

Summer Tee-times

Background

Weekend Tee-times have always been an issue both in our own club and others. Over the years we have tried various ways of trying to be fair to all members looking to play during peak times. These have included putting a ball in a slot, a fixed permanent timesheets and more recently an experiment with weekly on-line booking.

One of the statements we (as a council) have heard over the last few months is "If it's not broken why change it". The truth is the current system is 'broken', with too many members abusing the privilege of having a prime weekend tee-time, for example a fourball on Saturdays with a slot between 08:00 & 11:00 only played 5 times out of a possible 68 over the previous summer period. In fact during the same period, 48 players used their reserved time less than 25% of their available tee times, and 13 other members not using their tee time at all. As you will know there has always been extreme pressure for times especially for those before 11am, and with all the figures reviewed we cannot continue with things as they are.

Therefore this summer the council has decided that:-

- All members are reminded that they have booked a tee-time to play in the competition.
- The permanent timesheet will be published as before, but in addition all times will be uploaded to BRS online booking system.
- This means that the members have their time pre-booked for the whole summer and do not need to book each week/month.
- It will then be the responsible of the member to **remove** his name from the time-sheet each time he knows that he doesn't intend to play on a particular day.
- If the member doesn't remove his name, then the following sanctions will be applied.
 - First offence – Email/ photo call reminding member of the rules.
 - Second offence – Removed from the time-sheet for the following week.
 - Third offence – Removed from the time-sheet for a month / 4 weeks.
 - Fourth offence – Removed from the time-sheet for the rest of the summer.

Notes

- Members must report to the proshop prior to going to the first tee.
- Names for a Saturday need to be removed from the timesheet (either calling the proshop of online) by 4pm on a Friday.
- Names for a Sunday need to be removed from the timesheet (either calling the proshop of online) by 4pm Saturday.
- Captain's day, etc will still be booked as in previous years.
- The monthly Open Sundays will still need to be booked online.

Benefits

It is hoped:

- That we will end up with more members able to play in competitions.
- Players who on occasions, need an earlier or later time would be able to book a free one earlier in the week and not have to hang about the car park on the off chance that a free slot will come up.
- Seventy-seven members who played last year and who do not have a tee-time would be the same as those in the point above and be able to plan their Saturday/Sunday golf earlier in the week and so boosting the numbers playing in the competition.