BRADFORD & DISTRICT RABBITS GOLF ASSOCIATION

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HANDBOOK 2020

The following is an extract from the MINUTES of the inaugural Meeting of the new ASSOCIATION, which was referred to as THE BRADFORD & DISTRICT RABBITS GOLF ASSOCIATION dated 9th April 1948.

"Invitations to attend this Meeting had been sent out by a small Committee of the Bradford Moor Golf Club, and the response was very encouraging.

There was an attendance of 28 and eleven Clubs were represented as follows: -

South Bradford, Bradford Moor, Otley, Cleckheaton, West Bowling, Woodhall Hills, Queensbury, Thornton, East Bierley, West Bradford and Phoenix Park.

The Chair was taken by Sam Chippendale Esq. of Bradford Moor Golf Club and he extended a hearty welcome to all the visitors".

There followed a discussion:

"Mr Chippendale was asked whether the Association would have the support of the West Riding Rabbits Golf Association as it was felt that such support and approval would be necessary if both Associations were to prosper. The Chairman said that he had the goodwill of the West Riding Rabbits but assured those present that our Association would be a separate entity from that body and would only be affiliated to it.

Thereupon a proposal was made by the Cleckheaton Representative, and seconded by the South Bradford Representative that "The Bradford & District Rabbits Golf Association" be, and is hereby formed, and this was carried without opposition.

It was agreed by Members of the Association that an ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association would be held at a suitable venue on April 30th 1948."

THE BRADFORD & DISTRICT RABBITS GOLF ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION AND RULES

The name of the Association shall be "The Bradford & District Rabbits Golf Association", affiliated to the Yorkshire Rabbit Golf Association.

DEFINITION

A rabbit is a male member of a golf club whose competitive handicap is 16 or over. For all Association competitions he must also be a playing member aged 18 or over with a CONGU competition handicap of 16 to 28.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association shall be to:

- (a) Promote the game of golf.
- (b) Stimulate and encourage the interests of the longer handicap players by arrangement of
- (c) Rabbit competitions within the specified area and within the framework of individual member clubs.
- (d) Work for the benefit of the Association and give the fullest support to the parent body, namely the Yorkshire Rabbit Golf Association.
- (e) Organise and conduct social events, including meetings to impart a better knowledge of the game of golf to all Rabbits.
- (f) Encourage and develop the formation of Rabbit sections in golf clubs within the specified area.

ASSOCIATION YEAR

The Association year shall commence on January 1^{st} and terminate on December 31^{st} . The financial year will end on October 31^{st} .

AFFILIATION FEE

Each affiliated club shall pay an annual fee to be decided by the executive committee, which shall be paid by February 28th.

MEMBERSHIP

The Rabbit section of any club within the area may become a member of the Association by making a formal application in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Association and subject to the approval of the executive committee.

MANAGEMENT

The Association shall be managed by a committee comprising of the following:

- (a) A president who may hold office for a period not exceeding two years.
- (b) A vice-president (who shall not be a member of the same club as the president).
- (c) A junior vice-president (who shall not be a member of the same club as the president or vice-president) if the committee shall deem it necessary.
- (d) A secretary/treasurer.
- (e) A League secretary.
- (f) A Chippendale Trophy secretary.
- (g) Eight other members of the executive committee to be elected at the AGM.

Any member of a club Rabbit section may be eligible for election to the executive committee or to any position on the YRGA committee.

Any member of the executive committee losing his Rabbit or membership status during his term of office shall have the option of remaining on the executive committee.

All the officials enumerated in sub section (a) to (f) above shall retire at the Annual General Meeting but all shall be eligible for re-election, except for the president, who may, however, accept another office.

Any casual vacancy or vacancies in the committee may be filled by the committee upon the same terms as apply to other members of the executive. Retiring presidents shall be entitled to sit as ex-officio members of the committee for so long as they so desire.

QUORUM

The quorum of the executive committee meeting shall be six.

WINDING UP

If the affairs of the Association shall be wound up for any reason the assets remaining after the payment of all debts shall be divided equally between affiliated clubs.

VOTING POWERS

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an executive committee consisting of the officers, past and life vice presidents and an elected committee of eight, elected annually at the Annual General Meeting, each having one vote. In the event of a tie, the chairman will have a second and casting vote.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

An Annual General Meeting, to which all affiliated clubs may send members shall be held in the month of January (or early February), to elect officers, receive the secretary's report together with the treasurer's accounts and to transact any other business of the Association. At least 28 days' notice of this meeting shall be given.

Any resolutions or recommendations from the affiliated clubs shall be in the hands of the secretary at least 14 days before the Annual General Meeting. Only two members per club shall vote on any resolution.

Amendments may be made at the AGM and in accordance with general practice be voted upon prior to the proposals. All amendments must be proposed and seconded before consideration of the original proposal.

The following are entitled to attend the meeting: officers, members of the executive committee, past presidents and life vice-presidents, members of affiliated club Rabbit sections.

All present will be entitled to speak on any matter under consideration but only **two** representatives of each affiliated club Rabbit section will be entitled to vote. Representatives must have the authority of their Rabbit section to vote. Members of the executive will not have the right to vote unless representing an affiliated club Rabbit section.

A quorum shall be representatives of eight affiliated club Rabbit sections.

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

The executive committee may call an extraordinary General Meeting of the Association should it consider this necessary to deal with a matter of urgent importance, or in the event that it receives a request to do so from not less than eight affiliated golf club Rabbit sections. It must give not less than 14 days' notice of such meeting.

GENERAL

All Competitions shall normally be played from the front tees and according to the Rules of Golf as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Club of St. Andrews and the Local Rules of the club where the competition takes place.

Any dispute whatsoever shall be decided by the executive committee or its appointed officers and their decision shall be final.

RULES OF COMPETITION

Anyone who is a playing member of a BDRGA affiliated Club with a CONGU competitive handicap of 16 to 28 can play in Association competitions. Members with a handicap in excess of 28 may play but must play off a handicap of 28.

DATES FOR 2020

Wed 12th Feb Annual General Meeting Baildon G.C.

Sun 21st Jun President's Cup West Bradford G.C.

Sun 5th Jul 9 Hole Course Team Championship Fulneck G.C.

Sun 2nd Aug 18 Hole Course Team Championship Calverley G.C.

Sun 6th Sep Team Championship Shipley G.C.

Fri 2nd Oct Annual Dinner Bingley St Ives G.C.

2020 AREA MATCHES

Mon 18th May v Harrogate Area Otley G. C.

Fri 12th Jun v Flamborough Area Whitby G. C.

Wed 1st Jul v Leeds Area Skipton G. C.

Thu 16th Jul v Huddersfield/Halifax Area Woodhall Hills G. C.

Tues 25th Aug Wakefield Area Pontefract G. C.

Tues 8th Sept The President's Team Halifax Ogden G. C.

DATES FOR 2021

Wed 10th Feb Annual General Meeting Baildon G. C.

Sun 6th Jun President's Cup West Bradford G.C.

Sun 4th Jul 9 Hole Team Championship South Bradford G. C.

August TBC 18 Hole Team Championship

Sun 1st Sep Team Championship The Manor G. C.

Fri 1st Oct Annual Dinner Shipley G. C.

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RULES APPLICABLE TO ALL COMPETITIONS

Male members of affiliated clubs aged 18 or over with a CONGU competition handicap of 16 to 28 are eligible to play in Association competitions.

ANY PLAYER WHO PLAYS IN ANY OF THE BDRGA COMPETITIONS AND LEAGUE MATCHES MUST PRESENT ON THE DAY A CONGU COMPETITION HANDICAP CERTIFICATE OR ELECTRONIC DISPLAY DATED NO EARLIER THAN 28 DAYS PRIOR TO THE COMPETITION DATE.

FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION

The Executive Committee shall be responsible for organising any competition and drawing up and amending (as appropriate) competition rules. Its decision shall be final.

LEAGUE RULES

- 1. A league team consists of 3 players: one in each handicap range 16-17, 18-20 and 21-28.
- 2. Matches are played between members of the same handicap range and no shots are given in any section. Should a team not be able to provide a player in any of the two <u>lower</u> Handicap ranges, then that team can play a substitute player from a <u>higher</u> handicap range. The substitute player must play off the lower handicap and <u>no</u> shots are given or received.
- 3. The play is match play over 18 holes and to decide the outcome the result of each section counts.

- 4. Points are awarded as follows: win 2 points, draw 1 point, lose 0 points. Example: Home Team A v Visitors Team B. Team A: 16-17 wins 2 and 1, Team A: 18-20 halves, Team A: 21-28 loses 2 and 1. Match Result: -Team A, 3 points, Team B, 3 points.
- 5. All league matches shall be started between 5.00pm and 6.00pm on Thursday evenings or at a time mutually agreed by the captains involved. If both clubs agree, it is permissible to switch home and away fixtures, but they must advise the League Secretary beforehand. It is the responsibility of the League home club correspondent to report the result of the match to the League Secretary before 10.30pm on the day of the match. Failure to do so will result in the reduction of three points from the home team involved. The away team will score whatever points they actually won. In all cases the decision of the League Secretary will be final.
- 6. If, for any valid reason, play is unable to start, or has to be discontinued, then the match will have to be completed within thirteen days of the due date, or the end of the season, **whichever comes sooner**, by mutual agreement between the two teams. In the case of a discontinued match, play will re-start at the tee of the hole where play was abandoned. In a replayed match, if any of the original players are not available, substitution is permitted.
- 7. In the event of a tie to decide promotion or relegation the deciding factor shall be the number of matches won. If still level the decision will be based on individual results. **Holes won and lost.**
- 8. Promotion or relegation will be on a basis of two up and two down.
- 9. In the event of a dispute, the circumstances must be reported to the League Secretary within 7 days of the match in question having been played, and his decision will be final.

CHAMPION LEAGUE RABBIT

The first ten matches that an individual plays during the season count towards the final points total. Points are awarded on this basis: a win will count as two points, a draw as one point and a loss as no points. The player who scores the most points in the fewest games will be awarded the prize. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the number of holes won less the number of holes lost over the ten-match qualifying period. In the event of an opposing player not turning up, that game will not count.

CHIPPENDALE TROPHY

A team shall consist of two Players, one 16-20 handicap and one 21-28 handicap. All member clubs may enter 2 teams. The form of the competition shall be <u>a foursome</u> played over 18 holes from scratch as match play on a knock out basis, played to a sudden death, if necessary, extra holes being from the 1st, and so on until there is a winner. The onus is upon each team to contact the other as soon as possible. The home club should offer the away club three possible dates on which to play. Any disputes will be arbitrated by the Competition Secretary. The penalty for breaking this Rule is disqualification of **both** Teams.

The winners of the A and B sections shall play off on the same basis over 36 holes. Both the semi-finals and the final shall be on neutral courses to be arranged by the Chippendale Secretary, the semi-finals to be on a 9-hole course and the final to be played on an 18-hole course. A player who plays in the A team shall NOT be eligible to play in the B Team and vice-versa. Penalty for such infringement shall be the disqualification of the team. Failure to notify the Competition Secretary of the result by the winning team by the final date of each round shall result in disqualification. If playing a match on the final day, please notify the Chippendale Secretary in case the result cannot be got to him on time.

BDRGA League Fixtures: 2020 Season: Division A

30 April 2020	Hollins Hall	V	West Bradford
	Rawdon	V	Cleckheaton
	Skipton	V	South Bradford
7 May 2020	Cleckheaton	v	Rawdon
	South Bradford	v	Skipton
	West Bradford	v	Hollins Hall
14 May 2020	South Bradford	V	Rawdon
	The Manor	V	Hollins Hall
	West Bradford	V	Skipton
21 May 2020	Hollins Hall	V	The Manor
	Rawdon	V	South Bradford
	Skipton	V	West Bradford
28 May 2020	Hollins Hall	V	Cleckheaton
	Rawdon	V	West Bradford
	Skipton	V	The Manor
4 June 2020	Cleckheaton	V	Hollins Hall
	The Manor	V	Skipton
	West Bradford	V	Rawdon
11 June 2020	Cleckheaton	V	Skipton
	South Bradford	V	Hollins Hall
	The Manor	V	Rawdon
18 June 2020	Hollins Hall	V	South Bradford
	Rawdon	V	The Manor
	Skipton	V	Cleckheaton
25 June 2020	Cleckheaton	V	South Bradford
	Hollins Hall	V	Skipton
	West Bradford	V	The Manor
2 July 2020	Skipton	V	Hollins Hall
	South Bradford	V	Cleckheaton
	The Manor	V	West Bradford
9 July 2020	Cleckheaton	V	West Bradford
	Skipton	V	Rawdon
	South Bradford	V	The Manor
16 July 2020	Rawdon	V	Skipton
	The Manor	V	South Bradford
	West Bradford	V	Cleckheaton
23 July 2020	Rawdon	V	Hollins Hall
	The Manor	V	Cleckheaton
	West Bradford	V	South Bradford
30 July 2020	Cleckheaton	V	The Manor
	Hollins Hall	V	Rawdon
	South Bradford	V	West Bradford

BDRGA League Fixtures: 2020 Season: Division B

28 May 2020	Baildon	V	Shipley
	Bradford Moor	V	Keighley
	Branshaw	V	Halifax (Ogden)
4 June 2020	Halifax (Ogden)	V	Branshaw
	Keighley	V	Bradford Moor
	Shipley	V	Baildon
11 June 2020	Baildon	V	Bradford Moor
	Keighley	V	Branshaw
	Shipley	V	Halifax (Ogden)
18 June 2020	Bradford Moor	V	Baildon
	Branshaw	V	Keighley
	Halifax (Ogden)	V	Shipley
25 June 2020	Bradford Moor Branshaw Halifax (Ogden)	V V	v Shipley Baildon Keighley
2 July 2020	Baildon	V	Branshaw
	Keighley	V	Halifax (Ogden)
	Shipley	V	Bradford Moor
9 July 2020	Baildon	V	Halifax (Ogden)
	Bradford Moor	V	Branshaw
	Shipley	V	Keighley
16 July 2020	Branshaw	V	Bradford Moor
	Halifax (Ogden)	V	Baildon
	Keighley	V	Shipley
23 July 2020	Branshaw	V	Shipley
	Halifax (Ogden)	V	Bradford Moor
	Keighley	V	Baildon
30 July 2020	Baildon	V	Keighley
	Bradford Moor	V	Halifax (Ogden)
	Shipley	V	Branshaw

BDRGA League Fixtures: 2020 Season: Division C

28 May 2020	Ben Rhydding	V	Woodhall Hills
	Bingley St Ives	V	Northcliffe
	Bracken Ghyll	V	East Bierley
4 June 2020	East Bierley	V	Bracken Ghyll
	Northcliffe	V	Bingley St Ives
	Woodhall Hills	V	Ben Rhydding
11 June 2020	Ben Rhydding	V	Bingley St Ives
	Northcliffe	V	Bracken Ghyll
	Woodhall Hills	V	East Bierley
18 June 2020	Bingley St Ives	V	Ben Rhydding
	Bracken Ghyll	V	Northcliffe
	East Bierley	V	Woodhall Hills
25 June 2020	Bingley St Ives	V	Woodhall Hills
	Bracken Ghyll	V	Ben Rhydding
	East Bierley	V	Northcliffe
2 July 2020	Ben Rhydding	V	Bracken Ghyll
	Northcliffe	V	East Bierley
	Woodhall Hills	V	Bingley St Ives
9 July 2020	Ben Rhydding	V	East Bierley
	Bingley St Ives	V	Bracken Ghyll
	Woodhall Hills	V	Northcliffe
16 July 2020	Bracken Ghyll	V	Bingley St Ives
	East Bierley	V	Ben Rhydding
	Northcliffe	V	Woodhall Hills
23 July 2020	Bracken Ghyll	V	Woodhall Hills
	East Bierley	V	Bingley St Ives
	Northcliffe	V	Ben Rhydding
30 July 2020	Ben Rhydding	V	Northcliffe
	Bingley St Ives	V	East Bierley
	Woodhall Hills	V	Bracken Ghyll

BDRGA League Fixtures: 2020 Season: Division D

28 May 2020	Calverley	V	Headley
	Clayton	V	Fulneck
4 June 2020	Fulneck	v	Clayton
	Headley	v	Calverley
11 June 2020	Bradford	v	Calverley
	Headley	v	Clayton
18 June 2020	Calverley	v	Bradford
	Clayton	v	Headley
25 June 2020	Clayton	v	Bradford
	Fulneck	v	Headley
2 July 2020	Bradford	v	Clayton
	Headley	v	Fulneck
9 July 2020	Bradford	v	Fulneck
	Calverley	v	Clayton
16 July 2020	Clayton	v	Calverley
	Fulneck	v	Bradford
23 July 2020	Fulneck	v	Calverley
	Headley	v	Bradford
30 July 2020	Bradford	v	Headley
	Calverley	v	Fulneck

PRESIDENT'S CUP

Teams shall consist of four players: two players with 16 - 20 and two 21 - 28 handicaps. If a club enters three players in one category, that team will be **disqualified.** The competition shall be played as a Stableford round with the best two scores to count on the first six holes, the best three scores to count on the second six holes and all scores to count on the last six holes.

In the event of a tie the Team score will decide the result on:

- (a) The last 9 holes.
- (b) The last 6 holes.
- (c) The last 3 holes.
- (d) Then hole by hole.

Prizes will be awarded to the Winning Team and the Runners-Up.
The Rules of Golf and the Local Rules at West Bradford Golf Club shall apply.
At the time of booking on a £3.00 Entry fee per competitor is payable.

PRESIDENT'S CUP

WEST BRADFORD GOLF CLUB SUNDAY 21st JUNE 2020

Starting times:

- 10.00 West Bradford
- 10.10 Shipley
- 10.20 Northcliffe
- 10.30 Clayton
- 10.40 Keighley
- 10.50 Baildon
- 11.00 Headley
- 11.10 Hollins Hall
- 11.20 Bradford
- 11.30 Bingley St Ives
- 11.40 Woodhall Hills
- 11.50 Calverley
- 12.00 Cleckheaton
- 12.10 South Bradford
- 12.20 Rawdon
- 12.30 Halifax
- 12.40 Skipton
- 12.50 Branshaw
- 13.00 Fulneck
- 13.10 Ben Rhydding
- 13.20 East Bierley
- 13.30 The Manor
- 13.40 Bracken Ghyll
- 13.50 Bradford Moor

9 HOLE CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

FULNECK GOLF CLUB SUNDAY 5TH JULY 2020

STARTING TIMES

8.00	Fulneck	East Bierley	
8.10	Fulneck	East Bierley	Bradford Moor
8.20	Bradford Moor	South Bradford	Rawdon
8.30	Rawdon	South Bradford	Clayton
8.40	Clayton	Ben Rhydding	Headley
8.50	Headley	Ben Rhydding	Fulneck
9.00	Fulneck	East Bierley	Bradford Moor
9.10	East Bierley	Bradford Moor	South Bradford
9.20	Rawdon	Ben Rhydding	Headley
9.30	Headley	South Bradford	Clayton
9.40	Rawdon	Clayton	Ben Rhydding

<u>Note:</u> Competitors arriving late at the STARTING TIME are liable to incur a 2-shot penalty. All players must present on the <u>day and no later than 12.00pm a written confirmation</u> from their Club or electronic data of their EXACT handicap. Failure to do so could result in disqualification. These should be produced when score cards are collected from the booking-in table.

A team of four players will play, with two players in each handicap group <u>16 to 20</u> and <u>21 to 28</u>. The format will be a Stableford with the best three cards to count, play being in any handicap order. <u>Please note that</u> should fewer than four players play, the three remaining cards will count, but should three players from the same handicap category play, the team will be disgualified, but those who play are eligible for the individual prizes.

At the time of booking on a £3.00 Entry fee per competitor is payable.

ENTRANCE: off Headley Lane, Thornton, BD13 3LX.

CAR PARKING: If possible, please share transport.

CATERING: Snacks are available all day.

<u>DRESS:</u> A reasonable standard casual wear (not jeans, T-shirts, untailored shorts, or trainers) in the clubhouse or on the course. Smart standard will be required to be worn in the Lounge/prize presentation room after 12.00pm.

Any queries or cancellations should be referred as soon as possible to the Association Secretary Peter Magee Tel: 07913-052170 or E-Mail: peter.magee@gmail.com or the President, Simon Hunt Tel: 07885-036450.

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THE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP & 18 HOLE COURSE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

A team of four players will play, with two players in each handicap group <u>16 to 20</u> and <u>21 to 28</u>. The competition shall be played as a Stableford and the best 3 cards out of 4 shall count to decide the winner.

A club playing fewer than 4 members shall be eligible to win the Trophy. A club having an incorrect division of players cannot but the team members may compete for individual prizes.

The individual with the best nett score in the **Team Championship** shall be the Rabbit Champion of the year, and shall receive a Trophy.

In the event of a tie the score of the best three cards will decide the result on:

- (a) The last 9 holes.
- (b) The last 6 holes.
- (c) The last 3 holes.
- (d) Then hole by hole.

Prizes will be awarded to:

- (a) Each Player in the winning team and each Player of the runners-up
- (b) The best nett score returned by a 16 20 Handicap player.
- (c) The best nett score returned by a 21 28 Handicap player.

The Rules of Golf and Local Rules of the club on whose course the competition takes place shall apply.

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18 HOLE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

CALVERLEY GOLF CLUB SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020

STARTING TIMES

08.30 Calverley 08.40 Calverley 08.50 Shipley 09.00 Bradford 09.10 Baildon 09.20 West Bradford 09.30 Bingley St Ives 09.40 Hollins Hall 09.50 Branshaw 10.00 Halifax 10.10 Bracken Ghyll 10.20 Calverley 10.30 Bradford 10.40 Shipley 10.50 Northcliffe 11.00 Baildon 11.10 Cleckheaton 11.20 Hollins Hall 11.30 Keighley 11.40 The Manor	Woodhall Hills Woodhall Hills Bradford Cleckheaton West Bradford Northcliffe Hollins Hall The Manor Halifax Skipton Calverley Bracken Ghyll Woodhall Hills Bradford West Bradford West Bradford Bingley St Ives Cleckheaton The Manor Skipton	Cleckheaton Shipley Northcliffe Baildon The Manor Bingley St Ives Skipton Branshaw Keighley Keighley Shipley Woodhall Hills Baildon Northcliffe Hollins Hall Bingley St Ives Skipton Keighley
11.40 The Manor 11.50 Branshaw	Skipton Halifax	Keighley Bracken Ghyll
12.00 Bracken Ghyll	Branshaw	Halifax

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP & RABBIT OF THE YEAR TROPHY

SHIPLEY GOLF CLUB 6 SEPTEMBER 2020

Details of the present and past presidents, winners of the President's Cup, 9 Hole Club Championship, 18 Hole Club Championship, Team Championship, Chippendale Trophy as well as the League Competition are available on the BDRGA web site at http://www.bdrga.net/

Other trophies which have been won are:

GOLDEN JUBILEE TROPHY

1998 WINNERS COURSE

HALIFAX GOLF CLUB BRADFORD MOOR GOLF CLUB P. M. EVANS and N. BEAUMONT

DIAMOND JUBILEE TROPHY

2008 WINNERS COURSE

SILSDEN GOLF CLUB BRADFORD MOOR GOLF CLUB

S. HUNT and J. SHAW