

# Westerham Vets Online Resources

The Westerham Vets committee has introduced/adopted the following online resources.

- A: Westerham Vets webpage
- B: Vets Online Noticeboard
- C: Online Tee Booking Procedure
- D: Mobile Sign-in and Score Entry Guide
- E: Finding your handicap: My England Golf app & the World Handicap System
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## A: Westerham Vets webpage

Our webpage is hosted on the club's website. Direct access is via <u>https://www.westerhamgc.co.uk/golf/vets</u>. The webpage heads up the publication of information for our Vets. It offers a handy 1-page list of our annual fixtures; step-by-step guidance for our 'Online Resources' (ie: sections (B) to (F) below); and a cascaded list setting out what we do and the way we do things.

# **<u>B: Vets Online Noticeboard</u>** via the Society Golfing website

This uses the Society Golfing website (SG) in place of a physical noticeboard.

Go to <u>https://societygolfing.co.uk/index.html</u>, click on Access Your Society Area and log in with username "WestVets" followed by the password which is issued confidentially to all Vets and changed from time to time.

Use this system to view our privacy notice (see 'constitution'); the elected committee; diary of events; notices; and to sign-up for friendly matches and some internal competitions. Both the SG diary and HowDidiDo website (see C below) show which of the two sites should be used to book into an event. SG's booking opens about a month in advance and team selections/order of play sheets are published at least 14 days before each event.

For when you need to review core information there is a link to the Vets webpage in the top right corner of SG.

### C: Online Tee Booking Procedure via the HowDidiDo website or app

We utilise two online booking systems: one provided by Society Golfing (SG) and one by the club's service provider: HowDidiDo (HDiD).

Please use the SG system – our online noticeboard - to book into 'Friendly' matches and Special internal events. Use HDiD for booking into Monthly Medals, Qualifiers and the Vets' Tuesday and Thursday designated slots.

The Diary feature in SG indicates which system you should use for any particular event.

The rest of this Section C is about the HDiD system.

#### Booking via HowDidiDo:



You may access HDiD via a Computer, or via the iphone or android app.

To register, go to the HDiD website at <u>www.howdidido.com</u>, enter your email address, click on "Register" and create your Password. You now have 24/7 access.

#### Using the HowDidiDo website via a computer:-

Log in to HDiD and click 'Booking' which is displayed on the top menu bar as shown below:



Here (for example) you will see "Vets Times Tuesday 23rd June" - Click on "Book Now" and select your preferred time. You will also see the names of other Vets who have already booked to play on that day. Just enter your name against your chosen time. You will receive a Booking Confirmation by email. The system allows you to book times for other players, by agreement, but **please avoid double booking**.

#### Using an iPhone

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Download the app free of charge from the Apple App Store. Once logged in, the process is much the same as with the HowDidiDo website as shown above, although you will need to "click" on the menu icon which is signified by three small horizontal parallel lines in the top right hand corner of the iPhone screen and then click on "Booking"

#### Using the Android HowDidiDo App



The HowDidiDo App is available to download free of charge from the Google Play Store. Once logged in the process is much the same as when using an iphone.

# D: Mobile Sign-in & Score Entry

After following the booking procedure described above, your name will appear on the 'Booking – Member' page of HDiD followed by a number in brackets. This number is your playing handicap for the event. Section E below gives more information on handicaps. For simplicity, we have decided that for <u>all</u> events booked via HDiD the playing handicap shown on the HDiD 'Booking – Member' page will apply. This will not accord with the handicap allowances table published by England Golf for team competitions.

Signing in for a competition to be scored by HDiD (which is distinct from your initial HDiD booking) and entering your score are done via the HDiD system. **NB: you must sign in on the day that you play and before you start your round.** 

1) Open the HowDidIDo app, click the 3 horizontal lines in the top right corner, and select 'Today's Golf'. Alternatively, use the computer website to access 'Today's Golf'.



2) Select **Sign In**, find the relevant competition and click on the 'Sign In' button.



3) After you complete your round, go back into Today's Golf, select 'Score Entry' and select the relevant competition – **NB**: the system will not accept a score unless you have signed into the competition.



4) You will now be able to cycle through the golf holes using the – and + buttons to enter your score. To enter a score for a hole which you did not play, or on which you picked up, enter a zero or click on 'No score'. Once all scores have been entered, check the summary and select 'Confirm' then 'Finish'.

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Please note:

Should you not wish to use the app or not be able to relay your scores to the pro shop, score entry can be done using the touchscreen in the clubhouse or via the HowDidIDo website when you get home.
NB: Scores must be entered on the same day as the competition day. Entries the next day or beyond will not be included in the competition.

# E: Finding your handicap: My England Golf & the World Handicap System

'MyEG' is an app from England Golf which supports the World Handicap System. For details and download go to <u>https://www.englandgolf.org/handicapping/whs-app</u>. Register using your Central Database of Handicaps (CDH) number, available via the pro shop or from your HDiD profile page. This app will show and revise your handicap index after every qualifying score is submitted, and enable you to work out your course handicap for a certain set of tees at any golf club in England on any given day.

#### World Handicap System:

The purpose of the World Handicap System is to enable golf to be handicapped fairly over courses with differing degrees of difficulty. To enable this to be done, all courses have been graded in terms of difficulty; this

measurement of difficulty is termed the slope rating. Similarly, the average performance of golfers has also been measured from scores they have submitted and each golfer has been given a handicap index.

From these two measures a formula is used to calculate the individual golfer's course handicap. This formula is as follows: Course handicap = handicap index x slope rating / 113.

This calculation usually results in a number with several decimal places which is then rounded up or down to the nearest whole number.

When a golfer is playing, the golfer is given a playing handicap, which is a percentage of the course handicap. Different percentages are used according to the format being played. (See the handicap allowance table below).

#### Handicap Allowance

The percentage of a Course Handicap recommended to create equity for all players participating in a specific format of play. See below a list of all formats of play and the recommended Handicap Allowance.

Formats of Play	Mandatory Handicap Allowance	Formats of Play	Mandatory Handicap Allowance
Individual stroke play	95%	Best 1 of 4 stroke play	75%
Individual stableford	95%	Best 2 of 4 stroke play	85%
Individual par / bogey	95%	Best 3 of 4 stroke play	100%
Individual Maximum Score	95%	All 4 of 4 stroke play	100%
Four-ball stroke play	85%	Scramble (4 players)	25%/20%/15%/10% from lowest to highest handicap
Four-ball stableford	85%	Scramble (2 players)	35% Low / 15% High
Four-ball par / bogey	90%	Total score of 2 match play	100%
Individual match play	100%	Best 1 of 4 par / bogey	75%
Four-ball match play	90%	Best 2 of 4 par / bogey	80%
Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap	Best 3 of 4 par / bogey	90%
Greensomes	60% Low handicap + 40% high handicap	4 of 4 par / bogey	100%
Pinehurst/Chapman	60% Low handicap + 40% high handicap		

#### Three ways to work out the handicap:

#### Method 1

For all competitions booked on HDiD under the bookings tab, the golfer's playing handicap will be shown in brackets after his name.

#### Method 2

With an Apple device, using the My England Golf app, open the tab "more", then open "WHS Course Handicap Calculator", type the name of the course you intend to play in the search box, when the name of the course appears, click on it and you will see your handicap index, the slope rating and your course handicap. Apply the appropriate reduction to obtain your playing handicap. A similar procedure can be followed using an Android device.

#### Method 3

Look up your handicap index - found on your profile page of HDiD or the My England Golf App.

Use the "Look up" table on the handicap notice at every golf club. (See picture next page). This supplies the course handicap for all handicap indices and all tees in use for that golf course.

Apply the appropriate reduction to obtain the playing handicap (rounded to nearest whole number).

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#### At Westerham:

Our slope ratings are Mens' White Tees 131, Mens' Yellow Tees 126, Women's Tees 127.

Unless otherwise advised for particular events:

 For simplicity, we have decided that for all events booked via HDiD the playing handicap shown in HDiD (95% of the course handicap) will apply. This will not accord with the handicap allowance table published by England Golf <u>for team competitions</u>.

- Playing handicaps for matches against other clubs and fourball matchplay competitions (for example our Pairs Knockout) will be calculated as shown in the England Golf handicap allowances table (90% of the course handicap).
- Playing handicaps for individual matchplay (for example our Singles Knockout) will be 100% of the course handicap.

# F: Competition Procedures and Rules & the Competition Account

All Qualifying Monthly Stablefords & Medals will take place as displayed in the HowDidiDo Booking System and as shown in the diary on our Society Golfing online noticeboard.

#### i) Booking Competition Tee Times

Competition entry will be available via the HowDidiDo Booking facility two weeks prior to the date of each Competition. Competition tee times will commence at 08.00 during Summer Months and 08.30 in the Winter months. The club allocates adequate tee times to the Vets Section.

#### ii) Sign-in and Score Entry for Qualifying Competitions

Please follow the instructions set out in Section D above. Competition results will then be shown on the 'Results' page on the HowDidiDo website and handicap adjustments made automatically – and notified to you by email.

#### iii) Fee Payment for Qualifying Competition days – via the Competition Account

We no longer use cash to pay for any competition. All Vets now pay into the Competition Account which is managed by our Treasurer.

You are requested to pay in **at least £20.00** by Bank Transfer to 'Westerham Vets Golf'; Sort Code: 40-40-32; Account No. 61542680. As the reference please state 'COMP & your name'. On receipt, a credit for the amount will be set up in your name within the Account.

When you book into a Vets Qualifying Competition day a fee (usually £3) will be deducted. A statement will be circulated at intervals to act as a reminder for you to make your next top-up. It will be your responsibility to maintain a credit balance.

#### iv) Qualifying Competition Rules (points 4 – 6 apply only while COVID-19 restrictions remain in force)

- 1. All Qualifying Competitions held March to November will be played off the White tees; those played December to February being played off the yellow tees.
- 2. 'Gimmees' are not allowed.
- 3. If you cannot score on a hole, or have reached your maximum score in a maximum score competition, you are required to pick up to keep up the pace of play.
- 4. In the absence of bunker rakes, bunkers will be in play and you will be allowed to pick and place (but not clean) your ball up to 6 inches but no nearer to the hole
- 5. Flagsticks must not be removed
- 6. Score cards must not be swapped but must record your score and the score of one of your playing partners. As soon as possible after the completion of your round you must mark and sign your own card and enter only your own scores into the HowDidiDo Mobile Score Input facility via your smart phone, tablet, laptop or PC (section D above). Please retain your score card for four days for checking in the event of a query or dispute.
- 7. Prizes as noted on the Vets online noticeboard will be awarded to the first three places in each Qualifying Stableford Competition and Monthly Medal. In addition, each medal winner receives an engraved trophy.
- 8. Always observe and adhere to the Safety Guidelines issued from time to time by the Club Management.