



# BRAESIDE GOLF CLUB LADIES HANDBOOK



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This handbook contains information about competition play and general information about playing with Braeside Golf Club. It is based on information contained in club records, current practice, ancient history and generous advice from the committee. Any changes to competition formats must be approved by the Lady Captain and committee and amendments made to the handbook, with the captain's name and date.

## General Competition Information

**Formats** - there are a variety of formats, singles, foursomes, four-balls, greensomes, team events, match play, or stroke play (including medal play and Stableford). Each has slightly different rules and penalties. Too complicated to go into here – just ask if you are unsure!

**Fixture List** - this is produced January to December for each year and is normally emailed to the ladies during December of the previous year. It can take a while to formalise, as we work with the men to firm up dates for the mixed events, as well as liaison with any external event organisers.

**Prize Giving** - is usually held in December at Selsdon Park and held on the same day as the AGM, following our mixed Stableford Christmas competition. A one-course meal is also served.



**Scorecards** - cards should be marked by a playing partner who has a CONGU handicap. It is the responsibility of the player to ensure they are checked and correct. The committee reserve the right to check the identity and handicap of any non-Braeside member who marks another person's card.

**Surrey County Card** - as a member of Braeside Golf Club, all members will receive a Surrey County Card offering discounted green fees at other golf clubs in Surrey.

## Completing your card – things to remember!

- ❖ Make sure that you complete the name of the competition, the date and your name (including your surname).

- ❖ Be sure that the handicap you quote is correct for the day of the competition. (A list of handicaps is on the notice board at Selsdon Park if you are unsure.)
- ❖ Make sure the marker of your card puts their name and handicap on card.
- ❖ Make sure you check your card against the marker's before you **both sign**. If changed for any reason, your marker should initial change.
- ❖ Write legibly and correct any errors clearly.
- ❖ In a Stableford competition it is useful to calculate the Stableford points as you go round, but only the gross scores for each hole should be against the player score column, i.e. Player A. The system will work out stableford scores so please be sure to agree and write down the number of shots taken on each hole.
- ❖ Completed scorecards should be given to a lady committee member, scanned, sent by first class post or hand delivered to the handicap secretary within 48 hours of the competition.

Competition	HAWTREE COMP	H'cap	Strokes	Date	10/6/17	H'cap	Strokes
Player A	JASMIN COHAM	28		Player C			
Player B				Marker	JO FIBMAURICE	20	

HOLE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out
PACE OF PLAY	0.17	0.30	0.41	0.54	1.09	1.20	1.33	1.47	2.00	
WHITE	504	392	166	379	475	192	378	400	342	3228
YELLOW	477	396	156	335	462	161	357	387	324	3055
PAR	5	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	36
STROKE INDEX	9	3	17	7	15	5	13	1	11	
A	6	8	4	6	5	3	4	6	6	48
B POINTS										
C POINTS										
Marker	7	6	4	5	8	4	7	6	6	53
RED	465	371	147	312	391	125	340	344	277	2772
PAR	5	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	36
STROKE INDEX	13	1	17	9	5	11	7	3	15	

10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	TOTAL	H'cap	Nett Points
2.17	2.28	2.45	2.57	3.10	3.27	3.41	3.52	4.05				
510	177	507	233	339	508	399	165	302	3140	6368		
502	170	491	278	315	473	384	154	278	3045	6100		
5	3	5	3	4	5	4	3	4	36	72		
10	16	2	8	6	18	4	14	12	37	73		
9	3	7	5	6	8	7	4	5	54	102	20	74
8	4	7	5	6	7	6	6	4	53	106	20	86
465	161	392	211	290	440	370	141	234	2704	5476		
5	3	5	4	4	5	4	3	4	37	73		
4	14	2	16	10	6	8	12	18				

Player's Signature	
Marker's Signature	

SSS	Please indicate which tee used
WHITE 72	
YELLOW 70	
RED 71	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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STABLEFORD POINTS OR NETT SCORE  
**74**

**Handicaps** – Correct and up to date handicaps must be used for competitions and penalties apply if an incorrect (too high) handicap is used or if no handicap is shown on the card. An up to date handicap list can be found on the notice board at Selsdon Park Pro Shop.

Handicaps are calculated based on the “competition scratch score” (CSS). That is, the adjusted weighted depending on whether everyone else has played relatively well or badly. The handicap secretary will be advised on adjustments but the formula is:

Handicap Category	Handicap Range	Reduction
Cat 1	5 or less	0.1 for each shot under CSS
Cat 2	6 to 12	0.2 for each shot under CSS
Cat 3	13 to 20	0.3 for each shot under CSS
Cat 4	21 to 28	0.4 for each shot under CSS
Cat 5	29 to 36	0.5 for each shot under CSS

Increases are always 0.1

You are responsible for your own handicap, and must report all handicap qualifying scores played away from Braeside. If in any doubt about your handicap, play safe and play off the lowest handicap you may have. Losing a shot is better than being disqualified!

To qualify for a handicap, if not transferring from another club, you will be asked to submit 3 cards marked by a Braeside member. At least one card must be played with a committee member, and one card must include a gross score of 120 or less.

**Supplementary cards** - Please check with the handicap secretary whether you are eligible to hand in “supplementary cards”. If you have done fewer than 10 qualifying cards in the previous handicap year (November to October) you can play up to 10 supplementary cards. You must register your intention to play a supplementary card, by writing in the book (see below) before you go out and play.

**Signing in for competitions** - “Signing in” is the way a player indicates their intention to enter the competition, and must occur before the event commences. The current system for ladies’ monthly Stableford and medals played at Selsdon Park is to sign in the book in the pro-shop on the morning of the competition. Failure to sign in before you play will mean that you are treated as not having entered the event. For tee closure competitions/trophy competitions an communication will be sent to you by the lady Captain a week or so before the competition when you can then notify her of your intention to play. For these competitions there is no need to sign in our book at the pro shop.

For mixed events, and mixed away events, there will usually be a sign in sheet on the men's notice board, and you will normally need to sign up at least a week in advance (sometimes longer, especially for away events) and check in with the starter on the day (the equivalent of "signing in"). So do keep a check on what competitions are coming up. An email/Doodle is usually sent around with details. There may also be restrictions on entry numbers, so the earlier you sign up, the better.

For ladies away events, where deposits are required, sign up is usually by email/Doodle, again often in advance of the event.

**No show or late show** - if possible you must give 24 hours notice of inability to play if you have signed up for something – especially if there is a prior draw. You must show up at least 20 minutes before the competition starts (sometimes earlier than this) due to the fact that if members have not turned up start times can be changed in an instant so you need to be there in case this happens. If you show up late a 2-stroke penalty can be imposed or a disqualification from the next tee closure competition if you do not show up at all.

**Tee Times** - regular tee times are booked each week on a Saturday. Tee closure events must be played within the allocated tee times.

**Payment** - most ladies and mixed competitions at Selsdon and mixed away competitions (other than medals and stablefords) have a £3 entry fee, payable to the starter. Green fees are payable as normal.

**Etiquette and courtesy** - The subject is worthy of many golf books, so no detail here. But in short:

- Be aware of your playing partners at all times – ensure they can concentrate on their own game. Praise good shots, but don't constantly comment on you or your partners' games. Don't move or talk when somebody else is playing a shot. If you want to chat, do so between shots, not during them! Leave the really interesting gossip and stories for the clubhouse afterwards.
- Always shout 'fore left/right' if you hit your ball in the direction of other players
- Keep up with the group ahead – not wait for the group behind! If you are losing the group ahead, work together with your partners to speed play up. It is considered correct to call the next group through if you are losing time and cannot catch up with the group ahead. Technically speaking when you are on the tee box the group in front should be no further

ahead than on the green ahead of you. If they are not there you are losing your position on the course.

- Techniques for speeding up include:-
  - ❖ Walk faster and chat less
  - ❖ Select your club and be ready before every shot
  - ❖ You are allowed 5 minutes to look for balls, but call the group behind through before this if necessary
  - ❖ Tee off out of order before marking your card
  - ❖ Play your shot, or putt out of order if you are ready
  - ❖ Pick up if no hope of a score in a Stableford competitions or in match play, concede the hole if you are bound to lose it
  - ❖ Don't take too many practice shots
  - ❖ "Trolley management" – if you don't know what this means, just ask!
- Please do not argue about the draw or the starting order. It is hard enough for the committee to organise the competitions and groupings without having individual requests.
- Please conduct yourself quietly (unless shouting "fore")
- **Always** mark your ball with a personal mark – and check it is yours before you play it. Playing a wrong ball incurs a 2-stroke penalty.
- Dress Code – we are not stuffy, but try and keep to the standard dress code, collared or smart shirts, golf shoes, no denim and given current fashions, please keep your midriff to yourself!
- If we are playing away, please observe the local dress codes which may be stricter than Braeside. Also, playing away at most clubs, golf shoes are changed in the changing rooms.
- Remember to turn your mobile phones off when playing unless it is on for an emergency call, which may come through, but please advise your playing partners of this.

On the putting green:

- Avoid standing in the eye line of someone putting and avoid your shadow on that person putting when the sun is shining
- Always mark your ball before picking it up
- Don't walk on someone's putting line

**Rules, Penalties and Disciplinary Issues** - "Rules is rules" and you are responsible for knowing the rules and applying them, including penalties where appropriate. It is always wise to have a copy of the full rules of golf available (free from the Royal and Ancient Golf Club) so you can refer to them if necessary. Asking advice about the rules is acceptable, but remember you may get different views from different people, depending on whom you ask and how

reliable their knowledge is! If in doubt, refer to the rulebook. Refer to Rule 3.3 if you feel the rule cannot be clarified whilst you are out on the course. You may also check with the Pro Shop before completing and signing the card.

It is rare that the club has to invoke disciplinary procedures (especially for the ladies!) but blatant or persistent behaviour or rules violations may result in a committee decision to give a warning or a disciplinary sanction.

**Winter Rules – Pick and Place** - During the period 1 October to 31 March “Winter Rules” are normally put in place – keep an eye on the notice in the Pro Shop or check with a committee member. Preferred lies mean that balls may be lifted, cleaned and replaced within a scorecard length no nearer the hole and a lie may be preferred so that the ball does not need to be replaced in its exact position. Preferred lies may operate year-round depending on the condition of the course so as not to confuse competitors who may be misled by the term winter rules. Relief under winter rules are applicable on any surface the ball has come to rest which is mown to fairway length, i.e. “closely mown”.

## **Annual Schedule of Competitions**

### **Medal Competitions**

In Medal play competitions, every stroke taken by the player is counted. The hole must be finished, though you can record a “no return” at a hole or holes if your score there is ludicrously high – this means you will be out of the medal, but the score still counts for handicap purposes and if you were playing really well on other holes your handicap could still come down. This is because of the “Stableford adjustment” system, which converts medal scores to Stableford points FOR HANDICAP PURPOSES ONLY.

Medals are seen as the most serious regular competition of the club. Some ladies therefore prefer to concentrate on their game and are not an ideal competition for potential new members to get handicap cards marked.

Medals are usually played on the first Saturday of the month, other than when this is not possible due to other fixtures and are played at the ladies normal tee times, although individuals may choose to play their medal at any time of the day, providing there are three ladies playing, remembering to “sign in”. Prizes are awarded at the AGM to the winners of each monthly medal.

Between 1 October and 1 April, medals are played with Stableford scoring. This is because the conditions are not good over these months. Although cards are handed in for processing, due to temporary tees etc our handicaps are not often affected.

Where a medal is played by less than three players, the competition is deemed to have been played and will qualify for handicap purposes but no prize will be awarded.

**EWGA Medals** - The EWGA Medal year runs from January to December. The best four medal scores for each player are used to determine which players qualify for the Regional and National Finals days. The LGU issues the forms and the medals, the club determines who the winners are, and the winners are invited to play in the national LGU medal championships the following summer.

**Monthly Stableford Competitions** - The competitions use the stableford scoring system (4 points for a Nett eagle (2 under par), 3 points for a Nett birdie (1 under par) 2 points for a Nett par, one point for a Nett bogey (1 over par) and no points – often called a “blob” – for anything worse! The “Nett” score is determined by your handicap and the stroke index (SI) of the hole in question. If your handicap is 30, you will get 2 shots on SI - 1-12, and 1 stroke on SI - 13-18. So if you score 5 on the 6<sup>th</sup> hole (SI 11) you will get two points.

Stableford competitions are usually played on the last Saturday of the month, although once again the date may be changed to suit other fixtures. Saturday tee times are pre-booked but members may choose to play at any time on the competition date, remembering to sign-in before commencing play.

**Stableford League** - This is a trophy that is awarded for the best Stableford player, based on 4 cards run as “best of series” over the period from 1 November to 31 October.

**Mid-Week Stableford League** - Unfortunately there are not enough lady members who are able to play at Selsdon during the week so there is no mid-week Stableford league a present.

**Eclectic Competition** - This is played during the summer – 1 April to 30 September – based on the best score for each hole over 10 rounds. The total “best” score is then reduced by 50% of the player’s handicap at the time of their first round, to find the winner. This is an informal competition, scorecards do not need to be played in a competition event, nor do you have to decide in advance whether you want to use a particular round for your eclectic score. There is an Eclectic Trophy awarded at the prize giving.

**Major Competitions** - All majors are closed tee competitions.

If fewer than 3 players enter the competition, or some unforeseen event prevents play, the competitions will be cancelled before play begins and rearranged.

*Order of play for "Majors"* is in handicap order with the lower handicap players going out first, followed by the higher handicappers, in groups of three if possible.

**Major Competitions Include:**

**Club Championship** - Medal play competition (see overleaf) played over two days (or one day if agreed by committee), aggregate scores. If played over two days the first day is played in handicap order, with the second day played in reverse result order from the first day. Entrants must have returned two qualifying scores at Braeside from 1<sup>st</sup> January, of the current calendar year, that is to say any two handicap qualifying rounds.

**Hawtree trophy** - Medal play competition

**Ida Davies** - Medal play competition

**Patricia Gooda** - Stableford

**Charity Trophy** – Stableford - Entry fee to go to the captain's charity

**Pre-qualifying Competitions**

These are competitions for which you qualify based on competition results from the previous year.

**Master Medal** - monthly medal winners and runners up from the previous year qualify for this Medal. (Includes EWGA medal.)

**Grand Slam** - mixed competition includes winners of Spring Bowl, John Quilty and Presidents Cup plus list of "Majors" above.

**Spring Bowl** - an away day competition playing with the men in a mixed competition.

**John Quilty Weekend** - our away day with the men. If away, the competition is on the Sunday with a practice day on the Saturday, staying overnight at a hotel. Great fun and highly recommended.

**Medal play is often referred to as stroke play (although this is not technically correct – as stroke play is a general term for anything other than match play).**

## **Mixed Competitions**

**Mixed Triangle** - Each lady plays with two men, playing Stableford points. The best joint score of the lady and one of her partners will win the competition so the lady may win with either or both of her partners. (This means that the same lady can win and come second if both of her partners play well!). The ladies section will register interest at the earliest opportunity and report final numbers to the competitions' committee in order that sufficient notice is available in order that two partners may be found for each lady playing as demanded by the nature of the format. Non-qualifying for handicap purposes.

N.B. (Whilst this competition has been fun there has been lack of support in recent years, this has meant that we have not played this recently and it is yet to be re-instated onto the fixture calendar.)

**William Haynes Memorial Scramble** - William Haynes sadly passed away in 2016. He was a member of Braeside Golf Club for over 25 years and was a true gentleman and very well thought of by all the members. It was decided by the Committee that our annual mixed "Texas Scramble" would now be played as the "William Haynes Memorial Scramble" in memory of William.

## **'Fun' Competitions**

**Captain's Day** - This is a fun event, and it is seen as a way for the captain to thank members, and for members to support the captain. Traditionally the captain doesn't play, and is there on the day to help organise the event. The lady captain is responsible for the "halfway" table. The Captains decide the format which may change from year to year. In recent years we have played as a stableford event with men and ladies playing together, though with prizes for each section separately. It can include nearest the pin, longest drive, team competitions etc. Sometimes guests can join in but all depends on the number of tee times that we are allocated.

**Ladies 4 Club** - players are only allowed 4 clubs, including a putter! Stableford, non-qualifying (i.e. does not count towards handicap) because of the restriction of the number of clubs.

**Christmas Competition** - this is played with the men as a Stableford in December on the day of the AGM and prize giving.



## **Ladies Informal Away Events**

There are a few away events each year. These include:-

Ladies spring weekend away – normally we organise a weekend away during the spring for the ladies. An informal competition for the tasteful “Prestigious Eve Baldry Trips Away Trophy”

Ladies autumn weekend away – again an informal competition for the Eve Baldry trophy (normally those who win cannot wait to get rid of it!).

**Subscriptions** - Braeside subscriptions are due on 1 January of each year. At present the joining fee is £45. For members aged 60 and over the annual fee is £35 and for under 60's it is £60. The Committee has the right to suggest an increase each year. If a subscription has not been paid then the player is not eligible to play in any competitions until such time as the fee is paid.

**Selsdon Park Green Fees** - There are several ways to play for your golf at Selsdon Park and it is up to each individual whether they pay annually, monthly, pay as you play or ‘Play More Golf’ which is a points system. Please enquire at the Prop Shop.

## Rules

**GUR Areas** - Relief without penalty as under Rule 25

### Local Rules – Selsdon Estate Golf Club

#### 1. Out of Bounds

A ball lying outside any boundary fence of the golf course or beyond the white post to the left of the 1<sup>st</sup> hole.

- a. Any ball on or over the roadway on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes.

#### 2. Obstructions

Manhole covers, control box covers, electrical power boxes, directional posts, notice boards, steps made for the purpose of the upkeep of the course, paths, roadways, and shelters, rabbit scrapes, tractor or cart ruts. Relief may be taken (Rule 24-2).

#### 3. Stones in bunkers (Rule 24-1)

Stones may be moved without penalty. If in doing so the ball is moved, it must be replaced on its original spot.

#### 4. Protection of Young or Staked Trees

Staked or protected trees are immovable obstructions and relief may be obtained by dropping the ball within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole. (Rule 24-2b(i)).

#### 5. Fixed Sprinkler Heads

Fixed sprinkler heads are immovable obstructions and relief from interference by them may be obtained under Rule 24-2.

In addition, if such an obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green of the hole being played intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may obtain relief, without penalty, as follows: if the ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and is within two club-lengths of the intervening obstruction, it may be lifted, cleaned and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which (a) is no nearer the hole, (b) avoids such interference and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

#### 6. Water Hazards

Ditches are considered as a lateral water hazard (Rules 26 applies).

#### 150 Distance Markers are Measured to the Front of the Green

It is the golfer's responsibility to check the course safety notice board & local rules prior to play. Every golfer is solely responsible for his/her actions and should have Personal

Liability Insurance. Golfers must ensure that they only play their ball when safe to do so, as they are solely liable for any damage or injury they may cause.

## **7. Health and Safety**

To ensure that your round of golf is as safe and enjoyable as possible, please adhere to the following:-

- Please read all local rules and signs on the course.
- Please take care when attempting to retrieve golf balls from water hazards.
- Beware of other golfers and also be aware of golf balls from players following you.
- Beware of rabbit and foxholes.
- Watch out for varying slopes on tees and greens.
- Beware of low branches when entering wooded areas.
- Take care when driving buggies and read instructions displayed on buggy windscreen.
- Keep to paths wherever possible.
- When using the driving range, take note of all safety notices displayed. (Supervision is recommended for children under the age of 16.

**Finally, always remember .....**



**Have fun, and enjoy your golf!**

## Braeside Golf Club Committee Members 2018

### **Executive Officers:**

President	Ivor Bovell
Vice President	Liz Burgess
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Men's Captain	Rodney Sihlangu
Ladies' Captain	Lesley Morris
Men's Vice Captain	David Cole
Honorary Treasurer	Thomas Varughese
Handicap Secretary	Jude Edward
Competitions Committee	Jeff Jeffery, Rodney Sihlangu & Jude Edward
New Members' Secretary	Andy Shannon

### **Committee Members:**

Gerry Anderson  
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