

Competition Survey Analysis Results



(Carried out in March 2017)

In all, there were 231 responses to the survey with 149 fully completing it.

The following are the results to the questions and a few of the responses, concluding with a summary.

PAGE 1: About You

Question 1. What age are you?

Answer:- Average age of responded is 48

Question 2. What handicap do you play off?

Answer:- Average handicap of responded is 14

Question 3:- How long have you been a member of Moyola Park Golf Club?

Answer:- Average membership of responded is 15 years

PAGE 2: Type of Competition

Question 4. Thinking of the types of competitions which are currently held throughout the year at Moyola. (192 Responses)

	Not enough	Just right	Too many
Stroke	29.17% 56	57.29% 110	13.54% 26
Stableford	10.42% 20	71.35% 137	18.23% 35
Team	18.75% 36	58.44% 112	22.92% 44

Question 5. Please help us understand why you selected the answer above: (92 Responses)

- With team comps it's too difficult to arrange four balls for everyone.
- In summer time u want to be getting our handicap down cannot do that with team games.
- Captains drive in is the most enjoyable competition of the year. But this only occurs once a year. Why?
- Stroke slows up play.
- Stroke encourages you to finish each hole and improves you all round game.
- One stroke comp per month isn't enough as this is a stronger test and focus of your golf. Appreciate the band width of handicaps in the club and how stableford suits this but just the medal isn't enough
- Stroke is true golf.
- High handicappers have an advantage in stableford comps.

- Golf is an individual sport played with friends and acquaintances, therefore playing 4BBB or 4 person scramble is not the reason why I play golf. It may be good fun, but ultimately not improve me as a golfer. By saying that there is not enough stroke competitions, it is by inference saying there are too many other types of competition. I know people don't like stroke competitions, but this is the purest form of golf. One Saturday stroke competition and one Sunday stroke competition in the month (i.e. one in four) is not too much to ask. We don't see the Masters or the British Open played as stableford or any of our provincial or national championships, so people need to get used to playing it if they wish to improve their handicap. Coming in with 42pts and 2 no scores on your card is fine. But having to work continuously for a score at a hole is tough after hitting bad shots. I know. I've been there - having a 6 footer for a 9 and knowing I have to hole it (because I don't know if the computer excepted 10 at one hole). So in short, to 'give up' for 2 holes and still have a good score and be rewarded 9/10 times for it is fine - but not the volume of times MPGC currently play.
- Stroke is the truest form of golf but conversely the slowest.

Question 6. Is there another format which you would like to see the club running? (67 Responses)

- More scrambles. They are fun and popular. Again there balls need to be included in any format. More mixed opens on a Sunday - that is where both men and women can enter and compete as opposed to actual mixed competitions involving a male and female partnership
- There should be more open days at Moyola, when the weather is decent April through to September, can run an open every Tuesday/Thursday when those 2 days is dead anyway, get people in playing our good course and bring in a bit of money
- 7 club challenge Ladies tees for men Big hole events All pin position on slopes on scrambles 9 hole events
- No Very happy with singles stableford or stroke.
- V par is a great competition which is never played at Moyola
- Stroke events over a couple of days with the player being required to qualify for the 2nd round. Gives it more of a professional feel.
- Perhaps more mixed competitions would be an idea. Similar to captains drive

PAGE 3: Prizes

Question 7. Having reviewed the current prize fund for a Saturday. The total prize fund for this day is £330, do you think? (154 Responses)

	Not enough prizes	Just right	Too many prizes
The prize structure has	14.28% 22	44.16% 68	41.56% 64

Question 8. Please help us understand why you selected the answers above: (150 Responses)

- Less prizes give out and more money given out
- To many prizes
- the category prizes helps distribution
- should only be 1st 2nd and 3rd no categories prizes

- It has to encourage members to enter competitions. I think that too many prizes can lead to problems.
- Don't need 2nd place category why is there a seniors prize (I plan in it next year) under 50's can't play on a Monday for the prize!
- Generally most of us are there for a game of golf, not to win prizes, but on the days it does all click, it would be better to win something more significant. Too many and too much in the scratch pot which is limited to half a dozen members who will win it between them
- It isn't about financial reward - we are amateurs
- 7or8 prizes is enough not 12or13
- Although prizes normally don't apply to me these days, i do play wuth people who win regularly. You pay a five pounds entry fee and u sometimes get a £10 or £15 voucher which is simply disgraceful. Less prizes bigger value prizes.
- Far too many prizes, no need for 2nd category prizes on a Saturday or a Sunday make the prize worth winning not £15/£10 vouchers, a golfer doesn't wake up on a Saturday and think I want to finish 2nd in my category with 34 points to win a £15/£10 put the prizes up and do away with 2nd category prizes. Gross gets £20 but 1st category gets £25 how does that make sense, a player goes round the course in 66 shots gets £5 less than someone who shoots 90 shots, it's not the low golfers fault that he has a smaller field to beat, good golf should be rewarded not penalised. Seniors prize ? Why is there a seniors prize, there's a seniors day every Monday. There's no under 30/40 prize so why is there a seniors prize. Open week prizes were terrible this year as well they went down £10 3 years in a row for the winner of the 2 man scramble, open week the prizes should be better not worse
- The utmost importance for me is my handicap and of course the prize helps however I do feel that it is important to spread the prizes as best as is practical. It is also important to maintain as much profits as is possible from these funds which in turn helps to further progress the condition of our great course and facilities
- We give too many irrelevant prizes at the weekend. Prizes should be 1st & 2nd overall, Gross and first in the 3 sections. No other prizes should be given out. Seniors is for a Monday not a special prize for Saturday or Sunday. Prizes should be £100 first, £50 second, £60 gross and £40 for each of the sections.

Question 9. Having reviewed the current prize fund for a Sunday. The total prize fund for this day is £170, do you think? (154 Responses)

	Not enough prizes	Just right	Too many prizes
The prize structure has	22.07% 34	38.31% 59	39.61% 61

Question 10. Please help us understand why you selected the answers above: (69 Responses)

- Should only be 1st 2nd and 3rd no category prizes.
- Increase to £250 but must be spent in our own pro shop.
- Pay more on less prizes.
- Achievement more important.
- The prize should not relate to the day but the number of entrants as some members may be unable to play Saturdays and should have an equal right to compete for prizes

- Ridiculous amount compared to the amount you get from entry fees.
- Club revenue needs to be protected.
- Too many categories. A smaller number of categories each with a higher value might be better.
- Prizes this day should be limited to 1/2/3 and three categories only given this traditionally only has 90-100 entrants.
- Not everyone is available to play on a Saturday due to work commitments. Too much of a difference between days.

Question 11. Having reviewed the current prize fund for the Winter Saturday. The total prize fund for these days is £120, do you think? (154 Responses)

	Not enough prizes	Just right	Too many prizes
The prize structure has	25.32% 39	57.79% 89	16.88% 26

Question 12. Please help us understand why you selected the answers above: (178 Responses)

- This seems like too much for winter event but again should be percentage of total.
- Pay 1-3 and gross.
- Achievement more important.
- Problem is not the prize fund, but some of the outrageous scores that are reported.
- You could have just the top 5 through Winter.
- 1st 2nd and 3rd is enough in the winter time there very little people playing in the competition put the prizes up a bit and just have 3 prizes.
- Again the money cannot go round 9 prize winners So reduce the number say to 6 from 9.
- Prize for winning competition or coming in first 3 is rubbish.

Question 13. Having reviewed the current prize fund for the Winter Sunday. The total prize fund for these days is £90, do you think? (154 Responses)

	Not enough prizes	Just right	Too many prizes
The prize structure has	33.12% 51	51.30% 79	15.58% 24

Question 14. Please help us understand why you selected the answers above: (48 Responses)

- There should be a minimum of £100.
- Achievement more important.
- Not many play, maybe 2 prizes is enough, maybe more people would play then?

PAGE 4: Club Competitions

Question 15. Do you play in any of the following Club Competitions? (149 Responses)

Answer Choices	Responses
McIlwaine Belt (Pairs)	42.95% 64
Salver (<18)	25.50% 38
Tollite (18+)	9.40% 14
Winter League	30.20% 45
Eclectic	27.52% 41
Thursday nine hole	38.93% 58
None	28.19% 42

Question 16. Is there any changes that the club could make to encourage you play in more competitions? (75 Responses)

- Create a new competition for those who are retired and available on weekdays.
- Better prizes for Winter league.
- Winter league participants should get preference for tee off times not the later in the day ones so they can get finished before it gets dark in the short days
- Better prizes and champions board in the club.
- I played in the winter league every year up to a few years back, when it was open to one card a week with controls around when it had to be lodged the competition was far better. And as previously some stupid winter scores make you question why bother.
- Punish people who do not return cards.
- More team events with shotgun starts this might also increase the use of the bar and restaurant.
- More chances to play on a Sunday along with my wife in open stableford competitions that both men and women can compete in.
- Stop hoarding all the competition money and show some respect to the members.
- Not really, just think the prizes are not very good.
- Less Slow Play across all League's & Competitions. Slow play is what puts me off weekend golf.
- No.....would like to play more.....but it would befor enjoyment.....attempt to reduce my handicapand enjoy company of fellow members....of either sex btw.....and if I need to look for financial gain try my luck at lotto or poker type machines.....
- Yes. Have booking systems that runs weekly so that spaces are available for those who don't play or cannot commit to playing every week. The timesheet is often blocked by players who have block booked and have no intentions of being there every week nor the manners to cancel their bookings and even if they did the computer is not showing freed up times.
- More stable ford and less team format. Didn't pay 700£ to play in team formats on a Saturday. Individual is best.

- Unless you go into the locker room and see the notice you wouldn't know they were on, social media invite to all to say get a partner and put your name forward would get me to play.
- Winter league structure very unsatisfactory. Has to be one card a week max.
- I think a 9 hole comp and prizes should available sat and Sunday for those who don't have the time to play full 18 holes.
- The summer comps (belt, etc.) are quickly losing appeal and entrants. Perhaps a qualifying day and the top 32 enter into a head to head or league format to decide semi finalists.
- New Club Championship event. Play the qualifying as part of a Saturday medal and take the top 8 gross scores who then play match play against each other like some of the belt competitions.
- Better notice when competitions are coming up maybe monthly emails with details off all competitions that are coming up and how to enter.
- No, I think the club is doing ok.

Summary

Firstly, the Council would like to thank all those who have responded to the survey. By the variety of responses it has proven the old saying '*you can't please everyone*', but Council will endeavour to please as many as it can.

Page two, asked about the type of competitions which are played during the weekends. The responses are recorded on the table for question four with a selection of responses in question five. In reviewing the answers the majority of respondents are content with the mix of competitions which are played. A large number of players (29%) requested more stroke while 23% thought that we had too many team events. A few responses suggested a variety of different comps for example vpar, more shotgun starts and unisex competitions. These suggestions, (which are very good but some are impractical) will be considered carefully and we will try to incorporate them throughout the year.

Page three, asked about the prize funds for all weekend competitions. Questions seven and eight were particular about the Summer Saturday competition. A slim majority thought the prize structure was 'just right' but a sizable number thought that there were too many prizes and therefore the prize fund was too thinly spread. There was also a lot of responses re; gross and senior prizes. Questions nine and ten were about the Summer Sunday competitions, with the answers very similar to the Saturday answers.

Questions eleven through to fourteen consider the Winter Competitions with a large majority happy with the prizes as they are.

All these points will be taken into consideration and most likely a new prize structure will be published before the start of the Summer season. Due to the budget restraints as outlined by the treasurer at the AGM, this new structure will not see an increase in the prize fund unless more players start competing in the competitions.

Page four, questions fifteen and sixteen enquired about the other club competitions and how many of the respondents played in the various comps. A few ideas were submitted and these will get reviewed by the council.