



# Berkshire County Ladies' Golf Association

## Rules 2012

### GENERAL RULES

#### Engraving

BCLGA will arrange and pay for engraving for all trophies, with the exception of the Duncan Trophy and the Inter-Club Shield for which engraving is organised and paid for by the winning Club. For trophies presented at the AGM, it is the responsibility of the winner to ensure that the trophy is returned to the Competition Secretaries in adequate time prior to the AGM to allow for engraving.

#### Tied Results

See rules under each trophy.

**Unless otherwise stated**, the winning places for scratch & handicap vouchers/prizes will be decided on countback - using the back 18 in case of a 36 hole competition, back 9 on the card, back 6 on the card and then back 3 on the card then back 1 to reach a decision. If a tie still remains then the prize will be shared.

For Trophies presented at the AGM:

- a) Aggregate Scores - these can be ties and all names will be engraved on the trophy and each player will receive a voucher.
- b) Single competition - e.g. best gross at meeting. Although c/b applies at the actual meeting for prizes no countback will apply for awarding the trophy. All names will be engraved on the trophy.

#### Caddies

Unless otherwise stated, caddies may be used as per the Rules of Golf. However, Professional or assistant professional golfers may not be employed as caddies.

#### Handicaps

Players must have an Active CONGU Handicap to enter any competition. Players should enter competitions on current handicaps. Handicap certificates **MUST** be produced on arrival. However, if on the day of play a player's handicap is:

- a) Below the handicap limit - she may play off her actual handicap, but will not be eligible for the Trophy or a scratch prize. Note - in this instance she will be eligible for a handicap prize.
- b) Above the handicap limit - she may play off her actual handicap. (Exceptions are the Duncan Trophy and Inter-Club Shield where maximum handicaps apply.)

#### Prizes

Individual competitors may only receive one prize. The scratch prize takes precedence over the handicap prize.

#### Buggies

For **ALL** BCLGA competitions, buggies may only be used by '**Blue Badge**' holders with **NO** exceptions (if the course permits). Only the player and equipment of the badge holder may be carried on such a buggy.

### Distance measuring devices (DMDs)

The use of DMDs will be allowed in all County competitions provided the Club at which the event is being held allows their use.

### Qualifiers/handicap

All individual medal and Stableford competitions will be played off FULL handicap and will be qualifying for handicap.

### Over-subscribed events

In the event that more players enter a competition than can be catered for by the course involved then the earliest entrants will be accepted first. Reserves will be used again in order of entry. The exception is the Tegner Trophy / Championship where priority will be given to the lowest handicap players.

## **BCLGA COMPETITION-SPECIFIC RULES**

### **DIVISION 1 SPRING & AUTUMN MEETINGS**

These are 18 hole stroke play competitions for players with handicaps **+ to 20**. Prize vouchers will be awarded for best scratch & handicap scores. The Competition Secretary to decide on the number of prizes according to the number of players participating.

### **DIVISION 2 SPRING & AUTUMN MEETINGS**

These are 18 hole competitions for players with handicaps **21 to 28**. The Spring meeting will be stroke play and will be the qualifying competition for the Ann Bryant Cup; the Autumn meeting will be Stableford. Prize vouchers will be awarded for best scratch & handicap scores at the Spring meeting and for the best Stableford scores at the Autumn meeting. The Competition Secretary to decide on the number of prizes according to the number of players participating.

### **DIVISION 3 SPRING & AUTUMN MEETINGS**

These are 18 hole Stableford competitions for players with handicaps **29 to 36**. Prize vouchers will be awarded for best Stableford scores. The Competition Secretary to decide on the number of prizes according to the number of players participating.

### **THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

The format of the County Championship to be a qualifying competition of 36 holes, this to be combined with the Tegner Trophy. The top 16 gross scores will qualify for match play on the ensuing two days.

An automatic draw will be made for the 16 leading scratch scores.

The reigning Champion is not to be seeded.

In the event of the reigning Champion being unable to participate in the Tegner Trophy, in order for her to defend her title, the County President and the County Captain, if they both agree, **MAY** permit her to play in the Championship providing the exceptional circumstances have been verified. If these exceptional conditions are used then the top 15 players from the Tegner Trophy will go through to the knock out stages and the reigning champion will be placed at number 3 in the Championship draw.

All matches are played to a conclusion.

The Championship Cup will be awarded immediately after the match-play final.

The County Captain buys championship prizes.

The venue for the Championship to be a different County course each year. The course must be a County Green.

### **TEGNER TROPHY**

This is a 36-hole stroke play event open to players with handicap 14 and below.

The Trophy is presented to the player with the best scratch score for 36 holes.

The presentation takes place immediately after the event.

Vouchers are also given to the winner of the Tegner Trophy. Vouchers for top 5 players – value depends on number of entries.

Players should only enter this competition if they are also available to play in the Championship.

ELIZABETH JACOBS TROPHY is awarded for the most improved gross score from the morning round of the Tegner Trophy. 6 golf balls are also awarded to the winner.

### **TIME OF STARTING**

The player shall start at the time laid down by the Committee. However, if the player arrives at her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after her starting time, the penalty for failing to start on time is loss of the first hole.

Refer to Rule 6 – 3

If the player arrives more than five minutes after her starting time, the penalty is disqualification.

### **NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM THE CHAMPIONSHIP**

The Committee has decided that should a player find she is unable to play in the Championship after the draw has been published, she must inform the Committee within half an hour of the draw being published in order that an alternative may be substituted. If a player withdraws after the half hour time limit, then a walkover is given.

### **THE ANN BRYANT CUP (BRONZE TROPHY Championship)**

Played as a knockout match-play competition with the lowest 16 gross scores from the 2nd Division Spring Meeting to qualify. The first match to be played at the Club whose player is top in the draw, and a draw made after each round for courses.

#### **Rules as sent out to members**

1. A scratch match-play competition, limited to 16 players from 2nd Division handicaps **21 - 28**.
2. The 16 lowest gross scores from the Division 2 Spring Meeting will be accepted.
3. The draw will be made and matches to be played on the course of the player at the top of the draw. The 2nd and semi-final rounds to be drawn for choice of course.
4. The final to be played on a neutral course.
5. All matches to be played on Berkshire courses.
6. Matches to be played by the specified dates – no extension given. Competitors are equally responsible for contacting their opponents to arrange matches and must offer a choice of three dates consisting of both weekday and weekend.
7. Winners to notify the Competition Secretary of the result immediately after playing.
8. The Cup and Runner-up Cup to be presented immediately after the final and re-presented at the AGM together with vouchers for both Winner and Runner Up.
9. If players have to pay a green fee, this fee is to be shared equally between the home and away players.

## SENIORS' CHAMPIONSHIP

An 18 hole medal competition for handicaps + to 18.

The trophy to be presented on the day to the player with the lowest scratch score.

Prizes for best scratch and handicap scores as decided by the Seniors Captain.

C/b to be used in the event of a tie. Requested by Gill Bowness who gave the Trophy.

## INTER-CLUB SHIELD

All Clubs in Berkshire affiliated to the County Association may enter a team for this competition.

Each Club is invited to pay a £10 entry fee at the beginning of each Calendar year.

Teams: to consist of three players, each member of the team plays 18 holes of Stableford, playing off FULL handicap, partnered by her opposite number in one of the other teams. The team with the highest aggregate of the two best scores from the three cards returned will be the winner of the Shield. In the event of a tie the third card will count. If still tied, countback to be applied to the total **team score** over 9, then 6, then 3, then 1 holes.

## QUALIFICATIONS

1. Each player must be a member of the Club that she represents. This Club must be affiliated to BCLGA.
2. No player is eligible to compete if she has actually played in the First County Team in the current or immediately preceding year.
3. Players may compete with a handicap up to 30.
4. A two-point penalty to be incurred for any competitor late on the tee.
5. County Committee ruling (1988): **no caddies** for this competition.
6. Green fees, if applicable & catering to be paid to the Competition Secretary upon entry.

The winners are immediately presented with the Shield, which their Club keeps for one year. Each player in the winning team receives a Silver Spoon. The runners-up receive 3 golf balls each. The player returning the best individual score also receives a Cup to keep for the year and a voucher prize.

## TOURNAMENT CUP

(See History of Trophies for full information on the long history of this event.)

Open to players with handicaps **10 to 20** inclusive.

This competition will be played in parallel with the Division 1 Autumn meeting.

The Tournament Cup will be presented to the player with the lowest Nett score over 18 holes. The Trophy will be presented to the winner on the day. Vouchers are given as prizes - number and value decided by the Competition Secretary depending on number of entries.

## PRESIDENT' S SALVERS

An 18 hole Four Ball Better Ball Stableford competition for players with handicaps + to 36.

Three quarters handicap allowance to be used for the calculation of Stableford points.

The two Salvers are presented to the winners on the day of the competition. Countback to be used in the event of a tie.

## DUNCAN TROPHY

Each BCLGA affiliated Club is eligible to enter a team for this tournament.

1. The competition will be played as a knockout tournament. The top Clubs in the draw shall have the choice of course in the 1st and 2nd round. The 3rd round & semi-final will be drawn for choice of course by the Competition Secretary and a member of the Committee. Clubs will be notified as to the order of play in these rounds. The final will be played on a neutral course at a time suitable for the teams concerned.
2. The team to consist of 5 players.
3. Handicap limit 10 – 25. Players with a higher handicap are not eligible to play.
4. Matches to be played on current handicap and in order of handicap. Played off FULL difference in handicap.
5. It is not necessary to play the same team throughout the competition.
6. Each Club is invited to pay an entrance fee of £10, which must be received by the County Hon. Treasurer before the draw takes place.
7. Dates for rounds to be announced at the draw, which is made by the Competition Secretary and a member of the Committee (Example: 1st round by 19th April, 2nd round by 29th May and Semi final by 11th July). No extension of dates to be given other than in exceptional circumstances after consultation with Competition Secretaries & Ladies' Captains.
8. Members may not play for more than one Club, nor may anyone play in the final if she is a member of the course nominated (with the proviso that if any Club reaches the final and were unable to raise a team of 5 players, then the venue shall changed.)
9. Individual matches to be played to a finish, i.e. beyond 18 holes if necessary to achieve an overall result.
10. When arranging matches three dates, including weekends and weekdays, must be offered.
11. If on the day of the arranged match the home course is closed, or in unplayable condition, then the match should if possible be switched to the course of the visiting team and played that same day. Green fees, if applicable, to be paid by the defaulting Club.
12. All results to be reported to the Competitions Secretary immediately after each match.
13. If visiting teams are required to pay a green fee, the green fee to be paid by the HOME team.
14. Caddies must be members of the Association (Full or Associate) and may be used in any round as per the Rules of Golf.
15. Refreshments: Each Club pays for their own team, except for the **Final** when the County will pay for afternoon tea for the players from both teams and any caddies, the County Captain, the President and Competition Secretary.
16. The Duncan Trophy will be presented on the day of the Final. The winning team will also be presented with a plaque for the Club to keep.
17. In the event of a match being played at a Club with two courses, both teams should be prepared to play on either course.
18. Breach of any condition will result in disqualification of the match.

### **ANGELA UZIELLI TROPHY**

Entry forms are given at first Delegates meeting in the year to all County reps. Each Club that enters pays a fee of which a percentage goes to the Angela Uzielli Bursary Fund. Each affiliated Club in Berkshire is invited to hold a qualifying competition (which will be played in conjunction with another Club competition, either a Stableford or medal, between February and August) to determine the players to represent each Club in the Angela Uzielli Memorial competition. The final is normally held in October.

The winning Silver player (+ to 20) and the winning Bronze player (21- 36) play together in the final to represent their Club. The Trophy is played for in an 18-hole Stableford foursomes competition using half combined handicap.

The pair who play in this competition as a result of winning the designated competition at their home Club play regardless of any change in handicap divisions before the final.

Trophy presented on the day with vouchers shared between places 1 – 3. In the event of a tie, the Trophy & prizes are awarded using countback on the last 9, 6, 3, then hole 1. Each year BCLGA hopes to raise at least £500 for the Bursary Fund from this competition, and each Club is invited to consider making an additional, voluntary donation to the Fund from the entry fees for their qualifier.

### **WINTER MATCH-PLAY TOURNAMENT**

Match-play knockout open to handicaps + to 36

#### **Rules as sent out to members**

1. A handicap match-play competition, FULL difference between current handicaps.
2. Matches to be played to a conclusion. If continuing past the 18<sup>th</sup> hole, any strokes to be taken must be taken on the same holes. Both of the players must be prepared to play the course of the day.
3. The draw will be made with matches to be played on the course of the player at the top of the draw. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and subsequent rounds to be re-drawn for choice of course.
4. Caddies will not be allowed until the semi-final stage.
5. The final to be played on a neutral course.
6. All matches to be played on BCLGA affiliated courses.
7. Matches to be played by the specified dates - no extension given. Competitors are equally responsible for contacting their opponents to arrange matches; the top named player in each match must offer at least 3 dates including a weekend and a weekday date.
8. Winners to notify the Competition Secretary of the result immediately after playing.
9. The Bennett Trophy for the winner will be presented immediately after the Final is played and re-presented at the AGM together with vouchers for Winner and Runner Up.
10. No extensions allowed unless the course is closed on the last day of play.

If players have to pay a green fee, this fee is to be shared equally between the home and away players.

### **MILLENNIUM COMPETITION**

This is a team competition played over 18 holes for handicaps + to 36.

Each team comprises three players, each from different BCLGA affiliated Clubs. A player may represent either her Home or Away Club.

Each player plays 18 holes Stableford off FULL handicap. The Winners of the trophy will be the team with the highest aggregate of their three Stableford scores.

The winners will be presented with the trophies and vouchers on the day.

Countback to be used from **team total** on back 9, 6, 3 and hole 1.

Sally Judge who has presented these trophies to the BCLGA would like to be invited to present them to the winners on the day of the competition.

### **BATTISCOMBE BIRDIES**

Competed for at the Spring and Autumn Meetings, the Tegner Trophy and Tournament Cup.

Each Birdie to count as 1 point.

Each Eagle to count as 2 points.

If there is a tie then the Trophy to be shared and all names engraved on it. Awarded at the AGM with voucher.

### **SCRATCH GOLD MEDAL**

Presented for the best **scratch** score at the **Division 1 Spring Meeting**.

Awarded at the AGM.

In the event of a tie there will be no countback and all names will be engraved on the trophy.

### **JOYCE CAVE CUP**

Presented to the best **aggregate scratch** score from the **Division 1 Spring & Autumn Meetings**.

Awarded at the AGM. The winner(s) also receives a voucher.

In the event of a tie there will be no countback and all names will be engraved on the Cup.

### **HELEN BROWN SAUCEBOAT**

Presented to the best **aggregate nett** score from the **Division 1 Spring & Autumn Meetings**.

Awarded at the AGM. The winner(s) also receives a voucher.

In the event of a tie there will be no countback and all names will be engraved on the trophy.

### **CORONATION MEDAL - SILVER**

Presented to the best **nett** score at the **Division 1 Autumn Meeting**.

Awarded at the AGM.

In the event of a tie there will be no countback and all names will be engraved on the trophy.

### **EDNA SIMMONS TROPHY**

Presented to the best **scratch** score at the **Division 1 Autumn Meeting**.

Awarded at the AGM.

In the event of a tie there will be no countback and all names will be engraved on the trophy.

### **ASPECT TROPHY**

Presented to the best **adjusted\* Stableford** score at the **Division 2 Autumn Meeting**.

Awarded at the AGM.

In the event of a tie there will be no countback and all names will be engraved on the trophy.

*\* Stableford score adjusted to that which would have been achieved if the player had a 0 handicap.*

### **CORONATION MEDAL - BRONZE**

Presented to the best **Stableford** score at the **Division 2 Autumn Meeting**.

Awarded at the AGM.

In the event of a tie there will be no countback and all names will be engraved on the trophy.

### **POULTON TROPHY**

Presented to the best **aggregate Stableford** score calculated for the **Division 2 Spring & Autumn Meetings**.

Awarded at the AGM. The winner(s) also receives a voucher.

In the event of a tie there will be no countback and all names will be engraved on the trophy.

### **KATY PLATER TROPHY**

Presented to the best **aggregate Stableford** score from the **Division 3 Spring & Autumn Meetings**.

Awarded at the AGM. The winner(s) also receives a voucher.

In the event of a tie there will be no countback and all names will be engraved on the trophy.

### **HANDICAP REDUCTION CUP**

Awarded at the AGM to the lady who has the greatest reduction in **EXACT** handicap between 1<sup>st</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> October of the current year. This Cup can only be awarded to a player whose membership is held at a Club affiliated to the County. The reduction which will be taken into account must have been played at an affiliated Club.

Forms are given out in September to each Club Delegate whose responsibility it is to notify the Competition Secretary by the end of October, the name and details of the lady member who has the greatest reduction in **EXACT** handicap at their Club for the above time period. A printout of a CONGU "Players Handicap Record" should accompany the reply slip. Details should be given as promptly as possible to allow time for the engraving to take place for the AGM.

In the event of a tie, the player who has held her handicap for the longest period will win the Cup.