



HICKS TROPHY 2010

Holders: Sunningdale Golf Club

A BRIEF HISTORY

Mrs Jo Hicks was Captain of SLCGA in 1956 and spent the next 25 years as a key administrator and ardent supporter of ladies' golf. She was a prominent committee member for many years and in 1965 became President of SLCGA for three years. She was Chairman of ELGA in 1963 and President of ELGA from 1975 to 1977; she was Chairman of the LGU from 1971 to 1972.

Mrs Hicks was awarded an OBE for her services to the country as a female fire fighter in the Second World War; she was a great follower of golf and travelled far and wide, with her great friend Winnie Hill, to watch matches and especially to support players in Surrey.

The biggest contribution from Mrs Hicks was in the early 1960's. She was the driving force behind an Inter Club Team Competition, a scratch five a side event for affiliated clubs. The first matches took place in 1962, but the trophy was not called the Hicks Trophy until 1965, when Mrs Jo Hicks became President of SLCGA.

COMPETITION RULES

Scratch Knock-Out Competition between representative teams of five players with Home and Away matches in each round, until the final round.

Clubs entering must be affiliated to SLCGA and players must have a current CONGU Unified Handicap and may only represent one club in any one year.

All matches must be played from the Red Tee of the day and to a conclusion, the number of games won and margin of each win to be recorded. The highest number of match wins will decide the winners, and if this is equal, by the total number of games won and finally by the total of the margin for each individual win.

Clubs will be notified of their opponents by the Competition Organiser and must then arrange their matches.

At least three dates must be offered, one of which must be a weekend (Bank Holidays count as weekends) and one a weekday, with not more than two dates in any seven-day period. The last day of the fixed round date **MUST** be kept free, even after dates have been organised, in case the relevant course is closed on the agreed date. In the event of 'course closure' on the last day, please contact the Secretary.

Teams shall play off scratch **BUT IN STRICT HANDICAP ORDER**. If players are of equal playing handicaps the Team Captain may place them in her preferred playing order.

Any infringement of this rule will lead to disqualification by the Committee.

Team Captains must exchange team names in playing order with playing handicaps 15 minutes before the first match is due to start, the list may not be amended once this information has been exchanged.

DETAILS OF PLAYERS HANDICAPS ARE TO BE SEEN BY THE TEAM CAPTAIN'S ONLY.

Should any player fail to be on the tee within 30 minutes after the time fixed for the first match to start, her opponent will be given a walkover. (This will count as 10 points). In adverse weather conditions a match may be postponed if **BOTH** Team Captain's are in agreement – this is provided a suitable replay date is available and can be arranged immediately. Under no circumstances will an extension of the round date be allowed.

Extensions will not be given unless both courses are closed on the last day of the round. In which case the Organiser must be contacted. Should an extension be granted the match must be played on the first available day that either course is open.

The use of Distance Measuring Devices will be permitted.

Players must abide by the R&A rule 14.3 concerning the use of DMD's:-

“A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measure distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature etc.), the player is in breach of rule 14.3 for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.”

A Buggy or Golf Cart may be used by a registered disabled player. A player who is recovering from illness, injury or has a medical condition; may use a buggy providing the player produces a Doctor's letter supporting the medical reason why the player requires the use of a buggy. This letter must be sent to the Competition Organiser or The Secretary, prior to the date of play.

Caddies will not be allowed until the final round.

The final will be played on a neutral course in, October 2010 to be arranged by the Secretary

The Captain of the Home Team must send the full result on the official form, with all sections completed and signed by both Team Captains, to the Secretary within 3 days of the match being played. Please remember to include the name of the Club, the venue and date the match was played on the form.

TEMPORARY GREENS Bucket holes are illegal at any time.
January/February/March Maximum 5
April onwards Maximum 2

SCORING SYSTEM

All matches must start from the first tee and be played to a conclusion.

The highest number of TEAM matches won will decide the winners.

The highest number of games won will decide a tie and the highest number of points won if the matches are still tied.

Example: A win of 2 up gives 2 points to the winner

A win beyond the 18th hole gives 1 point to the winner

A disqualification/walkover or conceded match is counted as 10 points.

Any players who play out of the handicap order will be disqualified and deemed to have lost their match 10 and 8.

If the teams are still level in games and points, then the first named players in each team must play a 'Sudden Death' to obtain a result.

ROUND	To Be Played By
First Round	25th April
Second Round	30th May
Third Round	11th July
Fourth Round	22nd August
Semi Finals	3rd October
Final	October

Please send your results to:

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