

**BAWBURGH GOLF CLUB - MEN'S SECTION**  
**RULES FOR THE SECRETARY'S PAIRS TROPHY**

1. The Competition will be played on a date to be determined by the Men's Section Committee. If the Competition must be abandoned or cancelled due to weather conditions, it shall be rearranged or cancelled entirely in accordance with the Men's Section Bad Weather Policy.
2. The Rules of Golf, plus any Bawburgh Golf Club Local Rules at the time of the Competition, will apply.
3. The Competition will be open to all male members of Bawburgh Golf Club, except for juniors aged 10 or under, with an official WHS Handicap Index on the day of the Competition, but only those who have played in at least **8 handicap qualifying competitions, 5 of which need to be played at BGC**. (Appeals will be heard by MSC for any new members transferring in from away clubs, and new members, reviewing each case on its merits), during the 12 months prior to the Competition will be entitled to win the trophy
4. The Competition will take the form of a Pairs Fourball Betterball, consisting of one round of 18-hole medal scoring played from the white tees.
5. The WHS Handicap Index limit for the Competition will be 36.0, and players will be allocated Playing Handicaps based on 85% of their exact Course Handicap on the day of the Competition. Players with a higher Handicap Index may still enter but will be required to use a Handicap Index of 36.0.
6. Players may enter their name on the booking system for the Competition, once it becomes available, and may play at any designated tee-time available on the day of the Competition.
7. The entry fee, as specified by the Men's Section Committee, **must** be paid before playing in the Competition; if not paid, the player will not be entered in the Competition.
8. There will be no waiver of any additional green fee due payable by 5-day or non-peak members, nor will any concession be made to those who have a points membership by virtue of the fact that they need to use more points because of the time they are due to play.
9. Play in the Competition must be in 3 or 4-balls, all starting from the first tee. All pairs must play with another pair or marker, as detailed in the Men's Section Guidelines for Pairs and Team Competitions.
10. Players may use buggies during the Competition, subject to course conditions allowing.
11. In the event of a dispute regarding the rules during the Competition, a player may choose to complete a hole with two balls without penalty, in accordance with the Rules of Golf. The player should advise the Golf Office, at the end of the round, of any dispute as to the score and ask for a ruling. If the Golf Office is unable to make a ruling, then the Men's Section Captain and Vice-Captain will adjudicate, and their decision will be final. The player and marker should submit their scorecards after a ruling by the Golf Office or pending a decision by the Men's Section Captain and Vice-Captain.
12. **SCORECARDS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE GOLF OFFICE AT THE END OF THE ROUND VIA THE AGREED METHOD(S); FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.**
13. The winners of the Secretary's Pairs Trophy will be the pair returning the lowest nett medal score over 18 holes. In the event of a tie, the winners will be determined by the lowest nett medal score on count-back, being the last 9 holes, last 6, last 3, and last hole and, if still tied, the last 6, last 3 and last hole on the front nine. If still tied, pairs on the same score will share the trophy and prize vouchers.
14. Prize Vouchers will be awarded to the winners, runners-up and other places in each division, as agreed and specified by the Men's Section Committee, based upon the number of entries.

The winners of the Secretary's Pairs Trophy will also each receive an additional £10.00 prize voucher.

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