

## Competitions

Silvermere Golf Club competitions are run continuously throughout the year and are published annually on the members' page of the Silvermere website.

Various types of competition have been developed to provide a good contest between players of different abilities. Stroke play competitions are decided by the number of strokes scored (gross or net) and Match play competitions by the number of holes won.

There are prize vouchers, and /or trophies for the winners of each competition or division.

For matches against other clubs an entry list will normally be posted on one of the club notice boards. Any member with an active handicap is welcome to put their name on the entry list to be considered by the team captain to represent Silvermere.

### Scratch Medal Competitions

Gross scores only count, with no allowance for handicap. Top class competitions on the amateur circuit are run on a scratch medal basis. The Club Championship is based on this form of competition.

### Handicap Medal Competitions

Monthly Medal competitions are decided on nett score (gross minus playing handicap allowance).

### Stableford Competitions

This very popular type of competition awards points on a hole by hole basis according to your nett score on each hole. It has the advantage of not penalising you heavily for the occasional bad hole. Points are awarded as follows:-

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| Above bogey             | 0 points |
| Bogey(1 over par)       | 1 point  |
| Par                     | 2 points |
| Birdie (1 under par)    | 3 points |
| Eagle (2 under par)     | 4 points |
| Albatross (3 under par) | 5 points |
| Condor (4 under par)    | 6 points |

The player with the highest aggregate point score wins.

### Bogey Competitions

This in effect, is Match play against the course, based on your nett score on each hole. It awards you nothing for a par, a plus for a score under par and a minus for a score over par. Each player keeps a tally of pluses and minuses (alongside their gross score) and the winner after 18 holes is the one with the most pluses (or the fewest minuses) For example, if after five holes you've had three nett pars and two nett birdies, your tally is two pluses. If you nett bogey the next hole, your tally goes down to one plus.

## **Greensome Competitions**

A pairs competition where both players drive off and each team selects its best shot. That ball is then played by the player who did not make the selected shot and then players play alternate shots for the rest of the hole.

## **Fourball Better Ball Competitions**

This is another pairs competition, but in this case, each player completes the hole with their own ball. The best score in each team is the one that counts. If it is a Stableford or Medal format competition players play off 85% of course handicap, for a Bogey competition players play off 90% course handicap.

## **Texas Scramble**

This involves teams of 4 players. All players in each team drive off the tee, and all players hit a second shot from where the best of the drives landed. They all then hit a third shot from where the best second shot landed and so on until the hole is completed.

## **How Ties are Decided**

Ties in competitions are normally decided in one of two ways: There may be a sudden death playoff over as many holes as it takes for one player to win one; or by what is known as a “count back” of the best score over the last 9, 6, 3 or 1 holes on the round already played. If a tie is still not resolved countback will continue by looking at the individual holes starting from the 17<sup>th</sup> then 16<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> etc until a winner is found.

## **Men's & Mixed Competition Rules – General**

Unless otherwise stated, competitions must be played from the tees of the day i.e. yellow or white.

Unless otherwise stated, in the event of a tie, the winner will be decided on count back on the back 9, 6, 3 or 1. If a tie is still not resolved countback will continue by looking at the individual holes starting from the 17<sup>th</sup> then 16<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> etc until a winner is found.

In the event of closure of the course during part of a two day competition, members should, unless otherwise notified, play the competition of the day.

A decision regarding the competition result will be taken by the Committee. Any dispute or ruling can only be resolved by the Competition Secretary and his decision will be final.

In the event of two competitions being played at the same time i.e. Club Championship or Spring Scratch/Handicap, a player may win only one trophy and its associated prize fund.

Rules and details of any competitions not listed in this document will be published by the committee prior to the start of the competition. The Committee have the right to change any rules or details of any competition prior to the start of that competition.

All competitions can only be played during the designated competition times. All players who enter a competition must use the score card system to enter their scores in addition to submitting their card. A copy of the card must be submitted electronically to the Handicap Secretary before midnight on the day of the competition.

## **Annual Competitions**

### **1854 Cup**

A one division bogey competition, played from the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies), 95% handicap allowance, maximum 28 handicap index.

### **ALFA Shield / Stableford**

A one division stableford competition open to all members who have won a competition during the previous year including Midweek Competitions but excluding Texas Scrambles, Spitfire Am-Am and Committee Cup but including the Texas Scramble League winners. Played from the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies), maximum 28 handicap index.

Non qualifiers can play a single division stableford competition, played from the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies), 95% handicap index.

### **Autumn and Spring Scratch Competitions**

A one division medal competition, played from the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies), no handicap allowance. All players also take part in a handicap medal competition with maximum 36 handicap index, 95% handicap allowance.

Players can only win one prize in the gross or nett divisions and will be awarded the most prestigious.

### **Bert Johnson**

A one division Stableford competition, played from the yellow tees, 95% handicap allowance maximum 36 handicap index.

### **Bogey**

A one division bogey competition, played from the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies), 95% handicap allowance, maximum 36 handicap index.

### **Brookman Shield**

A one division pairs competition with one player playing Medal and the other playing Stableford. The team score is determined by subtracting the stableford points from the nett Medal score. 95% handicap allowance, maximum 36 handicap index. Played from the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies)

Players must nominate before they play which player is playing the Medal round.

### **Captain's Cup**

Competition to be of current Captain's choice. Maximum 28 handicap index.

### **Chairman's Trophy**

A one division Stableford competition played from the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies). 95% handicap allowance maximum 28 handicap index.

### **Clingplan Trophy- Away Day**

Captain's "away day" to be played at a course of the Captain's choice. A one division 27 or 36 holes stableford competition, 95% handicap allowance maximum 28 handicap index. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided on the second card 18,9,6,3,1. Players will play from the appropriate tee of the day (normally yellow Men and Red Ladies)

### **Club Championship (max 18) and Scratch.**

A one division 36 hole medal competition played over two consecutive days from the white tees (tombstones whenever possible), 95% handicap allowance, max handicap Index 18 (handicap). No handicap allowance for scratch. Players with a handicap above 18 may opt to play in the Members Cup instead.

In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided on the second card 18, 9, 6, 3, 1.

Played in handicap order starting at 8:00 am, however consideration may be given to players other than division 1 starting before 8:00 am at the discretion of the committee.

Players eligible for Club Championship and Members Cup must decide before they play which competition they wish to enter.

### **Committee Cup**

A Stableford competition open to current golf club committee members and all past committee members who have served a minimum of 1 year. The competition is played alongside a selected monthly stableford and the Ladies Captain will play in a selected Ladies stableford from the red tees.

### **Dennis Collin Cup (max 18)**

A match play singles knockout competition, played from the white tees, full handicap difference, and maximum handicap index 18. The quarter finals, semi-finals and finals are played from the white tombstones. The handicap allowance is calculated by taking the difference between the players course handicaps. The lowest handicap player receives zero shots and the other player receives the difference.

Matches must be played by stipulated dates. Extension will only be granted by the Competition Secretary in exceptional circumstances. Entry by payment of the appropriate entry fee.

The top player must contact the bottom player at least 3 weeks prior to the cut-off date for the appropriate round, or the bottom player will go through. The top player must give the bottom player at least 3 dates, which must include at least a Saturday and a Sunday. All players are requested to check that their phone numbers held in Administration are current. Whilst the onus is on the top player to make contact, it is the responsibility of both players to fix a mutually acceptable date and this will be taken into account by the Competition Secretary when resolving disputes.

Quarter, Semi and Finals to be played from the Tombstones. The Final will be played on a date stipulated by the Competition Secretary (see fixture list for actual date). Any player who cannot make this date should withdraw from the competition at the earliest opportunity

whereby his opponent for the next round will automatically go through on a bye.

### **Dickson Cup (maximum 24)**

A match play pairs knockout competition, played from the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies), 90% handicap difference, max handicap index 24. The quarter finals, semi-finals and finals are played from the white tombstones. The handicap allowance is calculated by taking 90% of the difference between the players course handicaps rounded to the nearest whole number. The lowest handicap player receives zero shots and the other players receive the calculated difference.

For matches where ladies are playing from the yellow tees the ladies course handicap is increased by one to accommodate the difference in the course par. Shots are allocated based on the stroke indexes for the tee a given player is playing (i.e White indexes for men and red indexes for). On the 8<sup>th</sup> the gross score adjusted for any shots is used ignoring the difference in par between the tees.

Entry by payment of the appropriate entry fee.

Matches must be played by the stipulated dates. Extensions will only be granted by the Competition Secretary in exceptional circumstance.

The top team must contact the bottom team at least 3 weeks prior to the cut-off date for the appropriate round, or the bottom team will go through. The top team must give the bottom team at least 3 dates, which must include at least a Saturday and a Sunday. All players are requested to check that their phone numbers held in Admin are current. Whilst the onus is on the top team to make contact, it is the responsibility of both teams to fix a mutually acceptable date and this will be taken into account by the Competition secretary when resolving disputes.

### **Doug's Badger - Trophy donated by Doug McClelland.**

A one division Medal competition played from the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies). 95% handicap allowance maximum 36 handicap index.

### **Eclectic Shield**

A one division, pairs, 36 hole medal competition with the second round normally played within two weeks. Played from the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies), 85% handicap allowance, maximum 36 handicap index.

Teams of two, with the best nett medal score to count on each hole in round 1. In round 2 the team tries to better their nett score on each hole.

First card MAY have no returns on individual holes.

The players current handicap on the day of the competition will be used in each round.

### **Founders' Cup**

A one division pairs better ball stableford competition, played from the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies), 85% handicap allowance, maximum 36 handicap index.

### **Harrisberg Trophy**

A one division, stableford, limited club competition with a maximum of three clubs plus a putter. Played from the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies), 95% handicap allowance, maximum 36 handicap index.

### **Kingswood Cup**

A one division, stableford competition played at Kingswood Golf Course, normally during the summer greens maintenance at Silvermere. Played from the yellow tees, (Men) & red tees (Ladies) 95% handicap allowance, maximum 36 handicap index.

### **Little Badger – Spring Away Day**

A one division, stableford competition played at an away course selected by the committee, normally played in April. Played from the tees of the day normally yellow tees (Men) & Red Tees Ladies, 95% handicap allowance, maximum 36 handicap index.

### **Masters Trophy**

A one division medal competition played off the yellow tees 95% handicap allowance maximum 36 handicap index.

Open to all male members having reached their 50th birthday by the date of the competition.

### **Members' Cup**

A one division medal competition played off the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies) and played in conjunction with the Club Championship. Open to players over 18 handicap only, 95% handicap allowance maximum 36 handicap index.

All other rules as per the Club Championship

### **Midweek Eclectic**

A four round eclectic medal competition run in parallel with selected mid-week medals. The handicap in force at the time of the first completed round will determine the handicap for the remaining rounds. 95% handicap allowance maximum 36 handicap index.

Cards disqualified for administrative failings (e.g. not signed) can still count for the Eclectic score.

### **Midweek Medal**

A one division, medal competition, played from the yellow tees, maximum 95% handicap allowance maximum 36 handicap index.

### **Midweek Stableford**

A one division, stableford competition, played from the yellow tees, maximum 95% handicap allowance maximum 36 handicap index.

### **Monthly Medal**

A two division, medal competition, played from the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies), maximum 95% handicap allowance maximum 36 handicap index.

### **Monthly Stableford**

A two division, stableford competition, played from the white tees, (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies) 95% handicap allowance maximum 36 handicap index.

### **New Eclectic Medal**

A two division Eclectic medal competition played in conjunction with three selected monthly medal competitions. The handicap in force at the time of the first completed round will determine the handicap and division for the remaining rounds.

Cards disqualified for administrative failings (e.g. not signed) can still count for the Eclectic score.

### **Order of Merit**

A one division competition that includes all weekend competitions played in divisions over the year plus any one division Bogey competitions that are not played for a trophy.

Points from 20 to 1 will be awarded on the overall results of the competitions (No divisions).

### **Peter Ponsford Cup**

A one division Stableford competition played from the yellow tees. 95% handicap allowance maximum 36 handicap index.

Open to all male members having reached their 50th birthday by the date of the competition.

### **Pitman Cup**

A one division Bogey competition played from the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies) over 2 rounds. 95% handicap allowance maximum 28 handicap index.

The winner to be chosen on the best aggregate score over 36 holes.

In the event of a tie, the winner will be chosen on count back from last card.

The players current handicap on the day of the competition will be used in each round.

### **President's Salver**

A one division pairs better ball medal competition, played from the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies). 85% handicap allowance maximum 28 handicap index.

### **Prosser Bowl**

A one division 36 hole medal competition, played from the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies) with the second round normally played within two weeks. 95% handicap allowance maximum 28 handicap index.

In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided on the second card 18, 9, 6, 3, 1

The players current handicap on the day of the competition will be used in each round.

### **Residents' Cup**

A team event based on teams selected to represent England and the Rest of the World.

The format will be 9 holes pairs better ball matchplay. 95% handicap. Maximum 36 handicap allowance.

Then 9 holes singles matchplay, full handicap, Maximum 36 allowance.

Every hole is worth a point, so please remember to play out every hole. There is a total of 27 points available for each match. The winning team is the one with the most points overall across all matches.

### **Seniors' Cup**

A one division stableford competition, played from the yellow tees, 95% handicap allowance maximum 36 handicap index.

Open to all male members having reached, or reaching their 50th birthday during the year of the competition. The leading player aged 65+ (not winning the Seniors Cup) wins the Super Seniors Jug.

A prize will also be awarded to the leading player aged 80+ (players reaching their 80<sup>th</sup> birthday during the year of the competition will also qualify.

Players may only win one prize.

### **Senior Order of Merit**

A one division competition that includes all senior individual strokeplay competitions excluding majors over the year.

Points from 10 to 1 will be awarded on the overall results of the competitions.

### **Senior Singles Matchplay**

A match play singles knockout competition, played from the yellow tees, full handicap difference, and maximum handicap index 36. The handicap allowance is calculated by taking the difference between the players course handicap. The lowest handicap player receives zero shots and the other player receives the difference.

Open to all male members having reached their 50th birthday by the date of the competition.

### **Senior Pairs Matchplay**

A match play pairs knockout competition, played from the yellow tees, 90% handicap difference, max handicap index 36. The handicap allowance is calculated by each player taking f their course handicap rounded to the nearest whole number. The lowest handicap player



receives zero shots and the other players receive 90% of the difference between the lowest player's allowance and their own.

Open to all male members having reached their 50th birthday by the date of the competition.

### **Spitfire AM-AM**

A medal competition for a team of 4 players with the best 2 nett scores to count on each hole (i.e Pro-Am format), played from the white tees, (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies) 85% handicap allowance max 36 handicap index.

### **Squires Salver**

A one division Pairs Shambles (stableford format). Played from the white tees. (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies) 85% of handicap. Maximum 36 handicap allowance.

Both players drive. One drive will be selected and both players play their own ball from that point. Players will then play their own ball for the rest of the hole and record their score. The betterball for the pair will be the team score on that hole. Should both players drive out of bounds, both will take a second ball from the tee, adding stroke and distance as in the rules of golf.

Each player must contribute at least 6 drives in each round and this must be clearly marked on the card.

### **Swiss Cup**

A one division medal competition played from the yellow tees. 95% handicap allowance maximum 36 handicap index.

### **Texas Scramble**

A Texas Scramble competition for a team of 4 players, played from the white tees (Men) & yellow tees (Ladies). Team handicap allowance is 25% 20% 15% 10% from lowest to highest handicap. Maximum 24 handicap index.

All players drive off. The team select their preferred shot and all players then play again from that point. The player whose drive is selected plays the ball as it lies. Subsequent players place (fairway) or drop (rough) within one club length of the original ball. If the selected ball is in the rough subsequent players may place on the fairway when within one club length. If the selected ball is not on the green all players must play from off the green

Played as a 5 match league with the best 4 scores counting.

In the event of a tie the 5th card will decide the winner.

Teams may use an absent members handicap.

Under strength teams can add new members and enter as "Team of the Day" (not in overall competition).

Cards must be clearly marked and signed by at least two players.

Each player must contribute at least 3 drives in each round and this must be clearly marked on the card.

20 points will be awarded to the team or teams with the lowest scores and then progressively down to 1 point. Tied scores will be separated by countback.

### **Pairs Medal**

A one division pairs betterball medal competition played from the tee of the day, 85% handicap allowance maximum 36 handicap index.

### **Pairs Stableford**

A one division pairs better ball Stableford competition played from the tee of the day, 85% handicap allowance maximum 36 handicap index.

### **Pairs Texas Scramble**

A Texas Scramble pairs competition played from the tee of the day. Team handicap allowance is 35% of the lower handicap plus 15% of the higher handicap. Maximum 36 handicap index.

Each player must contribute at least 6 drives and this must be marked on the card.

### **Vic Smith Cup**

Played as part of the Senior Cup and open to players with a handicap index of 26 or higher and with a maximum handicap allowance of 54. Qualifying players in the Senior Cup will be automatically entered but cannot win if winning another trophy.