



TWIGS Golfing Society
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1. RULES AND CONSTITUTION (Revised 5th March 2020)

1. SOCIETY NAME

The name of the Golf Society shall be TWIGS (The Whalebone Itinerant Golf Society).

2. SOCIETY ETHOS

The Society shall promote social golf and fellowship in accordance with the Rules of Golf as directed by the R&A (Royal and Ancient. Golf Club).

The Society shall annually raise funds for a charitable organisation.

The Society shall be a non-profit making organisation.

3. OFFICERS

The Society shall have the following officials and officers as voted at the AGM or as otherwise elected. A member may fulfil more than one role if no member nominee can be found.

PRESIDENT (Committee)

SECRETARY (Committee)

TREASURER (Committee)

CAPTAIN (Committee)

VICE CAPTAIN

HANDICAP CHAIRMAN

FINES CHAIRMAN (Charity)

WEB MASTER

JUNIOR MEMBER

4. PRESIDENT (Non-Electable)

The President will preside and Chair, where possible, at all meetings. In the event of any division or dispute The President shall have the casting vote.

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5. SECRETARY (Electable)

The Secretary shall deal with all correspondence and communications relating to the Society and will liaise with all officers regarding the day-to-day affairs of the Society.

He shall liaise with the Captain over all events and produce regular Newsletters to the members relating to such events and any other Society news or business.

He shall provide the Captain and other officers with attendance information for all events and meetings. He shall record minutes of all meetings and arrange such meetings as required.

He shall be responsible, within budgets agreed by the Treasurer, to select and provide all trophies for TWIGS events plus the return of Main Trophies to be inscribed ready for the Presentations at the AGM.

6. TREASURER (Electable)

The Treasurer will be responsible for the financial affairs of the Society.

He shall keep updated records of all transactions and make payments as required.

He shall prepare a Financial Statement re the affairs of the Society and present this at the AGM and advise accordingly the level of annual subscriptions.

He shall be responsible for liaison with the Societies elected Bank or Building Society.

There shall be three agreed signatories for cheques or any type of payment with any one of elected three having authorisation to make such payments.

The Treasurer or his elected signatory will be responsible to clear and finalise all payments satisfactorily at any function or event.

7. CAPTAIN (Electable)

The Captain shall be responsible for the running and co-ordination of all events.

On alternate years, he shall also be responsible for the organisation and co-ordination of the TWIGS v MAGS Challenge Match. This shall include team selection and pairings.

He will select and negotiate with Club Secretaries Dates, Venues and Costing's for all TWIGS events and present these at the AGM generally held in March.

In conjunction with the Treasurer he shall purchase Prizes for events and meet any budgets set by the Treasurer.

He shall organise and co-ordinate all presentations.

8. VICE-CAPTAIN (Electable)

The Vice-Captain shall be selected by the Captain and confirmed at the AGM.

The Vice-Captain shall assist the Captain as required. Primary duty will be to purchase prizes for the events.

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9. HANDICAP CHAIRMAN (Electable)

The Handicap Chairman shall head a committee of selected members to oversee, recommend and implement such changes to member's handicaps as deemed necessary to reflect their present playing ability.

10. FINES CHAIRMAN (Electable)

The Fines Chairman shall be responsible for raising funds by foul means of fair for the Captains annual charity donation.

11. WEB MASTER (Electable)

The Web Master shall be responsible for the construction and maintenance of the TWIGS website.

12. JUNIOR MEMBER (Gopher, Electable)

This is a non-official position, non-electable with no voting rights.

He shall aid with all officers at all meetings or Events as requested.

This position has no specific term of office and shall be reviewed annually by the Captain or consensus at the AGM.

13. CHARITY

An annual Charity donation derived from various fund raising activities will be linked and added to the dedicated Annual Charity of the Whalebone Freehouse as part of The Norwich Inns Group charitable activities.

Members will have the opportunity to propose a charity for consideration at the December meeting of the Norwich Inns Group via the President.

14. EVENTS

Annually the number of events shall be agreed (currently seven) as selected by the Captain which will qualify for the Main Annual Trophies these will be known as Qualifying Events.

Prizes will be funded for the Qualifying Events by the Society all bar two of the events, which are generally sponsored by trade suppliers.

Prizes to the value as agreed by the Treasurer will be given to at least the first three best scores plus nearest the pins etc. at each of the Qualifying Events.

Each member will have a TWIGS Society Exact Handicap.

At each Qualifying Event, Society handicap adjustments will be made by an adjustment calculated at each event based on a season start handicap and a competition standard (average) score using a similar system to the CONGU category adjustment system. This adjustment can be up or down. The handicap secretary can make further adjustments up or down at his discretion.

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15. MAIN TROPHIES

Qualifying Events will accrue points or scores on aggregate and will be based on the player's best five performances in any one year.

15.1. THE PELHAM PLATE

Stableford points "Front 9".

15.2. THE PAT COLLINS TROPHY

Stableford points "Back 9".

15.3. POOLE CUP

Stableford points "Front and Back 9".

15.4. JIM RENNIE CUP

Event attendance, all events, 5 points, plus

All event placing's, 1st 5 points, 2nd 3 points, 3rd 1 point.

15.5. THE CAPTAINS TROPHY

Stableford points played over 18 Holes on the final qualifying event of the year, which will be Captains Day.

16. MEMBERSHIP

There shall be no restriction to the number of members. Members will abide by the rules and constitution of the society.

Prospective New Members shall be introduced by an existing member and judged to be liked minded to those currently within the Society.

New Members should have an official club handicap or at least deemed to be a competent golfer and aware of the rules of golf and course etiquette.

It is agreed that the revised Rules and Constitution herein for TWIGS Golfing Society, dated 5th March 2020, are truly documented.

17. DATA PROTECTION

Within the administration of TWIGS, members email addresses and telephone numbers are held and under no circumstances will this information be shared with a third party without written permission of a member.

It is assumed that members do not object to this data being shared amongst fellow members of TWIGS, but by request, in writing, this information will be restricted.

(President)

(Treasurer)

(Captain)

Dated