

SUTTON AND DISTRICT BA - COMPETITIONS

ST. RAPHAEL'S TROPHY MIXED PAIRS REGULATIONS

- 1.** The Trophy to be played for in a 21 ends Mixed Pairs Competition annually. The proceeds shall be donated to St. Raphael's Hospice. The draw will take place in conjunction with the BLESMA Pairs Competition, the Hon. Secretary or other Official will observe that the draw is made fairly.
- 2.** The number of pairs entering the Competition 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 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 of opposite gender will be named on the official entry form as the initial pair and should normally play together throughout the Competition. Either player may have just one substitute of the same gender, provided he/she has not already played or entered in the Competition. Members of the partnership 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 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 initial 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 their 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 as above 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.