

# The Senior Section Handbook

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### About the Senior Section

The **Senior Section** is open to Leominster Golf Club members who have reached their fifty fifth birthdays.

Thursday is the official senior's day but competitions often take place on other weekdays.

There is an **annual subscription** of £3.00 that goes towards meeting administration costs. The section has on average ninety members with golfing abilities ranging from single to high handicappers.

### Fixtures Book

This is the Senior Section program of events for the year with dates and times of competitions. It also includes contact telephone numbers and email addresses of Senior Committee members.

### The Senior Section Committee

The **committee** is accountable to the members and is made up of the Captain, Secretary, Vice Captain, Past Captain, Competition Secretary, Treasurer, AM/AM Organiser and three member's representatives. It can co-opt members for specific tasks. The committee meets four or five times a year.

The **AGM** is held in October of each year. Its function is to review the past year, elect officers for the coming year and discuss any propositions from members. The AGM is followed by an open forum where members can bring up any issues related to the section.

**Minutes** of all meetings are displayed on the notice board in the changing room.

## Communication and Information

The section has different methods of communicating with and providing information to members.

**Notice Board:** This is located in the changing room and has competition entry sheets, pairings, results, senior minutes etc

**Email: Email addresses** are held by the Secretary and members regularly receive updates on section activities. All committee members can be contacted by email.

**Club Website:** The senior section web page provides results, activities and reports etc. Access is by keying in "Leominster Golf Club" on the browser and following the path.

**Fixtures Book:** This is the seniors programme for the year and is issued annually. Current committee members and **contact telephone numbers** are on the back page of the book

**In Tray: Messages** can be left in the Seniors In-Tray located in the club lounge (next to the office corridor)

## Competitions

Competitions are **accessed** by entering ones name on the "Competition Sheet" on the notice board in the changing room. Pairings are **drawn** and posted on the notice board and on the senior's web page.

On the day of the competition **entry fees** are paid to the starter based in the **club lounge**. (Starters are volunteer seniors who kindly take on that role for each competition).

Competition **results** are announced on the day and also appear on the notice board and web page. **Late entries**, cancellations etc are through contacting the Competition Secretary and, on the competition day, by ringing the "starters" mobile. Both telephone numbers can be found on the back of the fixtures book

## Internal Competitions

### Monthly Medals

These are played, usually, on the first Thursday of each month from 8.30am. From March to October it is stroke play format off white tees and from November to February Stableford scoring off white tees or winter tees. Medals are played in three handicap groups with a cash prize for the first two places in each group.

### Cup Competitions

There are nine cup competitions in the calendar year. The majority of these are stroke play and all are played off white tees. Cup competition winners are presented with the trophy on the Seniors Presentation Day in October. There are two merit trophies, the medal cup and the eclectic cup, that are decided on season long performance

## Knockout Competitions

There are four knock-out competitions

### Summer:

The Vintage Challenge Cup (Singles)

The F H Neate Memorial Cup (Pairs)

### Winter

The Toyota Cup (singles)

The Les Green Shield (pairs)

Pair's knock-out playing partners are drawn by ballot. Matches have to be played by a certain date and entry fees paid before playing and placed in the senior's box adjacent to the notice board in the changing room. Knock-out rules can be found on the senior's web page.

## Mixed Competitions

The seniors play three competitions a year with the Ladies Section in different formats of Texas Scramble, Mixed Pairs and American Greensomes. The matches take place in March, June and September.

## Captain's Charity Competitions

The Senior Captain nominates a charity during his period in office. There are many charity events a year, usually on a Monday. The entry fees and raffle monies is awarded to the chosen charity at the end of the season.

## Senior Section Away Day

This is an annual fun event that takes place each June on a chosen golf course organized by the Seniors Captain.

## Other Competitions

Captain's team against Vice Captain's team match, Turkey Trot and Seniors Xmas Capers are annual events but there are other competitions that take place on an ad hoc basis including visits to other courses often arranged by individual members

## External Competitions

### Social Matches

The Senior Section play home and away matches against fifteen other clubs between March and September. The format is match play pairs and is followed by a formal two course meal.

**Entries** for matches are made in January and February and each member is guaranteed a certain number of matches Those playing in away match are expected to play in the home match against that particular club. Social matches have certain conventions that are widespread across the golfing community.

*These are:*

- Both home team players are expected to buy a round of drinks for the visiting pair to avoid financial disadvantage.
- All players are expected to partake in the post match meal. Not to do so may incur the cost of the meal

## Round Robin Matches

This is a winter league competition from October to March against four other clubs, Burghill; Ross; Sapey and Worcestershire. The format is teams of eight pairs in match play. The Round Robin teams are selected by the vice captain.

## AM/AM's

The Seniors AM/AM Open is played at the beginning of May. The Seniors Open Pairs at the end of July and the Seniors Invitation Pairs in June.

## Seniors Scratch League

This is played over the winter months against other regional teams on a mini league basis

## Cup Competitions

Les Green Shield - *Winter Pairs KO*  
Hereford Toyota Cup - *Winter Singles KO*  
Weston Cider Cup - *Pairs Greensomes*  
Bircher Bowl  
Tedd Trophy  
Fred Dobson Trophy - *Mixed Pairs*  
Newton Cup  
David Kent Cup  
Memorial Cup  
Derrick Jones Cup  
Ancients Cup  
\*Eclectic Trophy - *Merit Trophy*  
\*Seniors Medal Cup - *Merit Trophy*  
\*\*Presidents Cup - *Qualifying Trophy*  
Vintage Challenge Cup - *Summer Singles KO*  
Fred Neate Memorial - *Summer Pairs KO*

\*Merit trophies are for consistency over the season.

\*\*The Presidents Cup is a qualifying event for those who have achieved high scores in medal and cup competitions over the year.

## Home and Away Social Matches

Belmont	Little Lakes
Builth Wells	LLandrindod Wells
Cleeve Cloud	Sapey
Cleobury Mortimer	South Herefordshire
Church Stretton	Summerhill
Forest Hills	The Herefordshire
Haberley	Wharton Park
Knighton	

## Winter League Matches

Burghill
Ross
Sapey
Worcestershire