



Introductory notes for new members to the 'Eyenoonsers'



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1. **'Eyenooners' – A Club Within a Club**

a. Eyenooners is the club name for a group of enthusiastic senior golfers who are also members of the Eyemouth Golf Club. Competitive matches are played each week. All senior players over the age of 60 are most welcome to join the club, enjoy the company and compete in the competitions.

b. An annual subscription of £20.00 is payable in January. The subscription for country and seasonal members is £10.00. Fees are reviewed annually by the committee and approved by members.

c. A fee of £1.00 is raised for each trophy competition entered with the exception of the Eclectic series. At the discretion of the committee this fee may be waived.

d. Competitions are played every Tuesday morning over the front 9 holes. Tee - off is 11.30. Members are asked to be at the clubhouse by 11 o'clock, latest 11.15, so the draw can be made.

For 18 hole competitions the times are: Arrive 10.00am (Latest 10.15am) for a 10.30am Tee time.

e. Weekly prizes are awarded to the winner and runner-up. Weekly prizes are, 2 golf balls to the winner, and 1 ball each for the runner up and any player who registers a Gross 2 on their card.

f. The competition each Tuesday will alternate between a Medal and a Stableford. All gross scores should however, be recorded in order to be entered into the current Eclectic competition.

g. For the competition to be valid at least seven Eyenooners must compete.

h. A number of trophy competitions are held throughout the year, these include two away matches. Details and timings of all trophy competitions are published by the secretary early in the year. Competitions are outlined later in this publication.

- i. For added interest the Captain may introduce game variations throughout the year.
- j. There are normally further prizes on the major competition days as decided by the committee (nearest the pin etc.)

2. Eyenooners Origin

- a. The earliest written evidence of the Eyenooners activities was recorded in September 1990, although the club probably originated shortly before this date. The founding member was Jim Fleming and the club was formed from a number of enthusiastic senior members. The aim was to promote friendly competitive weekly matches. A great emphasis was placed on the social aspect, on good sportsmanship and a relaxed approach to the game. This maxim is still valid today.
- b. The original title was the 'Over 60's Golf Club', this was changed in 2001 to the 'Eyenooners' which was formed from 'high noon' - tee off time in those days was 12 noon - and, to add some originality to the title, the 'Eye' was borrowed from Eyemouth. Hence, 'Eyenooners'.

3. Committee

The club has a committee comprising of six members:-

- a Captain Oversees the general running of the club.
- b Secretary Works hand in hand with the Captain and is responsible for recording matters pertaining to the club's activities.
- c Treasurer Oversees the club's financial transactions.
- d Handicap Secretary Allocates and maintains the handicap awarded to each player. How the handicap system operates is outlined later.
- e Committee Members Two additional members to assist the Committee as necessary.

4. Annual General Meeting

The meeting is normally held in October following a Tuesday competition. At the discretion of the committee further meetings may be held throughout the year.

5. Golf Rules

a. The normal rules of golf shall apply with the following exception:-

If a ball is deemed to be 'lost' a replacement ball may be played from a spot, not more than two club lengths, from the area in which the ball entered the hazard, or if lost on the fairway, from the spot on which it is thought the ball should be at rest. Two penalty strokes are added to the players score.

This local rule was introduced to save time (and a lot of leg work!).

b. The above rule is not obligatory and a player may decide to play a provisional ball from the spot where the original ball was played. This incurs a one stroke penalty.

6. Hole in One

Traditionally a player achieving a 'Hole in One' will purchase a round of drinks for fellow competitors. A member achieving this during one of our club competitions may purchase a round of drinks for fellow Eyenoons. A receipt should be obtained and the Treasurer will reimburse the cost incurred.

7. Social Events

Prize Giving and an end of season meal is held annually. This takes place in early October after a Tuesday competition. At this event competition prize winners are presented with their trophies and prizes.

8. Buggies

The relatives of Ron Caine kindly donated his buggy to the club after his death. It is maintained by the ground staff and may be used by members for £5.00 per round. The Club Professional must be informed at least one day before it is required.

9. Competitions and Trophies

a. Andy Anderson Accumulator

Weekly nine hole Stroke Play competition. Each weekly competitor is awarded 1 point. The winner is awarded 2 extra points, runner-up 1 extra point. The competition is played over a number of weeks (normally about 12) the top 16 players go forward to the Andy Anderson Knockout.

b. Andy Anderson Knockout

A Match Play competition for those placed in the top 16 in the Andy Anderson Accumulator. Played over a number of weeks and a strict completion date is adhered to. If competitors are unable to play their draw on a Tuesday then they must make alternative match arrangements with their opponent to complete the draw in the allocated time, (the fixture need not necessarily be played on a Tuesday). The player unable to meet match arrangements must concede the match and the opponent will go through to the next round.

Andy was a most likeable person who played regular golf into his late eighties, possibly early nineties. Both of the Anderson Trophies were donated by the club and given his name in thanks for his early involvement with the Eyenoons. He was one of the founder members and died in 2005.

c. Ron Caine Memorial Trophy

Full Course 18 Hole Stroke Play competition.

Ron was an enthusiastic member of the club and on his sad death his family donated the trophy and buggy to the Eyenoons.

d. Jimmy Brown Trophy

A nine hole, Match Play competition to be played over a number of weeks.

Jimmy Brown gave the trophy to the club in 1994.

e. Auriga Trophy

An away day Stroke Play competition played over 18 holes. Venue decided by the committee.

The Auriga was a fishing vessel of which James (Nine Lives) Collin was a part owner. When James retired he asked the then owner of the Auriga to donate a golfing prize, which he duly did. This trophy was in turn presented by James to the Eyenoons.

f. Bunts Trophy

A front 9 hole Stableford competition

The trophy was originally a gift to Alex 'Bunts' Craig from the lady members of a local sailing club in which his wife, Wilma, was an enthusiastic member. She kindly donated the trophy to the Eyearooners in his memory.

g. Coldingham Cup

An 18 hole Stroke Play competition – plus two 9 hole Stableford competitions.

In 1974 the Coldingham Cup was purchased by a group of senior golfers who lived in the Coldingham area. They would play for the trophy on various courses in the Borders. When the club drifted apart some of the remaining members joined the Eyearooners and in 2008 donated the cup.

h. Brewis Trophies (ladies/gents)

Individual ladies and gents 9 hole Stroke Play competition using only 3 clubs and a putter. *The Brewis family were early members and when they left the area they donated two trophies to be presented to the winning lady and winning gentlemen in the competition.*

i. Fay Atkinson Trophy

An 18 hole – full course Stroke Play competition.

The Trophy was presented to the Eyearooners by Mike Atkinson to commemorate his wife's 60th birthday.

j. Wullie Belge Trophy

An 18 hole Stroke Play competition. It is played twice over the first 9 holes .

Trophy presented to the club by his family.

k. Dick Bousted Trophy

An away-day 18 hole Stroke Play, plus 2 Stableford competitions.

Venue decided and agreed by members and arranged by the committee.

This trophy was originally given to the Senior Club by Dick Bousted who was a regular visiting member to the Eyemouth Club. The trophy remained dormant in the Secretary's office so John Anderson approached both Dick and the Eyemouth Club Secretary and asked if we could have the trophy. They gave their approval and it was transferred to the Eyearooners.

i. Mike Atkinson Putter

To be played over the first 3 Tuesdays in September. The Mike Atkinson Putter will be awarded to the golfer who records the combined lowest number of puts over any two rounds of the three played. Only puts on the green will count. In the event of a tie a count back under the normal rules of golf will apply

Mike sadly died in 2009 during his term as captaincy of the 'Eyenooners'. He was a very understanding and enthusiastic member, a gentle giant and one who is sadly missed by us all. The Trophy was presented by his wife Fay in 2010 in memory of Mike's support and involvement with the club.

m. Summer Eclectic competition.

This is played over approximately 22 weeks between April and September. There is a prize for best net and gross scores.

n. Winter Eclectic competition.

This competition is played over approximately 22 weeks between October and March. A prize is awarded for best net and gross scores. The lowest score, net and gross, is recorded for each hole throughout both competitions. A regular update on a player's position can be found on the club notice board.

o. Rock Bottom Trophy

This is the trophy everyone wants to avoid. The 'Rock Bottom' is awarded at each of the two 'away-day' competitions.

The trophy is presented on the day of the event to the player that submits the earliest 'nil return' card or worst score in the competition.

To sweeten the pill, three golf balls are awarded with the prize!

The trophy is retained by the 'winner' until the following away game.

The year in which the above were first introduced is engraved on the trophies.

10. The Handicap System

How a new member's handicap is initially calculated.

The new member's club handicap is divided by 2 and 2 subtracted. (The front 9 is somewhat easier than the back 9) It also ensures that we do not get any

ringers who win in the first couple of weeks. They will take at least 10 weeks to get back their normal playing handicap!

- a. How the handicap system operates.
 - a. Winners of a 9 hole competition will automatically have 1 point deducted from their handicap.
 - b. Winners of 18 hole competitions will automatically have 2 points deducted from their handicap.
 - c. Any players under net par are deducted 1 point.
 - d. Any player with over 18 pts in a 9 hole Stableford is deducted 1 point.
 - e. Any player with over 36 points in an 18 hole Stableford is deducted 2 points.
 - f. Any player not winning for 5 playing weeks gains 1 handicap point.

- b. How the count back system works.
 - a. If 2 or more players are tied then the following method is used to calculate the winner for normal 9 hole Tuesday Stroke play.
 - i. We first count the players score for the last 6 holes and deduct $\frac{2}{3}$ of the player's handicap to give the lowest score.
 - ii. If this does not decide the winner then we count up the last 3 holes and deduct $\frac{1}{3}$ of the player's handicap to give the lowest score.
 - iii. If 2 or more players are tied on the same score after 18 holes then we first take the best score (Net or Stableford) on the back 9, then the last 6, then the last 3, 2 and 1.

- c. The highest 9 Hole handicap awarded to an Eyearooner is 20 strokes.

- d. If a new member has joined from another club and his/her handicap has lapsed, the previous handicap will be used to calculate the starting handicap. Those members with no national handicap will be awarded a handicap by the Captain/Handicap Secretary.