

## **An Introduction to the Senior Section of The Cheshunt Golf Club.**

This short summary is to help new senior members understand how Cheshunt seniors work - and the competitions they play in.

We are the Mens Senior Section of the Cheshunt Golf Club and to be included you must be 55 or over and be a fully paid up member of the Cheshunt Golf Club.

More detailed documents (Monday Club rules & Seniors competition rules) are available on the website, in the clubhouse or by request - please read these to get a more detailed understanding of how the Cheshunt Seniors section operates.

These rules can only be changed at the Senior Section annual AGM which is normally held in November.

The Seniors have an extensive competition fixture list that requires a club handicap (EGU) to play.

All senior competitions are played in accordance with the Rules of Golf and any Club rules that are applicable to the seniors.

When the seniors are not playing the fixture competitions they play in what's called the "Monday Club" (which is basically a society within the club).

The Monday Club has its own rules and handicap system - Tony Smith manages the Monday Club.

The Cheshunt Seniors play golf at the Cheshunt Park golf Club on a Monday (unless it's a Bank holiday – in which case it's a Tuesday) and Thursday.

Tee times start from 8.32 and you must be registered for the draw by 8.15 (in the St. Andrew's suite in the Golf Centre), you also need to register with the desk.

Golf times may be earlier if there's a senior's match on the day.

There's no need to book in advance, just turn up before the draw, tee times are always booked / reserved in advance.

The cost to play each time is £3, this payable when you register for the draw, it goes towards the winners and nearest the pins on the day (and a small contribution towards to Seniors fund, to fund trophies etc.).

The numbers of winners and pins is dependent on the number of people playing each day and is paid out when the result is announced (unless it's a competition, when only the pins are paid out and the winners are paid out at the Seniors presentation evening in early December).

The Seniors always putt out, there are no "gimmees".

The Seniors fixtures list is published annually (in the clubhouse and on the website) and may be amended from time to time.

A number of senior competitions also qualify for the annual Seniors Order of Merit and Veterans (oldest 1/3 of Seniors) Order of Merit. Results are published monthly and after the last eligible competition is played.

A number of senior competitions also qualify for the Jim Duncan (champion of champions) trophy. Those that aren't eligible play in the "Best of the Rest" (and the winner qualifies for the following years Jim Duncan).

Players in Interclub matches also get points for winning / drawing their doubles matches.

The winner (of the "W" trophy) will be the person with the highest average number of points for the year – and they also qualify for the Jim Duncan.

When there isn't a competition, golfers are encouraged to always enter a casual card for handicap purposes.

In the summer, there are also Seniors singles and doubles competitions. The doubles is a drawn competition, each pair has 1 lower & 1 higher handicap golfer. Please only put your name down for these competitions if you play regularly & can commit to playing by the dates on the draw sheets.

There is also a summer par 3 competition, with 3 leagues, played off the yellow tees. There is a £5 entry fee, with the winner in each division winning money and / or a prize. You need to register if you are playing on a sheet, then enter your round on Howdidido so the scores can be calculated.

In the winter, there is a Winter League. This runs from November to the end of February. It's matchplay, based on your handicap and you play everyone in your division once, with the overall winner of each division playing for the trophy. There is a £5 entry fee. Please only put your name down this if you play regularly in the winter months.

Each December, completing at the end of March, there is as Seniors Eclectic completion, run by Tony Smith. There are 2 divisions, with cash prizes to the winners and runners up in each division. Your best score on each hole is recorded to determine the overall winner – you MUST hand your card to Tony after golf so he can record your scores.

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