

Competition co-ordinators report 2019

This season we introduced the booking of competitions on line and I would like to thank all members of the association for supporting this new initiative. On the whole the system of booking competitions went well, but can I ask that team leaders remember to print out their booking and send their cheque for the competition fee at the same time to the competition co-ordinator. A few team leaders had to be contacted and reminded that they hadn't paid for their team's entry and until the fee is paid their entry cannot go into the ballot.

As in previous years we had some teams withdraw from competitions because they couldn't field a team owing to members having qualified for either a district or county competition or double booked in another competition. Please check the dates of the competitions carefully to avoid possible clashes before entering, as it is difficult to find replacement teams at a late stage. Many of the competitions are oversubscribed, and it is a shame that other teams who have been balloted out in March are then unable to play a vacant tee time. Can I also remind teams that should you have to withdraw from a competition, your entry fee cannot be refunded which is in line with all other open competitions.

Last year we introduced a nine hole competition to cater for some of our older members, unfortunately it is has not proved to be popular as you can see from the entries below in the table. As a result the nine hole competition has been cancelled, and an 18 hole Autumn meeting competition has taken its place.

Our aim is to enable all members who enter our competitions to be gain successful entry into at least two competitions and I am pleased to report that this was the case this season. The association has over 600 members and it runs eight competitions, in order to accommodate all ladies it would be very helpful if teams selected which competitions they would prefer to enter, and not complete a full block booking of all competitions.

Date	Competition	Venue	Applied	Played
10/6/19	Silver Slipper 9.00- 3.30	Leyland	108 ladies	104
28/6/19	Early Summer 9.00-4.00	Wigan	61 teams	43
1/7/19	Edith Barlow 9.00-3.30	Chorley	56 teams	40
15/7/19	Mid Summer 9.00-4.00	Swinton Park	48 teams	43
1/8/19	Ivy Hosker 9.00-4.00	Wilpshire	50 teams	43
19/8/19	Summer team 9.00-4.00	Haydock Park	68 teams	43
2/9/19	Cecil Leitch 9.00-2.30	Morecambe	62 pairs	58
16/9/19	9 hole 9.00-2.00pm 18 hole 9.00-2.00	Ashton in Makerfield	3 teams 31 teams	3 31

I would like to thank all the competition organisers who manage and run the events on the day, their help is very much appreciated. Should you have a problem regarding a competition you are playing in, it is the competition organiser who should be contacted to sort out your problem regarding name changes, tee times etc. and not the competition co-ordinator.

Many thanks to the clubs who provide wonderful hospitality for the members and to the green staff who prepare great courses for us to play on.

Lastly I would like to thank Jane Rogers, who has worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the online booking system for the competitions. Without her help I would have been lost.

Finally I would like to wish all members a happy and successful 2020 golfing season and may the sun shine on all of us.

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