

# HALFORD HEWITT CUP - 2012

## PRACTICE ARRANGEMENTS

### Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March

Reservations for not more than two starting times may be made in advance through the Hon. Secretary of the PSGS. This may be done by telephone or email. **Only 2 ball play is permitted.** The last day for reserving times will be Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February. After this date all unallocated times will be given to those societies who have requested more than two starting times. Requests for additional starting times should also be made in advance and Hon. Secretaries will receive confirmation of any additional requested in the week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> February.

**Only team members and named reserves may play on the free of charge practice days.**

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

The starting times for Wednesday are determined by the order in which Societies are drawn to play their first round match. These times are set out on back of the sheet detailing the conditions of play for the practice days. Hon. Secretaries are requested to send a copy of the conditions to their Team Captain and all other members of the Society team. It is the Captain's responsibility to ensure that his team is fully aware of the regulations. Please note that it is permissible for two Societies to exchange their allocated practice times provided that I am notified that such a rearrangement has taken place. **PLEASE NOTE THAT AFTERNOON TIMES ARE FOR TWO - OR THREE - BALL GAMES ONLY.** THERE MUST BE NO EXCUSE FOR NOT BEING AWARE OF THE TERMS UNDER WHICH SOCIETY MEMBERS ARE PERMITTED TO PLAY ON EITHER THE TUESDAY OR WEDNESDAY PRACTICE DAYS.

## TEAM ORDER

The team and correct order of play (FULL initials to be written clearly against each name) must be presented by the Captain or his representative to the Secretary's office not less than 30 minutes before the match is due to commence. Under no circumstances will the team order or pairings be accepted over the telephone.

## TEAM CAPTAIN

To ensure there is no misunderstanding regarding the rule governing advice during a match, each team must appoint a Team Captain, to be named prior to the start of each match. It is suggested that his name should be given when the team order of pairings is presented. A player may only consult with his appointed Team Captain; partner; caddy or partner's caddy. Other team members may not give advice.

## SLOW PLAY

**Delays in earlier matches escalate through the field with dreadful consequences for the later matches. Every effort must be made to maintain a reasonable pace. Marshalls will patrol both courses. They will act with the full authority of the Committee to intervene where they see slow play or delays and they will be in radio contact with each other. They must be respected. The target time for the first 9 holes at Deal will be 1 hour 30 minutes and at Sandwich, two hours to the 12<sup>th</sup> green. There will be static marshalls at both points monitoring pace of play.**

## ELIGIBILITY

The guidelines for eligibility to invite a member to represent a School Golfing Society in the Halford Hewitt are set out below. They are non-retrospective which allows anyone who has already participated to continue as an active member.

- 1) Secondary education must be completed.
- 2) Anyone under 18 on the first day of the competition will be ineligible.
- 3) Contestants must have spent a minimum of three full terms or the equivalent of one full academic year as a pupil at the school they represent with such periods having commenced not earlier than the age of 13.
- 4) Entry can only be made from one school ad infinitum.
- 5) Contestants must be a member of their Old School Society or its equivalent.

## DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES

During the Halford Hewitt a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If during the competition a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, windspeed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used. **Under the Rules of Golf advice on distance may be shared with opponents. In the interests of improving pace of play, please offer, and willingly, such advice to opponents.**

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- GREEN FEES** ANYONE WISHING TO PLAY, OTHER THAN DURING THE RECOGNISED PRACTICE TIMES, MUST PAY THE CURRENT VISITOR'S GREEN FEE **BEFORE** GOING OUT ONTO THE LINKS.
- NO PRACTICE ON COURSE DURING COMPETITION**
- During the Hewitt, it is not permitted to practice on the course before or after the day's play.
- DISABLED COMPETITORS – USE OF BUGGIES** Disabled competitors may use buggies to play in the Halford Hewitt provided that the following rules are met:
- The competitor is registered as disabled (i.e. holds a Blue Badge)
  - The competitor provides his own buggy and does not hire one from the club or professional where he is playing
  - The buggy must be open to the elements on all four sides
  - The buggy must have a speed-limiter restricting it to walking pace
  - The competitor is the only person allowed to ride in the buggy
- FRAME SALVER** Hon Secretaries or Team Captains are requested to advise the Hon. Secretary of any player who has completed 100 matches.
- STARTERS** Society supporters wishing to assist in starting the competition should contact Mr Roger Howard for Royal St. George's (01227 769288) or Mr Nick Owen for Royal Cinque Ports (07880 784379).
- TOLL GATE** The Sandwich Bay Residents' Association have agreed to allow free access through the tollgate upon production of the Green Draw Card. Additional copies will be available in the entrance halls of both host clubhouses. **Please ensure all members of your team and their supporters are aware of this condition. FAILURE TO PRODUCE THE CARD MAY MEAN YOU HAVE TO PAY THE TOLL FEE.**
- PRACTICE BALLS** Practice balls for use on the ranges are available from the Professional's Shop at both the host clubs.
- PRINCE'S PLATE** Details of the Plate competition are enclosed. The competition will start on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Each school society is requested to select a team captain. It will be the Captain's responsibility to ensure the names and the team order are given in person to the Plate organiser at the administration desk at Prince's and that their team are ready to meet their starting times. This is essential to make sure the event runs smoothly. **Competitors in the Plate do not have to have taken part in the Hewitt.**
- THE PETER KENYON BOWL – LITTLESTONE** The Peter Kenyon Bowl will be held at Littlestone Golf Club (Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March) for which the conditions for entry are enclosed. **Please note that you do not have to be playing in the Hewitt to enter this competition.** Pairs wishing to enter should reserve starting times through the Secretary's Office at Littlestone (01797 363355) to avoid disappointment, and indicate at the same time, their requirements for lunch or a snack to help with catering arrangements. Starting times are available from 9.30am.
- LADY COMPETITORS** Lady competitors representing their Society in the Hewitt and playing at Royal St George's have a standing invitation from the Captain of that club to enter the Smoking Room in the clubhouse. Lady supporters not competing in the Hewitt are requested to use the Writing Room. There are no restrictions on ladies at Royal Cinque Ports.
- DRESS REGULATIONS** There are requirements at both Clubs regarding the manner of dress within their Clubhouse. Players and supporters must at all times conform to these regulations. Players should also note that jeans are not acceptable at either Club, on the links or in the Clubhouse.
- RECORD OF RESULTS INFORMATION / ALBUMS** Copies of the 2011 results page will be left for collection in the entrance halls of the Clubs. An album containing all the available results from 1924 – 2011 is available from the Hon. Secretary at a price of £175.
- TEAM PHOTOGRAPHS** The cooperation of the 8 teams in the quarter-finals is requested. Arrangements have been made for a photographer to be at the Royal Cinque Ports clubhouse on Saturday morning. Please would the Captains of all quarter-final teams coordinate with the photographer. It is suggested that the winners of matches 5 and 6 on Saturday morning be photographed on coming in and that the remaining teams are photographed on going out.

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## **RYE GOLF CLUB**

The Committee wish to bring to the attention of all Members the requirements of Rye Golf Club, who so kindly offer their hospitality before and during the tournament. Rye will be open to **Halford Hewitt Team members only** on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> March.

- Green Fees **which are charged at a reduced rate, must be paid before playing.**
- Games will be foursomes only.
- Starting times must be reserved in advance through the Secretary's Office and before arrival at the Club (Telephone no.: 01797 225241).
- To assist the catering staff, please notify the Club at least 24 hours in advance if lunch is required.

## **STOLEN CLUBS**

The PSGS and the host clubs will not accept responsibility for the loss of clubs or equipment. Members are strongly advised to make sure they have adequate insurance cover and to lock clubs in the car boot. They should not leave them unattended at any time.

## **WEBSITE**

It is hoped that the website at [www.halfordhewitt.org](http://www.halfordhewitt.org) will in future contain more up to date photographs and reports of the current Hewitt. Would teams please provide the Hon. Secretary with anything they feel might be of interest, or amusing or irreverent anecdotes for possible inclusion in the website.

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