

SUTTON AND DISTRICT BA - COMPETITIONS

BLESMA PAIRS REGULATIONS

- 1.** The Cup to be played for in a 21 ends Men's Pairs Competition annually. The proceeds shall be donated to BLESMA. The draw will take place in conjunction with the St. Raphael's Mixed Pairs Competition, the Hon. Secretary or other Official will observe that the draw is made fairly.
- 2.** The number of pairs entering is unlimited, they must be from Clubs affiliated to the Association, the pair can consist of members of different affiliated Clubs.
- 3.** All Competitors will pay a fee, as laid down at the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
- 4.** All rounds of the competition are to be played on the Green of the Challengers, excepting the Semi-final, which will be played on a mutually agreed neutral Green, and the Final which will be played on a green arranged by the Management.
- 5.** The two players named on the official entry form shall constitute the 'Pair' and should normally play together throughout the Competition. One additional - and the same player may, however, be used to substitute at any time provided he has not already played or has entered into the Competition. He may play in either position.
- 6.** The dates by which the various rounds are to be played shall be settled by the Management and those periods must be strictly adhered to.
- 7.** For competitors drawn to play in the initial round of the Competition the Challengers in each instance must, by 22nd May, communicate with their Opponents offering three alternative dates, one of which shall be a weekend and one a weekday upon which the tie is to take place. The Opponents shall, within 3 days reply, accepting one of the offered dates. Should the Challengers fail to comply with the above timing, the Opponents will then take the rights of the Challengers and offer a similar choice of dates for the game to be played, but on the original Opponents green. If the Challengers have been unable to contact his Opponents within the prescribed time, they shall immediately inform the Competition Secretary, who will make a final decision. If no action is taken by either competitors, then both parties may be scratched from the Competition. The same procedure shall be adopted for all subsequent rounds except that the Challengers shall offer the 3 dates within 5 days of the closing date of the previous round.
- 8.** The time for commencing the tie shall be mutually agreed.
- 9.** If Competitors arrive more than half an hour after the time fixed for the tie, their opponents may claim a walkover.
- 10.** The Competition Secretary should be advised of the result by the winners by telephone. This is to be confirmed in writing and returned on the card provided.
- 11.** Any trophy winner or their representative who fails to attend the presentation dinner could be banned from the following years' competition, at the discretion of the Committee.
- 12.** All questions of dispute must be brought to the notice of the Competition Secretary at the earliest possible moment, who will then bring the matter before the Management unless the matter has been amicably settled in the meantime.