

Competition Newsletter 2016

There are a few changes to the Teesside Golf Union competition structure in 2016.

Before detailing these changes, I would like to thank all those who took part in the various competitions during 2015. The extra competitions organised at the beginning and end of the season have been well supported and meant that the Annual Subscription will not change for 2016. We have had some good feedback from the Mixed Competition held at Wynyard and, with this in mind, a further Mixed Competition has been arranged for April at Eaglescliffe Golf Club.

During 2015 all clubs were canvassed regarding the structure of the Wednesday Night League. In particular some clubs in the third division were having problems in fielding a competitive scratch section; this was hampering their ability to field a team. After much discussion by the Executive and after consultation with the Council, the following was agreed. The third division will for 2016 have four scratch players and eight handicap players. There are no changes to the first and second divisions.

In 2016 the Union celebrates its Diamond Jubilee and a special event is being held at Eaglescliffe Golf Club on Friday June 10th. Clubs have been informed of the format. More details will be circulated in the New Year.

We have made a significant change to the NYSD Championship. It will become an Open competition. I would like to thank Plenary Project Solutions for their sponsorship. Posters are in the process of being distributed to all clubs. Good prize money available and order of merit points for both Yorkshire and Durham Counties.

After consultation it has been agreed that the Abraham Salver will become an 18 hole competition. Qualification does not change. The experiment of holding the NYSD and Abraham Salver on the same day has been scrapped.

In line with CONGU regulations the handicap allowance in the Senior League will change from $\frac{3}{4}$ to 90%. Maximum allowed 1 stroke per hole.

Geoff Snowden – Competition Secretary.