

## 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.

The Standard Scratch Score of all courses is set by the English Golf Union, but will be varied on competition days to reflect unusual playing conditions. If, for example the majority of players are returning above average scores, the Standard Scratch Score will probably be raised for the day (known as the Competition Scratch Score (CSS)). This enables an allowance to be made for very adverse or very favourable conditions when any handicap adjustments are calculated.

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 handicap).

### 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:-

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—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 pars and two birdies, your tally is two pluses. If you bogey the next hole, your tally goes down to one plus.

### **Greensome Competition**

Both players drive off and each team select its best shot before resuming alternate shot-taking for the rest of the hole.

### **Fourball Better Ball Competition**

This is another "pairs" competition, but in this case, each player completes the hole with his or her own ball. The best score in each team is the one that counts. Players play off 9/10ths of playing 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 Competition Rules - General**

Unless otherwise stated competition entry is restricted to 7-day male members and 7-day Ladies holding additional (men's) handicaps. Unless otherwise stated, competitions must be played from the tees of the day i.e. yellow or white and off full handicap.

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.

If any members play more than once at the weekend their Saturday card ONLY can be submitted for that weekend's competition, unless his first round was in a different competition e.g. Dennis Collin or Dickson Cup.

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 or 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.

## **Annual Competitions**

### **1854 Cup**

A one division bogey competition, played from the white tees, maximum 28 handicap allowance.

### **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, Budweiser Shield and Committee Cup but including the Texas Scramble League winners. Played from the white tees, maximum 28 handicap allowance.

Non qualifiers can play a single division stableford competition, played from the white tees, full handicap allowance.

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

A one division medal competition, played from the white tees, no handicap allowance. All players also take part in a handicap medal competition with maximum 36 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, maximum 36 handicap allowance.

### **Bogey**

A one division bogey competition, played from the white tees, maximum 36 handicap allowance.

### **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. Maximum 36 handicap allowance.

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

### **Captains Cup**

Competition to be of current Captains choice. Maximum 28 handicap allowance.

### **Chairman's Trophy**

A one division Stableford competition played from the white tees. Maximum 28 handicap allowance.

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

Captains "away day" to be played at a course of the Captains choice. A one division 36 holes stableford competition, maximum 28 handicap allowance. In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided on the second card 18,9,6,3,1.

### **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), full handicap allowance, max handicap 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 Collins Cup (max 18)**

A matchplay singles knockout competition, played from the white tees, full handicap difference, and maximum handicap 18. The quarter finals, semi finals and finals are played from the white tombstones.

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 in the scorecard box in the members bar.

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 18)**

A match play pairs knockout competition, played from the white tees, 9/10<sup>th</sup> handicap difference, max handicap 18. The quarter finals, semi finals and finals are played from the white tombstones.

Entry by payment of the appropriate entry fee in the scorecard box in the members bar.

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.

Quarter, Semi and Finals to be played on a date stipulated by the Competition Secretary (see fixture list for actual date). Any team who cannot make this date should withdraw from the competition at the earliest opportunity whereby their opponents for the next round will automatically go through on a bye. An Entry fee may be payable.

### **Eclectic Shield**

A one division, pairs, 36 hole medal competition normally played over consecutive weekends. Played from the white tees, 9/10<sup>th</sup> handicap, maximum 36 handicap allowance.

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.

### **Founders Cup**

A one division pairs better ball stableford competition, played from the white tees, 9/10<sup>th</sup> handicap, maximum 36 handicap allowance.

### **Harrisberg Trophy**

A one division, stableford, limited club competition with a maximum of three clubs plus a putter. Played from the white tees, maximum 36 handicap allowance.

### **Masters Trophy**

A one division medal competition played off the yellow tees maximum handicap 36. Open to all members having reached their 50th birthday by the date of the competition.

### **Members Cup**

A one division medal competition played off the white tees and played in conjunction with the Club Championship. Open to players over 18 handicap only, maximum 36 handicap allowance.

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 and division for the remaining rounds. Maximum 36 handicap allowance.

### **Midweek Medal**

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

### **Midweek Stableford**

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

### **Monthly Medal**

A two division, medal competition, played from the white tees, maximum 36 handicap allowance.

### **Monthly Stableford**

A two division, stableford competition, played from the white tees, maximum 36 handicap allowance.

### **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.

### **Order of Merit**

A one division competition that includes all weekend competitions played in divisions over the year.

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. Maximum 36 handicap allowance.

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

### **Pitman Cup**

A one division Bogey competition played from the white tees over 2 rounds on consecutive weekends. Maximum 28 handicap allowance.

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.

### **Presidents Salver**

A one division pairs better ball medal competition, played from the white tees, 9/10<sup>th</sup> handicap allowance. Maximum 28 handicap allowance.

### **Prosser Bowl**

A one division 36 hole medal competition, played from the white tees over consecutive weekends. Maximum 28 handicap allowance.

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

### **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. 9/10<sup>th</sup> 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, Maximum 28 handicap allowance.

Open to all 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.

### **Seniors Order of Merit**

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

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

### **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,  $\frac{3}{4}$  handicap allowance max 36.

Ladies without a Silvermere Ladies Open Handicap may play in the competition from the red tees using the Men's par and stroke indexes. The ladies will have a maximum handicap of 36, but receive two courtesy shots as they are using the men's par and stroke index. The  $\frac{3}{4}$  of handicap applies to the Ladies.

### **Squires Salver**

A one division Pairs Shambles (stableford format). Played from the white tees.  $\frac{9}{10}$ <sup>th</sup> 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, and then continuing as under rule 4.

### **Swiss Cup**

A one division medal competition played from the yellow tees. Maximum 36 handicap allowance.

### **Texas Scramble**

A Texas Scramble competition for a team of 4 players, played from the white tees. Team handicap allowance is  $\frac{1}{10}$ <sup>th</sup> of combined playing handicaps accurate to 1 decimal point. Maximum 36 handicap allowance.

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 all team players.

Each player must contribute at least 3 drives in each round.

20 points will be awarded to the team or teams with the lowest scores and then progressively down to 1 point. Teams with the same scores will receive the same number of points.

### **Pairs Medal**

A one division pairs betterball medal competition played from the tee of the day,  $\frac{9}{10}$ <sup>th</sup> of handicap, maximum 36 handicap allowance.

### **Pairs Stableford**

A one division pairs better ball Stableford competition played from the tee of the day,  $\frac{9}{10}$ <sup>th</sup> handicap, maximum 36 handicap allowance.

### **Pairs Texas Scramble**

A Texas Scramble pairs competition played from the tee of the day. Team handicap allowance is 1/5th of combined playing handicaps accurate to 1 decimal point. Maximum 36 handicap allowance.

Each player must contribute at least 6 drives.