



## **SENIORS SECTION**

### **CONSTITUTION**

- 1. The Section shall be known as “The Highwaymen” and is open to all 7 & 5 Day Male Members of 55 years of age or over, or such other age limit as may be determined by the Seniors Committee and ratified by the Club Committee.**
- 2. The Section will meet every Thursday morning and, subject to winter daylight limitations, will normally play from 7.30am. Registration for the roll-up will usually close 60 minutes after the start of normal play.**
- 3. The purpose of the Section is to promote both social and competitive golf activities with a view to developing a friendly and pleasant environment in which members can meet and play a sociable round of golf.**
- 4. The Section Committee will arrange and run a variety of different golfing formats ensuring that members are given the opportunity of playing with as wide a range of members as possible. Every effort will be made to welcome and integrate new members to the Section.**
- 5. An Annual General Meeting will take place each year during early November for the purposes of electing Committee members, receiving and approving the accounts for the Section and receiving Officer’s reports. A Notice inviting nominations for the Committee will be posted by the Seniors’ Secretary on the Highwaymen’s Notice Board at the same time as the Agenda for the AGM. Nominations should be made, on the forms supplied, to the Secretary with a Proposer and Seconder and should be received at least seven days in advance of the meeting.**
- 6. The Committee shall comprise of six members and shall elect from their number the following Officers:**
  - Captain**
  - Vice-Captain**
  - Treasurer**
  - Secretary**

**A committee member shall be elected for a period of five years after which he may offer himself for re-election. The immediate Past Captain shall be an ex-officio committee member.**

7. **The Committee shall have the power to co-opt a further two members to assist in organising and running the activities of the Section.**
8. **The Captaincy shall change at the end of the AGM in November but the outgoing Captain shall present the trophies and prizes at the Highwaymen's Annual Dinner in December.**
9. **Matches against the Seniors' sections of other golf clubs will be arranged. The teams for matches will be selected by the Secretary in consultation with the Seniors' Captain who will normally Captain the Team. The intention will be to field all members wishing to play at some time during the year. However, to be considered for match selection, a member shall have an Active Handicap as recorded in the Club's official Handicap List.**
10. **The dress code for matches shall be as follows:**

**Course:- Highwaymen's shirt/sweater**  
**Post-match:- To be advised by the Match Secretary**
11. **Unless a special fee is applicable, a roll-up fee, as determined from time to time by the Annual General Meeting, will be levied each Thursday. Part of this fee (£1) will be credited to the member playing and accumulated towards that individual's share of the cost of the Annual Highwaymen's Dinner. The remainder of the roll-up fee will be retained by the Section to meet incidental expenses. Members attending regularly during the year may accumulate more than the cost of the Dinner, in which case a refund will be made. Members who do not attend the Dinner will receive a refund less a contribution towards gratuities for the ground and other staff as determined by the Committee from time to time.**
12. **(i) A system of "Thursday Handicaps" shall apply for roll-up competitions. The year will be split into Winter and Summer seasons. Winter will operate from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> March and Summer from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> October. (Exceptional weather conditions may require a little adjustment to the dates).**

**(ii) At the start of each season a member's Thursday Handicap is his then current Club or Concessionary Handicap (see Clause 13). Winners and Runners-up of the roll-up competitions will have their Thursday Handicaps reduced by 3:2:1:1 for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> (if applicable) places.**

**(iii) The weekly winners of singles competitions will be announced and these will be based on Club Handicaps. The Money Winners will also be announced, but they will be based on Thursday/Concessionary Handicaps. For the avoidance of doubt all single competition Money Prizes will be based on Thursday/Concessionary Handicaps.**
13. **There will also be an allowance for age ("Concessionary Handicap") where senior members are given an additional stroke for each year over the age of**

- 75. The additional stroke allowance is only applicable for members with a Club Handicap of 28 where records indicate they are not playing to that handicap and is at the discretion of the Committee. Each additional stroke shall be added to their Club Handicap on the anniversary of their birth up to a maximum handicap of 36. The increased handicaps are only applicable for singles and team events for the purpose of awarding Thursday money prizes. They are not applicable for Highwaymen/Club official competitions or matches.**
- 14. A minimum of twelve Qualifying competitions shall be organised each year.**
- 15. (i) To qualify for the trophy and associated prizes in the following Highwaymen's competitions – Thomas Trophy, Costello Bowl, Kim Short Trophy, Staunton Memorial Shield & Serenyi Salver – players shall have an Active Club Handicap and have participated in at least six Highwaymen's Roll-ups or Matches (Home or Away) in the preceding twelve months.**
- (ii) If a "Sign up" sheet has been posted on the Highwaymen's Notice Board for any of the above competitions, competitors must sign up before the closure date.**
- 16. The Club Handicaps of all Members of the Section will be included in the regular reviews of handicaps undertaken by the Club Committee.**

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