

Minthis Hills Committee

Competition Information

This information sheet should tell you most of what you need to know about the club competitions, not only the qualifying ones, such as the Monthly Medals and Monthly Stablefords, but also the “Fun” competitions and some of the “ad hoc” ones organised by groups of members too.

Qualifying competitions are organised by the Club Professional, while the “fun” ones are organised by the Golf Committee. Entry sheets for all of the competitions are put in a binder that is normally kept in the top left-hand drawer of the Trophy Cabinet in the Pro-Shop. Some of the competitions are qualifying for handicap purposes, while others are purely “fun” competitions.

The competition sheets are usually removed about a week before the date of the competition, the draw is then done and this is communicated to the members by e-mail and by being posted on the notice board in the Caddy Master’s room.

There is always a Medal competition and a Stableford competition each month. The Men's Medal is played off the white tees, the Ladies' off the Red, in most of the other competitions the men play off the yellow tees. These are the main “qualifying” competitions, where your handicap may be adjusted, but there are others as well.

To ensure your handicap is as it should be you should play in as many qualifying competitions as you can. You may also submit up to two “Extra Day Cards” each month if you cannot play in qualifying competitions – see the information sheet on “Handicaps”. If you submit fewer than four qualifying scores in a calendar year your handicap will become inactive. If your handicap remains inactive for one year you lose it the following year and will have to re-apply to re-instate it.

Most of the competitions (but not the knockouts) also have a “Twos” competition that you may enter for €2. If you hole out in two (or get a hole-in-one) on any of the holes you receive a proportional share of the “Twos” prize fund.

The sheets for the Knockout Competitions that run throughout the year are put in the folder in December/January (the draw is usually made in mid- February).

Other “ad-hoc” competitions include:

- POETS – a monthly 9-hole competition played on Friday afternoon (hence the name), followed by a 3-course meal, spouses and friends invited, at a restaurant chosen by the person who came second in the previous POETS competition – the winner organizes the format and logistics of the next POETS competition.
- Nine-Wine-and-Dine – a monthly 9-hole competition followed by a meal in the Minthis Hills restaurant.
- Ladies day – another monthly competition, but obviously only for lady golfers.

There is a folder in the same drawer that describes the rules for each of the fun competitions (like the Motherball, the Waltz, the Patsomes etc.) in detail.

The club has a very good ladies section who are very friendly and welcoming both to new lady members and the wives of members too.

Various social events are organised throughout the year: Annual Dinner Dance, Quizes, Games, Outside Venues etc. and entry sheets for these too may be found in the folder.

Your Golf Committee