

Glenbel Golf Society



Constitution

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NAME OF THE SOCIETY

- 1 The name of the society is “The Glenbel Golf Society”.

OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY

- 2 The objects of the society is to promote the playing of golf among its members in accordance with the rules of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews and to provide social activities for members and their guests.

THE COMMITTEE

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 - a) The committee shall consist of at least four positions to include Captain, Secretary, Treasurer and handicapper and will manage the activities of the society.
 - b) The committee will be chosen by the members at the A.G.M.
 - c) All candidates for committee must be proposed and seconded by the members.
 - d) The captain will be chosen by the committee. The captain must then have his position ratified by more than 50% of the members present at the A.G.M.
 - e) The Annual General Meeting will be held within 1 month of the last outing of the year.
 - f) The Captain must have served on a previous committee for a full golfing year.
 - g) The Treasurer should have a strong financial knowledge and the experience to maintain the records of the society.
 - h) If a committee member resigns before the end of the year, the committee shall be empowered to co-opt a replacement
 - i) Proposals should be submitted prior to the AGM. An agenda should be circulated with reports at least a week prior to the meeting.

BANK ACCOUNT

- 4
 - a) The bank account shall be kept in the name of the society. Two members of the committee must sign all cheques.
 - b) In the event of a misappropriation of funds by a member, then the other members of the society shall not be held liable for the debts incurred.

MEMBERSHIP

- 5** **a)** Membership of the society shall be limited to 50 members.
- b)** The annual subscription will be 50 Euro.
- c)** Annual subscription are payable in full by the second outing.
- d)** Admittance of new members will be at the discretion of the committee.

HANDICAPS

- 6** **a)** A new member's provisional handicap will be their GUI handicap at date of joining less 4, or, if the member does not have a GUI handicap it will be a maximum of 18.
- b)** A new member who does not have a GUI handicap may be given a lower provisional handicap than 18, if the committee decides that playing off 18 would give this member an unfair advantage.
- c)**
 A new member will play off a provisional handicap until that member has completed 3 rounds of golf with the society. The society handicap will then be the difference between 32 and the average 3 scores added or subtracted to their provisional handicap.
- d)** Handicaps shall be recorded for each member and kept accurate to one decimal place. Members will play off an exact handicap. This will be their handicap as recorded rounded to the nearest whole number. Handicaps ending with .5 will be rounded upwards to the next whole number.
- e)** A players handicap will be adjusted after each outing played. A player will be deducted 0.2 of a shot for every point scored above 32 points and receive back 0.2 of a shot, subject to a maximum of 1.2 shots, for each point scored below 32 points.

THE COMPETITION

- 7 a) A stableford competition will be played by the members at each outing.

Stableford points are awarded for net scores after allowing for handicap on each hole as follows :-

Birdie = 3 Points Par = 2 Points Bogey = 1 Point Double Bogey = 0 Points

- b) Prizes are awarded for finishing in the following positions at each outing :-
- 1st overall, 2nd overall, 3rd overall, best front 9 and best back 9.
- c) On Captains day and Christmas outing, there may be more positions that a prize will be awarded for.
- d) Except on Captains day and the Christmas outing, prizes will be by way of a "Credit" and can be used as part or full payment for outing fees, social night fees or annual subscriptions.
- e) The value of each credit prize will be 50 Euro for the winner, 35 Euro for second, 25 Euro for 3rd and 15 Euro for both the front and back 9s.
- f) The first prize cannot be won by a member playing off a provisional handicap.
- g) In order to be eligible to win the captains prize a member must have played 2 previous outings in the current golf year. The captain is eligible to win any prize on captain's day.
- h) If two or more members have the same score for 18 holes, then the better score will be decided as follows :-
- Best back 9, then last 6, then last 3, then last 2, then last 1. If still unresolved , then last 4, then last 5, then last 7 then last 8. If still unresolved then last 4, then last 5, then last 7, then last 8 of the front nine score. If still the same then it will be decided by lot.
- i) If two or more members have the same score for 9 holes, then the better score will be decided as follows :-
- Best last 6, then last 3, then last 2, then last 1. If still unresolved , then last 4, then last 5, then last 7 then last 8. If still the same then it will be decided by lot.
- j) If two or more members have the same score for a Par 3 prize, then the better score will be decided as follows :-
- Best score for Par 3s on back nine, if the same then best last Par 3, then 2nd last, then 3rd last etc. If identical the better score will be the player with the best score on the highest indexed par 4, if the same, will be the score on the next highest par 4 and so on.

THE COMPETITION

- 7 k) If two or more members have the same score for a Par 5 prize, then the better score will be decided as follows :-
- Best score for Par 5s on back nine, if the same then best last Par 5, then 2nd last, then 3rd last etc. If identical the better score will be the player with the best score on the lowest indexed par 4, if the same, will be the score on the next lowest par 4 and so on.
- l) The member who has the lowest score at an outing will receive the Wooden Man prize.
- m) The wooden man prize cannot be won by a member playing off a provisional handicap.
- n) A member can only win the wooden man once in a golf year.
- o) Any member who has a 2 at any hole will be entitled to a share of the " 2s Club " prize fund. The fund will be made up of € 2 for each member and visitor on the outing which will be included in the outing fee for the day. If there is no 2 scored on the day, then the prize fund will be retained by the society and not carried over to the next outing.
- p) There will be an additional prize fund € 250 for any member who has a hole-in-one at any of the society's outings. A drink will be bought from this fund for every player at the outing and the player who holed in one gets to keep the remainder.
- q) If a member does not complete a round of golf then the score stands at that point and he is eligible to win the wooden man prize. The committee can decide to exempt this member from winning the wooden man if in their opinion the player was unfit due to injury or otherwise to complete the round.
- r) With regards to the results of all competitions, the committee's decision shall be final.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

- 8 a) Points will be awarded according to the position the player finishes at each outing. The winner of each outing will receive 15 points, second will receive 14 points etc. all the way down to 1 point for finishing 15th.
- b) Any player who attends 6 or more outings will receive an additional 5 bonus points.
- c) The final score for each player will be the sum of their best 5 outings plus attendance bonus points.
- d) In the event of a tie, the player of the year will be decided by the most scores of 15, then 14, then 13 and so on.

MATCHPLAY

- 9**
- a)** The top 24 players in the previous years player of the year will be eligible to play in the matchplay competition. If players do not wish to compete, then the slots can be offered to the players finishing in 25th, 26th etc. finishing positions.
 - b)** The top 8 players in the previous years player of the year will automatically go through to the first round and will be designated the home player. The remaining 16 players will play in the provisional round with the players in 9th to 16th position designated the home player and those in 17th to 24th position designated the away player.
 - c)** Players shall play off their full handicaps.
 - d)** It is the responsibility of the home player to arrange the venue for each match and should give at least 10 days notice to his opponent. Failure to give adequate notice may result in the match being awarded to the away player. The decision as to who to award a win, when a match is not played, will be decided by the committee.
 - e)** The players handicap for each round of the matchplay will be their handicap at the time the draw is made, which in normal circumstances will be their handicap as adjusted for the outing played earlier that day. The handicaps for the finalist will be their handicap as adjusted for the outing played after completion of both semi finals as this is when the draw is made or deemed to have been made for the final. Unless otherwise specified, each round of matches should be completed before the following months outing.
 - f)** Unless agreed by both players the home player should arrange the match at a venue which is reasonable in both cost and distance for the away player to travel. For the purpose of this rule the green fee should not exceed € 50 and the distance for the away player to travel should not exceed 30 miles.
 - g)** The final of the matchplay will be played at a neutral venue to be agreed between the players. The cost of the green fees for this final will be covered by the society up to an amount of 100 Euro.

ETIQUETTE

- 10 a) Players should at all times show consideration to all others on the golf course. While the following points are not rules as such they are an important part of the game.
- b) Don't move, talk or stand close to a player taking a shot.
- c) Don't play until the group in front of you is out of the way.
- d) Always play without delay. Leave the putting green as soon as all players in your group have holed out.
- e) Repair divots and pitch marks. Smooth over any holes and footprints made by you in bunkers.
- f) Don't step in line of a players putt.
- g) Don't drop clubs on putting green or lean on your putter.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 11 a) The members shall adhere to the rules and dress code of all golf clubs.
- b) The committee shall have the power to suspend, or if necessary expel, any members whom it considers to have acted in a manner detrimental to the interests or welfare of the society.
- c) The society shall not be responsible for the safety of members or for the loss of their property.
- d) In the event of a dissolution, the assets of the society shall vest in not less than 2 trustees chosen by the committee, who shall then take the necessary steps to distribute the assets. All such assets remaining after the satisfaction in full of all debts incurred by the society prior to the dissolution shall be distributed in equal shares to all those who at the date of the dissolution were fully paid up members of the society.
- e) A copy of these rules is available from the committee and no member shall be absolved from its effect on account of them not being familiar with its content.
- f) **The forgoing rules shall be the fundamental laws of the society and shall not be altered except at a General Meeting, A majority vote of the members present is required.**