

Bedfordshire Golf Club

BGC 200 Club

History

The **BGC 200 Club** was formed in 2003 for the purpose of raising money to assist in the purchase or lease of items or services needed for the maintenance of the golf courses and the clubhouse and its equipment, furniture, decoration or fittings. It is thought that it was intended that this support be primarily for the golf courses. However proceeds have, in past years, been used for improvements needed in the clubhouse. Originally the General Committee decided on the use of the proceeds of the **BGC 200 Club** but since its formation the Management Board has instigated the priority for this expenditure which has been approximately £4,000 each year. Membership is currently 143.

Rules, Purpose and Procedures (revised March 2012)

The **BGC 200 Club** is a "Private Society Lottery" as defined in the Gambling Act 2005 and, as such, does not require a licence but does require the following rules:

- Only golf club members or their family members or people who work on the golf club premises may join. Members who subsequently leave the golf club may continue to take part.
- It must be promoted by a member of the golf club.
- It may only be promoted and raise proceeds for the purposes for which the golf club is conducted.

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Procedures

1. The promoter of the **BGC 200 Club** will be deemed to be the Club Captain for the year in question. The promoter, or a BGC member appointed by the captain to act as promoter, will be responsible for maintaining membership, keeping **BGC 200 Club** members informed and overseeing the administration of the **BGC 200 Club**.
2. Decisions concerning changes to **BGC 200 Club** policy and practice will be made by the BGC General Committee.
3. Members must subscribe to the club in advance either by an annual payment in January or by quarterly direct debit.
4. All members will pay an equal subscription of £60 per annum in January or 4 quarterly instalments of £15.
5. **Prize giving:** 50% of the income from subscriptions will be disbursed as prizes and the remainder set aside to fulfil the purpose of the club as stated above. The August draw will award, by a process of elimination, one of the two prizes to a member who has not won in the previous five years. A larger extra **Bonus Prize** will be given on three occasions in the year, January, July and December. In order to give maximum publicity to the **BGC 200 Club** the arrangements for the draw will usually be made at a golf club function or failing that at a meeting of the general committee for that month. For example:
 - January - at Captain's Drive -in lunch = 2 x £150 + **Bonus Prize (£200)**
 - February - Quiz Night = 2 x £150
 - March - St Patrick's Night Supper on 24.03.12. = 2 x £150
 - April - Charity Race Night on 21.04.12 = 2 x £150

- May- Men's presentation morning on 13.05.12. = 2 x £150
 - June - Captain's Day on 09.06.12. = 2 x £150
 - July - Festival Dinner on 21.07.12 = 2 x £150 + **Bonus Prize (£200)**
 - August- Home mixed match supper on 19.08.12. = 2 x £150 plus a **£100 New Winner's Prize**
 - September- Grand Ball on 22.09.12 = x £150
 - October - Ashes Supper on 6.10.12 = 2 x £150
 - November- Cabaret dine-in on 17.11.12 =2 x £150
 - December - Christmas lunch and Draw on 16.12.12 = 2 x £150 + **Bonus Prize (£200)**
6. The results of the monthly draw and the spending decisions will be published for all BGC members through the golf club magazine and notice boards and by e-mail to all **200 Club** members.
 7. Recommendations for the use of **200 Club** proceeds will be proposed by the Management Board and ratified by the General Committee. Money unspent in the year will be rolled over, not subsumed into the club budget.
 8. Members will not be eligible for a prize if subscription payments have ceased.
 9. Subscription levels will be reviewed by the promoter each year in September.
 10. The club will be administered by the BGC office under the direction of the General Manager. This will involve:
 - Keeping account of and banking member subscriptions
 - Calculating the appropriate amount to be awarded as prizes
 - Supporting the Captain in keeping the schedule of monthly draws
 - Keeping a record of prize winners
 - Publishing the results of the monthly draw, notifying winners and transferring cash prizes to them
 - Keeping a record of the amount and purpose of the cash disbursements to the Golf Club.

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