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ANNUAL GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this early letter is to enable all Regimental organisations to record this event in their 2009 diary, and give it the widest advertisement within Regimental units, Associations and Golf Societies, ensuring maximum participation on the day. I will send you a further reminder in early 2009.

The 2009 Yorkshire Regiment Annual Golf Championship will take place at Malton & Norton Golf Club, Welham Park, Malton, North Yorkshire, Y17 9QE on Friday 15 May. The field is limited to a maximum of sixty players, on a first to register by post with cheque basis.

The entry fee is £40.00 per player or £15.00 if you are a member of Malton GC. Included in the price; prizes, coffee and a bacon bap on arrival, 18 holes of golf and a set two course evening meal which will be held at approx 1715 hrs at the Club. The chosen set meal is "Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding, served with potatoes and fresh vegetables, and a choice of sweets. If you have a special dietary requirement please let me know and we may be able to arrange a "special" meal.

The Tees are reserved from 1030 hrs through to 1130 hrs (starting from two separate tees at the same time), and you should aim to be at the Club no later than 0930 hrs on the day. A Jacket and Tie will be required to attend the dinner & prize giving.

THE COMPETITION

To ensure a reasonable pace of play (allowing players to pick up when the ability to score a point is past) this will be an individual Stableford event in two divisions, played off $\frac{3}{4}$ handicaps. Maximum handicap is 24. No individual winner may take more than one prize. The split between divisions and the spread of prizes will be decided once the size of the entry is known.

RETURN OF THE MAIN TROPHY

If not personally attending, it is requested that Major (Retired) Bob Martin MBE should kindly arrange for the main trophy (won last year by the Green Howards) to be available in time for the prize giving at this event.

The closing date for entries is 30 April 2009. Would you please send me your completed proforma and cheque for £40.00 or £15.00 for members of Malton, payable to "Yorkshire Regiment charitable Trust".

ANNEX A

RULES OF THE DAY

1. Scoring system:

- a. Players should exchange cards (you should not be marking your own score card).
- b. Keep a record of your own score in the extreme left column.
- c. Record the players' GROSS score for that hole in Column A.
- d. Record the players Stableford points scored (Net of handicap) in the right hand column.
- e. Both marker and the player are to sign the card as a true and accurate record of the round.
- f. STABLEFORD POINTS: Net PAR = 2 points. Net one over par = 1 point. Net. Birdie = 3 points.

2. Preventing slow play:

If you are playing too slow, you will be affecting every player on the course. Slow play will spoil the day. The following rules will help prevent slow play. Please read and comply.

- a. We are playing a Stableford format so that the pace of play is not too slow. PICK UP AND WALK ON WHEN YOU CAN NO LONGER SCORE A STABLEFORD POINT ON THAT HOLE.
- a. If you HAVE JUST PLAYED A SHOT that has gone into trouble (rough or trees etc) and you think that it might not be found, you SHOULD play a provisional ball from that same point (IT WILL SAVE YOU THE TIME OF HAVING TO WALK BACK TO PLAY ANOTHER BALL).
- b. If you are THAT SLOW that you are LOSING GROUND (a clear hole in front with no players on it), and the players behind you are constantly waiting for you to move, you are probably playing too slow. You should either SPEED UP or WAVE THROUGH the following group.

SOME GOLF RULES

3. LOST BALL (Stroke & distance).

You MUST return to the place from where you played the last shot. You must then DROP another ball (add ONE SHOT distance penalty), and then play it, adding another shot (STROKE penalty).

Example one. "if you lose your Tee Shot, you would have to RETURN to the tee and play another ball. This would be your THIRD shot".

Example two. "if you lose a shot from anywhere else on the course you would have to RETURN to the EXACT place from where you played that last shot. Drop another ball (adding a shot to your score) and then play your next shot.

4. OUT OF BOUNDS (Stroke & distance penalty).
Same procedure as for a lost ball.
5. UNPLAYABLE BALL (one shot penalty).
A player may deem any ball has UNPLAYABLE and take a penalty drop (could be up against a tree, in a bush, or any other reason).
Before doing anything the player must inform the other players in his group of his decision.
The player will then mark the position of his ball and lift it adding ONE PENALTY STROKE. He must then drop the ball using one of the following three options:
- (1). Drop within TWO club lengths, no nearer the hole.
 - (2). Drop keeping the original (marked) ball position in line with the flag. You may go back as far away from the hole as you like.
 - (3). Drop the ball where the last shot was played from.
6. FREE DROP
In certain situations you may be entitled to a FREE drop (ONE club length). Before taking the free drop he should seek the approval of the player who is marking his card. A free drop would be allowed in the following situations:
- (1) Staked tree. If a tree is protected by a strengthening/supporting artificial post you are entitled to claim a free drop. You are entitled to claim a free shot if by playing the shot from where it presently lays the tree may become damaged by you, your club or the ball that you are playing.
 - (2) Burrowing animal damage. If your ball lies in a burrow or scrape or your stance is made difficult by a burrow you are entitled to a free drop.
 - (3) Local rules. You should also check the local rules for the course you playing (see back of score card) for additional reasons for a free drop. These may include water sprinkler heads, overhead power lines etc.
- Free drop procedure (ONE club length):
- (a). Get the permission for a fellow player to take the free drop.
 - (b). Mark the position of the ball before you lift it.
 - (c). Mark the nearest point of relief position from the problem (not nearer the hole).
 - (d). Drop the ball within ONE club length of the nearest point of relief.

IF YOU DO NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND ANY OF THE ABOVE RULES PLEASE
SEEK ADVICE.

YORKSHIRE REGIMENT GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
FRIDAY 15 MAY 2009

1. Name:
2. Address:

3. Tel No:

E-MAIL:
4. I would like to participate in the Regimental Golf Day on Friday 15 May 2009.
£40.00/£15.00 cheque is enclosed.
5. I regret that I am unable to play. But please add my name to the list for the future.

HANDICAPS

Everyone likes to win, and Golf's handicapping system is unique, providing everyone with a chance of beating the more talented player. Yes, even you could beat Tiger Woods. But it is not designed prevent Tiger from beating you, it should provide an even competition. A guide to a correct handicap is when the player would have to play VERY WELL to achieve a net PAR score, (36 Stableford Points). For him to score MORE THAN 36 points he should be required to play EXCEPTIONALLY WELL. If you are regularly scoring more than 36 points your handicap is probably in need of adjustment, and is currently unfair on your opponents.

HONESTY

Golf is a competitive game that his played without the benefit of a referee. It relies upon a players honesty and his knowledge and the correct application of the rules of golf (see Annex A), allowing every player to enjoy a fair and even chance of winning that Trophy.

6. My OFFICIAL Club handicap is:
(if different on the day please inform the organiser)
7. My UNOFFICIAL handicap is:
(if different on the day please inform the organiser)
8. My special dietary requirements are:
9. Signed:

Date:

Send me your completed proforma and cheque for £40.00 or £15.00 payable to "Yorkshire Regiment Charitable Trust" at the below address before 30 April 2009.

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