

## Ladies Notices Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022

Sadly, last Tuesday's Waltzing Matilda had to be cancelled due to wet weather and I have no results to announce this week.

I will however take this opportunity to confirm that whilst we are all being asked to use tees on the fairway when playing Social Golf, tees should not be used when playing in any of the Ladies' Competitions. That stands for our weekly competitions, the Winter Knock-out and the Winter Eclectic. This was discussed amongst a quorum of the ladies committee, and it was agreed that using tees on fairways under competition conditions was not appropriate.

I would also like to confirm that all Sections of the Club are being treated the same in this regard.

If you would like further clarification on this matter, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

The remaining competitions for this year are either Sign-up for the Sadie Facer on the 6<sup>th</sup> of Dec or Open Draws. Don't forget that everyone will need to be at the club at the same time for the Open Draw to take place. I have everything crossed the weather will be kinder over the next few weeks as we head for the end of the year.

### November Competitions

Tuesdays	Saturdays
22 <sup>nd</sup> Stableford Non-Qualifier (Open Draw) 29 <sup>th</sup> 3 Ball Alliance (Open Draw)	26 <sup>th</sup> 3 Ball Alliance (Open Draw)

### December Competitions

Tuesdays	Saturdays
6 <sup>th</sup> Sadie Facer Bowl & Ladies Section Christmas Meal (s/u) 13 <sup>th</sup> 9 Hole Competition followed by the Ladies Section AGM at 2pm 20 <sup>th</sup> No Competition 27 <sup>th</sup> No Competition	3 <sup>rd</sup> General Play 10 <sup>th</sup> General Play 17 <sup>th</sup> General Play 24 <sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve

### And don't forget .....

- **On arrival you will need to register your competition entry in the pro-shop as well as up in the changing rooms.**
- **The competition fee will be taken from your\_bar card by the shop**
- **After your round, when entering your scores on the Psi machine, please make sure the numbers tally between the entry and your score card. Any problems, our lovely team in the Pro-shop will be only too happy to help.**
- **In addition to using tees on the fairways for social golf, we still have preferred lies in place with 1 club length for social golf and 6" for Handicap/Qualifying rounds.**

- **A reminder that with the wet ground conditions and all the work the Green Staff have been doing on the fairways recently, it would be much appreciated if you could carry whenever you can.**

## NOTICES

### Sadie Facer Trophy and Christmas Meal

The sign-up sheet for the Sadie Facer and our annual Christmas meal are now up in the changing rooms. If you are unable to play on the day but would still like to come for our Christmas meal, it would be great to see you. There are several choices for each of the two courses. If you need further information but can't get up to the club, please get in touch with Sheila Stewart. All food choices must be given by the 1<sup>st</sup> of December.

### GUR Bunkers and No Play Zones

As we head into the winter months, we will have more occasions when bunkers are deemed to be GUR. Regardless of how many bunkers are GUR on the course at any one-time, qualifying rounds are unaffected during the winter season. Please also note that when a bunker is GUR, locate your nearest point of relief outside of the bunker and drop your ball within one marked club length.

Following on from GUR Bunkers several of you have queried rules on taking relief from **No Play Zones**. Hopefully you will find the following of use: -

**No Play Zones** are defined by blue stakes or blue lines and relief must be taken. At HCGC, they currently include:

- 3rd - the cricket pitch
- 5th - the heather between the tee and green
- 9th - the dip/crater over the road in front of the tee
- 17th - a bit of heather on the right hand side of the fairway
- Any young trees or shrubs which are protected by stakes or wrapping

If your ball lands in one of these areas, or your stance or swing is affected by one of these areas, you **must not play** it, but have these options:

- **If you find your ball in the No Play Zone**, you find the nearest point of relief whereby you are not standing in the No Play Zone to play the ball; mark this spot as the reference point and then take a drop within a club length but no nearer the hole. This is free relief. (Rule 16).
- **If you cannot find your ball in a No Play Zone but you are virtually certain it went in there, you must take a drop *behind* the zone.** To find the nearest point of relief, you estimate where the ball will have crossed the boundary of the No Play Zone and

then mark your nearest point of relief whereby you are not standing in the No Play zone to play the ball; mark this spot as the reference point and then drop within a club length. This is free relief. (Rule 16)

- **If you are not certain that your ball is lost in a No Play Zone**, you must go back stroke and distance to where you last played the shot with a 1 shot penalty (Rule 18)
- **If you prefer not to take the free relief for some reason**, and don't want to go back stroke and distance, and, as long as you have found the ball, you can declare it unplayable, and then take 'back on the line relief' by dropping based on a reference line going straight back from the hole through the spot where the ball was found. This would be with a 1 shot penalty though (Rule 19) (

Thanks to Karen Ellam for researching this topic and putting the above guide together with assistance from Jane Walter.

### **Pearsons**

Our next fixture is away at Redbourn on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. Good luck to all our Ladies who have volunteered to represent the club.

### **Remington Plate – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

This is a mixed-team Texas Scramble played with the Men's Seniors Section. The sign-up sheet is now up, and we have had a great response, thanks to all of you who have put your names down. It is a fun event, and I'd really appreciate you signing up if you can. It would be great to have a good turn-out for this one as we head to the end of the year.

### **Social Event Update**

Tickets for the New Year's Party are selling well. If you are wanting to put together a table, please speak to Carolyn Richmond or Beth in the office.

### **Harpden Common AGM – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2022 at 7.30pm**

This year's AGM is being held next week in the Clubhouse. Four members have put themselves forward to be voted onto MANCO and votes can only be made by those members present at the AGM. Please attend this important event in the Club Diary if you can.

### **Key Dates for your Diary**

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	HCGC AGM (7.30PM)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Sadie Facer & Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Ladies AGM