

**LADIES’ SECTION**

**COMPETITION HANDBOOK 2025**

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**Preliminary Information**

All ladies can play in EVERY Medal/Stableford Qualifying competition.

With effect from **1st July 2023**, to be eligible to win any Trophy you must have completed 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months. These acceptable scores must be a minimum of 3 qualifying competition and a maximum 3 general play cards. (All must be 18 Holes for an 18 Hole Trophy)

Medals and Stapleford’s will remain at 3 acceptable scores.

**At Winter Hill:**

Division One - Handicap Index is 25 and below.

Division Two - Handicap Index is 25.1 and above.

**For Country Matches:**

Silver Division – Handicap Index - 12 – 20

Bronze Division – Handicap Index - 20.1 - 54

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# ANGELA UZIELLI TROPHY QUALIFIER

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| Presented by Hannah Hubbard in 2001 to BCGA as a tribute to Angela Uzielli to celebrate her achievements and contribution to ladies’ golf in Berkshire | |
| **Format:** | Individual 18-hole **Stableford** competition played off 95% of Course Handicap. (County allows clubs to choose Medal or Stableford format)  Qualifying rounds must be played by end of August, therefore usually played in July.  Played on both the Weekend and Tuesday.  A multiday competition and can only be entered once. |
| **Entrance fee:** | Pay standard competition entry fee:  Ladies Section pays entrance fee to BCGA for the Angela Uzielli Trophy Final |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all Lady Members with a HI  Maximum Handicap Index 36 (Set by Berkshire County)  Only Full Members of Berkshire County Ladies' Golf Association will be eligible for the Final. |
| **Results & Prizes:** | Prize winners determined by best net score, then count back over 9, 6, 3, 1 hole in case of a tie.  Additionally, one Silver and one bronze player qualifies to represent their club in the County Stableford Foursomes Final. If the winners are not available, then best placed available runners up will be entered. Qualifiers will be allowed to compete even if their handicaps move them into a different division between qualifier and final. |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Competition Secretary |

# HIGHER HANDICAP TROPHY

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| **Format:** | Individual 18-hole Matchplay off Full handicap  The field is divided into groups; each person plays the other members of their group. The best in each group goes forward into a knockout, culminating in a final. Minimum of 6 entrants for competition to proceed.  The winner and the actual score from each match should be recorded on the Results Sheet on the Notice Board. The Win/Loss points (win 3, draw 2, loss 0, Walkover 2) should be recorded on the competition drawn sheet.  If the finalists are all square after 18 holes, then the match is decided on a sudden death basis.  A minimum of 3 dates to be given by either player for each round and no extensions given to the final date for each round |
| **Entrance fee:** | Pay standard competition entry fee:  If players have not paid before playing their first round, they will be disqualified |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to 5/7 and flexi lady members, with a Handicap Index of 29.5 – 54.  To take part entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months.  A minimum of 6 entrants is required for the competition to take place. |
| **Results & Prizes:** | The trophy is presented at the Annual Prize-Giving. The winner is presented with an engraved prize and the runner up with a token prize.  The winner’s name is recorded on members website |
| **Organiser:** | Competition Secretary |

# AUTUMN MEETING

Incorporating Autumn Challenge Cup

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| Presented by Christina Burton in 1986 to commemorate 10th Anniversary of Winter Hill Golf Club | |
| **Format:** | 18-hole Medal Stroke played off 95% of Course Handicap for the Autumn Challenge Cup  Ladies may choose their own playing partners. |
| **Entrance fee:** | Set by the Lady Captain each year as the event includes a meal. |
| **Eligibility:** | Open Lady Members with a HI.  To win the trophy entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months from the date of the competition. |
| **Results & Prizes:** | Prize winners determined by best score, then count back over 9, 6, 3, 1 hole in the case of a tie.  The trophy is presented on the day. |
| **Organiser:** | Lady Captain and Competition Secretary |

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - BRONZE SCRATCH TROPHY (Division 2)

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| Presented by Maggie Pearce in 2000 | |
| **Format:** | Individual **36 Hole Medal** Stroke play, played off scratch over 2 days.  Played as part of the Club Championship  Players play in Handicap Index order on Day 1, lowest Handicap Index first. On Day 2, players play in reverse leader board order with the lowest gross scores from Day 1 going last.  Winner does **not** qualify for the Champion of Champion’s Final  No caddies are allowed and buggies, only if the participant has a medical certificate |
| **Entrance fee:** | None |
| **Eligibility:** | Minimum Handicap Index 25.1 on Day 1 of the competition.  Open to all Lady Members. (5-day members to pay a green fee).  To win the trophy entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months from the date of the competition. |
| **Results & Prizes:** | Winner determined by best gross score over 36 holes. In the event of a tie the winner is decided by count back over 9, 6, 3, 1 hole.  If the Bronze Trophy winner is also the winner of the Club Championship, then both prizes are awarded to that player.  **The Bronze Scratch (Division 2) winner take precedence over the Net Trophy**  The trophy is presented on the day and re-presented at the Annual Prize-Giving. |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Competition Secretary |

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

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| Presented by George Charters-Rowe (former Club Secretary) | |
| **Format:** | Individual **36 Hole Medal** Stroke play, played off scratch over 2 days.  Players play in Handicap Index order on Day 1, lowest handicap first. On Day 2, players play in reverse leader board order with the lowest gross scores from Day 1 going last.  Both rounds are qualifiers.  Winner does not qualify for the Champion of Champion’s Final.  No caddies are allowed and buggies, only if the participant has a medical certificate |
| **Entrance fee:** | None |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all Lady Members. 5 Day members must pay a green fee.  To win the trophy entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months from the date of the competition. |
| **Results & Prizes:** | Best 36-hole gross score to win.  In the event of a tie, sudden death on the 18th hole until winner is found. Buggies can be used to take players back to the tee.  The trophy is presented on the day and re-presented at the Annual Prize-Giving. |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Competition Secretary |

# CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP NET TROPHY

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| Presented by Carol Batten and Linda Maher in 2009 | |
| **Format:** | Individual **36 Hole Medal** Stroke play, played as part of the Club Championship  Both rounds are qualifiers.  95% of Handicap Indexes apply for both days without any changes.  The trophy is awarded to the player with the best **net** score on the day, **excluding** the Club Champion and **excluding** the Bronze Scratch (Division 2) Trophy winner |
| **Entrance fee:** | None. |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all Lady Members. 5-day members must pay a green fee  To win the trophy entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months from the date of the competition. |
| **Results & Prizes:** | The winner is determined by the best **Net** score over 36 holes, then count back over 9, 6, 3, 1 hole in case of a tie.  **The Club Champion and Bronze Scratch (Division 2) winner take precedence over the Net Trophy**  The trophy is presented on the day and re-presented at the Annual Prize-Giving. The winner’s name is recorded on the members’ website. |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Competition Secretary |

# CORONATION FOURSOMES

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| Created in 1953 by the R&A to celebrate the Queen's coronation, this is a national event for ladies with the winners from each club going forward to the national competition. First played at Winter Hill in 1982 | |
| **Format:** | 18-hole Foursomes Stableford  Handicap allowance – 50% combined Course Handicaps  This is a qualifier to go through to an area final organized by the R&A and **must be played before the middle of June**. Rules and conditions are set by the R&A  Members of more than one club can compete in the qualifying round but can only represent one club at the regional area finals.  A multiday competition and can only be entered once. |
| **Entrance fee:** | Set by the R&A annually.  Pay standard competition entry fee: |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all lady members  Maximum Handicap Index is 40, as set by R&A |
| **Results & Prizes:** | The winning score is notified to the R&A and, if it is good enough, the winning pair goes forward to represent the club in the official R&A area finals. If the winning pair is unable to attend an Area Final the next available pair may be substituted |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Competition Secretary |

# FAMILY GREENSOMES

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| Presented by Ann and John Dowling | |
| **Format:** | 18-hole Mixed Pairs Greensomes Matchplay knockout competition  If the match is all square after 18 holes, then sudden death, extra holes start at the hole where the match began. Strokes received recommence at the 1st extra hole.  Men - Black tees, Ladies - Yellow tees, using the Ladies score card. |
| **Entrance fee:** | Pay on Signup. If pairs have not paid before the draw is made, they will be disqualified. |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to immediate family members i.e., husband/wife/partner, father/daughter, mother/son, or grandchildren with their grandparent.  Open to all lady members. (5-day members must pay a green fee)  To win the trophy entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months from the date of the competition. |
| **Results & Prizes:** | The trophy is presented at the Annual Prize-Giving. The winners are presented with engraved prizes. |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Competition Secretary |

# GEMINI CUP

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| Presented by June Hoare in 1984 | |
| **Format:** | This is an eclectic competition based on the May and June individual 18-hole **Meda**l stroke play rounds.  The best net eclectic result on each hole, across the May and June medals, has the Handicap Index in force at the time of play to produce the best 18 holes.  If an entrant plays at the weekend **and** Tuesday, only the first card will count. |
| **Entrance fee:** | Pay standard competition entry fee: |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all Lady Members.  To win the trophy entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months from the date of the competition. |
| **Results & Prizes:** | Prize winners determined by best net score, then count back over their eclectic score, then 9, 6, 3, 1 hole in case of a tie  The trophy is presented at the Annual Prize-Giving.  The winners’ names are recorded on the members website. |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Competition Secretary |

# GRANNY TROPHY

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| Presented by Jocelyn Molyneux in 1983 | |
| **Format:** | Individual 18 Hole **Stableford** competition followed by a meal.  Played off 95% of Course Handicap |
| **Entrance fee:** | Set by the Lady Captain each year as the event includes a meal.  Pay on entry. |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all Lady Members with grandchildren/step grandchildren.  To win the trophy entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months from the date of the competition. |
| **Results & Prizes:** | Prize winners determined by best net score, then count back over 9, 6, 3, 1 hole in case of a tie.  The trophy is presented on the day and at the Annual Prize-Giving  The winner’s name is recorded on the members website |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Captain and Ladies Competition Secretary |

# GRANNY TROPHY – 9 Hole

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| Presented by Vanessa Evans 2021 | |
| **Format:** | Individual 9 Hole **Stableford** competition followed by a meal.  Played off 95% of Course Handicap |
| **Entrance fee:** | Set by the Lady Captain each year as the event includes a meal.  Pay on entry. |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all Lady Members with grandchildren/step grandchildren.  To win the trophy entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months from the date of the competition. |
| **Results & Prizes:** | Prize winners determined by best net score, then count back over 9, 6, 3, 1 hole in case of a tie.  The trophy is presented on the day and at the Annual Prize-Giving  The winner’s name is recorded on the members website |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Captain and Ladies Competition Secretary |

# LADY CAPTAIN’S DAY

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| Lady Captain’s Day was started by Lois Ashwanden soon after the Club was opened. | |
| **Format:** | Lady Captain to choose the format. |
| **Entrance fee:** | Set by the Lady Captain each year as the event includes a meal.  Pay on entry. |
| **Eligibility:** | Open Lady Members (5-day members must pay a green fee) |
| **Results & Prizes:** | Decided by the Lady Captain (e.g., longest drive, nearest the pin etc.). The first prize (Lady Captain’s Prize) for the best net score is chosen.  Vice-Captain presents the captain with a bouquet of flowers in thanks for the day. |
| **Organiser:** | Lady Captain and Ladies Competition Secretary |

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# LADIES’ INVITATION DAY

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| The Kathleen Hall SalverPresented by Kathleen Hall in 1980 | |
| **Format:** | Lady Member and guest  18-hole Pairs 4-ball better ball **Stableford** competition  Played off 85% of Course Handicap |
| **Entrance fee:** | Determined each year by the Lady Captain as the event includes lunch.  Pay on Signup. |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all Lady Members and their guest, both with a Handicap Index  To win the Trophy entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months and have a maximum Handicap Index of 40. |
| **Results & Prizes:** | Prize winners determined by best net score, then count back over 9, 6, 3, 1 hole in case of a tie.  Lady Captain to decide on the other prizes year by year.  The winners are presented with the Kathleen Hall Salver which is engraved with their names.  The winners’ names are recorded on the members website |
| **Organiser:** | Lady Captain and Ladies Competition Secretary |

# Champion of Champion's FINAL

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| **Format:** | 18 Hole **Medal** Stroke play competitions |
| **Entrance fee:** | None |
| **Eligibility:** | Winners of 18-hole monthly Medal or Stableford format competitions  Open to Lady Members (5-day members must pay a green fee) |
| **Results & Prizes:** | Prize winners determined by best net score, then count back over 9, 6, 3, 1 hole in case of a tie.  The trophy is presented on the day and re-presented at the Annual Prize-Giving.  Winners’ names are recorded on the members website |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Competition Secretary |

# PETRIE CUP

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| Presented by Catherine Petrie in 1976 | |
| **Format:** | Singles 18-hole Matchplay Knockout competition  Full Course Handicap |
| **Entrance fee:** | Pay on Signup. If players have not paid before playing their first round, they will be disqualified |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all Lady Members. 5 day members to pay a green fee.  To win the trophy entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months from the date of the competition. |
| **Results & Prizes:** | The trophy is presented at the Annual Prize-Giving.  The winner’s name is recorded on the members website |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Competition Secretary |

# PING 4BBB qualifier

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| Run by the R&A | |
| **Format:** | The PING Women’s 4BBB tournament is a Stableford competition open to pairs of female golfers across the country with a handicap index of 54 or less, even if they do not make the national finals, will receive a gift from PING.  Played off 85% of Course Handicap.  **Must be played between 1 January and 31 July**. Rules and conditions are set by the R&A  Qualifying rounds are played on both the weekend and Tuesday. If any pair of ladies take part on both days only their first card will count. Only the winners can go through (no substitutes) |
| **Entrance fee:** | Entry fee £5 per pair (2022) |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all Lady Members  Maximum Handicap Index is 54 |
| **Results & Prizes:** | The top 52 pairs from the club qualifiers will make it through to the National Final at Thonock Park in September. Prizes for club members who qualify even if they don’t get through to the final. |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Competition Secretary |

# SPRING MEETING (Incorporating CHARLES DAVIS SALVER)

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| Presented by Charles Davis the first Club Secretary in 1976 | |
| **Format:** | 18 Hole **Medal** Stroke play competition for the Salver. |
| **Entrance fee:** | Set each year by the Lady Captain as the day includes a meal.  Pay on Signup. |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all lady members.  To win the trophy entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months from the date of the competition. |
| **Results & Prizes:** | Charles Davis Salver presented on the day for the 18-hole competition.  The Winner’s name is recorded on the members website |
| **Organiser:** | Lady Captain and Ladies Competition Secretary |

# SUMMER FLAG COMPETITION

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| No trophy | |
| **Format:** | Individual **Medal** Stroke play competition with 95% of playing handicap as usual. Played on a Tuesday and Saturday.    Rules:  All players must start from the same tee.  The first group starting take the “Flag” with them.  Each player adds her playing handicap to the course par e.g., Course par of 73 at WH + 25 shots (95% of PH) = 98 shots in total    Record gross score for each hole, adding them up as the player goes round. When the total number of allowed shots is reached, the Flag is stuck in the ground at that point. (Note: the Flag is always placed visibly at the edge of the fairway, level with where that shot has finished)  Any following player who still has shot(s) in hand, picks up the Flag and continues with it until her shots have run out when the Flag is again placed.  The medal round can of course continue for all players.    Penalty:  There is no penalty for a ball hitting the “Flag” but ball must be played where it finishes (if in a penalty area, normal penalty rules then apply). |
| **Entrance fee:** | Pay standard competition entry fee: |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all Lady members. Entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months (Standard Medal requirement) |
| **Results & Prizes:** | The Winner of the Flag Competition is the player who takes the Flag the furthest on the course.   In the event of shots still unused on the 18th, the winner will be the player with the most shots remaining. |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Competition Secretary |

# SUMMER FOURSOMES

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| Winners qualify for Daily Mail Foursomes Competition | |
| **Format:** | A pair 18-hole Matchplay Knockout Foursomes competition  Handicap allowance is 50% of combined team Course Handicap. |
| **Entrance fee:** | Pay on Signup. If pairs have not paid before playing their first round, they will be disqualified |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all lady members.  To win the trophy entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months from the date of the competition. |
| **Results & Prizes:** | The engraved trays are presented at the Annual Prize-Giving. The winners are presented with engraved prizes.  The winners’ names are recorded on the members website.  The winners represent the Club in the following year’s Daily Mail Foursomes Competition |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Competition Secretary |

# SYBIL PERRY ROSE BOWL

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| Presented by Sybil Perry in 1981 | |
| **Format:** | The player who has reduced her handicap by the **most whole strokes (not percentage)** in the year (1 January to 31 December)  If more than one player has equal reductions the trophy is held for a portion of the year by each of the players |
| **Entrance fee:** | None |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all Lady Members  To win the Trophy entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months.  Winter Hill must be their home club |
| **Results & Prizes:** | An engraved rose bowl is presented at the at Prize Giving. |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Handicap Secretary |

# TUESDAY TURKEY TROT & CHRISTMAS LUNCH

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| **Format:** | 9-hole team competition  Exact Format chosen by Lady Captain  Ladies sign up with their playing partners or individual Full handicap index.  Played on a Tuesday in December  Followed by Ladies’ Christmas Lunch |
| **Entrance fee:** | Pay on Signup.  Price is determined by the Lady Captain as it includes lunch |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all Lady Members |
| **Results & Prizes:** | Small prizes on the day |
| **Organiser:** | Lady Captain and Ladies Competition Secretary |

# THAMESIDE CUP

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| Presented by Peggy Wheeler in 1982 | |
| **Format:** | Pairs 18-hole 4BBB **Stableford** stroke play competition.  Players choose their own partner.  85% of Course Handicap |
| **Entrance fee:** | Pay standard competition entry fee. |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all lady members. (5-day members to pay a green fee)  To win the trophy entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months from the date of the competition. |
| **Results & Prizes:** | Prize winners determined by best net score, then count back over 9, 6, 3, 1 hole in case of a tie.  The shared trophy is presented at the Annual Prize-Giving.  The winners’ names are recorded on the members website |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Competition Secretary |

# WEEKEND TURKEY TROT & LUNCH

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| **Format:** | Format at discretion of Lady Captain  Choose own partners or sign up individually.  Played on a Weekend in December, followed by Lunch to be determined by the Lady Captain |
| **Entrance fee:** | Pay on Signup.  Price is determined by the Lady Captain as it includes lunch |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to 7 Day Lady Members and flexi members, 5-day members must pay a green fee |
| **Results & Prizes:** | Small prizes on the day |
| **Organiser:** | Lady Captain and Ladies Competition Secretary |

# LADY VETERAN’S TROPHY

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| Presented by Annalise Marsh in 1979 | |
| **Format:** | Individual 18 Hole **Stableford** competition  Played on a Tuesday |
| **Entrance fee:** | Pay standard competition entry fee |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all lady members.  To win the trophy entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months from the date of the competition.  Minimum age 65 on the day of the competition |
| **Results & Prizes:** | Prize winners determined by best net score, then count back over 9, 6, 3, 1 hole in case of a tie.  The trophy is presented on the day and re-presented at the Annual Prize-Giving.  The winner’s name is recorded on the members website. |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Competition Secretary |

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# WINTER GREENSOMES

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| Presented by the Ladies Section | |
| **Format:** | Drawn Greensomes 18-hole Matchplay Knockout competition played between November and April  Lady Members choose their partners and enter as a pair.  Both players in each team drive off at each hole. One player’s drive is chosen and her partner hits that ball. Play continues with players taking alternate shots until the hole is finished.  60% of low Course Handicap plus 40% of high Course Handicap  If the match is all square after 18 holes, then sudden death extra holes start at the hole where the match began. Strokes received recommence at the 1st extra hole. |
| **Entrance fee:** | Pay on Signup.  If pairs have not paid before playing their first round, they will be disqualified |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all lady members.  To win the trophy entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months from the date of the competition |
| **Results & Prizes:** | The engraved trophies are presented at the Annual Prize-Giving  The winners’ names are recorded on the members website |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Competition Secretary |

# 9 HOLE WINTER LEAGUES

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| Presented by the Ladies Section | |
| **Format:** | Ladies who sign up are put into 2 groups.  Ladies within a group play against each of the others in a single 9-hole Stableford. The scoring system is shown on the drawn sheet in the locker room.  Cards must be put into the Competitions Box and retained by the Competition Secretary  Matches can be played whatever the conditions if the course is open, e.g., when there are temporary greens.  The winner of each group goes forward into the next stage leading to the Final  In the event of a tie, the result is decided in this order:   1. The head-to-head score between the players involved with the one having the most points in the encounter on the day going through. 2. Count back on last 6 holes then last 3 holes; and if necessary. 3. Final hole (Minutes March 2016) |
| **Entrance fee:** | Pay on Signup.  Any participant who has not paid by the closing date will not be entered in the draw. |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all lady members.  To win the trophy entrants must have 6 acceptable scores at Winter Hill over the last 12 months from the date of the competition |
| **Results & Prizes:** | There is a Trophy for the winner of each league.  The trophies are not engraved.  Presented at the Spring Meeting, not at Prize Giving |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Competition Secretary |

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# THE COMPLETE GOLFER TROPHY

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| Presented by Jennette Spelina in 2011 | |
| **Format:** | Jennette Spelina, Captain in 2011, donated a trophy 'with a difference' for The Complete golfer.  The Criterion for the award is that it is presented to a Lady Member who not only plays social golf but also has time to play competitive golf for the Club and gives their time willingly to the Club.  The Lady Captain will choose this candidate each year |
| **Entrance fee:** | None |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all Lady members |
| **Results & Prizes:** | The engraved trophy is presented at the Ladies AGM |
| **Organiser:** | Lady Captain |

# OTHER WHGC COMPETITIONS

ENGLAND GOLF MEDAL

Worked out by the WHS platform at the end of the year. The player who has the best four net scores in medals and stablefords from 1st January to 31st December will go forward to an England Golf regional final. The winning player can enter a regional heat if they wish to take part.

LADY CAPTAIN ‘vs’ LADY VICE-CAPTAIN TEAM MATCH

Usually played in August and will be in a Ryder Cup style.

BANK HOLIDAY COMPETITIONS (Organised by Men’s Section)

This is usually a mixed competition with the format is chosen by the organiser.

CLUB LEAUGE MATCHES

Matches against other clubs are played mostly as 4 ball better ball. The Match Secretary is responsible for organising the teams and all players who sign up will play in a match at some point throughout the year. The team is selected and notified to those who have signed up for matches. It is a good opportunity to meet other players and if the match is played away, to play a new course for the cost of the match tea.

Players are asked to play in Club colours when representing Winter Hill. The match fee is collected on the day.

# OTHER MIXED COMPETITIONS

# **Arranged by Men’s Section**

Bank Holiday Mixed Competitions

Inter-Club Mixed Matches

St. Valentine's Mixed Competition

The Hoffbrand Trophy

Winter Hill Mixed Invitation Day – arranged by Vice Captains

**Arranged jointly by a representative of Men’s WIMPS and Ladies’ SKYLARKS**

SKYLARKS v WIMPS - Played on a Saturday in July. Match play. No entry fees. Cup presented to the winning team.

**Arranged by 5-day & Seniors Section**

5-Day & Seniors Mixed Knockout Trophy

Mixed Greensomes Trophy

Mixed Turkey Trot

Molyneux Trophy

Palmer-Lovesey Trophy *(In 2021, organised by the Senior and Lady Captain)*

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# BERKSHIRE COUNTY MEMBERSHIP

All lady members are members of Berkshire County Golf Association as the fee is included with Winter Hill Club Subscription.

Each Club appoints a delegate who attends three County Committee Meetings each year. Minutes of these meetings are recorded and sent to each Club.

The County publishes details of their competitions available throughout the year on their website.

The membership also ensures eligibility for selection for the Duncan Trophy, the Inter Club Shield, and the Angela Uzielli Trophy.

The County organizes matches and operates both first and second teams, which are chosen following the Spring Championships. There is also a junior organizer who is responsible for ensuring that any girl participating at club level will be given free tuition, travelling expenses to competitions and help to encourage players at club and county level to further their golf. Berkshire appoints a delegate to represent them in the Southeast division of ELGA. A County Handicap Adviser is also appointed to liaise between ELGA, County and Clubs. She advises on Club problems regarding handicap matters and must keep up to date on the current handicap system The County Committee appoints a President, Captain, Treasurer and Secretary plus Junior Organizer and S/E delegate.

The name of the Winter Hill representative is on the notice board in the lady’s locker room.

# THE DUNCAN TROPHY

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| This is a Berkshire County Golf Association competition | |
| **Format:** | Team of 5 Singles knock-out competition against other clubs.  The final will be played on a neutral course.  Individual matches to be played to a finish, i.e., beyond 18 holes, if necessary, to achieve an overall result  If on the day of the arranged match the home course is closed, or in an unplayable condition, then the match should, if possible, be switched to the course of the visiting team and played that same day. Green fees, if applicable, to be paid by the defaulting club  Matches to be played on current handicap index and in order of handicap index. It is not necessary to play the same team throughout the tournament |
| **Entrance fee:** | Each club to pay the designated entrance fee to the County by end of December.  If visiting teams are required to pay a green fee, then the green fees are to be paid for by the home team |
| **Eligibility:** | Teams to consist of 5 players who must be Berkshire County members.  Handicap Index limits set by the County currently 10-25 inclusive.  Members may not play for more than one club, nor may anyone play in the final who is a member of the course nominated. If a club reaching the final was unable to raise a team, then the venue of the final will be changed.  The captain or nominated representative selects the teams to play in the competition |
| **Results & Prizes:** | County Shield |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Match Secretary |

# THE INTER-CLUB SHIELD

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| This is a Berkshire County Golf Association competition | |
| **Format:** | Clubs in Berkshire affiliated to the County Association may enter a team for this Competition.  Teams consist of THREE players with Handicap Indexes of **maximum 30**. Each member of the team plays one round of STABLEFORD on current handicap, partnered by her opposite numbers in two of the other Teams. The team with the highest aggregate of the TWO BEST SCORES from the three cards returned will be the winner of The Shield |
| **Entrance fee:** | Fee set by BCGA annually.  Green fees for team paid by the Winter Hill Ladies section |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all Lady Members  Each player must be a member of the Club which she represents.  Each player must be a Full member of the Berkshire County Ladies’ Golf Association  No player is eligible to compete if she has played in the County First team in the current or immediately preceding year.  Players may compete with a Handicap Index up to 30.  NO CADDIES ARE ALLOWED FOR THIS COMPETITION |
| **Results & Prizes:** | County Shield  There will be a cup and prize for the best individual score |
| **Organiser:** | Ladies Match Secretary |

# INTERCLUB WINTER SCRATCH LEAGUES

(These are not run by B.C.L.G.A. Competition but are an associate group)

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| Gold, Silver, and Bronze Leagues | |
| **Format:** | The Gold and Silver Leagues are each played in divisions (Divisions 1, 2) throughout Berkshire; currently 7 teams in each division (20018/19)  The Bronze League has 3 divisions.  Matches are preferably played on neutral venue with the host club not playing on their home course.  The Gold and Silver season starts in March and finish in October.  The Bronze season starts in Oct and finishes in March.  Three matches of 4BBB Matchplay played off scratch.  Team captains choose pairings and order of play.  All the teams play on the same day on the same course.  Each club plays against a different club over the competition |
| **Entrance fee:** | None, players pay for their own refreshments.  Each participating club gives courtesy of their course for required number of tee times on the day they host the comp |
| **Eligibility:** | Open to all Lady Members   * Gold league no minimum Handicap Index * Silver league minimum Handicap Index 12 * Bronze league minimum Handicap Index 20.1 |
| **Results & Prizes:** | Trophy |
| **Organiser:** | Nominated Team Captain |

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# COMPETITION FORMATS

**4-ball-better-bal Matchplay:** A side of two players, each side playing against the better-ball of the other side. 4-ball-better-ball competitions are played off 90% of Course Handicap

The partnership may, at any time, make the order-of-play decision which they deem most advantageous but, on the putting green, it would be unsporting if this entailed standing on an opponent’s line.

**4BBB Stroke-play:** To keep the scores, the marker for each group identifies the fellow competitors as Player A and Player B, and the player with the better net score for each hole gets their gross score recorded in the appropriate column, otherwise that couple is disqualified. Always check to see that your card has been properly marked before handing it in. 4bbb Stroke-play competitions are played off 85% of Course Handicap.

**Foursomes:** Competition consists of two players using only one ball. The partners drive off on alternate holes and then play alternate shots until the ball is holed. It is up to each partnership to decide which of them will tee off on the first hole, bearing in mind the advantages which may be gained from any handicap allowance or driving distance. Foursomes’ competitions are played off 50% of the combined Course Handicap. Played off lady’s card.

**Greensomes:** Competition is played in much the same way as a foursome, the only difference being that instead of taking alternate shots from the tee, both partners drive on every hole. The partnership then chooses which drive to play and then the pair play alternate shots. Greensomes competitions are played off 60% of the low Course Handicap and 40% of the high Course Handicap. Played off lady’s card.

**Stableford.** The scoring of this competition is based on a points system for each hole played.

For a net score of one over par 1 point

For a net par 2 points

For a net birdie 3 points

For a net eagle 4 points

For a net albatross 5 points

Example – Par 5 hole (on which you receive one stroke)

For 7 strokes (net 6) 1 point

For 6 (net 5) net par 2 points

For 5 (net 4) net birdie 3 points

For 4 (net 3) net eagle 4 points

For 3 (net 2) net albatross 5 points

The winner is the player accumulating the highest number of points for the stipulated round.

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# GENERAL GUIDELINES

# Match-Play

Prior to the start of a match, you and your opponent should declare handicaps and note where strokes are to be given or received. If the handicap declared is higher than it should be (and it affects the number of strokes given or received), that player will be disqualified, but, if the handicap declared is lower than it should be, that player plays off the lower handicap with no redress.

# Stroke-Play (MEDAL)

You are responsible for seeing that the correct handicap Index, course handicap and strokes received are on your card. If you submit a card to the Committee without your handicap, you will be disqualified. If you declare a handicap lower than that to which you are entitled, you play off that lower handicap.

Dates for matches

It is the responsibility of all players to offer three dates for knockout competitions see Competition Rules Number 3 (c) in the Winter Hill Diary

**COMPETITION PAYMENTS**

**All Medals, Stablefords, Trophy’s and Fun Competitions**

Entrance fee £3

60% OF TOTAL COLLECTED WILL BE PAYED OUT.

**Knockout Competitions and nine-hole winter league**

50% of income split 60:40 1st and 2nd place.