



FALKIRK GOLF CLUB

**LADIES SECTION INFORMATION**

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## **Welcome to Falkirk Golf Club Ladies Section**

This leaflet will provide you with information about the Ladies Section, when we play, gaining a handicap, how to mark up your score and lots of other information that we hope will be helpful to you in being a member of our golf club.

### *The Committee*

The Ladies Section has a Committee which consists of 8 members –

Captain  
Vice-Captain  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Handicap Secretary  
3 members

A list of current members who hold these positions is displayed in the ladies locker room. A copy of the roles of each Committee member is available from the Secretary and if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Committee and if they cannot help then they will know someone who can!

### *Members*

A list of all lady members' contact details will also be given to you on joining and is for your use throughout the season. Please advise the Ladies Secretary if your personal details change in any way so that this list can be updated.

### *Bar Card*

When you joined our golf club you would have been given the use of a bar card which you can use to purchase any products at the club bar. This card can be topped up by debit card or cash at any time. It works on a discount basis, for every £100 spent you receive 5%, £101 - £500 10% and over £500 15% discount.

### *Lockers*

If you would like the use of a locker for your golf equipment please contact the General Manager who will let you know if one is available and give you the key. The annual charge for a locker is £15 and is payable to the General Manager on allocation of the locker thereafter it will be included in your annual fees.

## *Social Events*

The Ladies Section has a busy social calendar during the winter months, holding an event at least one Thursday in every month when we can all get together.

A copy of the Winter Programme is issued to all members at the end of the golfing season. Activities include Gourmet Nights, Quiz Night, Beetle Drive and Craft Sale, Dinner & Prizegiving and annual Interclub Event.

Two golf outings are arranged annually – a weekend away usually around April and a day outing to another course in August and are always well subscribed with prizes galore.

Any member of the Committee would be willing to let you know more about these events as they come up and we hope you will find the time to participate in them.

## *Competitions*

Only players with handicaps are eligible to enter competitions. Our competition day is a Thursday – from the last Thursday in March straight through to the last Thursday in September. There are also a few competitions organised for a Tuesday, a Saturday or a Sunday depending on the fixture list for that season.

All the fixtures that you can take part in are listed in red on your fixture card which was issued to you when you joined the club. Mixed fixtures and other competitions that are open to both gents and ladies are listed in violet.

There are also more competitions which you can take part in throughout the season such as knock outs and you can enter them by putting your name on the computer and checking the notice board to see the draw.

When taking part in a competition you should arrive at the clubhouse approximately 15 minutes before your tee time and if you know that you are going to be late for this tee time then you should contact your playing partner, the professional shop or a Committee member to let them know this. If you arrive late and have missed your tee time then you can still play by joining the last ladies off at the end of the draw list.

If after putting your name in the draw, you find that you are unable to play, then you should score your name off the two copies of the draw on the locker room notice board as soon as possible or you can call the professional shop and leave a message to that effect.

## *Entering Competitions*

On competition days (when these are a Tuesday or a Thursday) there are 2 tee times – one in the afternoon from 1 to 2 pm and one in the evening from 4.45 to 5.45 pm.

You can enter by putting your name in any tee time with any other player playing in that competition by using the PSI in the lounge or on HDID. A play list is typed up on the previous Thursday to the competition at 09:00 pm. If you miss entering the draw for the next competition then you can add your name to the bottom of the two draw sheets on the locker room notice board ensuring that you amend both sheets as one sheet is given to the starter/professional shop. Then enter the competition details on an envelope and put in the fee box together with your money. Entry fee is £2.50 for the competition and 50p extra for the 2s (not compulsory).

## *Intention to Play*

On the day of the competition you must register your intention to play by initialling your name on the draw sheet and paying the entry fee. Failure to comply with these registration processes will result in you being disqualified from the competition.

You have to write up your own score card before play. Envelopes and cards are always in good supply in the rack in the locker room.

There are match play rounds which are in addition to weekly competitions (knockouts) and if you wish to play in these then you should enter your name on the computer. There is a fee of £2 per knock out entered which is payable before the date the knockout rounds are due to commence. Failure to pay this fee will result in you forfeiting the tie.

Members who qualify to play in the match play rounds of the Club Championship will be notified of this and an order of play will be put up on the locker room notice board.

## *Recording Your Scores*

At the end of the round you must enter your score on the PSI as soon as you can and before the close of the competition. Please note, if you do NR at any hole(s) you should enter the scores you had at the other holes and enter through the hole(s) you NR'd at (DO NOT ENTER "0" FOR ALL HOLES). NR is when you do not complete a hole and therefore have a No Return score for that hole.

Please check that your card is signed by both the marker and yourself, then it is placed in the card box, which is positioned between the large cupboard and the small cabinet in the locker room.

## *Away Scores*

Away scores must be recorded in the Away Scores folder. This is a blue folder which is found on the window ledge in the locker room. If you manage to bring a copy of your card back please put it in the card box.

## *Results & Handicap List*

Once everyone has played and entered their scores the competition is closed by the Handicap Secretary and the results are posted on the notice board in the locker room along with an updated handicap list. These will also be posted on How Did I Do and the ladies page of the club website.

## *Formats of Play*

**Stroke Play** : Your scores for each hole are recorded on a score card, added up and your handicap is deducted to give your nett score.

**Match Play** : You play your opponent hole by hole. The player getting the lowest nett score wins the hole. Play continues until one player is up more holes than there are left to play. If after 18 holes the score is level, play continues from the 1<sup>st</sup> onwards on a sudden death basis. (Strokes are given at the same holes the 2<sup>nd</sup> time round)

**Greensomes** : This is played with a partner. Each player plays their own ball from the tee then the better ball is chosen to complete the hole, by playing alternate shots.

**Double Greensomes**: This is played with a partner. At par 3 holes, play is the same as normal Greensomes. At par 4 and 5 holes each player plays their own ball from the tee and then they hit their partner's ball for their second shot before choosing the better ball to complete the hole, by playing alternate shots.

**Foursomes**: This is played with a partner. Prior to play it is decided who drives at the odd holes and who drives at the even holes. Play is then by alternate shots.

**Stableford**: This can be played with a partner or individually. Your gross score is marked at each hole. If you NR at any hole you can still compete in the competition as this is a points system and those holes will be marked as zero points. After deducting the relevant handicap allowance from the gross score at each hole the points scored are:

2 or more over par	0 points
bogey	1 point
par	2 points
birdie	3 points
eagle	4 points

## *Knockout Competitions*

There are 3 knockout competitions which are played during the season. Each round will have a "play by" date. The names at the top of each draw are the challengers. These players should contact their opponents and offer 3 dates, at least 1 of which must be a weekend. If either player knows that they will be away for any length of time they should contact their opponent to advise them of this as soon as possible. If there are circumstances where both players cannot play the tie within the time period they should toss a coin to determine the winner. Full handicap applies. No extensions to the time allotted are granted.

## *Other Competitions*

### **Eclectic**

This is an individual stroke play competition over 2 rounds. Please note, if you cannot play in 1 of the rounds, it does not mean you cannot play in the competition. The computer calculates the best scores at each hole to make one full round.

### **Ladies Invitation Greensomes**

Your partner for this competition should be someone from another club. On the day of the competition please make sure your partner's name is added to the card. Handicap is calculated from the Greensomes Ready Reckoner which will be displayed on the day of the competition. All players gather for a meal and prizegiving afterwards.

### **LGU Brooch**

This is an individual stroke play competition and full handicap applies.

### **Margaret Myles Qualifiers & Brooches**

During the season there are 12 competitions which count towards the silver and bronze SLGA Medals. At the end of the season the computer calculates the 4 lowest aggregate scores for each player and adds them together. The players with the lowest aggregate will be the winners of the medals.

If you win one of the 12 medal qualifiers you are entered into the Margaret Myles Trophy competition. There is also a prize for the best non qualifier's score so that players who have not qualified for the trophy can still play on the day.

### **Summer Ringer**

Your card from the first full round competition automatically goes forward for the summer ringer. Anyone who does not play in this competition will have 2 weeks to submit a card, either in another competition or a bounce game (a game that is not part of a competition on the fixture list), before the sheet goes on the notice board. The week runs from Sunday to Saturday. The aim of this competition is to reduce the score at as many holes as you can before the Sunday prior to the last 18 hole

competition of the season. You are only allowed to change the scores at 2 holes a week but they must be done from the same card. You can try as often as you like for 20p a go. Money and cards should be placed in the card box. If you reduce your scores during a competition round, please circle the hole and write an "R" to the right on the card. Summer Ringer cards are supplied for bounce games.

### **Winter Ringer**

Your card from the last medal (usually October) will automatically go forward for the winter ringer. Anyone who does not play in this competition will have 2 weeks to submit a card before the sheet goes on the notice board. The week runs from Sunday to Saturday. The aim of this competition is to reduce as many holes as you can before the Sunday prior to the first 18 hole competition at the start of the new season. You are only allowed to change the score at 1 hole a week. You can try as often as you want at 10p a go. Money and cards should be placed in the card box. Winter Ringer cards are supplied for use during the winter.

### **Birdie & Par Trees**

In the locker room there are 2 trees on the wall behind the entrance door. One is open to everyone to put their birdies up at the appropriate holes and the other is open to players with a handicap of 20.5+ to record their pars. You can only count the birdies and pars that you get during the club stroke play competitions. There is no charge for this competition.

### **Captain v Vice Captain**

This is always the first and last competition played in the season and is a match play competition over 9 holes. Entry is by adding your name to the sheet on arrival, which will determine whether you are playing for the Captain's team or Vice Captain's team. Full handicap difference applies. Home baking is usually requested from the ladies on the nights of these competitions with afternoon players returning in the evening for the prizegiving.

### **Texas Scramble**

This is a team stroke play competition. Each team consists of 3 players (it may be necessary to have a team of 2 or 4, depending on numbers). Everyone drives then the team select the best drive. The other balls are picked up and taken to that drive. Everyone then plays from that spot. Play continues like this until the ball is holed.

When the competition is played over 9 holes each team members drive must be used at 3 holes for a team of 3, at 2 holes for a team of 4 and at 4 holes for a team of 2 (at the remaining hole any members drive can be used). The handicaps are  $\frac{1}{6}$ <sup>th</sup> of combined team of 3 handicaps,  $\frac{1}{8}$ <sup>th</sup> of combined team of 4 handicaps and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of combined team of 2 handicaps.

When the competition is played over 18 holes each team members drive must be used at 6 holes for a team of 3, at 4 holes for a team of 4 and 9 holes for a team of

2 (at the remaining holes any members drive can be used). The handicaps are  $\frac{1}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup> of combined team of 3 handicaps, of combined team of 4 handicaps and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of combined team of 2 handicaps.

### **Ladies Foursomes**

This is a team stroke play competition and entry is in pairs. Pairs are drawn by the Handicap Secretary on the computer and you will be drawn with a partner. Please note, to qualify for the Scottish Ladies Foursomes your total combined handicaps must not be more than 24.

Handicap is  $\frac{1}{2}$  the combined handicaps.

If you win this competition you gain entry to Scottish Ladies Foursomes competition.

### **Coronation Foursomes**

This is a team stableford competition. Entry is in pairs. Pairs are made by a draw. Play is in the foursomes format. Handicap is  $\frac{1}{2}$  the combined handicaps. Entry £3. Winners qualify to play in the next round of the competition at another course.

### **Captain's Prize**

This is an individual stroke play competition with the Lady Captain donating the prize to the value of approximately £20.

Other fun competitions may take place during the season like the Flag, Hidden Holes, 5 Clubs depending on what has been added to the fixture list. Full instructions on how to play these is put on the locker room notice board before the competition.

### *Trophy Competitions*

There are 8 trophy competitions to be won during the playing season and they are:

#### **Margaret Myles Trophy – April**

Entry into this is by winning one of the 12 Margaret Myles medal qualifiers during the previous season. Qualifiers names are listed on the locker room notice board and even if you do not qualify you can still play on the day as a non qualifier and the best non qualifier score gets a prize too.

#### **54 Hole Championship – May**

This is open to everyone and you must play in all 3 rounds of the competition as it is the best 3 gross and best 3 nett scores that win.



### **Sproul Trophy – May**

This is a club competition played over 2 rounds and is open to ladies and gents. A notice will go up in the locker room notice board.

### **Club Championship – June**

This is open to everyone and you must return at least 2 cards out of the 3 rounds. Your best 2 rounds are added together and the players returning the best 8 gross scores and the best 8 nett scores qualify for the match play rounds for scratch and handicap championships. Anyone who is unable to play in the match play rounds should advise the Handicap Secretary prior to the draw being made.

If you qualify for the matchplay rounds and decide to have a caddy then you should advise your opponent as soon as possible to allow them the opportunity to do the same. Traditionally, the losers in each round offer their services as a caddy, if available. It is up to the winners whether they accept this offer. It is not usual to have a caddy on the first round.

After the finals there is a meal provided for the players, caddies and referees. If you are unable to stay for the meal you should advise the Captain prior to play. The trophies are presented in the evening at approximately 8 pm.

### **NPFA Shield & Cup – August**

This is a stroke play competition open to everyone and the player returning the best gross score wins the shield and the best nett score wins the cup.

### **Lynn Smith Trophy – Pairs Knockout Competition**

Entry is by putting your name up on the computer before the specified date and you will be drawn with a partner. Winners of this competition will go forward to the Daily Mail Foursomes the following year.

### **Sommerville Trophy – Singles Knockout Competition**

Entry is by putting your name on the computer before the specified date.

### **Senior Knockout Competition**

The Senior Knockout is open to those over 50 at the end of March. Entry is by putting your name on the computer.

## HANDICAPS

Each player is responsible for their own handicap.

### Divisions/Categories

#### *Silver Division*

Category	Buffer Zone	Decrease
1 = 5.4 + under	+1	0.1 per stroke under
2 = 5.5 – 12.4	+2	0.2 per stroke under
3 = 12.5 – 20.4	+3	0.3 per stroke under

#### *Bronze Division*

4 = 20.5 – 28.4	+4	0.4 per stroke under
5 = 28.5 – 36	+5	0.5 per stroke under

Each time a card is outside the player's buffer zone their handicap will increase by 0.1.

### Obtaining A Handicap

To obtain a handicap you must submit 3 score cards which are signed by a person who has, or has held, a handicap. These can be done by playing at the end of the competition or by submitting supplementary scores.

If you are not sure what your handicap is please contact the Handicap Secretary for advice.

### Supplementary Scores

Category 2, 3, 4 and 5 players can submit supplementary scores. The player must sign the Supplementary Score book prior to play. (This is usually kept in the cupboard under the window) They must hole out at every hole. Their card must be signed by the marker and the player. Scores will only count if played over the full course. Winter tees are not allowed.

Supplementary scores can only be done on a player's home course. The amount of supplementary scores you can hand in each year is determined by the Committee and at present is set at a maximum of 10 supplementary scores during the year and a maximum of 2 being played in any 1 week.

**N.B. ONCE THE SUPPLEMENTARY SCORE BOOK HAS BEEN SIGNED YOUR SCORE WILL COUNT TOWARDS YOUR HANDICAP. EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES (i.e. injury or severe weather conditions) MUST BE REPORTED TO THE HANDICAP COMMITTEE FOR A DECISION.**

## *TEAM MATCHES*

The Craigalbert League is for silver players (handicaps of 20.4 and lower). There are 4 matches, 2 at home and 2 away. These are normally listed in the fixture list. The bronze players league matches are normally listed at the start of the season, on the notice board. There are also a couple of friendly matches, which will be listed on the notice board.

There are also friendlies against Glenbervie and Grangemouth, which are open to anyone. Anyone who would like to play in these matches should add their names to the appropriate sheets on the main notice board.

## *WINTER GOLF*

There is a Winter Ringer competition detailed previously, which keeps the swing going in the winter months.

## *GET GOLFING*

We hope that you will enjoy your golf with us this season at Falkirk Golf Club and if you need to ask any questions or need clarification on any aspect of play, your handicap or social events please do not hesitate to ask a Committee member and they would be happy to help and advise.