



**MALDEN GOLF CLUB  
LADIES SECTION  
INFORMATION AND COMPETITION  
OVERVIEW**

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## Introduction

Welcome to Malden Golf Club! This document is intended to give you an overview of the Ladies Section within the club Golf Club and to provide information on the annual club competitions for ladies. It should be read in conjunction with information posted in the Members Hub 'Club docs' section of ClubV1 (more on that below).

Welcome to Malden Golf Club Ladies Section. We are a friendly sociable club and we encourage our members to participate in as many Club events as possible – whether golfing, whatever your ability, or social.

Throughout the year we have a number of events you can choose from, be it the annual Coffee Morning in aid of the Lady Captain's chosen charity, fun events such as a Summer Greensomes and Supper, and friendly team matches, as well as a regular schedule of Majors and Qualifying competitions, Medals, Stablefords.

The Lady Captain or a member of her committee are always willing to help if you need further info or have any questions. Please don't hesitate to ask. Contact details are posted on the Committee notice board in the Ladies Locker Room.

Note: in the current circumstances some of the organised events and competitions are subject to alteration or cancellation so that we may keep our members safe and secure.

### Getting started: ClubV1 and What's App Groups

Malden Golf Club uses the ClubV1 Member App for Android or Apple IOS. Search for 'ClubV1 Members Hub' in Playstore or IOS Apps. The same information can be accessed via the [Malden Golf Club](#) website – click on Members Hub.



You can use this to book a tee time, sign up for a team game or a competition, view your handicap and check out the competition results. The App will also notify you of the Course status – very helpful when the weather is less kind and the course is closed!

Plenty of useful information can be found in the Club docs section – from Club governance and Club policies or the history of Malden Golf Club.

The Club diary is also available through the app/ members hub. A paper-based version is also available. As dates are set in advance for the year the diary is very much a guideline of

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what is expected to be happening – sometimes the weather or a pandemic has other plans! The online version is therefore more reliable.

Please make sure your own contact details are correct and you have ticked to make them visible! If you don't do this you will not receive automatic updates from the Club including the Captain's newsletter. You can look up the contact details for any other member - useful if you have drawn someone in a knockout and need to arrange a game.

We also have a number of What's App Groups to notify us all about informal games in particular- if you are looking for someone to join you for a few holes or a round, this is a good place to start! Please reach out to the Lady Captain who can ensure you are added to the appropriate What's App group(s).

If you haven't yet fixed up with a playing partner for competitions you can still enter your name online and others will then see that you are looking for a partner. The Pro can also help fix you up (e-mail the Professional: [professional@maldengolfclub.com](mailto:professional@maldengolfclub.com) ).

### Notice boards in the Ladies Locker Room

You can access the Ladies Locker Room using your club card or a pin code (ask in the Pro Shop as this is changed on a regular basis).

Keep an eye on the notice boards in the Ladies Locker Room lobby, and within the Locker Room itself for info on upcoming competitions and social golf events, on Friendly matches versus other clubs, Pearson Trophy info, Surrey County, Committee details, general notices, updated guidelines and course info, as well as details on Bridge, and other useful information.

### Dress Code

The Club's dress code is on the club [website](#).

### Tuesday and weekend golf

You may wish to play golf every day, and in all weathers (course opening permitting) – there is no limit!

We currently have reserved tee times for the Ladies Section on a Tuesday morning – a separate tee sheet is available online. This allows us to play our Medals, Monthly Stablefords and social golf events in a 'block' – and whilst we cannot socialise together in the current environment, we can at least wave to each other across the fairways!

The first tee time is typically reserved for the Lady Captain and she will invite members to play with her, but otherwise feel free to add your name to an empty tee time in the online booking system. If you've already organised with your playing partner(s) the booking system allows you to book them in with you when you make your own booking.

In the event you need to remove yourself from a tee time booking, or play at a different time, it is good etiquette to let your partner(s) know as they may not have seen the change on the booking sheet.

Of course, its not always possible to play your golf on a weekday, and for those ladies wishing to play their competition matches or Spring and Autumn Meeting games at the weekend we have reserved tee times available.

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Note: it is possible to play when the men are playing a competition on a particular day (even when you've not entered the competition), and you play in the same format as the competition (e.g. stableford, fourball etc.)

### Getting a handicap and joining in

If you're a new member and don't yet have a playing handicap you need to complete 3 cards. Ask the members who nominated you to mark a card for you, ask the Lady Captain's Committee, use the What's App groups to fix up a game and ask your partner to mark a card, or speak with the Professional. Once you have your handicap you are able to join in on the fun!

Any questions on handicaps or rules can be addressed to the Professional.

Remember that for certain competitions there is a handicap limit. The Terms of Entry of each competition or event will specify who is eligible to play and any handicap requirements or restrictions.

### Keeping up with the pace of play

Per the Rules of Golf 2019: 'A round of golf is meant to be played at a prompt pace'

Please:

- keep up with the players in front – NOT just ahead of the players behind!
- Allow faster groups to play through
- Play "ready golf" in friendlies and stroke play in a safe and responsible way. (In a match you and your opponent may agree that one of you will play out of turn to save time.)

Please read the Pace of Play document in the Club Docs section on ClubV1

## COMBAT SLOW PLAY ON THE GOLF COURSE

**BE** on the Tee in good time

**BE READY** to play when it is your turn

**ALWAYS** keep up with the game in front of you

**IF** your tee shot *may not* be found – take a provisional to avoid walking back

**LOCATE**, identify and play your ball – before helping others find theirs

**PACE** - wave the game behind you through if they are faster than you

**PARK** your trolley/ golf clubs at the rear of the green

**EXIT** the green promptly and mark your cards on the next tee

**FIRST** player should tee off and then mark their card whilst the other members of the group are playing

**WALK** with purpose between shots and be mindful & considerate of those playing with you and around you

**IDEAL PACE OF PLAY**

3 hours 30 mins maximum for a 2 ball

3 hours 45 mins maximum for a 3 ball

4 hours maximum for a 4 ball

**PLEASE KEEP TO THESE GUIDELINES & MONITOR YOUR PACE OF PLAY**

**Academy Membership**

The Club offers Academy membership so that those new to the game of golf can learn and improve with supervised lessons and the opportunity to get out on the course and put the theory into practice.

Academy members are encouraged to play, and for the Lady Academy members we have a group of full Lady members who will happily volunteer to go out on the course to play a few holes (or more!) and offer encouragement and friendly advice.

**The Roundhouse**

What better than to have a quick breather after the 9<sup>th</sup> hole, grab a cup of tea/coffee or a cold drink and a snack to set you up for the back nine!

The Roundhouse offers refreshments (watch out for notices re opening hours) and members are encouraged to drop by, take advantage of what's on offer, and re-group prior to heading to the 10<sup>th</sup> tee.

**Catered events**

Possibly not relevant for a while, but where an event is catered and you have signed up but are then unable to attend, please give at least 48 hours' notice or you will be charged for the meal.

**Ladies AGM**

The Ladies AGM typically precedes the Club AGM by a few days and provides the ladies with an opportunity to hear from the outgoing Lady Captain who presents her report, and the incoming new Lady Captain.

We also agree the proposed members for the Lady Captain's Committee – a team who support the Lady Captain in looking after the interests of the Ladies Section and ensuring its smooth running.

We can raise, discuss and vote on Resolutions to change the way things are run, where these pertain to matters within the control of the Ladies Section and not for matters which affect the whole Club. The latter may be put forward to the relevant Club committee for agreement and action.

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All full and 5-day lady members are entitled to vote. Social members and Academy members are welcome to attend as well. If you are unable to attend please email an apology to the Lady Captain.

### Comments and Suggestions

The Lady Captain and her Committee are here to help you get the most out of your club and to enjoy your golf. Please feel free to contact them with comments, ideas and suggestions.

Alternatively, you can email comments and suggestions about the Club or Course to the Club Manager ([manager@maldengolfclub.co.uk](mailto:manager@maldengolfclub.co.uk)).

## Ladies Competitions

### Overview

The Diary on the Members hub/ ClubV1 contains all the Ladies (and mixed) competitions and events.

Competitions and inter-club Friendlies are run by the Professional. See the appendix at the end of this document for details on the main competitions held throughout the year. Friendly matches are hosted by a Match Captain.

Social golf / events are organised through the Social Committee chaired by the club Captain.

Entry fees for competitions and other events should be paid beforehand. Entry fees for a knock-out competition must be paid before the first round. Failure to pay may result in disqualification. Most entry fees are paid through the Pro Shop. Fees for Friendlies and some social events are paid to the organisers.

All the Knock-outs and other Major Competitions and some of the social events are generously sponsored by Members who provide the prizes. Should you be lucky enough to win one of these prizes – it's good etiquette to send a thank-you to the Sponsor. The winner should also thank the sponsor, referee, 'trolley puller', organisers etc. in her thank-you speech at the presentation. The presentation would normally take place on the same day as the competition, when all results are in.

When playing a match or any competition you should be on the tee at least 10 minutes before your tee-off time. Please remember that the Tee Times are there for players intending to play in the competition. When signing up online please try not to leave gaps in the tee time list. If you are not playing in the competition – you are welcome to play at the end of the field.

Please see the R&A Rules for full details of how to play and score different formats of golf.

If you enter a competition you are expected to have a working knowledge of the Rules of Golf – it's a good idea to carry a rule book in your bag or download the R&A app. If in doubt phone the Pro Shop OR, play out the hole with 2 balls in parallel (1. play your original ball from the position it landed and 2. Use a second ball, take relief, and play out the hole. Record both scores and consult with the Pro Shop on arriving back at the clubhouse before entering your score in HowDidIDo).

Please remember to check that you are available on at least one of the 'Final Dates' before entering a knock-out competition. A date will appear in the diary as the preferred final date, and a second date is also shown as an alternative weekend or weekday. The decision as to the date on which the final will be played will be made once the finalists are known. The alternative finals date was introduced to encourage both full and 5-day members to enter knockout competitions.

If you are top of the draw in a match you should promptly offer at least three dates to your opponent. The 'play by' date should not be offered – except as a last resort. If your top of the draw opponent has not contacted you – please make contact with them and offer dates.

If a 5-day member needs to play a knock-out match at the weekend a reduced green fee is payable. Approval must be given by the Pro or the Lady Captain in advance. The green fee is waived for a final.

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Any difficulties or disputes in arranging dates should be referred to the Pro and Lady Captain who will decide each case on its merits.

In early rounds (i.e. not a semi-final or final) less holes can be played (if its not possible to play the full 18), and as a last resort the flip of a coin can be used to determine the result. Please try to play your match when possible rather than give a walkover (a walkover should be reserved for illness or unexpected circumstances).

No extensions are made to the play-by dates – this is an MGC ruling. The only exception is for a semi-final, provided it is played before the final date, and with the agreement of the players concerned, the Pro and the Lady Captain.

All knock-out finals have a referee. Caddies are not allowed until the final round of the competition (it is traditional for the losing semi-finalists to offer to caddy in the final). Caddies may go onto the green but they must not interfere with the pace of play.

In normal times we encourage spectators but as this is not currently permitted the referee shares a detailed match report after the event.

### On the day: checklist for playing in a competition

1. Check the format of the competition (in the Competition Description)
2. Double check your handicap index (ClubV1), check your course handicap on the board outside the Pro Shop, and calculate your 'shots' (ask the Pro if you're not sure)

Singles Match Play	FULL handicap difference
Fourball Better Ball	90% of difference off lowest handicap.
Greensomes / Foursomes	½ combined (we play this format at MGC)

3. Sign in and pay in the Pro Shop
4. Be on the tee 10 minutes beforehand
5. Write up your card correctly. **NB During Covid, do NOT swap cards but do keep a note of your partner's score on each hole so you can both double check at the end of the game**
6. When you finish, cross check your scores with your marker and enter your score in HowDidIDo (if you encounter a problem doing this speak with the Pro Shop). Please enter a score rather than a nil return if possible, and please enter your score immediately after play to allow the competition to close.

### Picking up in a Medal

It is a common misconception that you can't pick up in a medal and you just have to slog away until you sink that darned ball! This is NOT TRUE - You CAN pick up in a medal. HOWEVER, you will then not be able to win any prizes, but the score will be adjusted and will count for handicap purposes. So, it is a judgement call, but it is allowed.

If you're having a bad hole, we would advise that you pick up, take a deep breath, and record a nett double bogey. The rest of your score card will help set the playing conditions calculation for the day for everyone else so please keep going and fill in the rest of your scores!

### Buggies and Trolleys

Buggies can be used at any time (unless banned due to the weather). Preference will be given to those with a medical condition. In Finals, the Sponsor or Lady Captain should be consulted.

After prolonged periods of bad weather, we are sometimes asked to 'carry only'. Trolleys should not be used in these circumstances.

## Bridge

### Overview

Malden Golf Club's Bridge enthusiasts can choose to participate in external leagues, Golf and Bridge competitions and charity competitions, all organised by fellow members of the club. There is usually a turn up and play practice session on a Monday afternoon each week.

#### Organisers:

External Bridge matches (Palace League)	Connie Savory
Golf and Bridge Competitions (Spring and Autumn)	Kumi Fukuhara
Afternoon Winter Bridge	Noushin Warner
Christmas Charity Bridge	Liz Beaumont & Kumi Fukuhara
Monday practice sessions	Taken in turn by everyone

During Covid these events are naturally impacted. This year's Winter Inter Golf Club League was sadly postponed, for example, as not enough clubs could guarantee sufficient team members.

The Bridge Group are currently playing online (via BBO: Bridge Base Online) on Monday afternoons between 2.00 and 4.00 pm. There are approximately 20 players currently signed up and, subject to availability, we will play one Team game with 8 players plus any other groups of 4 playing a casual game. Please contact Connie Savory by email: [conniesavory@gmail.com](mailto:conniesavory@gmail.com)

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The Ladies Major competitions, marked with an **asterisk \***, are **played under a 'play to' handicap limit of 30, or 36 for veterans aged 70+**. Other competitions have specific handicap limits.

Knockouts have 2 final dates; a primary and alternative – one during the week and one at the weekend.

Knockout draws (match play) are random unless specified otherwise.

COMPETITION	COMPETITION RULES
ROWAN TROPHY	<b>Singles match-play</b> under handicap for ladies eligible to play in the Pearson Trophy (handicap limits to match Pearson rules: 13 – 34). Final: 18 holes, the primary final date is a Thursday as this is the typical Pearson day Established by Ms Liz Beaumont in 2008
* DAYBELL WINTER FOURSOMES	<b>Foursomes match-play</b> under handicap Final: 18 holes, primary date a weekday Established by Mr. John Daybell in 1964.
* CHALLENGE CUP	<b>Singles Medal play</b> over 18 holes; best 15 and holder to qualify for match play competition, followed by a seeded draw knock-out (holder is seeded 1). Final: 18 holes, primary date a weekday The Cup was presented by the Gentlemen of 'Raynes Park' Golf Club to the Ladies of that Club in 1912.
* RAYNES PARK FOURSOMES CUPS	<b>Foursomes match-play</b> under handicap. Final: 36 holes, primary date a weekday Competition initiated in 1933.
1933 TROPHY	<b>Singles match-play</b> under handicap for ladies with handicaps 28 and above (no upper limit) Final: 18 holes, primary date a weekday Trophy presented by the Ladies Committee in 1933.
BERNARD ELY CHALLENGE CUP	<b>Singles match-play</b> under handicap (limit 36) Final: 18 holes, primary date a Thursday Prizes presented by the President of the Club Established by Mr. Bernard Ely in 1930
HOLBROOK SCRATCH CUP & HOLBROOK PLATE	<b>Singles match-play.</b> The draw is seeded on handicap with last year's winner seeded 1. First round losers play for Plate. If a walkover is given in the first round the remaining player goes into the Cup but the person giving the walkover does not go through to the next round (this is to avoid tactical concessions). Handicap limit set by Committee (usually 24, aiming for a field of the best 16 players) Final: 36 holes SCRATCH Plate Final: 18 holes SCRATCH Prize for Cup Prizes for Plate Cup Established in 1936 by Mrs W. Holbrook and Plate presented by Mrs Ann Gems in 1988

* SAYER CHALLENGE BOWL	<b>Two 18-hole medal rounds</b> on consecutive days under handicap. Best nett aggregate. Established in 1938 by Mr A.J. Sayer
WINTERBOTTOM CUP	<b>Best nett aggregate Spring &amp; Autumn Meetings.</b> Prizes presented by the Ladies Section. Established by Mrs E. Winterbottom in 1948
* JOHN DAYBELL TROPHY	<b>Two 18-hole medal rounds</b> on consecutive days under handicap. Best nett aggregate. Established by Mrs John Daybell in 1952.
HOLE-IN-ONE CUP	<b>18-hole stableford</b> round under handicap for ladies who have holed in one on any full-length course. No handicap limits Presented by Mr & Mrs J.R.H. Brown in 1956
VETERANS' CUP Over 60s & over 70s	<b>18hole singles stableford</b> round under handicap for ladies 60 or over. No handicap limits Established by Mrs Edith Brown in 1959.
* O'LOGHLEN CUP	<b>Singles match-play</b> under handicap. Final: 18 holes, primary final date at the weekend Established in 1967 by Mrs Paddy O'Loughlen for Business Ladies.
MEDAL WINNERS' TROPHY	<b>18-hole medal round</b> under handicap for ladies who have won a medal in the previous year. Played during the Spring Meeting, automatic entry for all the previous year's medal winners (whatever their current handicap). Prizes presented by the Ladies Section Established by Mrs Joan Pearson in 1977.
* FOURBALL MATCH-PLAY TROPHY	<b>Match-play</b> under handicap Final: 18 holes, primary final date at the weekend Competition Established in 1993
CAPTAIN'S PRIZE TO LADIES	<b>18-hole singles stableford</b> round under handicap No handicap limits Prizes presented by the Club Captain Formalised by Mr David Robinson in 2015 (the competition had been running without Major status for some years).
* MALDEN CUP	<b>Fourball betterball stableford</b> 18 holes under handicap. Established by the Past Lady Captains in 2016. Played on a Bank Holiday.