



ENGLISH WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

Changes to LGU Medal Competitions from 1 February 2009



The LGU have advised us that LGU Medals, as we know them, will cease to exist from 31 January 2009.

EWGA will continue running medal competitions within clubs from 1 February 2009 but there will be some changes to the conditions of competition to make playing medal competitions more attractive and fit in with the lifestyle of today's women golfers.

The new EWGA Club Medals:

- The EWGA year will run from 1 January to 31 December each year.
- Clubs must run a minimum of four and up to a maximum of 24 medals each year. The minimum will allow the player with the best four nett scores returned in the EWGA year to qualify for one of the Regional Medal Finals. The maximum will allow clubs to have up to two medals per month. Unlike the old system of main day and alternate day these medals do not have to be played in the same week. You could have one medal at the start of the month and one at the end.
- No alternate days for EWGA Medals. Each medal will be separate and anyone can play on any medal day. Players who wish to change from their usual day will no longer have to give written notice. This allows more flexibility for women to play golf when it fits in with their lifestyle.
- No Silver and Bronze division for EWGA Medals. One competition, one field, one winner.

The new EWGA Regional Medal Finals:

- One final will be held in each of EWGA's six regions.
- The player from each club with the best four nett scores returned during the EWGA year will be eligible to enter one of the six regional finals. The top 100 nett scores in each region will qualify to play in their regional final. Regional Finals will be held during April and May each year (from 2010 onwards).
- The top 10 players at each Regional Final will qualify for the new EWGA Champion of Champions Final played in June (from 2010 onwards).

Information to Clubs:

- The EWGA Club Medal winner's memento will be sent out in the August 2009 mailing, to be presented in December.
- The EWGA Regional Medal Final entry forms will also be sent out in the August 2009 mailing and should be returned during January/February 2010.

What do you need to do between now and 31 January 2009?

- You need to fix the dates in your club's diary for EWGA Medals from 1 February 2009. It is entirely up to your club how many medals you run each year, but the number must fall within the parameters detailed above. We encourage clubs to hold an equal number of weekend and weekday medals
- You will still play LGU Medals until the 31 Jan 2009. Therefore the player with the best four nett scores returned between 1 Feb 2008 and 31 Jan 2009 will go through to an LGU Medal Final played during July and August 2009, as normal. Entry forms for the LGU Medal Finals will be sent out during January 2009. You should have already received your LGU Gold & Silver Medal brooches.