



SENIORS SECTION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

At the recent Committee meeting the following decisions, that affect your membership of the Seniors section, were taken. Please take time to read through the announcements.

Communications

The committee is keen to improve communication with members of the Seniors Section. We will, not only publish the minutes every month, but also announce any relevant decisions that have been taken in this notice. This notice will be uploaded to the web site and posted on the Seniors Section Noticeboard.

THE DEFINITIVE SOURCE OF INFORMATION IS THE **SENIORS SECTION NOTICEBOARD** IN THE SPIKE ROOM. We accept, despite our best efforts, there may be discrepancies between the different sources of information but please refer to the noticeboard as the 'final word'.

The committee are now on a WhatsApp group so we should all be on the same page if you ask us questions. When the Annual Membership is renewed (In April – see below) you will also be asked if you wish to opt into receiving direct updates (probably via WhatsApp). We hope to fix the schedule 'in stone' and not make any changes (global pandemic and other disasters permitting) but, if something does change, we will have the means to let everyone know.

Membership Year

The Annual Senior membership year will fall in line with the club season and run from the first of April to the end of March.

Winter Competition Formats

The committee was asked to review the decision to have 9-hole competitions during the winter. Traditionally winter competitions have been 12 holes due to inclement weather. The Club has committed to abide by WHS rules and maintain active handicaps throughout the entire year. 12-hole competitions are not a recognised format for handicapping by the WHS. If we ran 12 hole comps they would have to be run as non-qualifiers and we would have to run the section as a society – contrary to the commitment of the club to WHS. 9 hole competitions will therefore continue until the Spring.

However, there is less pressure on tee times on Thursdays, despite the shorter days so members who want to book and play 18 holes can do so.

If you wish to play 18 hole AND compete in the competition you MUST start your round with the competition holes.

I.E. -If the competition is the back nine you must start on the 10th tee. Once you complete the competition holes you may continue to play the front 9 as a social game.

This rule is to comply with the rules of golf that restrict practise on the course before a competition.

This would allow members just wishing to do 9-hole comp to do so and those who want to play 18 to continue – albeit as a social event.

The Committee