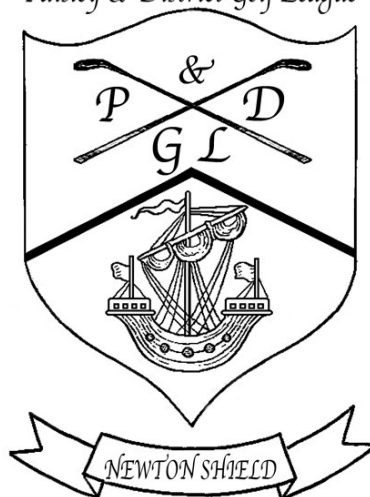


Paisley & District Golf League



PAISLEY & DISTRICT GOLF LEAGUE
COMPETITION RULES
2008

In pursuance of Paragraph 3 of the Constitution of the Paisley & District Golf League, competitions are promoted for the following:

1 MEMBER CLUBS

- 1.1 The Newton Shield
- 1.2 The Newton Quaich
- 1.3 The Junior Newton Shield
- 1.4 The Lexwell Trophy (for Junior's)

1.1 THE NEWTON SHIELD

- 1.1 Member Clubs of The Paisley & District Golf League.
 - 1.1.2 The Member Clubs will be drawn into two leagues and the Clubs in each league will play each other on a home and away basis.
 - 1.1.3 Points are awarded as follows:
 - Home win 4 Points
 - Home draw 2 Points
 - Away win 6 Points
 - Away draw 3 Points
 - 1.1.4 The winner of each league will be the team with the greatest number of points on completion of the matches. In the event of a tie, the winner of the league will be decided on the points scored by the "tying" clubs during their matches. If there is still a tie, the individual games won will be used to decide the winner. If there is still a tie, a play-off between the tying clubs will be arranged.
 - 1.1.5 The winners of the two leagues will play-off for The Newton Shield at a neutral venue. Possible venues will be nominated at the start of the season, with the final venue(s) confirmed before the end of the league matches.
 - In the event of a tie, the winner will be decided on the number of holes "up" when the individual matches finished.
 - Should the match remain tied, then each team shall nominate a player to play in a sudden death play off, on hole(s), or otherwise, as determined by the committee.
 - 1.1.6 The League matches will start no earlier than in the last week of April.
 - 1.1.7 Matches will be played on Monday nights or as early in the week as possible.
 - 1.1.8 The Matches, including the play-offs for the Newton Shield, should be completed by the second week of July. The play-off for the Newton Shield shall be the week following the final league matches. The sub-committee is responsible for arranging and confirming the play-off venue
 - 1.1.9 Juniors may play for the senior team as long as there is not a Junior team match on the same evening. If there is a Junior match on the same evening, the Junior must play for the Junior team.

- 1.1.10 Lady members can play in the Team matches, but are required to play from the same tees as the male members.
- 1.1.11 Junior female members can play in the Team matches, but are required to play from the same tees as the Junior male members.
- 1.1.12 The Wooden Spoon will be awarded to the club that, in the opinion of the sub-committee, deserves it.

1.2. THE NEWTON QUIACH

- 1.2.1 The losing finalists in the Newton Shield play off shall be awarded The Newton Quaich.

1.3 THE JUNIOR NEWTON SHIELD

- 1.3.1 The rules are the same as for The Newton Shield.
- 1.3.2 There is no “Wooden Spoon” for the Juniors.

1.4 THE LEXWELL TROPHY

- 1.4.1 Teams of four (4) Juniors from each of the Member Clubs of the League will compete in a Stableford Competition for this trophy. The competition will be over 18 holes with all scores counting. The team with the greater number of points shall be declared the winner.

2 THE NEWTON SHIELD AND JUNIOR NEWTON SHIELD FIXTURES

- 2.1 The fixtures lists will be issued to the member clubs by the end of September each year. Under the two-league format, the composition of the leagues is known for each four year period. The order of play will be established by drawing the teams during September in each year. Fixture lists will be issued to each club for the dates of home matches to be entered. Thereafter fixture lists should be returned to the Secretary by the end of October. This will enable the complete fixtures list for the following year to be issued by end November.
- 2.2 Once issued, the fixture dates shall not be changed unless approval is sought from the Match Secretary. Thereafter, the date can be changed if the clubs involved agree to the change. The Match Secretary must be notified, by both clubs of the change. A condition of the change is that the match must be played before the end of the last week before the play-offs. This is to ensure that the timetable for completion of the fixtures is achieved.

If permission is given to re-arrange the match, it must be played within the timetable set out in 2.5.1 or in exceptional cases, as agreed with the sub committee or Match Secretary.

If there is no agreement to re-arrange the match, the club requesting the re-arrangement will forfeit the match and the points relevant to a win (home or away) will be awarded to the other club.

- 2.3 Teams in the Senior League will consist of eight players. Teams in the Junior League will consist of six players.

All teams should have at least one reserve available. *If, for any reason, a club cannot field a reserve, then the other club should be advised as early as possible, prior to the match being played.*

- 2.4 Team officials will exchange team order lists prior to the start of play. By tradition, if a Club Champion is playing in the team, he will play at number 1. The remainder of the team members shall be played at the discretion of the team manager. This does not apply to Junior team matches where players must play in handicap order. Failure to comply with this provision will result in forfeiture of the game(s) concerned.

The teams need not tee off in the listed order, but the first tee-time should be no later than 5.30p.m.

If a match is unable to follow on because a team member is late on the first tee, a one-hole penalty can be applied to the player who is late.

- 2.5 Postponement and Abandonment of Matches due to weather conditions.

- 2.5.1 Matches shall be played if the golf course is playable. If the course is unplayable, the match can be postponed but must be played :

Within two weeks, if the match was scheduled in weeks 1 through 7;
Within one week, if the match was scheduled in weeks 8 and 9;
During week 10; if the match was scheduled for week 10.

- 2.5.2 If, during a match, the course becomes unplayable, then the match can be abandoned. The match must be played as soon as possible and certainly before the end of the week before the play-offs. If some games have been completed, then the results of these matches will stand. Only the matches that were not completed will be played again. These matches shall be replayed, commencing at the first tee. This will also apply where matches cannot be completed due to bad light.

- 2.5.3 Where an individual tie is incomplete and the player involved is unavailable for the rescheduled match, the player may be replaced by another player, provided they have played no part in that particular fixture.

2.6 Retirals through injury or ill-health or other personal reasons.

If a player is unable to complete a game, the player who has to retire will forfeit the match.

2.7.1 Unfulfilled Fixtures:

Where any member club(s) fail(s) to complete any fixture, they shall report such failure to the committee without delay. The Committee shall enquire into all the circumstances and any club found to be in default, extenuating circumstances excepted, be liable to have points deducted. For the avoidance of doubt, the committee shall be the sole arbiters in such matters. The value of points to be awarded / deducted shall be at the discretion of the committee. Repeated failure will result in severe action being taken.

2.7.2 Any dispute between competing clubs will be referred to the executive sub-committee for resolution. The executive sub-committee's decision will be final.

2.8 Qualification: Team members must be full members of their Club, or in the case of Juniors, accredited members.

2.9 Team members must abide by the dress code of the home club. Ideally, clubs should advise other clubs of their dress code prior to the start of the league season.

3 CAPTAINS, VICE CAPTAINS AND PAST CAPTAINS COMPETITONS

3.1 For Captains – The Bonnyton Cup

3.2 For Captains and Vice Captains – The Captains & Vice Captains Trophy

3.3 For Captains & Past Captains Team Trophy & the Individual Past Captains Trophy.

3.1 **THE BONNYTON CUP**

3.1.1 A Stableford Competition for Captains, played as per the rota. The winner is the Captain who scores the most points.

3.2 **THE CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS TROPHY**

3.2.1 A Stableford Competition for Captains and Vice Captains, based on a fourball better ball competition. The winner is the club that scores the most points.

3.3 **THE CAPTAINS AND PAST CAPTAINS TEAM TROPHY**

3.3.1 A Stableford Competition for Captains and three Past Captains. The highest three Stableford scores from each club will count. The winner is the club that has the highest number of points from the three scores.

3.3.2 **THE PAST CAPTAINS' TROPHY**

A Stableford Competition, played at the same time as the Captains and Past Captains team trophy. The trophy is presented to the Past Captain who scores the highest number of points.

3.4 National Handicaps shall be applied to competitors in all of the above competitions.