

Woodham Golf Club Ladies Section

Competitions 2020

Introduction

Members of the Golf Section Committee met with management recently and agreed that the sections could restart their competitions from Saturday 27th June. There was a request from management that only singles competitions should be played at this time and also that this should be in a maximum of three balls to try to ensure that the course does not become too busy and rounds can be completed in a reasonable amount of time.

The Ladies Section committee set up a sub-committee to agree how we should manage our competitions to ensure everyone's safety and also to come up with a new fixture list taking into account the request from management to only play singles and the results of the survey of the membership. We have only published the fixtures until the end of August at this time in the hope that we will be able to play some of the pairs competitions in September. This of course will be subject to the approval of management.

We have taken on board the fact that members prefer to play stableford rather than strokeplay and have also tried to include all those competitions with trophies attached to them. Obviously it was impossible to fit all the trophies in on their scheduled date and we will be playing some on a Wednesday if we are allowed to play pairs competitions later in the season. We have made all the singles competitions stableford with the exception of the club championship and the senior club championship. We have decided not to run the summer eclectic, birdie tree or matchplay knockout. We will run the Order of Merit and the 9 hole Wednesday Mid-Week League, however there will be no Wednesday sweep in operation.

We have now also completed the work around the competition arrangements and would ask that you read the rest of this document very carefully in order to understand the new arrangements for the whole competition process from signing up to handing in your cards.

Tee Times

Sunday competition tee times will run 11.32 – 12.20. Wednesday tee times will commence at 10.04.

Signing Up

We will not be putting signing up sheets in the locker room.

If you wish to take part in a Sunday competition please contact Linda Luke. If you would like to take part in a Wednesday competition please contact Pat Usher. You can contact either of them via email, text, phone or What'sApp any day between 9am and 8pm.

Day of competition	Sunday	Wednesday
Who to contact	Linda Luke	Pat Usher
Telephone	01325 318869	01325 315242
Mobile	07505 994778	07817 886845
Email address	lindalukerushy4@gmail.com	pat@woodhamvillage.plus.com

If you wish to play social golf immediately after the competition has gone out then this will be possible only if tee times in our allotted competition slot are available and will be operated on a "first come, first served basis" - failing that, you will have to book your own tee time. Please make it clear to either Linda or Pat when you sign up with them that you want to play social golf and who you will be playing with as you will need to find your own partner/three-ball.

Draw

As normal, the Sunday draw will be done **one week in advance**, therefore it is important that if you wish to play that you have contacted Linda by then. The new arrangement for Wednesday means that you also need to contact Pat a week before so that the draw can be done in good time. They will be passing the list of names of those who has signed up for each competition to me by approximately 5pm when a random draw will be done.

For both Wednesday and Sunday competitions we wish to ensure that players know what time there are playing and who they are playing with so that they can minimise the amount of time they are waiting to go out on the course.

Cancellation

If you have to cancel for either the Sunday or Wednesday, then this must be done by contacting me by 9:00am on the morning of the game at the very latest – **Please do not contact the Pro Shop**. I must be contacted in order that the draw can be re-jigged if necessary and players informed of their new tee times. Obviously it would be helpful if you could inform me as soon as you know that you are unable to play so that your playing partners are told of any changes to the draw as soon as possible. Again, this is to minimise the amount of waiting time before playing.

Payment

Until we can resume golf as normal and as a temporary measure, payments for Sunday and Wednesday competitions must be paid in advance in 5 week blocks as this will minimise handling money and time spent in the locker room during this pandemic. Therefore £5, £10 or £15 payments need to be made up front before competitions commence.

Example:

£10 paid up-front for Sunday competitions “only” will cover a 5 week period at £2 per game

Sunday - 28th June / 5th July / 12th July / 19th July / 26th July

After the 5 week period payments for the following 5 games to be paid a week before the next 5 competitions commencing on 2nd August and so on.

Should you be playing Wednesday as well as Sundays the same will apply, a £15 up-front payment would be required as you will be playing twice each week. Similarly if you are only playing on a Wednesday then a £5 payment up-front will be required to cover the 5 week's entry fees.

The payments of £2 for each Sunday competition and £1 for the Wednesday Mid-Week league will only be deducted when Liz receives confirmation that you have played from Anita when she records your card.

The payments can be either cash (notes preferred) or cheque made payable to Woodham Golf Club (Ladies Section).

Any credit will be refunded should it not be used up by the end of the season.

Payments should be put in an envelope with your preference of play i.e. Sunday only, Wednesday only or both and importantly your NAME WRITTEN ON THE ENVELOPE and put in the BLACK BOX in the locker room for Liz to collect

Should you have any queries please contact Liz Nelson on 07765 308738

Cards

In order to maximise the safety of players, there will be no need to sign a qualifying sheet prior to play.

With the new arrangements in place you will know who you are playing with before arriving at the clubhouse. Instead of swapping cards, just agree within your group who is going to mark whose card before you go to the first tee and write their card for them ensuring that you enter their name, membership number, competition name, date and correct handicap. In this way you will complete that card as normal throughout the round, putting your own score in the markers column.

At the end of the round agree the score with the player whose card you are marking (this is the same process as normal), **however there is no need for the player to sign for their score - just make sure that you sign it as the marker.**

Remember that we have new stroke indexes in place for the back 9 so make sure you mark cards correctly.

Results

Please leave all score cards on the worktop in the locker room where they will be collected and entered into the handicapping system. The results will be published on the website and on HowDidIDo later in the evening.

Duty Rota

In order to try to keep things as simple as possible, there will be no committee duty rota. Therefore Linda Luke will take the sign-ups for all Sunday competitions for the rest of the season. Pat Usher will take all the names for Wednesday for the remainder of the season too. Anita will do all the draws and enter the cards into the computer and will also take cancellations. Members of the committee who are playing on the day will be able to answer any queries you may have about the new procedures (at a suitable social distance).

Temporary local rule for bunkers

In the absence of rakes, the R & A have allowed for a local rule to be put in place if your ball lands in a bunker. They have suggested a couple of options for the wording of this local rule which is currently being discussed by the Golf Section Committee. As soon as it is agreed it will be distributed to everyone. It will be in place for the first competition.

Supplementary Scores and Handicap Cards

Once the local rule described above is in place it will be possible to hand in cards for handicap and as far as I am aware there is still the requirement to hand in three cards for handicap during the season. Therefore I would advise everyone to bear this in mind when deciding whether or not to enter competitions. Of course you also have the option of handing in supplementary score cards. In order to complete a supplementary score card there will be no need to sign the book. Just get your marker to write your card for you ensuring that they have clearly marked it as a supplementary score. Only the marker needs to sign the card and once completed please leave it in the handicap secretary's drawer in the locker room.

For players wishing to hand in cards for a new handicap, get your marker to complete your card ensuring they write "For Handicap" at the top. There is no need for you to sign the card (just make sure the marker has signed it) and place it in the handicap secretary's drawer.