

## Competitions Explained

Once you have a handicap and have paid your subscriptions you are able to enter competitions.

The entry forms are posted on the notice board in the changing room and they usually state the entry fee and when the draw is to be made along with the name of the relevant competition. The draw will be posted in the players entrance and on the clubs website [www.orkneygolfclub.co.uk](http://www.orkneygolfclub.co.uk)

Most competitions are medal play i.e. 18 hole stroke play events, some are 36 holes stroke play and of course there is the 72 hole stroke play Club Championship. Opens are 18 hole stroke play events when members of other golf clubs can enter.

Depending on the competition there may be prizes for the best nett scores i.e. your score less your handicap and the best gross scores.

### 18 Hole Stroke Play Competitions

- Bank of Scotland Monthly Medals
- Sweeps
- Red Cross Cup
- Past Captains' Cup
- St Magnus Fair Cup
- Two Club and Putter
- Work Memorial Trophy
- Gorn Sport Open
- Lows Open
- Seniors Medals

### 36 Hole Stroke Play Competitions

- Dewar Spence Cup
- Flotilla Cup
- McVitie & Price Cup
- Kirkwall Open
- Orkney Strokeplay Championship

### 72 Hole Stroke Play Competition

- Club Chamionship

### 18 Hole Stableford Competitions

- Grainbank Centenary
- RNLI Spoon (*Also an Open*)

### Other Competitions

- Mackay Memorial
- Orkney Matchplay Championship
- Midnight Mixed Foursomes Open
- Highland Park Team Competition
- Royal Bank of Scotland Quaich
- Charity Event sponsored by Alfred Flett Ltd
- Crazy Golf

### Matchplay Competitions

- Ladies Cup
- Robertson Shield
- Nicolson Cup

#### Team Competitions

- Wilson Cup
- Cupal Cup

The Bank of Scotland Monthly Medals if held on a Saturday will have an entry sheet but if played on a Wednesday they will not and to enter players place a scorecard with their name on it in the box on the wall at the left handside of the players entry door. Draws then take place at 1pm and again at 4.30, 5, 5.30 and 6pm with players playing in either groups of 2 or 3 starting at the 1<sup>st</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> tees. The entry fee is split between the club and prize fund with the number of prize winners being determined by the number of competitors.

The Summer Medal that runs concurrently with the Monthly Medals is awarded to the player with the 3 best nett scores aggregate throughout the season.

Sweeps are usually held on a Wednesday with draws again taking place at 1pm, 4.30, 5, 5.30 and 6pm. There are also sweeps on the days when the Royal bank of Scotland Quaich matchplay ties are being played (players in these sweeps would stand aside and let the matchplay games through at their earliest opportunity). The entry fee is split between the club and prize fund with the number of prize winners being determined by the number of competitors.

The Red Cross Cup is an 18 hole stroke-play nett competition with the winner having the honour of holding the cup till the following years competition. The entry fee is donated to the Red Cross.

The Past Captains Cup is also an 18 hole stroke-play nett competition with the winner having the honour of holding the cup till the following years competition. The entry fee is split between the club and prize fund with the number of prize winners being determined by the number of competitors.

The St. Magnus Fair Cup is an 18 hole stroke-play nett competition held jointly with the ladies and the winner has the honour of holding the cup until the following years competition. The ladies are awarded an extra 5 strokes to their handicap when deciding a winner. The entry fee is donated to the St. Magnus Fair Trust.

The 2 Club and Putter is an 18 hole stroke-play nett competition where is player is only allowed 3 clubs (a putter and 2 other clubs of their choice). The entry fee is split between the club and prize fund with the number of prize winners being determined by the number of competitors.

The Work Memorial Trophy is traditionally the final competition of the year and is an 18 hole stroke-play nett competition with the winner having the honour of holding the cup till the following years competition. The entry fee is split between the club and prize fund with the number of prize winners being determined by the number of competitors.

The Gorn Sport Open and Lows Open are both 18 hole stroke-play competitions with prizes awarded to the best gross and nett scores. Competitors can only win one prize. There is an entry fee which the club retains and the prizes are given by the sponsors. Trophies are given to the winners who hold them until the following years competition.

Senior Medals are competed by those who have reached the age of 50 and are stroke play nett competitions. The entry fee is split between the club and prize fund with the number of prize winners being determined by the number of competitors.

The Dewar Spence Cup, Flottila Cup and McVitie & Price Cup are all 36 hole stroke-play competitions where the best nett total for the two rounds is declared the winner. The competitions are usually held over two days but may from time to time be played on one day i.e. 36 holes in one day. If played over 2

days players can enter only one round if they are unable to play in both rounds. There is an entry fee for each round. The entry fee is split between the club and prize fund with the number of prize winners being determined by the number of competitors.

The Kirkwall Open is our big 36 hole competition of the year and is played on the last Saturday in July. The best gross 36 hole total is declared the winner. There is also a best nett 36 hole winner who wins the Orkney Towage Cup. The players are divided up into 3 sections dependant on their handicap and there are prizes awarded in each section. This competition is sponsored by J.W. Gray & Sons and Orkney Towage. A player can only win one prize.

The Orkney Stroke-Play Competition is the County Championship with the Hamilton Cup awarded to the best gross total for the day and the Pit Stop Cup given to the best nett total. The competition is a 36 hole stroke-play event played on a Saturday in June. The event alternates annually between Stromness and Kirkwall.

The Club Championship is played over 4 rounds and is a stroke-play competition. The player with the lowest 72 hole total is declared the Club Champion and holds the D.G. Spence Cup for a year. Each of the 4 rounds is played on a different day with each round played as a sweep. There is also a nett competition run alongside it with the person with the best 2 nett scores winning the D.G. Spence Cup. This competition is presently sponsored by H.I.S.. A player can only win one price.

The Grainbank Centenary is a stableford competition. The entry fee is split between the club and prize fund with the number of prize winners being determined by the number of competitors. The winners name is added to the list of winners but the silver quaich does not leave the clubhouse.

The R.N.L.I. Spoon is a stableford competition usually held as an open on the Wednesday before the Kirkwall Open. The winner may receive a spoon and the entry fees are donated to the R.N.L.I.

The Mackay Memorial is a mixed foursomes competition which is hosted alternately in Stromness or Kirkwall.

The Orkney Matchplay Championship is played annually and is hosted alternately in either Stromness or Kirkwall. There are 2 designated qualifying rounds with the top 16 gross scores playing a knock-out competition with the winner declared the Champion, the player with the lowest qualifying total wins the qualifying cup. The 16 best nett scores out with the players who quailified for the gross knock out competition go forward to play in a nett knock-out competition with players receiving or giving strokes in each tie depending on their and their opponents handicaps. The competition is presently sponsored by Clark Thomsons who award prizes to those reaching the last 8 of both knock-out competitions and to the 18 hole open which runs on the finals day. Players can opt to play in the qualifying round even if they are unable to play in the match-play event and may also enter the open on the final day.

The Midnight Mixed Foursomes Open is held in mid summer and is presently sponsored by J.G. Shearer & Sons. The competition will commence in the evening and run into the night.

The Highland Park Team Competition is traditionally played on a Friday night in mid summer. Players play in teams of 3 (1 lady and 2 gents) and a shotgun start is used i.e. each group starts at the same time but from different tees. This is a very sociable event and is always well supported. Prizes kindly donated by Highland Park are awarded to the top 3 groups.

The Royal Bank Quaich is a handicap matchplay competition with one or two designated qualifying stroke-play rounds with the top 8 or 16 players entering the match-play stage. The final is usually on a Saturday and a 18 hole stroke-play competition is played on the day as well. Sweeps are usually held on the evenings of the match-play rounds. There are prizes for those reaching the last 8 in the match-play and for those playing in the stroke-play competition on the Saturday.

The Charity Event Sponsored by Alfred Flett Ltd has been the clubs main charity raising event in recent years with several local charities benefiting. The format of the competition may change from time to time and will be announced shortly before the event.

The Crazy Golf competition is traditionally played as the last competition of the year and usually consist of “9 holes” which do not follow the normal course i.e. from the 16<sup>th</sup> tee to the 18<sup>th</sup> green or from the 14<sup>th</sup> tee to the 10<sup>th</sup> green.

The Ladies Cup is competed for by the men of the club and is a match-play competition with entries usually closing by the end of April and the first round played by the end of May. The final usually takes place in September with the winner holding the trophy for the next 12 months.

The Robertson Shield is a mens foursomes match-play competition with entries closing by the end of April. The final usually takes place in September and the winners hold the shield for the next 12 months.

The Nicolson Cup is a mixed foursomes match-play competition with the partnerships drawn by hat rather than couples entering together. Entries will close at the end of April. The final usually takes place in August to September and the winner hold the cup for 12 months.

The Wilson Cup is contested between Kirkwall, Stromness, Dale, Whalsay, Wick, Raey, Thuros and Lybster around the end of June each year with the clubs taking it in turn to be the hosts. The team is selected on the players performance during the season.

The Cupal Cup is keenly contested between Stromness and Kirkwall each year with the venue alternating between the 2 clubs. The team consists of 8 players who are selected on their performance during the season.