# STOCK BROOK GOLF CLUB

2024

An Introduction for New Members



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# Welcome from Craig Laurence - Director of Golf

As Director of Golf, may I take this opportunity to welcome you to the club and wish you a long and happy membership.

Stock Brook Golf Club opened in 1992 and has gained a reputation as one of the premier golfing venues in Essex.

I am sure you will enjoy playing all three nines, Stock, Brook and Manor, which all offer their own individual challenges.

Apart from the golf we have a full social calendar, various annual events include - The Captain's Ball, Presentation Day, Quiz Nights and other fun evenings, Drive-ins, and many more. Our Summer Sunday Hog Roast and Jazz on the terrace is a favourite with our members too.



A great way to meet other members and enjoy a relaxed few holes in the evening are at the Club Nights. These are held every Thursday between April and September, it's a turn up and play between 4 and 6 pm, we also have a few prizes, a bite to eat and drinks back in the clubhouse.

All the sections are now thriving and together with the main committee (enclosed in this introduction) we, as a golf club, are here to assist and answer any queries or questions you may have.

More information can be found on the members' area of the Stock Brook website:

http://www.stockbrookgolfclubessex.co.uk/members-login.html

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I look forward to seeing you at the club soon.

Craig Laurence Director of Golf

# Welcome from Michael McGowan - Club Captain 2024

On behalf of the Golf Committee and Members, I wish you a very warm welcome to our club.

There is something on offer here for everyone, regardless of your golfing ability.

As your Captain for 2024, I will do everything I can to ensure that you get the most out of your membership.

I have a huge passion for the game of Golf and since becoming a Member of Stock Brook Manor, I have had involvement with most areas of the club one way or another. I will be very happy to pass on my knowledge to you. I can help you meet other members, obtain a golfing handicap, get involved with Club Competitions, Social Events and maybe represent our Club in its various inter-club Team Competitions.

When you see me around the club, come and say hello, or if you would like to sit down and have a chat about anything, please drop me an email at sbmcaptain@gmail.com

If you are fairly new to the Golf, please don't feel daunted or intimidated, everybody started somewhere. Don't be fooled into thinking everyone who is a member of a golf club is good at golf too!

Best wishes for a good golfing year.



Michael McGowan Club Captain

# Welcome from Linda Gregory - Lady Captain 2024

This is the second time I have taken on the role of Lady Captain and on behalf of the Ladies section, I would like to welcome you to our club. It was a privilege to be Captain in 2012 and I look forward to representing all the ladies again this year.

I have been a member of Stock Brook Manor for over 23yrs now and think of the Club as my second home! Over this time I have made many lasting friendships and in the past have served on the Club Competitions Committee and as Secretary on the main Committee for many years. Our Ladies Day is a on Tuesday when we tend to meet up for coffee before the golf and possibly a glass of wine after the golf! We also have an alternative day, which is Saturday, for those of you that work.

In the winter months, we run 9 and 18-hole fun competitions, weather permitting, before moving onto our Trophy and Qualifying competitions in the Spring. All our competitions are entered via our HowDidiDo booking system, which you can either do online, or by using the clubhouse terminal once you are registered and have your handicap.

If you do not yet have a handicap, we can help with this. We have many members that will be happy to play the required number of rounds with you, to enable you to submit cards and obtain your handicap.

We also have our Captains' days in the summer which are great social days as well as enjoying the golf. The ladies have an 'away day' where we go to play at another course and enjoy a meal together. There are other social events throughout the year for everyone to enjoy.

I'm really looking forward to working closely with both the Club Captain, Michael McGowan and the Senior Captain, Kevin Friend this year. The ladies section have a great relationship with the Men's section and we have many mixed competitions at weekends so please join in as many as possible, as these events are great fun. If you would like to

enter, but do not have a partner, we have many men that would be more than happy to play.

From April to September along with my husband, Mark, we run the popular Thursday Club Nights which are a great way to meet other members and enjoy 9 holes of golf. It is run on a turn up and play format from 4pm with prize presentation and meal in the clubhouse when everyone is in.

We also have a Ladies Section Facebook page so we can keep you up to date with anything going on.

I hope you will enjoy being a member of our Ladies section and look forward to meeting you.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Linda Gregory, Lady Captain



# Welcome from Kevin Friend - Seniors Captain 2024

As Seniors Captain this year and on behalf of the Seniors Section, I would like to welcome you to our Club.

We have excellent golf teaching pros and an excellent driving range.

To join the Seniors section, it's a £10 one-off payment and forms can be found on the Seniors board.

For those without a handicap, we can help. Many members will be happy to play with you for the required number of rounds to enable you to submit cards and obtain your handicap.

We have a robust section, with over 130 active members. Seniors are extremely active within this club. We play every Wednesday (providing the course is open). We also have friendly matches against other local clubs.

For those who only wish to play 9 holes, we have a competition, also on Wednesdays.

So, if you're over 55 and wish to join a vibrant and enthusiastic bunch of people, then you are more than welcome.

I look forward to meeting you.

If you have any questions, then please contact me on email:

k.friend62@aol.co.uk



Kevin Friend Seniors Captain

# Welcome from Darren Clark - Junior Organiser 2024

Our Junior/Cadet section is for our younger members up to the age of 18 years and is developed around the coaching of our professionals. We have seen several players join the professional rank, of which we are very proud.

Towards the end of each month (the dates are in the club calendar) we hold a junior competition for our members – this is for both boys and girls of all playing abilities. Some of our better players play the full 18 holes, whilst others, who perhaps are not up to that yet, play a 9 or even a 3-hole competition.

Each year we hold a Junior Open at Stock Brook and as a club we enter all available Essex competitions as well as some national competitions. Indeed, several of our existing players represent the club at a county and national level.

For those who are not yet able to obtain an official handicap our handicap secretary can assign a 'club handicap' of up to 54. This is great for new players as it gives them something to play to and a goal to improve upon.

This is a great and friendly section for both boys and girls and we look forward to seeing you soon.



Darren Clark Junior Organiser

# Introduction to Handicaps – by Chris Clarke, Club Handicap Secretary

Welcome to Stock Brook. If you are joining us from another club and already hold an official handicap, then you will likely be familiar with handicapping and mostly interested in the paragraph 2 below which explains the process for you to transfer your handicap to Stock Brook.

It is, however, very possible you are joining the golf section as someone new to the game. I set out below a very brief introduction to handicapping as my main aim here is to encourage you to take the necessary steps to secure an official handicap at the club. This allows you (as well as those transferring with a handicap) to actively participate in club competitions and other golf events, such as Club Night. As you play more and more rounds, you will build up a proper record of your progress and, hopefully, see measureable improvement based on the data you will be able to access in the various systems available to you!

Those of you coming to Stock Brook with a handicap will already be aware that, in November 2020, we saw a major change in the way handicaps are calculated and we now operate under the World Handicap System. This still relatively new approach has 2 key aims – to have a single global handicapping system and, secondly, to adjust the handicap a player receives based on the difficulty of the course played, not just their playing ability. So in practice, we now see a variation in our handicaps from course to course and also depending on the Tee used. Under the WHS rules, the number that represents your ability on a course is known as your Handicap Index. This assessment of your playing ability is established initially on completion of 54 holes of golf. It is steadily fine-tuned as you play each subsequent round of golf until you have submitted 20 'qualifying' scores. Your Handicap Index is then based on the best 8 scores and is then maintained on a rolling basis. That is, as you play further rounds the most historic score of

These 'qualifying' scores are entered into the system through your participation in club competitions or by arranging your own 'General Play' rounds. These rounds were previously referred to as casual or recreational rounds but these terms, while now out-of-date, are also misleading. General Play rounds must be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf and competition rules. Scorecards must be properly filled in and rounds completed and scores submitted, except for certain exceptional circumstances. These scores are recorded and closely checked in the WHS system. More information on General Rounds will be supplied as and when you are notified of your handicap.

If it seems complicated, that is because it is! However, the complexity is in the detail – in reality the various supporting systems/Apps take care of everything for the player. Clubs are also required to display information on the ratings for their course/tees and therefore, overall, the player does not have to be too concerned about all the detail.

More information on the various Apps available to you is contained in the Introduction to Competitions which follows as well as the final section to this booklet. Also, further and more detailed information regarding handicaps and related matters can be found on the Members website using the following link:

http://www.stockbrookgolfclubessex.co.uk/members/cd4.php

the past 20 drops out of the calculation.

You may also wish to look at the WHS website itself which contains a large amount of additional information.

There are 2 ways to obtain a Handicap Index (HI) at Stock Brook:

#### 1. Obtaining a HI for the first time

If you have not held a handicap before or it has been over 12 months since leaving the last club, you will need to submit between 3 and 6 scorecards (totalling at least 54 holes) for rounds played at Stock Brook. The cards must be clearly marked 'For Handicap Index' and should each be for 9 or 18 holes on any of the Stock Brook Manor course combinations. Please clearly indicate the date of the round/s, tee used, your name the marker's name and signatures. The marker should be a member with an existing handicap.

This initial 'batch' of scorecards should be placed in the left-hand slot on top of the desk located immediately under the computer terminal (Competitions Screen), in the ground floor lobby/stairwell area between the golf reception and door into the bar/clubhouse. Please also attach a note with the following essential information:

- Your name
- · Date of Birth
- Email address
- Mobile telephone number
- 5 or 7 day membership status
- Confirmation of Tee/s used on each scorecard

The Handicap Secretary will enter these initial scores into the WHS and Club V1 systems and you will then be notified of your WHS Membership Number (known as a CDH Number) and your initial handicap. Once you have a CDH Number, you will be able to log in and access both of these systems. You will also be responsible for entering subsequent competition or General Play scores (previously called Casual Play scores/rounds) in the system.

Your handicap will be further refined once you start playing in qualifying competitions. Alternatively, you can submit scorecards for General Play rounds) – once you have a CDH Number and official handicap, however, your actual scorecard still needs to be put in the same desk drawer as mentioned above.

#### 2. Transferring your HI from another Club

If you were previously a member of another club and therefore hold an official HI, then the procedure is simpler as you do not need to submit initial scorecards covering the 54 holes mentioned above. Assuming you have an existing CDH Number, then please provide the name of your previous club together with your CDH Number (if known) and the personal information listed in the bullet points above. You can do this using the Golfing History pro forma supplied to you with this welcome booklet and putting the same desk drawer as described above. A copy of the pro forma can also be found on the club website using the link below:

https://www.stockbrookgolfclubessex.co.uk/members/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/New-Member-Golfing-History-Proforma.pdf

If you are a member of more than one club, then you must nominate a Home Club, to ensure you only have one CDH Number and Handicap Index.

Should you have any queries about the above processes or any other aspect of handicapping then please contact our Handicap Secretary on SBMHandicaps@gmail.com

Chris Clarke, Handicap Secretary



# Introduction to Competitions – by Phil Watson, Club Competition Secretary

Welcome to the Club where we hope you will get to know, play golf and make friends with many of your fellow members. Undoubtedly one of the best ways to achieve this is to take part in the numerous competitions which will be open to you and which we encourage you to enter.

#### Overview

Across the 3 sections of the club; Men, Ladies and Seniors, we run many competitions throughout the year, these include; singles, pairs and team competitions and cover a wide variety of formats, including; Strokeplay, Stableford, Matchplay, Foursomes, Greensomes and Texas Scrambles. Don't be put off by the different formats, if you enter a competition the rules will be explained when entering and will soon become familiar to you.

Each section is responsible for the running of their own competitions and all competitions are laid out in a club calendar for the year.

#### **Entering Competitions**

All the Main Club competitions are open for booking to members at least 2 weeks in advance of the competition date. Details for each competition can be found in a number of ways, via Club V1 Members Hub, club PSI (computer terminal in the clubhouse) and at <a href="https://www.howdidido.com">www.howdidido.com</a>. Many members find the HowDidIDo (HDID) App as the best method for keeping up to speed with competitions which will be available to you once you have an Active Handicap, after which you will be able to register.

Whichever method you use to access the competition, you will be able to find full details about the competition including; the format, entry conditions, the entry fee and the tee the competition will be played from. Book yourself into the competition via Club V1 Members Hub, HowDidiDo or the club PSI. Any fee will be taken from your ClubV1 Account at the time of booking, so please ensure that you have sufficient funds available when making a booking.

### **Trophy and Honours Board Competitions**

There are a number of competitions throughout the year for which there is a trophy, some of which also have an Honours Board in the Clubhouse.

For these competitions, including knockout competitions, a draw takes place which will determine your tee-time and who you will be playing with or against. The draw is posted on ClubV1, HowDidIDo and on the PSI terminal and for some competitions emailed to all competitors.

On the day of the competition, a member of the Competition Committee will be in the Clubhouse to register and answer any questions that you may have. You will also be expected to Sign-In to the competition online prior to your round. Please also be at the first tee at least 10 minutes prior to your designated tee-time to ensure all entrants tee-off at the designated time.

Upon completion, enter your score on either HowDidIDo or the PSI terminal and ensure your card is signed by your playing partner and placed in the card drawer in the clubhouse.

#### Men's Monthly Medals, Monthly Stablefords and Midweek Medals

What might be regarded as the staple constituent of all golf clubs' programmes, these competitions are held every month throughout the year, weather permitting.

At Stock Brook, we usually have the following every month

- Monthly Strokeplay Medal, usually on a Saturday around the start of the month
- Monthly Midweek Strokeplay Medal, on a Monday within the first 2 weeks of the month
- Monthly Stableford, played on a Saturday in the second half of the month
- Monthly Sunday Stableford, played around the middle of the month

You can enter as many or as few of these competitions as you wish. There is no handicap restriction, however, players with Inactive handicaps can enter, but cannot win - this provides those players an ideal route to achieving a Competition Handicap.

The club reserves a number of tee times for these competitions, usually between 7.30am and 10.00am, which you can book on HowDidIDo or ClubV1. Your entry fee will also be taken at the time of booking.

For these competitions, you are not restricted to playing in the reserved time, you can play at any time on the day of the competition. Simply enter the competition on ClubV1 or HDID on the day and ensure you sign-in to the competition prior to commencing your round. In these situations, you will need to ensure you are accompanied by another member with an Active Handicap to mark and sign your card.

#### Golfer Of The Year

Each section of the club runs a Golfer Of The Year Competition, which is awarded to the golfer who has performed the most consistently across certain competitions throughout the season. For the Men's section, this covers 8 competitions and the individual men's knockouts. To be eligible for the Golfer of The Year and the competitions that contribute towards the points, you will require to have at least 7 qualifying scores on your handicap record in the 12 months prior to the closing date for entries.

#### **Trophies and Medals**

In October every year we have a Presentation Day which commences with a Mixed Texas Scramble followed by a meal and presentation of trophies and prizes to those members who have been fortunate enough to win any of the associated competitions. Together with Captain's Day and Captain's Drive-In these rank as highlights of the year's sociable events, with usually over 100 members from all sections taking part in the golf competition and more joining in the post-match celebrations. These days are not to be missed, particularly if you wish to get to know fellow members.

## **Team Inter-club Competitions**

Stock Brook field teams in the following men's competitions:

Thornton Cup – Essex Golf Union competition is played off scratch, but typically the Team would have HI's below 6.0.

Leslie Wood – Essex Golf Union competition for HI's of 6.0 and above (typically 6.0 - 10).

Norman Plum – Essex Golf Union competition for HI's 11.0 to 24.0.

Jubilee Cup - Essex competition for HI's 10.5 to 20.0

We also enter a number of competitions in the Ladies and Seniors Sections, details of which are available from the relevant Competition Secretary.

Should you have any comments or queries regarding Competitions please do not hesitate to contact me via the email below, or if you bump into me at the Club.

 $I^\prime m$  always happy to have a chat or run through all of the above with you while you settle in at the club.

Have a great time at the Club and enjoy the Golf!



Phil Watson Club Competition Secretary SBMComps@gmail.com

# How we use Members' funds - by Graham Page, Club Treasurer

As a Stock Brook golf club member, you will pay an entry fee to play in each club competition. These competition fees make up the majority of the income that we receive, which is then used to pay for three main activities:

- The support of our club teams and representatives in the Mens, Ladies, Seniors and Junior sections, in County and National competitions;
- Awards for club competition winners, along with the maintenance and engraving of the trophies which are awarded on Presentation Day at the end of the season;
- Social functions which are held several times during the year. These have included
  a quiz night and a games evening in the past, and the Members Funds provide a
  heavily discounted, and sometimes free entry for members to these popular
  events.

All expenses that are paid from the Members Funds are agreed by the Main Committee, and accounted for by myself. Each section has their own social fund, which they manage themselves, but these are consolidated into the main accounts.

I prepare monthly accounts which are reviewed by the Committee and included as part of the Committee meeting minutes, which are available for all members to see. I also complete a set of audited accounts at the end of the financial year, which are presented at the Annual General Meeting.



Graham Page
Treasurer
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#### IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR NEW MEMBERS

## **Booking Tee Times**

Tee time booking is done either directly at golf reception, by phone on 01277 658181 or through the Elite Live App (download for free from your App store). You will need a personal log on code which can be obtained by contacting <a href="mailto:Proshop@stockbrook.com">Proshop@stockbrook.com</a> who will check your email and allocate you a log on and email you with instructions of what to do. You will be able to book either 5 or 7 days in advance, depending on your golf membership.

#### Obtaining a Golf Handicap (if you don't already have one)

See the above section written by the Handicap Secretary.

More information about handicaps can be found on our SB Members Website at: <a href="http://www.stockbrookgolfclubessex.co.uk/members/cd4.php">http://www.stockbrookgolfclubessex.co.uk/members/cd4.php</a>.

# **New Members Groups**

If you are looking to play but find it hard to get a playing partner and are looking to have 3 cards marked for you for handicap purposes, then we have a group called 'SB Choppers' which is a group of guys that have come together via WhatsApp (and communicate through that app) - very often having been in that exact situation – that are willing to help make a tee time or sign a card.

If you would like to join the SB Choppers group – then please email me at <a href="mailto:SBMCaptain@gmail.com">SBMCaptain@gmail.com</a> with your mobile number and I will arrange to get you introduced to the team.

#### Facebook & Members Website

As well as many posters and display notices around the Clubhouse, we have a Members Facebook group and a Members Website which have extremely useful information about the club and its activities. These can be found at:

Facebook: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/SBGCMembers/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/SBGCMembers/</a>

Website: <a href="http://www.stockbrookgolfclubessex.co.uk/members-login.html">http://www.stockbrookgolfclubessex.co.uk/members-login.html</a>

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# Club V1 Members Hub, HowDidiDo, England Golf & Club Competitions

We run many competitions which can be entered (once you have a handicap) by using the software HowDidiDo (HDID) and Club V1 Members Hub. Both of these exist as applications that are accessible on your mobile phone (download the app from your App Store free of charge) or from a desktop PC using the link

https://stockbrook.hub.clubv1.com/. In order to register, you must be on Club V1 Members Hub so will need to speak to the Handicap Secretary at SBMHandicaps@qmail.com to ensure you are recorded on our system.

Payment for competition fees is made from a Competition Account held on Club V1 Members Hub which you will need to fund using a debit or credit card – see instructions on back page.

We hold weekend Medals & Stablefords competitions (3) each month. You need to book using HDID/Club V1 Members Hub – with the entry fee (currently £3) payable on booking from your competition account. The format of these competitions is 'start sheet' meaning you choose your tee time, your group or add yourself to a group. Competition details can be found by using the "i" icon for information in HowDidiDo.

Men's majors & mixed competitions are 'drawn' competitions – add yourself to the list (providing you meet the qualification criteria) and you will be added into the draw. We have starters and the draw sheet is sent to entrants prior to the competition. Entry fee

is paid on booking using HowDidiDo/Club V1 Members Hub.

The MyEG (England Golf) app can be downloaded from your App Store and used to check you handicap and record casual rounds.

#### **Club Night**

On a Thursday evening (4:15 – 6:15 start), during the summer months, we run a Club Night Social for **all members**. This is a roll-up competition over 9-holes and is an opportunity to meet others and play golf in a relaxed way – followed by food and a half-priced drink at the bar! A great place to meet new golfers.

#### Seniors Section - over 55

If you are over 55, you are eligible to join our very active Seniors Section. They run competitions in both 18 and 9-hole format every Wednesday morning throughout the year. To find out more information on how to join this section – please contact Jim Inches, Seniors Membership Secretary on <a href="mailto:quintet@blueyonder.co.uk">quintet@blueyonder.co.uk</a>

#### Creating & topping up a Competition Account balance



#### Club V1 Members Hub

The Club V1 Members Hub can be downloaded (free of charge) from your App Store for mobile phone or tablet – or accessed via your browser on PC or laptop at: <a href="https://stockbrook.hub.clubv1.com">https://stockbrook.hub.clubv1.com</a>

Once logged in to **Club V1 Members Hub** – you will see that there are many features that you recognise from the HowDidiDo app. You will find at the bottom, the Competition Balance – this shows you the balance that you have available for booking onto competitions and the transactions that have taken place on your account. **It also is the area to add funds to your competition account. Adding funds:** 

- By clicking Competitions Balance button, will take you through to your transactions and a 'Top Up' button
- The Top Up button will take you through to the Stock Brook Golf Club 'HowDoiPay' section where you will be able to choose the amount you wish to top up using a debit or credit card. Select the amount you wish to add, then under Payment Methods click the 'Pay Using Card (OB Payments)'. Recommended amount £30.
- Either enter or confirm your address on the next page
- Enter the card details (either Visa, Mastercard or Maestro) that you wish to use. There is an option to 'save card details'. This will mean that for future payments all you will need to do is enter your 3-digit CVV number to confirm payment. This is an option you can enter your card details each time you top up if you prefer not leave them on the system.
- Finally make payment by using the PAY button

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Stock Brook Members Facebook page		https://www.facebook.com/groups/SBGCMembers/
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Online competition
How-Did-I-Do
www.howdidido.co.uk

Online competition results

Online information & ClubV1 Members Hub competition fees

England Golf EGU / EWGA www.englandgolf.org/

England Golf Members Site www.englandgolf.org/members

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