played from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> March
- All rules the same as the 'Summer Eclectic (above)' with exception of the handicap deduction at the end of the competition where it will be  $\frac{1}{4}$
- Entry fee applicable

### **Foursomes**

- 9 or 18 hole competition in medal or stableford format
- Handicap allocation: 18 hole –  $\frac{1}{2}$  combined, 9 hole  $\frac{1}{4}$  combined (when Stableford round half strokes up)

### **Greensomes**

- 9 or 18 hole competition in medal or stableford format
- Handicap allocation: 18 hole 'Lower Handicap x 0.6 plus higher handicap x 0.4' (if 9 hole competition half this total)

### **Four Ball**

- 9 or 18 hole competition in medal or stableford format
- Handicap allocation: each player receives  $\frac{3}{4}$  of full handicap (if 9 hole competition half this total)

### **Prize Funds**

- Held wherever calendar permits (approx 7 per year)
- All proceeds to go the Ladies section
- Volunteers choose format of the competition and provide prizes for the winners to the value of £4 per prize

## **Bisque Bogey**

- 18 hole match play against the course
- Handicap allowance – 3/4 of actual
- Shots can be taken where chosen (more than one per hole if required) to enable win or half
- Decision on shots must be made before teeing off at next hole

## **Texas Scramble**

- Can be played in twos, threes or fours
- Handicap allocation over 18 hole competitions will be: fours (add handicaps together, divide by 10); threes (add handicaps together, divide by 6); twos (add handicaps together, divide by 4). For 9 hole competitions divide the totals by 2
- An equal number of drives to be taken (to be decided by competition organiser)
- Shots on the fairway can be placed, but must be dropped if in the rough or hazard

## **Winter Knock-out**

- Will be determined by the Ladies Committee (usually one for Full members, one for 5 Day Members)
- Open to all members where General rule 8 is met
- Played over holes 1-9 or 18 holes (committee to decide)
- Played from 'Tees of the day'
- All rounds must be played by the deadlines set by the Committee, no extensions will be granted unless there is an extended period of adverse weather and will be at the Committees discretion
- If match is all square after 9 holes (unless 18 holes), then continuance of sudden death play commences at hole 1

If there are less than eight entries the competition will be run as a Round Robin, where all players will compete against each other on match play basis with points being awarded of a win, recording of the margin of the game result will be necessary in case of a tie. In the event of a tie, matches won will be taken in consideration, if there is still a tie a play-off will be organised as soon as possible to identify the winner

## **Mixed Competitions**

### **Autumn Mixed Foursomes Cup**

*Donated by Mr Bob & Mrs Bucky Slater in 1937*

- Open to Full members only
- Handicap Limit: Men - 18; Ladies - 30 (Players off higher handicaps can enter, but must play off the maximum limits)
- Handicap allocation – ½ difference between aggregate handicaps of each side
- Shots will be given off the Ladies Stroke Index
- Entrance fee to be decided by Committee of the Year, if the fee has not been submitted in the designated box in the Ladies Locker room by closing date of entry, pairs will not be entered into draw
- Once draw has been made, both pairs of players are responsible for contacting the other pair to arrange a mutually convenient playing date
- All rounds to be played by the fixed date determined by the Ladies Committee – No extensions to be granted
- If a suitable date cannot be agreed then the match date will become the closing date of the relevant round, the match will start at 12 noon, where this date is used players must be ready to play 18 holes, in the event of one side failing to turn up they will forfeit the match
- Substitutes are allowed until the deadline date of the pairs first match in the competition has passed, and are only permitted due to injury
- All rounds will be played from the EGU Permanent Markers (stones) for men and the LGU Permanent Markers (stones) for ladies

Final is to be played on Final's Day unless a player has qualified for more than one final, in which case see conditions as detailed in item 10 of General Rules

If the number of entries is below 8 pairs there will be no competition

## 5 Day Mixed Foursomes

*Donated by Norma Stapleton in 19??, but re-launched in 2012*

- Open to 5 Day Members only
- Handicap Limit: Men - 18; Ladies - 30 (Players off higher handicaps can enter, but must play off the maximum limits)
- Handicap allocation - ½ difference between aggregate handicaps of each side
- Shots will be given off the Ladies Stroke Index
- Entrance fee to be decided by Committee of the Year, if the fee has not been submitted in the designated box in the Ladies Locker room by closing date of entry, pairs will not be entered into draw
- Once draw has been made, both pairs of players are responsible for contacting the other pair to arrange a mutually convenient playing date
- All rounds to be played by the fixed date determined by the Ladies Committee – No extensions to be granted
- If a suitable date cannot be agreed then the match date will become the closing date of the relevant round, the match will start at 12 noon, where this date is used players must be ready to play 18 holes, in the event of one side failing to turn up they will forfeit the match
- Substitutes are allowed until the deadline date of the pairs first match in the competition has passed, and are only permitted due to injury
- All rounds will be played from the EGU Permanent Markers (yellow stones) for men and the LGU Permanent Markers (red stones) for ladies

Final is to be played on 5 Day Final's Day unless a player has qualified for more than one final, in which case see conditions as detailed in item 10 of General Rules

## Scratch Salver

*Donated by Mr Geoff Moorhouse in 1986*

- Open to Full members only, where General rule 7 is met
  - 18 hole mixed medal foursomes stroke play competition to be held in May
  - Played from the Gentlemen's Medal Tees (white tees of the day) and Ladies Medal Tees (red tees of the day)
  - Winners are the best gross score
  - No handicap limit
  - No entry fee (although entrants can decide to have a 'sweep' on the day)
  - Scratch Salver to be presented on the day of the competition
- R&A rule 7-1.b applies

## Handicap Jolly Salver

*Played in conjunction with the Mixed Scratch Salver*

- Open to 5 Day & Full members, where General Rule 7 is met
  - No handicap limit
  - 18 hole stableford Foursomes (those playing in both can calculate points scored)
  - Handicap allocation - % combined (half strokes to be rounded up)
  - Played off Ladies Stroke Index
  - Entry fee decided by Committee of the Year
- R&A rule 7-1.b applies

## Foreword Bowl

*Donated by Ted & Bunty Fenton in 1962*

- Open to full members, where General rule 7 is met
  - A mixed 18 hole foursome stableford competition
  - Entrance Fee to be decided by Committee of Year. (Half entrance fee to be donated to Junior section)
  - Handicap limit: Men - 18; Ladies - 30 (Players off higher handicaps can enter, but must play off the maximum limits)
  - Handicap allocation % of combined (half strokes to be rounded up)
  - Played from the Gentlemen's Medal Tees (white tees of the day) and Ladies Medal Tees (red tees of the day)
  - Played off Ladies Stroke Index
- R&A rule 7-1.b applies

## Letchworth Salver Qualifier

*Some of the qualifying criteria meet Letchworth Golf Club requirements*

- Open to Full members, where General Rule 7 is met
- 18 hole mixed foursome stableford competition
- Handicap limit: Men – 15; Ladies – 20 (Players off higher handicaps can enter, but must play off the maximum limits)
- Played from the Gentlemen's Medal Tees (white tees of the day) and Ladies Medal Tees (red tees of the day)
- Played off Ladies Stroke Index
- No entry fee (although entrants can decide to have a 'sweep' on the day)
- Best three pairs go forward to represent the club at the final at Letchworth Golf Club in September (provided we have previously qualified or have been invited by Letchworth).

**R&A rule 7-1.b applies**

## Adam & Eve

Trophy - A Glass Apple on a Wooden Plinth

- Annual event played on Easter Monday
- A 4BBB Stableford competition played between pairs of Men and pairs of Ladies
- Winning team being decided by the highest total number of points achieved by the pairs.
- Entry fees to be decided by the Ladies Committee of the Year and prizes awarded depending on the number of entries.
- Played from the Gentlemen's Medal Tees (white tees of the day) and Ladies Medal Tees (red tees of the day)
- Usually followed by dinner and presentation of The Trophy to the winning team captain and other prizes

## Matches/Competitions

### Ladies Friendlies

- We currently play the following Clubs once a year, alternating the matches home/away
- Aldwickbury, Brookman's Park, East Herts, Aldenham, Knebworth, Mid-Herts, Letchworth, Brickendon Grange and Hartsbourne.
- The format is 48BB with 5 couples playing for each side.
- We meet at 10am for tea/coffee if required and the 1st tee off is at 10.30am.
- After the match we all sit down together for a light meal.
- Lists to sign up for these matches are in the Locker Room early in the year and the teams for each match are posted thereafter.

### Mixed Friendlies

- We currently play the following Clubs once a year alternating the matches home/away
- Knebworth, Letchworth, Dunstable Downs, East Herts and Bishops Stortford
- We try to get 12 couples per match but this isn't always possible.
- The format is Greensomes and the shots are taken off the Ladies Card in our Home Matches. Generally play starts around mid-day on a Sunday and is followed by a two course meal.
- Lists to sign up for these Matches is on the Mixed Notice Board in the hall

### Three Club Challenge

*Introduced in 1998 by WGC Lady Captain Mrs Evelyn Bradley, Mrs Sally George (LC Mill Green) and Mrs Susan Minter (LC Panshanger)*

- Annual
- match held in October between Welwyn Garden City, Mill Green and Panshanger
- Held at WGC in 1998, Mill Green in 1999 and Panshanger in 2000 and continuing onward in this rota
- 18 hole stableford competition, played in 3s (one member for each club)
- Club to enter 12 players, draw shall be made if more than 12 players wish to play
- The winner of the Shield to be the club with the most aggregate stableford points, who will retain it until the match the following year

## Mail on Sunday

- This is run by Mail on Sunday and open to all Clubs in England, Scotland & Wales
  - Knock-out competition with the Quarter final being at a neutral course in UK, winners will go through to the Grand Final
  - Team consists of 5 players with a maximum handicap of 24 (players with a higher handicap can play, but must play off 24)
  - Match consists of five singles decided by handicap match play over 18 holes
  - Teams gain 1pt for win and ½ pt for match that finishes all square
  - In event of tie (2 ½ - 2 ½ ) the designated 5th player of each team play a sudden death handicap match starting from where the original match commenced
- More details can be obtained at [www.mailgolf.co.uk](http://www.mailgolf.co.uk)

## County Competitions entered by Ladies Section

More details for all the following competitions on the HCLGA website - [www.hclga.co.uk](http://www.hclga.co.uk)

### Ovaltine Scratch League

- This is run by the HCLGA and the season runs from 1st March – 31<sup>st</sup> October.
- There are currently 8 divisions most with 5 teams but a few with 4 teams.
- Matches are played both home and away by teams of 5 players who play off scratch.
- All teams must have a minimum of 3 players with handicaps lower than 14.
- Teams gain 1 pt for each win and ½ pt for each halved match.
- At the end of the season the top two teams in each division will be promoted and the bottom two teams relegated.

### Pearson Matches

- The season runs from November through to the beginning of May.
- There are currently 8 divisions in the Hertfordshire Section with five or four teams in each division.
- Matches are played both Home and Away by teams of 7 players with handicaps ranging from 13 to 32 inclusive.
- Each match must be played to its conclusion if players are still level after the 18<sup>th</sup>
- The winner of each division goes on to play in quarter finals which are played both Home and Away, then semis and a final are played over one round on the same day at a neutral venue to establish which team wins the County Final.
- Thereafter a Final Competition is held with the winners of Kent, Surrey and Middlesex.

### The Powell Cup

- Foursomes Scratch Knock-out Competition played by the lowest handicapped pair in the Club.
- Competition runs over 5 rounds including the final.
- Any byes will be allotted by ballot.
- When drawn the first Club named shall be the Home Club where the Match shall be played
- The Final shall be played on a neutral course.

### Inter-Club Scratch Foursomes

- Open to 24 clubs
- Clubs represented by two pairs (Combined handicap limit is 32)
- Competition consists of one round foursomes stroke play for Scratch and Handicap trophies
- This competition is played in July at a course selected by HCLGA



## Ladies London Foursomes

- Inter Club Scratch Knock-Out Competition for Clubs within a 45 mile radius of Central London
- Each Club can nominate one pair
- The finalists from the previous year will be seeded and Clubs with the lowest combined handicaps will fill the remaining spaces up to a maximum of 64 pairs
- This competition is played over 3 days in March

## County Competitions for members to enter

More details for all County competitions go to the HCLGA website—[www.hclga.co.uk](http://www.hclga.co.uk)

### County Matches and Events

- The County (HCLGA) run a 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Team and also a Senior Team who play fixtures throughout the year
- There is also a Good Junior Girls Section with their own Committee, who run events throughout the year
- As paid up members of WGC Golf Club you are automatically members of the County
- Entitles you to play in the Spring Meeting which is normally a team competition played in 3's
- Entitles you to play in the Autumn Meeting where the format is 4BBB

### County Championship

- This is played over three days early in May
- Initially there is a 36 hole scratch stroke play competition played on the Friday
- Top 16 competitors qualify for the Knock-out Match play (each round will be over 18 holes)
- Round 1 and Quarter Final will be played on Saturday am and pm respectively
- If the competition is oversubscribed preference will be given to the lowest handicaps.

### De Paula Cup

- Competitors must hold a handicap of 10 – 20 to enter
- This is a singles scratch match play knock-out competition which is held over three days early in October
- Entries will be limited to the 32 players with the lowest handicaps to apply