



The San Roque Club Captains' Book

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The purpose of this book is to provide a guideline to aid the San Roque Men's Captain and Ladies' Captain in the planning and the operation of The San Roque Club and its calendar and to be a point of reference to ensure that the traditions of San Roque Club can be continued and improved on for years to come.

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1. Welcome Letter From the Club President

Dear Captains,

It is a great honour to be chosen by your fellow members to represent them at our fine club.

That honour comes with great responsibility, commitment and sometimes pressure to make certain decisions that you know will not always be popular.

It also comes with great satisfaction when you realise you have made a great contribution to the success and well-being of the club.

The passion and enthusiasm that has been shown by your predecessors is the reason the club is where it is today.

The San Roque Club is known for its great atmosphere, its warm welcome and inclusive attitude towards all.

It is up to you to carry on these great traditions and maybe create a few new ones during your exciting year.

Thank you to all the Captains for all the hard work over the years and good luck to the both of you in your years as Captain of The San Roque Club.

Stephen Dundas

President



2. History of the San Roque Club

Formerly the home of the Domecq sherry family, The San Roque Club sits on an enviable backdrop surrounded by lush hills and historic cork oak woods. The centrepiece of the club is the magnificent Domecq mansion which oozes character. The club is set within 340 acres of peaceful and natural Andalusian countryside where the ancient Cork Oaks dominate the landscape. San Roque first opened its doors in 1991 and quickly became the golf resort of choice in Sotogrande, designed by Dave Thomas. The Old Course along with Valderrama and Real Club de Sotogrande became known as the golden triangle of golf.

In 1997, during the Ryder Cup held in neighbouring Valderrama, San Roque hosted both the European and American teams and their families and to this day the plaques with the players' names remain by the door to the suites they occupied.

The first event under the club's belt was the European Tour Qualifying School Finals in 1993 held exclusively on the Old Course until 2003. Many players who have since become household names received their tour card at San Roque such as Pádraig Harrington, Lee Westwood, Ian Poulter and Justin Rose to name a few.

"See you in November in San Roque" became a catchphrase for those in the business as the Q School finals were held for a further 13 years at the club with the exception of 3 years in between where the finals were held in Cataluña.

In 2003, San Roque opened a further 18 holes and so the New Course was born. The course designed by Perry Dye and Seve Ballesteros is a perfect contrast to the Old as it is extremely different in design, yet presents the same challenges as its older sister. In 2005 the Old Course hosted the Spanish Open which was eventually won by Peter Hanson after a play off with fellow Swede Peter Gustafsson. The tournament returned in 2006 this time on the New Course with Niclas Fasth winning this time.

It is fair to say that The San Roque Club holds a place in the heart of many a European Tour professional. The club continues to welcome elite players from across the globe who come to take advantage of the outstanding conditions before important tournaments. As for amateurs, the two courses offer some of the most beautiful holes they will ever play. It's not only professionals who enjoy San Roque as thousands of amateurs will testify each year. The courses have been designed so that both low and high handicap players can enjoy them.

In 2019 Thorncroft Investment Fund bought the Club. In the same year there commenced a complete renovation of the Old Course including irrigation, drainage, bunkers, fairways, greens and tree programme. In addition a decision was taken to switch the two 9's with the new 17th becoming a par 5 and the new 18th a par 4. The Clubhouse has also undergone a complete renovation. In 2020 the Jason Floyd Academy was established at the Club.

2.1. Memoirs from Serafin Bustamante

The club was founded in 1989, the estate was the property of my friend Pepe Domecq. The clubhouse used to be a catholic chapel with a magnificent patio with orange and lemon trees. Shun Tezukafell in love with the estate and bought it. He then started plans for the development of the urbanization and the golf course.

As the estate was rural land, Shun had to reconvert it to urban land, along with massive help from the San Roque Town Hall, especially with the head of department, Juan Bezares. During the building of the course, problems arose, especially those regarding water for irrigation of the course.

A new well was built in front of the San Roque Casino, there was not enough water for irrigating the fairways during seeding and so trucks had to bring the water to the course. However, when the water came, it was too late; the fairways had been burnt and so they had to be seeded again.

The first social event took place in 1991, it was a social tournament at the Club de Golf La Cañada which at that time did not have a course. Organized and sponsored by Mr. Serafin Bustamante Reyes. It was composed by 20 men, 20 juniors and 10 professionals, players like the world champion José M^a Cañizares, De la Rosa and Juan Quirós to mention just a few, as well as around 120 men. The winner of the competition was the General Manager of Valderrama, Mr. Jim Stewart. In the professional's competition, José M^a Cañizares was crowned champion.

The first Senior Interclub was a memorial for Phillip Thomas, which was played between members from The San Roque Club against English players from other courses, designed by Dave Thomas. In the Interclubs against Guadalmina, Marbella Golf Club and other courses, The San Roque Club completed its team with members of staff.

From 1991 onwards, The San Roque Club founded a very important competition for the young professionals in the area; it was always celebrated during the first week of January, with a PRGAM on the weekend.

The purpose of the competition was to give lessons, as well as to teach the rules of golf. The first sponsor of the tournament was APOLOWIN which years later changed to McGregor. No one ever knew why this competition disappeared.

During those days, our fabulous club had very prestigious members like Sean Connery, Toni Dalli and many others. There were also members who had important positions in the PGA like John O'Grady and Mr John Paramor.

The Serafin Trophy was founded by the club in 2002 as a gesture from the club to thank me for all my help and collaboration for many years at the club. You can still enjoy it and I hope it continues for many more years.

3. Rules and Etiquette

With the objective to always offer the best service to our distinguished members and clients, in The San Roque Club we maintain a very strict policy for rules and etiquette.

Handicaps limitation : There is no handicap limitation for social play on the Old Course, however the starter and marshal have the right to direct certain players to play from forward tees if deemed to be holding up play.

Starting Times: Are at 10 minute intervals (or at 8 minute intervals when necessary). Flights are ordinarily made up as 4 balls and green fee paying guests that book 2 or 3 balls must expect to be paired up with another group. Starting times are defined in the Golf Reservations System.

Matchplay Tee Times: Members booking tee times for Matchplay Competitions should inform the Pro Shop when booking.

Members Reserved Tee Times: April, July, August, September 8am-12 noon (Tuesdays/Thursdays & weekends). All other months 8am-11am.

Juniors playing: All juniors under the age of 14 must play always accompanied by an adult. Juniors under the age of 16 are prohibited to drive buggies on the course and around the club.

Mobile Phones: Members and guests are requested to put their mobile phones on silent whilst on the golf course or practice areas. However, GPS and distance measuring functions may be activated provided they comply with the Rules of Golf and are accessed silently.

Buggies: All SRC buggies have at present GPS which will be programmed to allow you to drive in certain places. If you enter a zone that is out-with the programme, the buggy will stop and you will have to reverse out of the zone in order to continue.

On wet days and on all Par 3's buggies must stay on the path at all times. Buggies should not drive in the rough. Only on the path or on the fairway.

Those members who are 70 years or older can request a blue flag. Members with a valid medical certificate will be given a blue flag. The buggies with blue flags will be able, weather permitting, to cross the fairways.

Maximum of 2 buggies per flight allowed (whether competitions or general play)

Accident Book: The Pro Shop keeps an electronic log of serious accidents and injuries. These should be reported to the Pro Shop staff so that they can be added to the log.



DressCode: All players and guests at The San Roque Club must adhere to the club dress code when playing the Old Course.

Trousers – must be tailored, full length and not be made of denim nor tracksuit fabric.

Shorts – must be tailored and of Bermuda length. No beach shorts.

Shirts – proper golf shirts must be worn.

Shoes – must have soft spikes or pimpled soles. Spiked shoes are not permitted anywhere within the golf resort. No exception will be made for non-removable spikes.

The San Roque Club adopts a more casual approach for members and guests alike in and around the Clubhouse and Driving Range. However, Football Shirts and Swimwear are not permitted anywhere within the complex.

On the Course Repair all divots using divot fill, repair pitch marks, rake bunkers well and leave rake inside the bunker with handle outside of bunker angled away from line of play.

4. Format for the Election of San Roque Captains '

- The membership office will send out a notice for members to put their name forward for Men's Vice Captain/Ladies' Vice Captain election.
- The club will check with nominees that they are able to carry out duties as expected by the club.
- Candidates for Men's Vice Captain/Ladies' Vice Captain are formally presented to the Past Captains' Committee and they will undertake a review of all nominations/applicants following which they will formulate a recommendation of their preferred candidates for the incoming Men's Vice Captain/Ladies' Vice Captain which will be delivered to the Commission for ratification.
- The successful candidates will then serve one year as Men's Vice Captain/Ladies' Vice Captain and become Men's Captain/Ladies' Captain subject to approval of the Commission

5. List of San Roque Captains'

1992-2003



Serafin Bustamante

2007



Paul Charles



Lynette Hicks

2004



R. Bell-Young



Mary Berkery

2008



Ian Sherdley



Aileen Regan

2005



Steve Hickey



Finola Murphy

2009



Chris Harris



Sara Lees

2006



Dave Tarpy



CJ Sherdley

2010



Steve Hickey



CJ Sherdley

2011



Steve Bircher Patricia Joy

2015



Richard Chinn Anne Middlehurst

2012



Ray Joy Diane Harmer

2016



Sandy Casofsky Mary Flavin

2013



Paul Cambridge Fiona
Shaxon

2017



David Campbell Debbie
Richards

2014



Jim Goold Laura Goold

2018



Andy Stanford Mary Flavin

2019



Jon Hale



Elisa Runo

2023



David Tyler



Linda Fletcher

2020



David MacGregor



Liz Griffiths

2024



Gary Ward



Nicky Triay

2021



Chris Hutchin



Irene Baltus

2025



Michael Keane



Svetlana Friedl

2022



Paul Holliday



Tina Ducker

6. Wise Words of Former Captains

MARYBERKERY(2004)

Taking over the Lady Captaincy at such a fine club as San Roque, can seem like a daunting prospect. The support I received from the staff and professionals at the club as well as from friends and family made holding the position of San Roque's first Lady Captain a real pleasure, an honour and an experience I will never forget.

FINOLAMURPHY(2005)

San Roque has gone from strength to strength since 2003. It is wonderful to see how well the teams are excelling and the fantastic camaraderie in the ladies club. Without dedicated Lady Captains, the club would not have a future. Long may it continue.

STEVE HICKEY(2005 & 2010)

To be Captain of The San Roque Club is an honour and a privilege. A course in tact and diplomacy beforehand would be an advantage.

PAUL CHARLES(2007)

If you are fortunate to become Captain of The San Roque Club, then you should always seek advice, delegate responsibility and accept criticism, but at the end of the day, your word is law. Only one person can be in command. Do not blame outside influences on your failure or give them too much credit when you succeed. Make a point of being 100% accountable for your actions, even when circumstances contribute to a less desirable result. Golf is happiness but real happiness can only be attained by cultivating good friendships and a happy family environment. In life as in golf, be patient. A leopard does not pounce from a tree for the first animal that passes beneath. He is patient and waits for something particularly healthy and tasty!

AILEEN REGAN(2008)

My tip to future Lady Captains is to develop a good working relationship with the Captain of the Men's Club, also to have a supportive team to share the workload. Good luck and I hope the years to come are as memorable as 2008.

IAN SHERDLEY(2008)

Whatever you are in life, be a good one! Good luck and do your very best for the members.



CHRISHARRIS(2009)

You can please some of the people some of the time, but you cannot please all of the people all of the time. Therefore the key to a good year is to please as many people as you can! – Goodluck!

SARALEES(2009)

Remember you will not be able to please all the ladies all the time. I think it is important that no matter what handicap a player plays off, their opinion is always valid and high handicap players should be encouraged as much as possible to take part in roll ups and competitions. They are the future of the club.

CJSHERDLEY(2006 & 2010)

Remember, happy members are paramount to a happy and successful year for you. Include everyone and listen to them, it is so important, as you are doing the job for them. If you enjoy your year as San Roque Captain, so will they. So keep smiling. You will be great! – Goodluck!

STEV BIRCHER(2011)

Do not be afraid to try out new ideas – you do not always have to stick to the same “because it’s always done that way”. Give it a go, others may like it, but do not hesitate to revert back if it is not working. Remember, 95% or more will really appreciate all the hard work you put in but you will hear most from the other 5%.

PATJOY(2011)

Remember you are number 1 ambassador for the club always working home and away. Get to know as many members as possible, make them feel that you are always approachable and always try to nip gossip and minor issues in the bud and resolve them very quickly. Make change for the good of the members only. Listen to the Management and Past Captains. They have a wealth of knowledge and experience.

You are building and expanding on what previous Captains have done. Very often events and new additions take several years to become successful. Work with the club and not against them; show your appreciation to all the staff. Past experience shows that more can be achieved that way. Appreciate your Vice Captain, help them learn the ropes and document competitions and events for the future. Play as much as you can, try to play with different members all the time.

Goodluck, from a very proud Past Lady Captain

DIANE HARMER (2012)

I think that the key to a successful year as Lady Captain is to be very diplomatic. To liaise with the Men's Captain and the club at all times and finally to keep the members informed on what is happening

RAY JOY (2012)

It is a big commitment, so it has got to be fun. Be visible in the club, be seen, talk to everyone... yes members but guests also. Get feedback from members and guests and make sure it is fed back to those who need it, management green keepers, catering. Talk to and listen to all the staff in all departments, it is so important to have 2-way communication. You are the go between members and management

Get a great Vice, you cannot be there all of the time, but it is important someone is there when you cannot be. Listen to everyone but as Captain put your own spin on what is important, you cannot resolve all the problems, no matter how much certain members expect you to. Take decisions and stick by them. You will not be right all of the time but you will most of the time. Make sure you align with the Lady Captain, Vices and Management on big issues. Be positive and an advocate for the club, it is not perfect, nor is any club but so much better than most all the others.

PAUL CAMBRIDGE (2013)

When something happens, like dispute or no show, take a step back, get all the facts before making a decision!

FIONA SHAXON (2013)

Take nothing personally – you are a figurehead and a contact point. Remember it is a tremendous honour to be a Captain. Take a deep breath and have a fantastic year.

JIM GOOLD (2014)

Remember it is an honour to represent the Members and the Club. Trust your judgement and do what you think is right, but consult others if you are unsure as there is a wealth of knowledge for you to call on for advice (some of which you will get whether you want it or not!). Keep things in perspective and don't allow minor issues to cloud your judgement or enjoyment of your year - you won't please everyone all of the time. Finally, make sure you enjoy your year as Captain - it passes very quickly.

LAURAGOOLD(2014)

Firstly enjoy your year as Lady Captain. It is a privilege and an honour to represent the club at home or away. Try your best to keep the ladies happy, it cannot always be done but is worth the effort. Ask the Past Captains for help and advice, they are always there for you.

RICHARD CHINN(2015)

Try at all times to keep things in perspective. You are Captain of a golf club, yes a very good golf club but, at the end of the day, a golf club. Keep grounded. You represent the whole membership and not just the very few who make the most noise. Invariably they are the ones who are most likely to fail to see the whole picture. At the beginning of the year decide what you would like to achieve to make the things that bit better for the membership for the coming years. If at all possible work out a schedule with your VC to spread the load throughout the year and to enable you can have time off to recharge the batteries. You cannot be around all the time. Try to play with new members when they join and make sure they play with as many different players as possible. Above all else, enjoy your year and don't forget to enjoy your own golf too!

ANNE MIDDLEHURST(2015)

Be prepared to give time and commitment to the role – it's a lot of work, but also a huge honour. It's the members who make the club and you are there to represent them. There is always plenty of support if you need it. The year will fly past – enjoy every minute of it!

SANDY CASOFSKY(2016)

Being the Captain of San Roque is an honour; you are representing the members of this fantastic club. The Past Captains and Management are always there to work with you to make your year run as smoothly as possible. Enjoy your year! It will pass by very quickly.

MARY FLAVIN(2016 & 2018)

It is a fantastic honour to be Captain of The San Roque Club, so enjoy every day of it, if you are happy, the members will be too. Don't forget to ask for advice or help, as the members and all the staff are there for you, and only too happy to help. San Roque is a well run club so it will be easy. Good Luck!

DAVID CAMPBELL (2017)

Whilst stating the obvious, being captain is an honour and a privilege the important thing to remember is that the club has many facets to it, namely, all the hard work that goes on behind the scenes. To make everything run smoothly takes good communication skills and not to be an ogre, this will ensure that everything that the members need, will in the main happen. Our role is to ensure members, friends and guests alike of the club, enjoy their experience and want to recommend to others. The future is in your hands, so never worry about asking past captains their advice, as they are likely to know the answer, and if not, are a great foil to bounce ideas off. They will always help, gladly. Enjoy your year, and have fun, because if you do, others will follow.

DEBBIE RICHARDS (2017)

It is undoubtedly a great honour and a privilege to be Lady Captain of San Roque - but don't be daunted. You will have a great team around you to support you through your year - your Captain, the Past Captains and Lady Captains, Alicia, the pro shop and the Members themselves... so don't be afraid to ask for help or advice. Everyone wants you to have a great year - so enjoy your year.....it flies by!

ANDY STANFORD (2018)

The Club Captaincy is an honour and a privilege but with this comes responsibility to represent and organise the entire membership and the Club plus liaising with the club officials in all departments. It is a big job but, it goes without saying, the more time and commitment the easier it is. You do have many Past Captains with a vast amount of experience who are very willing to give advice and help should you need it. We play golf for fun and that was my philosophy to make it fun for all the members. You are the contact point for all the members so be approachable and diplomatic even when accepting criticism. Keeping the members informed at all times and trusting your judgement is key to a good year. Overall, I am certain you will enjoy your Captaincy but make most of it as the year passes extremely quickly!

JONHALE(2019)

If you are lucky enough to become the Captain of San Roque, the chances are that the Club has a very special meaning for you. For me, it was the venue for my first 'boys' golf holiday in 1998—it was also the venue for my wedding in 2012 and I couldn't be prouder to become Captain in 2019. The first thing to strike me was just how passionate the members are about their club and whilst a few will inevitably find something to moan about, the overwhelming majority are incredibly supportive. So much so, that if you find yourself faced with a tricky or delicate situation, I wouldn't hesitate to have a quiet word with a previous Captain or a senior member of the Club chances are that situation has cropped up on more than one occasion! Whatever your year throws at you, be sure to enjoy every minute as time will fly by!

ELISARUNO(2019)

Utilise the San Roque Management and Staff who have a magnitude of experience and are always willing to be of assistance. Treat all members the same—Be an ambassador for the Club – Do not be afraid to try something new. It was an honour to be Lady Captain of The San Roque Club and wish all future Captains a successful year. Enjoy!

DAVID MACGREGOR(2020)

The privilege of being Captain comes with the responsibility to represent the members. They will doubtless provide surprising comments, and you should be prepared to take a few moments before responding. Enjoy the experience—it passes so quickly!

LIZ GRIFFITHS(2020)

My first emotion was pride at being chosen as Lady Captain, then panic when I considered the scope of the role. If you consider that the role will be easy—forget it—there is lots of work to do and it is very difficult to please everybody all the time, however the rewards of the hard work are well worth it. There is also plenty of help should you need it from Alicia, from the Men's Captain, from the past Captains and from the members. My main advice is to do your best—no one can criticize you if you do—and above all enjoy it.



CHRISHUTCHIN(2021)

Being Captain is a very special privilege, always remember that you are there for each and every member, regardless of their ability or circumstances. Be that smiling and welcoming face to members and visitors alike, you are projecting the image of San Roque at all times. Golf is supposed to be fun, so is being Captain, enjoy the brief year you have, it will pass quicker than you expect.

IRENE BALTUS(2021)

As Lady Captain of The San Roque Club, you have a unique opportunity to support the spirit and the ambitions of this club. You are in a position to serve the members at your utmost; make them feel very special. Don't forget to enjoy every minute of your year.

PAUL HOLLIDAY(2022)

Well, what are you thinking 😊 only joking, what an absolute Honour and Privilege it is to represent such a prestigious club. The role of Captain is a very busy one, you will get lots of banter, comments and jibes, but it all comes nowhere near the adulation and how proud you feel. I endeavoured to try and move the club forward after all the changes. Too many things to mention, the majority of these are still in place. If you have pride and passion for developing and enhancing the golfing experience for the Members, as I did, by all means seek advice from the past Captains but have the conviction to carry your own ideas through.

TINA DUCKER(2022)

Being Captain of the San Roque Club is a great honour but requires a huge commitment of time and energy. It's vitally important to have a good working relationship with the Men's Captain. As the membership grows, communication skills are essential; after all, you're there to represent their interests. Treat everyone equally and respectfully.

DAVID TYLER(2023)

Being Captain of The San Roque Club is a great honour, but in the last few years it has now become a full-time job. With a very congested calendar, plan carefully and delegate as much as possible to your Vice Captain. Allocate plenty of lead time for key events and make the most of the excellent support from Alicia and Ramón, Pro Shop staff, family and friends. Enjoy your year and don't hesitate to ask for help when you need it.



LINDA FLETCHER(2023)

Be yourself above all else; Believe that you can, and you will; However, preparation and planning is key to success in this prestigious position. Work closely with your Captain, share and be open to new ideas without compromising the traditions of the club. It is hectic – but with the help of the San Roque Team, you will do great! Enjoy!

NICKY TRIAY(2024)

Embrace this role as it is a huge honour. Be prepared to commit to the club 100%. The team around you are fabulous and behind the scenes keep the SRQ running smoothly. It does require a lot of time and organization and a good working relationship with your captain. Be patient and listen to the members, this will make your life so much easier – the whole point is to enjoy your year and represent the club with pride.

GARY WARD(2024)

As Captain of San Roque, I've had the privilege of leading a dedicated and passionate group of members over the last year. It has been an incredible experience, which included overseeing many memorable events. The time and commitment needed should not be underestimated. To obtain the maximum reward, you will need the maximum effort. The old saying of you only get out what you put in is an exact statement for this role. You should and will be busy. Take advantage of the experienced management and staff who will assist you. Above all, enjoy your year. It goes very quickly.

SVETLANA FRIEDL(2025)

It has been a great honour for me to serve as Lady Captain of this fantastic club. It is a role that involves a great deal of work, but at the same time brings immense joy and fulfilment. Enjoy the year ahead, keep smiling, and always remember that the members and the club are there to support you every step of the way. *"The best way to predict the future is to create it"*

7. The Role of San Roque Men's Captain & Ladies' Captain

The Men's Captain and Ladies' Captain are chosen to represent San Roque Club members both to the Management and to the general public. Their role is:

- To liaise with the Management Committee on behalf of the members
- To attend commission meetings
- To deal with minor disciplinary problems in conjunction with management
- To play with and encourage all members
- To actively encourage new members to join the club activities.
- To behave in a manner reflecting their important role as ambassadors of San Roque Club.
- To help create the calendar for the coming year in conjunction with the membership office. Calendar to be approved by the PCC
- To enhance the club by improving or including new competition ideas
- To uphold and continue to build on the spirit and traditions of San Roque and its history.
- To enjoy their time as Captains and to help create a warm and welcoming atmosphere in the club, especially to those members who do not attend on a regular basis

8. Duties of San Roque Men's Captain & Ladies' Captain

The Captaincy is a non-executive position. Their involvement in promoting social events is paramount to their ultimate success. As Captains', you will set the tone and atmosphere of the club. Your contribution and attitude as San Roque Captains' is critical to the success of your special year.

- To be available to attend the regular commission meeting with the Management, to exchange information and highlight members' concerns and resolve them
- To liaise with the Pro Shop and/or membership office concerning members' federated competition starting lists
- To organise notices for competitions and any other information in conjunction with the membership office
- To organize draw and smooth running of Matchplays. The Matchplay Competitions should start as early in a Captains' year as possible.
- To be visible as often as possible at competition check-in to greet members
- To make sure all members hand their cards to the Pro Shop after a competition
- To liaise with membership office as to competition results and to present prizes
- To be present for large competitions within the club and to make speeches when appropriate, if required to have a Spanish translation available
- To make members feel relaxed and welcome at The San Roque Club
- To ensure the smooth running of the members' competitions and to deal with any disciplinary or rule issues that might arise
- To organise the Christmas gift collection for the staff before Christmas
- To ensure that the club trophies inscriptions are up to date before leaving office
- To meet with the greenkeeper weekly
- To be conversant with the rules of golf as laid down by the Spanish Federation and the R&A and to ensure all members adhere to the rules of golf
- To play with new members and introduce them to the membership
- To write a weekly newsletter informing members of the week's competitions results and any relevant information
- To wear the Captain's jacket with pride

9. Privileges of San Roque Men's Captain & Ladies' Captain

- A complimentary year's membership fee, for their Captain's year.
- A complimentary buggy or electric trolley for their Captain's year (not transferable)
- A made-to-measure Captain's jacket
- The honour of representing The San Roque Club
- A complimentary green fee at participating golf clubs (by prior arrangement)
- Reserved car parking space for Men's Captain and Ladies' Captain. Please note that these car parking spaces are non-transferable.
- Captains are entitled to complimentary rounds in order to promote the club to new guests

10. Club Rules and Competition Eligibility

General Rules

In order to be eligible to win any prizes in any club competition, including mid-week competitions, San Roque members must be federated with the Real Federación Española de Golf and the club can administer this. Members must keep San Roque Club updated with any changes in their handicap worldwide which would affect their playing handicap in Spain.

With the exception of third party tournaments (e.g. Quadrangular, Interclubs etc) there should be no limit on handicaps for club competitions. Provided a member has a Spanish federated handicap and meets the competition qualification criteria, then he/she should be allowed to play in the competition off his/her federated handicap. Maximum handicap for guests playing in Members' Competitions is 54 (without slope) and can compete for the Guest Prize.

Board competitions, however, have a maximum handicap of 28 for men and 36 for ladies.

A junior is defined as a person who is under the age of 18 and up until 1st January following their 18th birthday.

Registration for all tournaments

The deadline to register for all competitions is 12 noon on the day prior to the tournament.

Playing Handicaps

Where Members (or guests) have submitted 20 valid cards to the Spanish Federation (whether by participating in SRC Federated competitions or submitting valid Away Cards/ Extra Day Cards) in the preceding 12 months, the playing handicap of those members (or guests) will be based on their Spanish Federation Handicap Index. It is the members' responsibility to ensure that the correct information has been provided to the SRC Pro Shop for submission by SRC to the Spanish Federation. All other members (or guests) who have not met the above conditions will have their playing handicap calculated using their lowest worldwide handicap index.

Resolution of Ties

Unless otherwise stated, ties will be resolved in accordance with the rules of the Spanish Federation. These state that for scratch competitions the player with the highest PLAYING handicap will be declared the winner. In the event that there is still a tie, the result will be determined using countback based on the last 9 holes, 12 holes, 15 holes and 17 holes respectively. For net competitions (whether Stableford or Medal), the winner will be the player with the lowest PLAYING handicap. If there is still a tie, the result will be decided by countback as detailed above.

Disputes

All disputes will be referred to and settled by The Captains, when possible. If further action is required, the dispute can be passed to the HCC, the Commission or the President, depending on the nature of the dispute, for judgement. Any dispute should be dealt with in a private space away from other players/audience.



Eligibility for Board Competitions and Monthly Medals

Eligible competitors are ~~SANROQUECLUBMEMBERS~~, ~~NAMEDCORPORATEMEMBERS~~ & ~~NAMEDCORPORATEWILDCARDHOLDERS~~. They must have submitted a minimum of 4 San Roque Club competition cards (18 holes) to the Spanish Federation. These must be current in the RFE on a rolling 12-month basis at the time of playing the competition.

For major competitions, the Handicap & Competitions Committee will draw up a one-page competition summary sheet that details the rules of the competition, clearly stating any qualification and eligibility criteria.

All corporate members will need to submit the name of the person who will be the named corporate member and the named wild card holder eligible for board competitions by the end of February. This will not affect new federation licenses for the first two years. These persons (the named card and the named wild card holder) cannot be changed throughout the duration of the year. In the event of this person leaving the condition of corporate card holder, then this card cannot be replaced by another holder until the start of the following year.

A minimum of 6 players are required for a Board Competition to take place (apart from the Champion of Champions where there may be fewer than 6 entrants) and competitors must be Spanish Federated.

Junior Members (under 18 years) with a handicap index of less than 10 are eligible to play in the Club Championship but can only win the Scratch Prize. If a junior wins the Scratch Prize in the Club Championships, they are not eligible to enter the Champion of Champions. They must meet all Club Eligibility Rules for Board Competitions.

Handicaps are limited to 28 for men and 36 for ladies. (From Easter 2027 for competitions that are in progress i.e. match plays, monthly medal & ranking)

Caddies are not allowed for Board Competitions.

Eligibility for Other Club Competitions

~~SANROQUEMEMBERS~~, ~~NAMEDCORPORATEMEMBERS~~ & ~~NAMEDCORPORATEWILDCARDHOLDERS~~ are eligible to play in all other competitions. They must have submitted a minimum of 4 handicap qualifying cards to the Spanish Federation from club competitions during the preceding 12 months. These cards do not need to be from SRC competitions. All competitors must be Spanish Federated.

In Individual and team Competitions, ~~CASUALWILDCARDHOLDERS~~, ~~GUESTS~~ OF ~~MEMBERS~~ and ~~JUNIORS~~ are invited to participate but are not required to pay an entry fee unless there is a designated prize for Guests/Juniors.



Juniors are not permitted to win cash prizes, and this should be taken into account when prizes are being chosen. Where there is no junior prize on offer, juniors must not be asked to pay the competition entry fee.

Legacy Juniors over the age of 18 on 1st January are to be classed as young adults and permitted to participate in all club competitions.

There is no minimum number of players required to play in a non-board competition. However, for Spanish Federation handicap purposes, every competition requires 6 players.

Club Calendar

All Rules for competitions appear as links on the Club Calendar.

Entry Date for Competitions

The last registration time will be posted on the entry form. Late entries will be considered but the player is liable to go to the back of the field if sufficient players and tee times are available.

ScoreCards

The full name of the player, their current handicap index, slope allowance and date must be entered on the card. All cards must be correctly marked using the appropriate columns for the players score in all formats of competition.

It must be clear which column applies to the player and the marker, the numbers written must be legible. It is not mandatory to include the stableford points, but the gross score must be shown. All cards must be completed, signed and returned within 15 minutes of finishing the round. There must be no delay in submitting the cards to the competition desk. Failure to complete the card properly and return the card on time could lead to disqualification.

The HCC should provide a duty representative for all 18 hole or 36 hole Board Competition events and other important weekend competitions. HCC should check cards of top 4 players against their own cards where they are listed as the marker. This will rule out any discrepancies and disputes. Captains, Vice Captains and HCC will have a similar role to ensure the smooth running of Board Competitions.

Prize Distribution

In any competition players can only win one prize (excluding nearest the pin, longest drive etc). There cannot be a scratch prize in a stableford competition but there can be scratch and handicap prize in any medal/stroke competition. The distribution of prizes, according to categories will be at the discretion of the Captains and determined by the number of players.

Tee Times

It is the player's responsibility to ensure that he/she is aware of the posted tee time and that he/she is on the tee at least 5 minutes before that time.

All names for bookings should be given.

Tee Position

In order to protect the tees, the head green keeper is entitled, in accordance with the WHS Rule Book, to position the tees for the day anywhere in a range of +/- 10m from the "stones" provided that in doing so, the overall change in the length of the course does not exceed 100m.

Failure to play

A player having entered a competition must give the club at least 24 hours' notice of intention to cancel, by telephone or email.

If a player fails to play at the appointed time, he/she may be disciplined. Further infringements may make the player liable to further disciplinary action.

No shows

The Men's Captain or Ladies' Captain should firstly speak to the member/members involved to assess the reason for the No Show.

Further infringements, and depending on the circumstances, a 'No Show' may make the player liable to disciplinary action which would involve a written warning from the Club and should there be further infringements there could be a 4 week suspension. It is at the Captain's discretion if they want to involve the Commission.

11. Captains' Drive-In Information

The Captains' Drive-In Day will mark the first official day of office for the incoming Captains

The format of the day and prizes are organised by Captains and in conjunction with the membership office. Table plan and menu is decided upon by Captains and in conjunction with the membership office.

The Captains' jackets are organised by the membership office (to be ready for Drive-In Day)

Traditionally there has been a sweepstake on the distance of the drive of the new Captains. This has been overseen by the new Vice Captains. The money collected will be donated to a local charity. Also Vice Captains have provided bottles of Champagne for the winners of the sweep.

The club has traditionally provided a glass of cava on the first tee for the members who are watching the Drive-In.

Diary for the day

It is the decision of the Men's Captain and Ladies' Captain as to whether they 'Drive-In' before or after the competition.

After golf there is a lunch. The President makes a speech. This is then followed by outgoing Captains' prize giving for events during their year (ensure trophies are up to date): Ranking, Match play Singles and Pairs, Birdie Trophy and any other trophies from the year (see Appendix 6).

Outgoing Captains make their departing speeches and then present the new Captains with their jackets. The new Captains then present outgoing Captains with a gift from the membership followed by their speeches and introduce their new Vice Captains presenting them with the Captains Book. The speeches can be translated into Spanish by the membership office, either to read or distribute to our Spanish members. The new Captains then present the prizes for the winners of the day's competition. The new Vice Captains present the bottles of Champagne to the winners of the drive sweepstake.

12. Competitions on the Calendar & Information

Try to gauge what members want in the way of competitions. Monthly events tend to encourage play and give members something to plan for. In deciding types of competitions be mindful that some members enjoy a Texas Scramble, while others prefer to play their own ball. A variety is good to stimulate play and encourage participation of all members and handicap levels.

Also be mindful of the fact that some members appreciate free weekends, when they can organise their own golf as not everyone is competition minded.

REFEREES AND PACE OF PLAY FOR BOARD COMPETITION FINALS

Referees should be female for Ladies' Competitions and male for Men's Competitions. Pace of Play should be more flexible for finals of Board Competitions.

BOARD COMPETITIONS

LADIES CAPTAIN'S DAY – overall winner

MENS CAPTAIN'S DAY – overall winner

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS – scratch and handicap winners

PRESIDENT'S CUP – best gross men and ladies

ANNUAL RANKING

LADIES' SINGLES MATCH PLAY

MEN'S SINGLES MATCH PLAY

MEN'S PAIRS MATCH PLAY

LADIES' PAIRS MATCH PLAY

MIXED FOURSOMES

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS MEDAL

SERAFIN TROPHY

ISABEL DIAZ TROPHY

LADIESCAPTAIN'SDAY

MEMBERSANDLADIESCAPTAIN'SGUESTS

Individual Stableford . Perpetual Trophy. Tee49. Handicap limit 36.

The course will be reserved as in any other member's competition and tee times reserved as required. This competition will be financed by the Ladies' Captain and not subsidised by the club however the members pay an entrance fee which goes towards the gala dinner and entertainment. Details pertaining to the event are at the discretion of the Ladies' Captain. Traditionally a small gift is given by the Ladies' Captain before play to the Lady members playing in her Ladies Captain's Day Competition.

The Ladies Captain's Day can be held whenever she thinks sensible but was traditionally held at Eastertime due to large number of lady members in Spain at that time. However, it has been held in June (2009), also in October (2004 & 2005). This was both Ladies Captain's Day and Invitational Day. This has now given way to "Past Ladies Captains' Invitational Day" as it was thought that Ladies Captain's Day should be members only as there is a perpetual trophy for the highest individual stableford score. This was donated by our very first Ladies' Captain Mrs Mary Berkery.

In 2004 It was a morning shotgun start/invitational followed by Ladies Captain's dinner with music.

In 2005 It was a morning shotgun start/invitational followed by Ladies Captain's dinner with entertainment and music.

In 2006 It was a morning shotgun start, a joint event was held. Men and ladies playing on consecutive days, culminating in a joint dinner and dance. This proved to be very popular. This was also run as a charity event with a raffle, raising a large amount of money for the Pink Ribbon charity.

In 2007 It was a morning shotgun start, Ladies Captain's Dinner and a magician.

In 2008 It was a morning shotgun start followed by a fashion show dinner and music.

In 2009 It was a morning shotgun start, Ladies Captain's Dinner and music.

2010, 2011, 2012 The joint event was resurrected mostly playing the same day (Old/New courses)

Since 2013 the Old Course is played on separate days, all culminating in a joint Captains dinner and dance on the Saturday evening



The format of the post competition Gala Dinner is at the discretion of the Captains. Themes have been popular but are not essential.

PASTTHEMES

2006: Think Pink (Charity Day / 2010: Black and Bling Theme / 2011: Hollywood Theme
2012: A Masked Ball Theme / 2013: 1930's Prohibition Theme / 2014: Scottish Ceilidh
2015: New York, New York! / 2016: 1970's Disco Party / 2017: Paris By Night
2018: Mardi Gras / 2019: Gatsby / 2021: 80's Disco Party / 2022: A Tropical Summer
Evening / 2023: Black and White/ 2024: Summer Party/ 2025: Flamenco

The prize table is financed by the individual Captain and so it is their decision as how to organise the day and choose the catering etc.

MENSCAPTAIN'SDAY

MEMBERANDCAPTAIN'SGUESTS

Individual Stableford . Perpetual Trophy. Tee60. Handicap limit 28.

The course will be reserved as in any other members' competition and tee times reserved as required. This competition will be financed by the Men's Captain and not subsidised by the club (as Ladies Captain's Day). Details pertaining to the event are at the discretion of the Men's Captain. Traditionally a small gift is given by the Men's Captain to the men playing in his Mens Captain's Day Competition.

The Mens Captain's Day can be held whenever he thinks sensible. The Mens Captain's Day is for members only, as there is a perpetual trophy, which was donated by Paul Charles in 2007.

In 2004/5: These were morning shotgun starts followed by lunch and prize giving.

In 2006: It was a joint event. Ladies played one day and men the next, culminating in a joint dinner and dance. This proved to be very popular and in this year. It was run as a charity event with a raffle raising a large amount of money for the Pink Ribbon Charity.

In 2007: It was a morning shotgun start followed by Captain's lunch.

In 2008: It was a morning shotgun start followed by Captain's lunch.

In 2009: It was a morning shotgun start followed by Captain's lunch.



2010 2011, 2012: The joint event was resurrected mostly playing the same day (Old/New courses).

Since 2013 , the Old Course was played on separate days, all culminating in a joint Captains dinner and dance.

The format of the post competition Gala Dinner is at the discretion of the Captains. Themes have been popular but are not essential.

SanRoqueLadies' Club Championship (Scratch & Handicap):

MEMBERS ONLY Handicap Limit 36.

PRIZES Trophies for 1st & 2nd Scratch and 1st & 2nd Handicap. Reserved Car Parking Space for the Ladies' Club Champion – winner will be able to nominate up to 3 people to use space in their absence if they wish (names to be emailed to the Membership Office). No monetary exchange will be allowed. Tee 56

This is a 2 day 36 hole event played from tee 56 in medal format. Played in handicap order on the first day and then in result order on the last day from highest to lowest gross score. The nines can be reversed (at the Ladies' Captains discretion) so starting at the 10th tee and finishing on the 9th.

The winner of the scratch Club Championship will be the player with the lowest gross score over 2 days. In the event of a tie in the scratch competition, there will be a sudden death play off. The allocated hole for such a play off shall be notified to the field in advance of play and shall be determined by the Ladies' Captain in consultation with the HCC. In the event of a tie for 2nd place; the lowest total on the last 18, the last 21 and then the last 24 holes will determine the winner. All other ties in the scratch competition are decided as per Spanish Federation Rules i.e. the player with the higher playing handicap will be placed ahead of the lower playing handicap.

The winner of the handicap Club Championship will be the player with the lowest net score over 2 days. In the event of a tie after 36 holes, the player with the lowest PLAYING handicap will be declared the winner. If there is still a tie, the player with the best net score on the last 9, then last 12, last 15 then last 17 holes will be declared the winner. Prize giving will take place after the competition has finished on the Sunday and all prize winners should attend. Traditionally the ladies section has a celebration lunch afterwards.

Junior members (under 18 years) with a handicap index of less than 10 are eligible to play in the Club Championship and eligible only to win the Scratch Prize.

Traditionally, the Men's Captain organises the Scoreboard, ball spotting, drinks and nibbles (provided by the Ladies' Captain) for the ladies.

THE COURSE SHOULD BE CLOSED BEFORE THE COMPETITION AND FOR ONE HOUR AFTERWARDS.



San Roque Men's Club Championship (Scratch & Handicap) Board Competition :

MEMBERS ONLY Handicap limit 28.

Prizes: Trophies for 1st & 2nd Scratch and 1st & 2nd Handicap. Reserved Car Parking Space for the Men's Club Champion – winner will be able to nominate up to 3 people to use space in their absence if they wish (names to be emailed to the Membership Office). No monetary exchange will be allowed. Tee 63

This is a 2 day 36 hole event, played from tee 63 in medal format. Played in handicap order on the first day and then in result order on the last day from highest to lowest gross score. The nines can be reversed (at the Men's Captains discretion) so starting at the 10th tee and finishing on the 9th

The winner of the scratch Club Championship will be the player with the lowest gross score over 2 days. In the event of a tie in the scratch competition, there will be a sudden death play off. The allocated hole for such a play off shall be notified to the field in advance of play and shall be determined by the Men's Captain in consultation with the HCC. In the event of a tie for 2nd place; the lowest total on the last 18, the last 21 and then the last 24 holes will determine the winner. All other ties in the scratch competition are decided as per Spanish Federation Rules i.e. the player with the higher playing handicap will be placed ahead of the lower playing handicap.

The winner of the handicap Club Championship will be the player with the lowest net score over 2 days. In the event of a tie after 36 holes, the player with the lowest PLAYING handicap will be declared the winner. If there is still a tie, the player with the best net score on the last 9, then last 12, last 15 then last 17 holes will be declared the winner. Prize giving will take place after the competition has finished on the Sunday and all prize winners should attend.

Junior members (under 18 years) with a handicap index of less than 10 are eligible to play in the Club Championship and eligible only to win the Scratch Prize.

Traditionally, the Ladies' Captain organises the Scoreboard, ball spotting, drinks and nibbles (provided by the Men's Captain) for the men.

THE COURSE SHOULD BE CLOSED BEFORE THE COMPETITION AND FOR ONE HOUR AFTERWARDS



The President's Cup:

MEMBERS ONLY. Handicap limit 28 for men & 36 for ladies.

Perpetual Trophy Shared by Best Men's Gross Winner and Best Ladies Gross Winner
This is an annual medal /stroke play competition over 18 holes on the Old Course.
Men, male juniors, play from tee 60 and ladies, female juniors, play from tee 49.

This competition is played in handicap order irrespective of gender.

Prizes

Best men's gross for the President's Cup (Board and perpetual trophy)

Best ladies gross for the President's Cup (Board and perpetual trophy)

Net Prizes: 1st, 2nd, 3rd both men and ladies

Juniors Prize

In the event of a tie in the scratch competition, Spanish Federation rules are that the player with the highest **PLAYING** handicap will be declared the winner. If there is still a tie, the player with the best gross score on the last 9 holes, then the last 12, then the last 15, then the last 17 holes will be declared the winner.

In the event of a tie in the handicap competition, the player with the lowest **PLAYING** handicap will be declared the winner. If there is still a tie, the player with the best net score on the last 9, then the last 12, then the last 15, then the last 17 holes will be declared the winner.

Also, if enough juniors, there will be a special junior prize.

Our President, proud of the membership, takes this opportunity to invite the club members to lunch after golf.



Club Annual Ranking:

MEMBERS ONLY. Handicap limit 28 for men & 36 for ladies (from Easter 2027)

This is a monthly stableford competition played from tee 60 for men and tee 49 for ladies. Points are gained on results in each of the monthly competitions as follows:

1st – 21 pts / 2nd – 19 pts / 3rd – 17 pts / 4th – 16 pts / 5th – 15 pts / 6th – 14 pts /
7th – 13 pts / 8th – 12 pts / 9th – 11 pts / 10th – 10 pts / 11th – 9 pts / 12th – 8 pts /
13th – 7 pts / 14th – 6 pts / 15th – 5 pts / 16th – 4 pts / 17th – 3 pts / 18th – 2 pts

All players not in the top 18 will receive a point for participation in the monthly Ranking.

The playing format for the Ranking: First 6 months are played in handicap order, after that it is in Ranking order. In the final ranking of the year, the order of play will be determined by Ranking position. The players in the lowest position will go first and the leaders will be in the final group of the day. This should be played in 2 or 3 balls if possible to assist the Pace of Play. In the event of a tie in the monthly competitions, the lowest playing handicap wins. If there is still a tie, countback will be applied to identify the best last 9, 12, 15 then 17 holes.

The overall winner will be the player with the highest cumulative total of their best 6 scores in the 12 months. In the event of a tie, the outright winner will be decided based on their next best 5 scores, best 4 scores etc. Subsequent ties are resolved in the same way. The final top 12 (top 6 men and top 6 ladies) in the ranking are eligible to play for the Ranking Team vs the Captains Team in the Seve Trophy.

Juniors can play in the monthly competition but not win points or prizes.

Match Play Competitions :

ADULT MEMBERS ONLY Handicap limit 28 for men & 36 for ladies (from Easter 2027)

Mens Singles

Ladies Singles

Mens Pairs

Ladies Pairs

Mixed Pairs Foursomes

Members sign up for any of the five competitions via email. A draw for each competition is organised by the Men's Captain and Ladies' Captain to determine the order of play and round dates for each of the match play competitions. They are a knock out format

All players are responsible for arranging their matches prior to the deadline date. The trophies are presented at the Captains Drive-In.

The singles and pairs playing handicaps and shots are calculated and agreed by the players on the day of the round before the match. Rules are posted in the changing rooms.

The Men's matches play from tee 60, Ladies play from tee 49.

Mixed Foursomes: Each pair shall consist of one male and one female player. The male player will play off tee 60 and the female player from tee 49. Players choose their order of play between the pair i.e odds or evens tee off, alternating as per Foursomes rules.

With all matchplays the Men's Captain/Ladies' Captain must be informed of any failure to agree an acceptable date. The Men's Captain/Ladies' Captain, in consultation with the HCC, will determine the fairest way to resolve the impasse.

In the event of a tie after 18 holes, play is continued from 1st hole in a sudden death format.

Handicap Calculations and Rules for all Match Play competitions should be placed on the notice board in both Locker Rooms



Champion of Champions Medal: Mens and Ladies

ADULT MEMBER ONLY Handicap limit 28 for men & 36 for ladies

This competition was introduced by Captain Paul Cambridge in 2013. It is a stroke play competition played from the tee of the day. To qualify, the player has to win one of the monthly medals, the President's Cup or win either the Club Championships scratch or the Club Championship handicap. In the event of a tie, the result will be determined by a sudden death play-off starting on the 1st hole and continuing subsequent holes as necessary with shots taken as per Stroke Index. The winner is presented with a special medal.

Serafin Trophy: Mens Trophy and Ladies Trophy

Handicap limit 28 for men & 36 for ladies

This trophy was founded by the club in appreciation to Serafin for his years as Captain and for being member number 1. It is a mixed federated individual stableford.

Mens Division 1: Handicap Index 11.4 and below. Mens Division 2: Handicap Index 11.5 and above. All ladies play in one division. Fees and prizes at discretion of Serafin. Junior prize at the discretion of Serafin. Scratch prize – ties will be decided by countback based on best last 9, 12, 15, 17 holes.

Isabel Diaz Trophy: Staff V Members

Handicap limit 28 for men & 36 for ladies

This trophy was founded by the club in 2026 in appreciation to Isabel for her years of commitment as Head of Housekeeping. The competition will consist of two teams, Staff V Members consisting of 8 players on each side.

The members team will be made up of the 2 Captains, the 2 Vice Captains, the 2 club championship winners and 2 Captain's picks.

The format will be 6 holes Foursomes, 6 holes Scramble, 6 holes 4 ball better ball

Scoring TBC

OTHER COMPETITIONS

Weekday Competitions: Individual Stableford Tee 60 Men, Tee 49 Ladies

Weekday competitions should be organised and attended by the Men's Captain and Ladies' Captain whenever possible (or representative) Members should sign up via the App or contact the Pro Shop by email. The latest registration time is 12 noon the day prior to the competition. After this time, entries will not be accepted if the competition is full. If there are spaces available, late entries will be allowed to take those specific places. Start lists will be distributed by email to those taking part the evening prior to the competition and members should not remove their name from the list after the registration deadline, except in exceptional circumstances.

Should the number of players for a Mid-Week Competition be 40 or more then they should be split into 2 equal groups by handicap. The prize money to be split equally as well.

In the event of a tie, the lowest playing handicap wins. If there is still a tie, countback can be applied to identify the best last 9, 12, 15 then 17 holes.

Current weekday competitions are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Any changes in format should be agreed with the membership office and members.

Pairing requests (Men only); Requests to play with specific members on **Tuesdays** is **NOT** allowed and the start lists are randomly created by the system. Requests can be made on Thursdays.

Weekend Competitions:

The format should be decided and organised by the Men's Captain and Ladies' Captain in conjunction with the membership office with the aim to encourage the participation of all members.

Ladies Birdie Tree Trophy:

This competition was started by Finola Murphy when she was Ladies' Captain in 2005. The Lady Captain can choose how she runs this competition but currently there is a Birdie Tree in the Ladies Locker Room and the Lady Captain keeps a record of the birdies made in Federated Competitions on the Old Course. The winner being the lady with most recorded birdies in the year by the day of the Captains Drive In.

Individual Eclectic Competition:

The first full 18 hole score must be submitted as a gross score and then cards with only improved hole scores handed in subsequently. Eclectic rounds can be during any individual qualifying competition on the Old Course. There will be a gross winner and a handicap winner. Handicaps as per Spanish Federation will be deducted from final total on the closing date.



Monthly Medal:

MEMBERS ONLY

Medals are played once a month in handicap order from low to high. The winners of each monthly medal are entered into the Champion of Champions. Juniors can play but are not eligible to win the medal or any prizes. Medals should be played in 2 or 3 balls to assist the Pace of Play. 4 balls should be avoided wherever possible.

Christmas Calendar

Activities are at the discretion of the membership office in conjunction with Captains. Amongst others, festive roll ups are very popular. Some of the Christmas events are:

Members & Staff Day: Texas Scramble where the teams should be mixed between members and staff. Names out of a hat. After golf a lunch is served.

3 Kings Day (5th January): Format to be decided and organised by membership office and Captains. It is a very special day in Spain when gifts are exchanged. The Captains will distribute the collection made for the staff.

The Eagle Cup: This mixed individual stableford competition was started in 2005 when Steve Hickey was Captain. It was designed to raise money, originally for a Christmas bonus for the staff, currently for the club charity.

The Seve Trophy:

Seve Ballesteros was a legend for all golfers, especially in Spain and across Europe. He loved San Roque and members loved the huge role he played in the development of the club. To respect his memory and his association with San Roque, the Seve Trophy started to be played in 2004, introduced by Seve Ballesteros and Serafin Bustamante. The enormous perpetual trophy was donated and sculpted by Juan Soler (brother of our previous Maitre d' Pedro Pablo of Kamakura).

The Seve Trophy is played after the final Ranking of the Captains' year and before the Drive In if possible, and preferably at the weekend to enable as many players that have qualified for the competition to be able to play. The format now is a fourball better ball match played by the Captains team (a mix of past and present men & ladies Captains) versus the Ranking Team (top men & top ladies in Ranking Competition). The numbers are dependant on the number of past captains available to play.

The competition is played over 27 holes: 9 holes in the morning, then a snack break followed by 18 holes in the afternoon. The Club provides complimentary buggies for the day and a light lunch after the match.



The Captain of the Ranking Team should be notified in advance of his/her players and be responsible for his/her pairings.

Scoring: 4 points per match (1 point for each 9 holes plus 1 point for overall 27 holes).

Past Ladies Captains' Invitational Day:

MEMBERS AND GUESTS

This competition used to be played at the beginning/mid-October but is now played in November. Lady Members play for the Past Lady Captains' Perpetual Trophy in an individual stableford. The guests play for their prizes also in an individual stableford. The prize table is organised by the present Ladies' Captain, the range of prizes is her decision. Past captains that are present usually help present the prizes.

The cost of the day, prizes, catering and entertainment is a matter for the present Ladies' Captain. In an effort to keep the cost down and to promote San Roque, the club extends courtesy of the course for the guests (maximum 1 guest per member). This has always been a very well attended event with the reputation on the Coast as being the best ladies invitational day. It has in the past been organised as a theme day (this is not essential but adds a little fun to the day).

2006: Golf & Glitz / 2010: Diva Day / 2011: Truly Tropical / 2012: Shades of Grey / 2013: 1980s Theme / 2014: Think Pink / 2015: A Hint of Pink / 2016: Las Vegas / 2017: A bit of Bling / 2019: The Future

Currently, there is no longer a theme but a change of clothes is required.

Past Mens Captains' Invitational Day:

MEMBERS AND GUESTS

This used to be played at the beginning/mid-October (before or after the ladies' day but on the same weekend) and is now played in November. The club extends courtesy of the course for the guests (maximum 1 guest per member). Format: Captain's choice for format and prizes. It is normally a shotgun morning start followed by lunch and prize giving afterwards.

Ladies versus Men Match:

MEMBERS

18 holes pairs match play – teams picked by the Captains.
Scoring: 1 point front 9, 1 point back 9. 1 point overall



Special Annual Competitions (optional) :

To be decided on, added to, or excluded from the calendar. They will be organised by the membership office in conjunction with Men's Captain and Ladies' Captain.

Annual SRC Texas Scramble: Perpetual Trophy. Members may choose their own teams.

Valentine's Day (14th February): Format to be decided and organised by membership office and Captains. Normally it is a mixed competition with members encouraged to wear red or pink, keeping with the theme of the day.

Andalucía Day (28th February): A holiday in Andalucía. Format and programme to be decided and organised by membership office and Captains.

St. Patrick's Day (17th March): Perpetual Trophy donated by Frank O'Hara. In honour of the Irish community of the club, this is a mixed competition with members encouraged to wear something according to this day. Format to be decided by the Captains in conjunction with the Sponsor.

DC Memorial Trophy (March): Individual Mixed Stableford. Perpetual Trophy.

Royal Ascot Day (June): Format to be decided and organised by membership office and Captains. Generally it has been a mixed scramble competition held on a Thursday which is ladies' day at Royal Ascot. The Gold Cup is the big event of the day. A shotgun at 10.30h ensures everyone is around to watch the race in the members TV room as a sweepstake is normally organised. Members are encouraged to change for lunch and wear fancy hats or visors.

International Day: Format 2 ball better ball. Captains draw up a list of countries and members pick a country to represent for the day. Members are encouraged to wear their country's colours.

Cross Country: Format: 9 Holes, Pairs, Stroke play.

Courses set up as follows: 18th tee-1st green, 2nd tee-2nd green, 3rd tee-8th green, 7th tee-7th green, 8th tee-9th green, 10th tee-10th green, 11th tee-12th green, 13th tee-16th green, 17th tee-17th green.

Raider Cup: Perpetual Trophy. Original format Fourball match play on front nine, foursomes match play on the back 9. Captains can choose how to split the teams (e.g. England vs Rest of the World). Scoring 1 point front 9, 1 point back 9, 1 point overall.

Ring Competition : Players may enter a total of 2 scores per hole. Once 2 scores have been submitted the lower score will count. Scores submitted should be gross scores. Competition valid during any individual qualifying competition on the Old Course. Prize for best gross and best net.



Interclubs : Over the years, San Roque has built up lots of relationships with other clubs, both in Spain and abroad. The number and type of interclub competitions on the calendar is to be decided upon by the Men's Team Captain and Ladies' Team Captain in conjunction with the Men's Captain and Ladies' Captain and membership office. These are very popular events with the members. There are numerous past trophies in the cabinets at the club that can be played for.

Quadrangular: A mixed team of 20 players play against Las Brisas, Real Club de Golf Sotogrande and Aloha on 4 Saturdays during the year. A stableford competition with the best 10 scores to count each day accumulated. Players have to be over 50 years of age to enter this competition.

Nine and Dine: 9 holes followed by dinner on selected Fridays throughout the Summer months. Usually a Texas scramble format.

Captains Tour:

This is a decision to be taken by the individual Captains. The past years destinations:

2005- Steve Hickey – Portugal
2005- Finola Murphy – Jerez

2006- Dave Tarpy – Morocco
2006- CJ Sherdley – Wentworth

2007- Paul Charles – Mallorca
2007- Lynnette Hicks – Benalup

2008- Ian Sherdley – Barcelona
2008- Aileen Regan – Ireland

2009- Chris Harris – Portugal
2009- Sara Lees – Mallorca

2010- Steve Hickey – Gleneagles
2010- CJ Sherdley – Rome

2011- Steve Bircher – Turkey
2011- Patricia Joy – Portugal

2012- Ray Joy – Seville
2012- Diane Harmer – Portugal

2013- Paul Cambridge – Portugal
2013- Fiona Shaxon – Portugal

2014- Jim Goold – Portugal
2014- Laura Goule – Costa Ballena

2015- Richard Chinn – Sweden
2015- Anne Middlehurst – Huelva

2016- Sandy Casofsky – Portugal
2016- Mary Flavin – Ireland

2017- David Campbell – Paris
2017- Debbie Richards – Seville

2018- Andy Stanford – Madrid
2018- Mary Flavin – Malaga

2019- Jon Hale – Portugal
2019- Elisa Runo – Cadiz

2020- Liz Griffiths – Chiclana (Cadiz)

2021- Chris Hutchin & Irene Baltus
Finca Cortesir / Almenara / SRC

2022- Paul Holliday – Portugal-Obidos
2022- Tina Ducker – Mallorca

2023- David Tyler – England
2023- Linda Fletcher – Portugal – Valde Lobo

2024- Gary Ward – Madrid
2024- Nicky Triay – Portugal – Cascais

2025- Michael Keane – Ireland
2025- Svetlana Friedl – Gran Canaria

2026- Patrick O'Sullivan – Portugal – Algarve
2026- Jules Hale – Portugal – Tavira

13. The Commission

The Commission is formed by the Men's Captain, Ladies' Captain, Men's Vice Captain and Ladies' Vice Captain, a representative from both the PCC and the HCC and a Chairperson (all selected by the Club), the Operations Director and the Club President, with the intention of meeting on a quarterly basis and, should anything important and unexpected occur, on an extraordinary basis.

The Commission's aim is to enable members to assess and ensure the management of the club is in accordance with their interests, to facilitate a more fluid communication between management and members, as well as the taking of decisions with respect to the internal regulation of the club.

14. The Past Captains' Committee

The Past Captains' Committee is a sub-committee of the Commission and should report to the Commission. It should comprise of not more than 8 members. Ideally this Committee comprises 3 Past Ladies' Captains and 4 Past Men's Captains – one of whom should be the Chairperson. The Committee will sit to consider certain matters that the Commission feels appropriate to delegate. Initially it will seek to establish the fundamental criteria required to be met by future vice captains/captains of the club. The Committee will review and confidentially discuss the list of applicants for vice-captaincy and will then work closely with the incoming captains to ultimately recommend the next vice-captains.

Terms of Reference must be agreed by the Commission and should incorporate specific responsibilities including upkeep and maintenance of the Captains' Book, selection of future Vice Captains and other initiatives at the direction of the Commission. The PCC will rotate its membership every 2 years to ensure the Committee has a balance of experience and recognition of new membership as the Club moves forward; however 3 Past Captains will remain resident in each rotation to maintain continuity. All changes to the PCC will be recommended by the PCC and approved by the Commission.



15. The Handicap and Competitions Committee

The Handicap and Competitions Committee is a sub-committee of the Commission. It is responsible for maintaining the Handicap Index of members who designate San Roque Club as their home club and to ensure the index is administered in accordance with the requirements of the Rules of Handicapping. It is responsible for ensuring compliance with the golf club's specified obligations and responsibilities under the Rules of Handicapping.

The Handicap Committee will consist of 7 or 8 members, at least two of which should be Lady Members' and should also include the Club Golf Professional. Terms of Reference must be agreed by the Commission.

16. Notices and Emails

Please be aware that notices should not be put on the notice board without consulting first with the membership office also because a translation into Spanish is necessary

Both the Men's Captain and Ladies' Captain agree to submit to the membership office "the weekly news" during their captaincy year in order to keep all members informed weekly of all events and news at the club. If for some reason the Men's Captain or Ladies' Captain cannot write the letter for a certain week, he/she must inform membership office in advance so that the club can write it on his/her behalf.

The membership office will send out the emails from the Captains to the members from the club address book as it is not possible to pass on this personal information in Spain.

Of course every Captain has their own style and the notices and e-mails will project the style of the year and personality of the Captains.

Captains can use logos, cartoon characters or whatever they want on their notices to encourage members to participate in the club activities.

Appendices

Appendix 1: The Past Captains Committee Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference

The main responsibilities are seen as:

1. The Ownership of the Club Book (previously referred to as the Bible)

The book has recently been updated, refreshed and revised and its subsequent development is the responsibility of the PCC

2. Incoming Vice Captains

The PCC will seek to establish the fundamental criteria required to be met by future vice captains/captains of the Club. The Committee will review and confidentially discuss the list of applicants for vice-captaincy and will then work closely with the incoming captain to ultimately recommend the next vice-captains. The final decision will need the approval of the Club President

3. Succession Planning

The PCC takes responsibility for identifying potential future Club Captains to ensure orderly succession planning, rather than the rather haphazard process of the past.

4. Ad-Hoc Initiatives

The PCC stands ready to accept responsibility for future ad-hoc projects that may arise, but only as instructed by the President or the Commission

5. Past Captains Visibility

In order to effect succession planning in particular, the Past Captains will endeavour to be visible in the Club, always supporting the Club Captains, but interfacing with all members providing input and support based on their experience at the Club.

The PCC is also very clear that the Committee will not get involved in the day to day running of the Club, will always respect the decisions of the Club Captains, but will be available to the Captains for wise counsel based on their experience and knowledge at the Club.

Subsequent succession will be recommended by the PCC and approved by the Commission. It is thought that the minimum term should be for two years. Given the recent formation of the PCC certain current members will be invited to stay longer to avoid unnecessary change and structure to the Committee. The PCC believes that current Membership of three ladies, three men and a Chairperson is the right structure.

Appendix 2: The Handicap and Competitions Committee Terms of Reference

TERMS OF REFERENCE, AIMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SR HANDICAP AND COMPETITIONS COMMITTEE

The Scope of the Committee

The Handicap Committee is responsible for maintaining the Handicap Index of members who designate San Roque Golf Club as their home club and to ensure the index is administered in accordance with the requirements of the Rules of Handicapping. It is responsible for ensuring compliance with the golf club's specified obligations and responsibilities under the Rules of Handicapping. The Handicap Committee will consist of 7/8 people, at least 2 Lady Members' and will include the Club Professional.

Roles and responsibilities

All responsibilities are undertaken by the Committee jointly as a team. All decisions and recommendations should ideally be unanimous.

The Committee is responsible for all matters pertaining to Handicaps, Competitions and Local Rules as set out in the WHS Rule Book of the Spanish Federation. Any matters which need input from the Commission will be referred back to the Commission as the governing body for this Club and this Committee will implement any relevant decision made by the Commission. The Committee shall be permitted to review relevant sections of the new 'Captain's Handbook' or any further version of it. The Committee will endeavour to ensure that all Competitions are run according to the specifications set out in the 'Captain's Handbook', by the Commission, by the Captains of the Club or by the President of the Club. Members of the Committee along with Captains, past Captains and members of the Commission will play with any member attempting to obtain a new handicap as part of their qualifying cards required under 'Eligibility for Board competitions' contained within the 'Captain's Handbook'.

Handicap Index maintenance

The Committee will endeavour to maintain comprehensive, up-to-date player scoring records containing enough history to enable the accurate calculation of a player's Handicap Index, including supervision of 'away scores'

The Committee will review every home player's Handicap Index at least once a year to ensure it continues to reflect the player's actual or demonstrated ability, making fair adjustments where required. There will be an Annual Review at the end of each season to be carried out as close as possible to March 31 each year. The date of such Annual Review will be adjusted if the end date of the playing season is amended

The Committee will endeavour to communicate any unexpected Handicap Index changes to a Member and explain the reasons for them. The Committee will encourage Members to submit competition and social scores for handicap purposes. The Committee will communicate periodically with Members by email or newsletter as required.

Disputes, reviews & penalties

A Handicap Appeals procedure will be established using appropriate procedures under WHS. Any disputes will be settled following the Rules of Handicapping – contacting the Federation Handicap Advisor if the matter cannot be resolved at club level.

The Committee will endeavour to notify the Federation Handicap Advisor and/or handicapping or competitions system supplier of any inaccuracies when updating player scoring records.

Adjustments for exceptional scores and ASC will be applied by the system automatically. Handicap review adjustments will be applied to the Member's playing record in the correct manner and the Member involved will be informed of the change and given a full explanation. Where necessary, the Committee will apply any applicable handicapping penalty score to a Member's playing record and advise the Member of any adjustment applied and the reasons for it.

Where appropriate, the Committee will seek approval from the Federation Handicap Advisor for allotment, reinstatement or adjustment of an elite level player's Handicap Index. The Committee will seek approval from the Federation Handicap Advisor for any upward adjustment above the hard cap or for any other significant adjustment.

The Committee will establish procedures for the suspension of a Member's Handicap Index, where deemed necessary, seeking advice from the Federation Handicap Advisor. This may be triggered if a Member fails to put in at least four cards in a calendar year, or if a Member puts in a series of Nil Returns. The Committee will make it clear to all Members and to other players entering competitions that the Spanish Federation does not tolerate Nil returns, but only 9 hole or 18 hole completed scores. An initial Nil Return will attract a 0.2 increase in handicap.

Any infringements of the Rules by Members or players from another Club will be reported to the Federation.

Rules & mandatory requirements

The Handicap and Competitions Committee must:

- follow all the instructions laid out in Rule 7 and Appendices A, D and Z of the Spanish Federation's WHS Rule Book governing actions of the Committee, including revision and adjustment of handicaps, issuing penalty adjustments during competitions if appropriate, making sure that everyone playing in each competition returns a correct scorecard and making sure correct procedures are followed when a player does not return a card in a competition. If a player does not have a valid reason for the Nil return the Committee should consider what action to take under Rule 7.1b (and this may include suspension or an increase or decrease in that player's handicap, especially if it is felt that a player is deliberately accumulating 0.2 increases or otherwise unfairly manipulating a handicap)
- establish a procedure for the restoration of a Member's Handicap Index following a suspension as per Rule 7.1d
- apply Rule 7.2 for all Competitions in line with the 'Captain's Handbook' or any variations set out by the Commission, or modified by the Commission from time to time
- revise Members' handicaps according to the procedures set out in Appendix D
- apply procedures set out in Appendix Z for Members with higher handicaps in the range 26.5 to 54.0
- ensure that the club maintains an in-date course measurement certificate from the fixed point on each set of tees
- ensure that tees are formally rated using the WHS system, by the Federation Rating team, and display the course rating certificate in a prominent place
- determine the par and stroke index allocations and communicate those to Members
- ensure the mandatory handicap allowances are used for all competitions
- ensure conversion tables for Handicap Index to Course Handicap are displayed in a prominent position

- communicate procedures for handicap purposes to Members when playing in an authorised format of play, including Better Ball, EDSs and 9 hole scores, and emphasise procedures for 'away scores'
- keep up to date with Rules changes and undertake relevant training
- suspend Federated scores for Competitions if any course is not set up correctly for Handicap purposes
- endeavour to ensure that all Members fulfil their responsibilities under the Rules of Handicapping

Scope of Authority

The Committee is empowered to

- Handle all matters relating to the review and amendment of effective handicaps for Members of SRC
- Introduce 'Local Rules' whenever it deems it necessary. (It would be a courtesy to pre-advise the captains of their introduction.)
- Create and display Competition rules, criteria and requirements for Club competitions.

The Committee cannot agree to amend 'boundaries' of the course or any aspect that would result in changes to the information provided in Scorecards without the explicit consent of the Commission. In addition the Committee cannot take any action which may have a negative impact on the commercial activity of the club.

Term of Office

It is desirable that this period is between two to four years, for continuity. At the end of each season, starting from 31 March 2021, one member of the Committee will rotate off to allow other Members to become involved. This will be determined voluntarily or by majority vote of the Committee, or if necessary, by the Commission.

Appendix 3: Handicap Review Principles

Principles for Handicap Review

In assessing members' handicaps we should understand the nature of our remit, the consequences of changes we recommend and how it will impact not just initially but also during the playing year.

There shouldn't necessarily be an assumption that the lowest handicap between differing jurisdictions is 'always' right as the rules country to country differ and it may be a slightly higher or lower handicap in Spain correctly reflects a person's handicap and playing ability and the other countries handicap might not. This could be because it is representing historic rather than current playing ability or it reflects some social rounds of golf that are not played under competition conditions re length or rules.

Other Countries, especially Dubai, Sweden, the Caribbean and the US, have differing rules in respect of social golf and not all golfers return 'all rounds' and actually return only ones 'they like' which in most cases is a better score.

A number of countries have suspended the requirement to have rounds pre-registered (eg Sweden) as it's not possible to do so and as a result it's easy to only return well played rounds. Competition scores more accurately reflect an individual's ability faced with 'the card in the hand', competition format and course set up. It is important to note that the Spanish Federation have stricter provisions as to what can count for handicap than a number of other Countries.

- a. The onus is on the Committee to ensure that Handicap Indexes are fair and that there is a Handicap Review of Members who have consistently performed to a high standard throughout the year, showing a trend of improvement, looking at both stroke play and match play results, team events and non-Federated events, particularly when not sufficient other scores are submitted to the Federation.
- b. Performance in Board Competitions, Ranking and Medal shall also be considered a factor, particularly when not sufficient other scores are submitted to the Federation.
- c. The number of Nil Returns submitted in the year shall also be considered and the Committee shall consider reversing an unduly high number of 0.2 increases arising out of Nil Returns, and/or suspending a player's handicap for continued failure to follow the rules without adequate cause.
- d. The Committee shall also have a duty to protect other Members against any Member whether there is a possibility of Handicap manipulation or an attempt to choose very carefully when and which events such Member might decide to play in.

So how might we reflect the above thoughts in our review.

1. It is important to note at all times that the onus is on Members to submit Away Cards or request that their Handicap Index in a different jurisdiction is aligned with their Handicap Index here at The San Roque Club if they have nominated here as their Home Club in Spain. However, in respect of the latter such alignment may not be strictly accurate and could lead to materially inaccurate handicaps unless carefully vetted and reviewed (see below). In lieu of submitting Away Cards in small numbers, the Spanish Federation now recommend that these are batched together as last 20 from overseas, or last 10 or last 5, depending on how frequently the player is playing qualifying rounds. These scores can be uploaded by the Spanish Federation.

Scores going in the opposite direction can be handled in the same manner (for instance, many local clubs can locally upload such scores or get the relevant regulatory organisation (e.g. EGU in England) to do this for them). For instance, for the time being if you have no Home Club in England, it is still necessary to send the Spanish federated cards in this manner, as there is no software that allows either local clubs or the EGU to list a player as an international member. This is supposed to get rectified in the course of the next twelve months.

2. New Members can be assigned the Handicap Index of their non-Spanish country as a starting point and this is accepted practice acknowledged by the Spanish Federation. This non-Spanish Handicap should be obtained as part of the joining process.

3. There will be an Annual Review in December each year and the Committee will also meet in March, June and September to see if any Handicap adjustments are necessary. To aid this process the Committee Chairman will keep a watch list of Members who may need to be considered for review. Notwithstanding this, the Committee may look at any time at the Handicaps of new Members, those recovering from injury or illness, or those who have managed to record 20 federated scores for the first time.

4. Review of existing Members;

Overview

- Where a member records a reasonable number of cards in Spain (specified as 20 in a rolling 12 month period) and doesn't play significant golf in another country or socially then only in exceptional circumstances should we amend their handicap unless we believe they are deliberately seeking to manipulate their handicap or there has been a material change in their playing ability such as;
 - New to golf but clearly has an aptitude and ability such that their scores are coming down more quickly than their federated handicap can be adjusted.
 - Returning from injury which had resulted in their handicap been higher than general ability

- Significant improvement due to lessons/practice, but few scores submitted few since improving
- More exceptionally good scores have been recorded than the USGA/R&A probability index for such an occurrence would indicate was normal
- Exceptional number of no returns or penalty adjustments on their Handicap Record
- Peer review

However, our instinct is the great majority of our members are honest and actually are seeking to play off the lowest handicap they can achieve.

Where members have returned their away cards or data and submitted WHS handicap Indexes from other Countries where they are federated/members .

- Where the differential is less than 1 for Category 1 and 2 Players, less than 1.5 for Category 3 and 4 Players, or less than 2 for Category 5 and 6 Players from another country and away competition cards are returned, we will make no adjustment. This is in line with the former CONGU rules for out of country reviews.
- Where the adjustment is more than 1 for Category 1 and 2 Players, more than 1.5 for Category 3 and 4 Players, or more than 2 for Category 5 and 6 Players, we will review how many cards have been returned and when. This will influence the adjustment that we recommend.

We will ask them for a print out of their other Countries WHS playing history and Handicap index schedule. Should this information not be returned within a reasonable time limit (defined as 2 weeks) then either the lowest handicap with WHS is proposed and under exceptional circumstances potentially they may be suspended from winning a competition until such time as away cards are properly returned or we receive confirmation that they are not currently playing competition golf or any relevant social golf.

- Where social golf is involved (Sweden, Dubai, US and Caribbean) 50% of any differential will be taken as the correct number where there is reason to make an adjustment under the guidelines above.

Where a member replies with information which isn't clear as to what is a competition or giving adequate information to return to the Spanish Federation

- In such instances, we will communicate with the member requesting the information required and the correct printout from their system, and if necessary a copy of the Spanish Federation PDF should be used as an example. Handicap Forms have gone out to all SRC Members in January 2021 to help with this process. So far over 100 Members have returned their forms with adequate additional data as required.

Where members haven't returned any away cards and haven't replied to the email request for information or have ignored the request to send back a Handicap Form.

- A further email will be sent asking for the Handicap Form, a copy of their World Handicap Certificate and backup showing last twenty rounds. Where the country hasn't as yet started the WHS we may wait until that country does join the system and get the information at that time. The most significant country falling into this category is the Netherlands and they adopt WHS in March 2021.
- Further emails will be sent in February 2021 by the Committee Chairman to all those who have not returned Handicap Forms. The forms have a secondary Data Protection aspect as well as the Handicap and Home Club Data so it is important to try to get all Members to return signed forms, even if they never play golf outside of Spain.
- Should the Member still not reply they will be given a written warning in March 2021 which will state that if they don't return a signed Handicap Form (with any required additional data) within two weeks then the following sanction will apply:
 - Whilst they will be free to enter any competitions at SRC any Member who has still not provided the necessary information will not be able to win or receive any prizes in a competition including Weekly Stablefords
- If they still do not cooperate with the Committee within the time limit they will get a final written warning. If they do not respond to this adequately within two weeks their SRC Handicap Index will be automatically suspended (as is the case at Aloha GC and Las Brisas GC) and the suspension will only be reversed when they comply with Committee requirements.
- Suspension is only to be used as a last resort (and with the full agreement of the Club) when all forms of attempted communication have failed.
- Those who probably never play in Competitions may be allowed to provide a standard letter confirming that this is their intention and that they only need a handicap for social golf purposes.
- These sanctions shall be confirmed by the Commission and put in the Captains' Book.

5. If a Member has provided information, but given no specific preference on how to handle the non-alignment the Committee should make a recommendation and check whether the Member concerned agrees.

That Member has a right of appeal to the Committee. In the case of appeal the Committee will re-consider all relevant facts or any additional information supplied, following the guidelines in Appendix D on WHS Rules, before communicating a final decision to the Member. If there is still disagreement the matter will be referred to the Spanish Federation for final adjudication.

6. If a Member does not have 20 cards on the system at SRC in the last 12 months, but has a least 10 qualifying cards in the last 12 months in a different jurisdiction then the SRC Handicap Index should be partially aligned to close the gap with that jurisdiction based upon all other relevant information available.

If there are insufficient valid cards in the different jurisdiction the Member should be given time to submit Away Cards or Data in both or either directions to arrive at a fair Handicap Index in both jurisdictions. The Committee may intervene if it feels that there is no effort to submit Away Cards in a three-month period when the Member has had the opportunity to play qualifying rounds.

7. If a Member has 20 or more cards on the system at SRC in the last 12 months, and does not want alignment with a different jurisdiction, then the SRC Handicap Index shall not be aligned with that different jurisdiction unless the Committee has additional strong reasons to seek an adjustment. See guidelines and numbers given above under item (3).

8. All recommendations by the Committee have to be ratified by the Spanish Federation, but the Committee can instruct that any change comes into immediate effect for competition purposes pending ratification by the Federation.

9. Increases to Handicap Index

- The onus is on Members to request an increase where appropriate, but the Committee has a duty to recommend increases for Members who have a Handicap Index which is out of kilter with their playing ability. Such recommendations will be communicated to the individual concerned for their approval prior to sending details of the proposed change to the Spanish Federation.
- The minimum increase is 1.0 and the maximum increase is 5.0 at any one time.

10. Decreases to Handicap Index

- The minimum decrease is 1.0 and the maximum decrease is 5.0 at any one time. Adjustments of one decimal point may be used. The Spanish Federation may well commute some adjustments to a lower figure (for instance a 1.0 recommendation may become a 0.6 or 0.5 adjustment). The decision of the Spanish Federation on this is final.

Appendix: Background reading – Committee responsibilities copied directly from the WHSRules

Appendix D of WHSRules:

A player must be made aware of, and be given the opportunity to contribute towards, the handicap review process to the extent practicable and must have recourse to an appeals procedure, if requested.

The Handicap Committee wishing to review the handicap of a player who is consistently returning scores that do not reflect their demonstrated ability.

When conducting a handicap review, the Handicap Committee might consider:

- The player's scoring record history.
- The trend of the player's Handicap Index, such as differences in a player's Handicap Index over the past 12-24 months.
- Deviations from the expected scoring performance for the player.
- Frequency of score submissions in the past 12 months versus previous 12-month cycles.
- Comparison of average Score Differentials between competitive and casual rounds.
- Comparison of average Score Differentials in match play versus stroke play formats of play.
- Comparison of average Score Differentials in individual versus team formats of play.
- Any scores from, or performances known, in non-authorized formats of play.

- Any other knowledge that the Handicap Committee has relative to the player's golfing ability. For example, improving play following golf lessons, declining scoring potential due to frequency of playing, ageing, incapacitating injuries or illness, etc.
- Percentage of acceptable scores submitted at a player's home club.
- Percentage of acceptable scores submitted from casual round formats.
- Percentage of acceptable scores from 9-hole rounds.
- Identifying relevant handicapping trends for Handicap Committee consideration.
- Length of time since a player last played to their Handicap Index.
- Number of scores since a player last played to their Handicap Index.
- Information supplied by any other golf club where the player is a member.

Adjusting a Handicap Index.

In considering all of the available evidence, the Handicap Committee must decide the most appropriate course of action for any adjustment to a player's Handicap Index, which can be either:

- Resetting the Handicap Index by applying an adjustment to each of the most recent 20 Score Differentials in the scoring record, to achieve the chosen Handicap Index that is determined to better reflect the player's demonstrated ability.
- This will allow for the Handicap Index to be updated as new scores are posted.
- If fewer than 20 scores are recorded on a player's scoring record the adjustment is applied to all recorded Score Differentials.
- The Handicap Committee can remove the adjustment at any time if the adjustment is determined to no longer be warranted.

Any adjustment to a player's Handicap Index resulting from a handicap review must:

- Be applied only after the player has been informed and has had an opportunity to respond to the Handicap Committee or, where appropriate, the Authorized Association.
- Be a minimum of 1 stroke, upward or downward.



- Only increase a player's Handicap Index by up to 5.0 strokes above the player's Low Handicap Index, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Such circumstances could include a player who has a long-term illness or injury preventing them from playing golf at the level previously attained.

Withdrawing a Handicap Index

The Handicap Committee, or Authorized Association, should withdraw the Handicap Index of a player who deliberately or repeatedly fails to comply with the player's responsibilities under the Rules of Handicapping (see Appendix A).

- The withdrawal of a player's Handicap Index should be applied only after the player has been informed and has had an opportunity to respond to the Handicap Committee, Authorized Association, or other disciplinary panel.
- A player must be notified of the length of time their Handicap Index will be withdrawn and any additional conditions.

Appendix 4: Nil Returns and ASC

Nil Returns and ASC (Par Adjustment for adverse Weather Conditions or for particularly easy Playing Conditions)

The Spanish Federation asks the Committee to strongly discourage Nil Returns and to consider imposing a penalty on any Member who repeatedly returns Nil Returns.

The main thrust of WHS with regard to poor scores on certain holes is that for handicap purposes any bad score will be reduced to a Net Double Bogey. Even in Medal Play you can pick up on a hole because of a disastrous score and still return a completed scorecard because the system will give you Net Double Bogey for handicap purposes. If it is a Medal play competition and you have one or more uncompleted holes you will of course not be eligible to win any prizes in that particular competition, but this does not relieve the player from his or her duty to enter a properly completed card.

There are four options:

- You complete a card in the correct manner for the 18 holes
- You can enter a score for just 9 holes, which will count for handicap and you will not receive a 0.2 penalty. The computer will convert the 9 hole score to an 18 hole score. (Rule 5.1(b)).
- Due to certain valid circumstances, such as Injury, Ill Health, a Medical or other Emergency, you enter a Nil Return and record the reason clearly on the returned card.
- You fail to return a card, despite the recommendation of the Spanish Federation to always return a card, and enter a Nil Return because of your poor play and don't wish your score to be declared or stop because of the weather, but the competition remains in operation.

The Committee will speak to any Member who enters 3 Nil Returns within a rolling period of 20 returned cards and ask them to desist. If a Member enters 5 Nil Returns or more in a rolling period of 20 returned cards they will receive a written warning. If the Member still continues to enter Nil Returns the Committee will be forced to give them a penalty adjustment and in extreme circumstances may suspend that Member's Handicap Index.

Par Adjustments (ASC)

The Committee would also like to point out that Nil Returns do not count for the ASC calculation. This is the automatic calculation done by formulae to compute whether an adjustment to Par for adverse weather conditions or for particularly easy playing conditions is necessary. The computer may make ASC-1.0 if playing conditions are easy, or if the conditions are tough, usually because of strong winds or adverse weather, the adjustment to par can be +1.0, +2.0 or +3.0, (see Rule 5.6).

There has been occasion recently when a number of cards within a single competition for cards not to be returned, without valid reason within Federation Rules and this resulted in no ASC being applied despite it being clear it would have otherwise applied. Nil Returns can deprive players of receiving their correct Handicap Adjustment, which is unfair both to these players but also to the fairness of future competitions. Please be aware of this in the future and also remember that 9 hole scorecards may be submitted which further helps to alleviate the situation. You can enter a 9 hole score if you opt to leave the course on any hole on your back nine apart from the final hole. The Committee emphasizes that you must write **'9 Hole Score'** on your card to alert Pro Shop staff.

If you have to retire through injury or ill health, please write on the Card **'Retired Injured'** or **'Retired – Ill Health'** or get one of the players in your Flight/Group to do this for you.

The other two options are **'Medical Emergency'** or **'Personal Emergency'** which should again be written on the scorecard by the Player concerned or another Player present so that Pro Shop Staff and the Committee understand what has transpired.

(Rule 7.1(b)). If some other unforeseen reason occurs then the matter should be referred to a Committee Member or one of the Captains

Penalty Adjustment

If a card is not returned or a Nil Return without valid reason, the player incurs a 0.2 penalty to their Handicap Record and this penalty is applied to the previous 20 rounds they have returned to the Federation. The effect of this Penalty can be to compromise the Player's Handicap Record and the Handicap Index calculated therefrom differently than if a poor score had been returned. It should be noted that a poor score is one score out of 20 and unlikely to be one of the best 8, but a Penalty applies to all scores. This can mean a player is not playing off the Handicap they otherwise would have been which is why the Federation is so adamant that Nil Returns are to be discouraged.



Decision to Abandon a Competition because of Bad Weather before or during a Competition

It has now been agreed that the Committee, in conjunction with the Captains and in consultation with the Head Greenkeeper, is responsible for any decision to abandon a Competition because of bad weather. This can happen before it has started or mid-way through play if necessary. The Committee may also decide to suspend play for up to an hour and then agree a resumption of play if conditions improve.

Players will be given twenty minutes notice of any resumption following a suspension due to inclement weather which has made the course temporarily unplayable. Members are reminded that under the R&A Rules it is possible to get relief from large puddles of water on the greens. If you are a specific distance from the hole, say 20 feet, you are allowed to find another point 20 feet from the hole where there is a dry or drier line to make your putt. Just find relief the same distance from the hole and get sign off from the other player/players in your flight/group.

The Committee will also make sure that no penalty adjustments of 0.2 are incurred if a competition is officially abandoned in the middle of play.

Appendix 5: Juniors Policy Statement

San Roque Golf Club are committed to ensure that all children have a fun, safe and positive experience when playing golf.

This policy covers eligibility, supervision and safeguarding in club competitions.

1.- A Junior is defined as a person who is under the age of 18 and up until 1st January following their 18th birthday.

2.- Juniors can play in some competitions as indicated in the members' calendar.

3.- Under 12's: In competitions there must be at least one parent/guardian (playing or non-playing) in every group.

4.- Age 12-18: It is advised that a parent/guardian is also in attendance when it is not a family group, and the players are solely juniors.

5.- Juniors should not play alone alongside adults unless this has been agreed beforehand with their parents and adult players involved.

6.- Parents may watch but cannot caddy. They should watch from the cart path without getting involved in play.

7.- For Monthly Medals the Start List will be in handicap order with lowest first. All Juniors will play in the relevant flight as per handicap order.

8.- In the Ranking, all Juniors will play at the end of the field.

9.- Where possible, Juniors will make up a three or four ball on Tuesday and Thursday competitions playing together at the front of the field.

10.- Any safeguarding concerns should be raised with Alicia Riquelme (Membership Secretary) or Stephen Dundas (President)

11.- Within these parameters, the participation by juniors should be encouraged as much as possible

12.- Juniors cannot win cash or alcohol.

Appendix 6: Eligibility of Junior Members to Enter Competitions

The Club aims to encourage the development of all Juniors, including those who have become Junior members through their affiliation with The Jason Floyd Academy. As such, it looks to encourage their participation in many of the Club's competitions with the aim of improving not only their golf but also their golfing etiquette. To be eligible to play in those competitions, a Junior is defined as a person who is under the age of 18 and up until the 1st January following their 18th birthday.

Juniors are not permitted to win cash prizes and this should be taken into account when prizes are being chosen. Where there is no junior prize on offer, juniors must not be asked to pay the competition entry fee.

Legacy Juniors over the age of 18 on 1st January are to be classed as young adults and permitted to participate in all club competitions.

The following is a list of the competitions that Juniors who are Spanish federated may enter. It includes any restrictions to participation along with details of whether or not they are permitted to win:

1. Individual Competitions that Juniors can win

Club Championships – Scratch only. Entrants must have a Spanish Federation handicap index of less than 10 and satisfy the Club's rules on eligibility and relevant playing handicap.

2. Individual Competitions that Juniors may enter but can only win designated prize (if on offer)

President's Cup

Captains Day

Monthly Medal

Monthly Ranking

Three Kings

3 Club Challenge

Club Professionals' Day

Serafin Trophy

Members Competitions



3. Team—only as part of a team containing at least 2 adult members

Am-Am

SRCAAnnualScramble

MixedRedWhiteand BlueTexasScramble

EasterMondayTexasScramble

Nine & Dines

Appendix 7: Trophies Provided By The Club for Annual Competitions

Mens Ranking (plus voucher)

Ladies Ranking (plus voucher)

Ladies Singles Match Play (plus Voucher from entry fee)

Ladies Pairs Match Play (plus Voucher from entry fee)

Mens Singles Match Play (plus Voucher from entry fee)

Mens Pairs Match Play (plus Voucher from entry fee)

Mixed Foursomes Match Play (plus Voucher from entry fee)

Mens Champion of Champions (Big Medal)

Ladies Champion of Champions (Big Medal)

Ladies Eclectic – Gross and Net (Voucher from entry fee)

Mens Eclectic

Ladies Birdie Tree

Most Improved Player (Lady) – calculation made by HCC

Most Improved Player (Man) – calculation made by HCC

Calculation for Most Improved Player:

Improvement in handicap index divided by handicap index at the beginning of Captains year x 100

Appendix 8: Prize Fund for Distribution

AMOUNT	FIRST	SECOND	THIRD	FOURTH	FIFTH	SIXTH
10	10					
15	15					
20	20					
25	20	5				
30	20	10				
35	25	10				
40	25	10	5			
45	30	10	5			
50	30	15	5			
55	30	20	5			
60	30	20	10			
65	35	20	10			
70	35	25	10			
75	40	25	10			
80	45	25	10			
85	45	30	10			
90	50	30	10			
95	55	30	10			
100	60	30	10			
105	60	30	15			
110	60	30	20			
115	60	30	20	5		
120	60	30	20	10		
125	65	30	20	10		
130	70	30	20	10		
135	70	35	20	10		
140	75	35	20	10		
145	75	40	20	10		
150	75	40	25	10		
155	75	45	25	10		
160	80	45	25	10		
165	80	50	25	10		
170	85	55	20	10		
175	90	50	25	10		
180	90	50	25	10		
185	90	60	25	10		
190	95	60	25	10		
195	100	55	30	10		
200	100	60	30	10		
210	105	65	30	10		
220	105	65	30	20		
230	110	65	30	20	10	
240	120	65	30	20	15	
250	120	65	30	20	15	
260	120	70	35	20	15	
270	120	70	40	25	15	
280	120	70	40	25	15	10
290	120	70	40	30	20	10
300	120	70	40	35	25	10