

SOUTH RONALDSAY GOLF CLUB

Constitution

Version 2

Incorporating the addendum to the Constitution number 1 of January 26th 1999, agreed in principle at the Annual General Meeting of January 23rd 2010 and approved at the Committee meeting of April 6th 2010 for incorporation in a version 2 of the Constitution

1. Name of Club

The name of the Club shall be “**SOUTH RONALDSAY GOLF CLUB** “

2. Objects

The objects of the Club shall be to provide and maintain a Golf Course in South Ronaldsay, to Promote and Foster the playing of Golf and such other recreational sporting activities as may from time to time be thought fit, and provide its Members with facilities considered appropriate

3. Membership

The Membership shall consist of honorary, ordinary and junior Members

Ordinary Members shall consist of Members of 18 years of age or over

Junior Members shall consist of Members less than 18 years of age

Junior Members may at the discretion of the Committee enter senior competitions but they have no voting powers at Club meetings

Other ‘promotional ‘ Membership categories may be agreed at any Annual General Meeting, these promotional Memberships such and Beginners , and Country Memberships will be reviewed after a maximum of 5 years at an Annual General Meeting before being either further approval or removal from the Membership categories

It shall be competent for the Members present at an Annual General Meeting or extraordinary meeting to confer upon any Member the distinction of honorary Membership in recognition of her or his renown as a golfer, or in promotion of the game of golf, or for services rendered to the Club

4. **Management Committee**

The management of the Club shall be vested in a Committee of

- a. Captain
- b. Vice-Captain
- c. Secretary
- d. Treasurer
- e. Greens Convenor
- f. Match Secretary
- g. And any other office bearers as may be required from time to time
- h. And between three and six ordinary Members

5. Office Bearers

The Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Greens Convenor, and Match Secretary shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting of the Club and shall be eligible for re-election

Between three and six ordinary Members of the Committee shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting and shall be eligible for re-election

Nominations to fill vacant places on the Committee shall be sent to the Secretary, signed by at least two Members, and by the person nominated, at any time up to the commencement of the Annual General Meeting, or may be made from the floor at the Annual General Meeting when a vote if necessary, shall be taken by secret ballot, and the result declared immediately thereafter.

Vacancies occurring in the Committee during the year may be filled from the ordinary Membership of the Club by the Committee, and Members so appointed will hold office until the first Annual General Meeting when they shall be available for re-election.

No employee of South Ronaldsay Golf Club may serve on the Committee

The Committee at each Annual General Meeting may appoint a Membership Secretary who may or may not be a Member of the Committee.

6. Powers of the Committee

The Committee shall be entrusted with and shall be responsible for.

- a. The custody and care of the property of the Club
- b. The appointment , payment and dismissal of all servants of the Club
- c. The preservation and management of the golf course
- d. The making , altering or rescinding of Club rules and bye laws and the posting thereof in the Clubhouse , or other designated place , shall be deemed to be sufficient notice thereof and binding on all Club Members
- e. The fixing of green fees
- f. Such other duties as may be incidental to the above or to the objects of the Club , or which may be from time to time , remitted to them by the Club

The Committee may appoint, from its own number, Sub-Committees on such terms and conditions as it thinks fit, and the Captain, Vice Captain and Secretary shall be ex officio Members of all such Sub-Committees

A quorum for Sub-Committees shall be three Committee Members

The Committee shall hold meetings at least four times a year. The Captain or any two Members of the Committee shall have the power alone to instruct the Secretary to call meetings of the Committee

Notice of all meetings of the Committee shall be conveyed to all Committee Members or Sub-Committee Members by the Secretary and posted on the Club web site

The Committee may invite any person to attend and speak but not vote at Committee or Sub Committee meetings

7. General Meetings of the Club

The annual general meeting of the Club shall be held within three months of the end of the financial year on a date and place to be fixed by the committee

Notice of the annual general meeting and any extraordinary meetings shall be given in the local press and on the Clubs web site giving at least fourteen days clear notice

Business to be transacted at the annual general meeting shall include

- a. Presentation of the Clubs annual report by the Captain
- b. Presentation of the Clubs annual accounts by the Treasurer
- c. Election of office bearers and committee Members
- d. Appointment of Independent Auditor of Accounts

Ten Members or one third of the Membership, whichever is least, shall be a quorum for general meetings of the Club. Notice of Special Resolutions must be intimated to the Secretary in writing at least four weeks prior to the date of the annual general meeting and shall be stated in full in the notice of the meeting.

Extraordinary meetings of the Club may be called by the committee or on a requisition signed by at least ten percent of the Members and stating the matter to be brought before the meeting

At an annual general meeting or extraordinary meeting, if a simple majority so decide, any matter may be referred to the Membership for decision by ballot.

8. Duties of the Secretary

The Secretary shall keep full and correct minutes of the procedures of the Club and committee and sub committees, and shall conduct the correspondence with Members and others, issue all notices to Members and the committee, convene all meetings and otherwise act as the Club and /or committee may direct. The secretary may be paid such an honorarium as from time to time shall be fixed by the committee

Office Bearers, such as Membership Secretary are able to communicate to Members directly with the approval of the Secretary

9. Finances

The Financial year shall be 1ST January to 31st December

The treasurer shall keep a true and proper record of all income and expenditure of the Club and shall provide a financial report to the committee in such form and at such intervals as they may require from time to time.

Once a year the Treasurer shall arrange for the Club's accounts to be examined by an independent examiner of accounts and shall present the accounts to the annual general meeting

A bank account(s) shall be opened in the name of the Club at a bank to be chosen by the committee. All cheques drawn on the account(s) shall be signed by at least two of the Clubs authorised signatories, as decided by the committee.

10. Property

The whole property of every description belonging to the Club shall be vested in the committee on behalf of the Club, and the committee shall have full power, on behalf of the Club and its Members, to take action which it may consider necessary to vindicate the title or possession of the Club to its property, and all actions or proceedings shall be brought in the name of the committee as representing the Club

The Committee are also empowered to recover subscriptions and other monies due to the Club by Members and others

Neither the Club nor the committee shall be responsible for any property belonging to a Member or left by him or her in any box or other place in the Clubhouse or on the course-it being a condition that no risk or responsibility is undertaken by the Club or committee to such a Member or any visitor introduced by him or her in respect of such property

The property, effects and monies of the Club shall belong to the ordinary Members during Membership but the right and interest of every Member shall be personal and limited to himself or herself and shall expire with his or her Membership, and shall not pass to heir's or executors.

11. Borrowing Powers

The committee may borrow money on behalf of the Club , and on the security of the property of the Club , and may vary such loans or obtain new or additional loans , but they shall not exercise the above power in respect of a sum exceeding an amount determined by the Club from time to time in any one year without first obtaining authority to do so from an extraordinary meeting or annual general meeting of the Club, after due notice, For repayment of any loans the Club and the Members shall be bound. All bonds and other such writings granted or to be granted in exercise of this rule shall be signed by all the Trustees, Captain, Vice-Captain, Secretary and Treasurer and their successors in office, as Trustees for the Club

The committee shall not incur expenditure in respect of a sum exceeding the amount determined by the Club from time to time on any one item in any one year without first obtaining authority to do so from and extraordinary or annual general meeting of the Club

12. Assessment of Members

The Club at any meeting of which due notice has been given , shall have the power , by majority of votes , to assess the whole of the ordinary Members for payment of such a sum equally as may be considered necessary for liquidating the obligations of the Club, and any Member failing to make payment of his or her share within one month after the date of the notice demanding payment of the same , shall cease to be a Member of the Club, and his or her name shall be struck off the register of Members, but he or she shall , not withstanding , remain liable for his or her share of the said assessment

13. Admission of Members

Section content deleted at EGM of 15th August 2011,

Replaced by Addendum 1

Candidates for admission as Ordinary or Junior Members shall be duly proposed and seconded at any meeting of the committee. Their names and addresses shall be displayed on the notice board in the Clubhouse for at least one week before their election and an interval of not less than two weeks shall elapse between nomination and election. Should the committee so resolve the election shall be by ballot on a simple majority.

On admission of a new Member, the Membership Secretary shall at once furnish such Members with a copy of the Constitution of the Club, and request payment of the subscription.

Such a Member shall not be entitled to the privileges of the Club until the subscription shall have been paid

14. Temporary Members

Temporary visiting golfers may be entitled to have temporary Membership for a round, day or a week providing the appropriate fees, as determined by the committee, are paid

All temporary Members must sign the visitor's book provided and pay the appropriate green fees before playing the course.

The effective rate of the green fees will be exhibited in the Clubhouse or other designated place, weekly rates include Sunday golf.

Visiting and temporary Members may only compete in "Open" competitions, and only then upon presentation of a current handicap certificate and payment of the appropriate entry fees for the competition

Temporary Members who are Members of other Clubs and wish take advantage of Country Membership will not be eligible if they reside in Burray or South Ronaldsay

15. Subscriptions

The annual subscriptions for each category of Membership shall become due by the 1st of March and paid in full by 1st of May

Members playing in Club summer competitions are not eligible to play until subscriptions have been paid in full. Where a Member plays in a summer Club competition without having paid the subscription the player shall be excluded from the results and forfeit any prizes or prize money that may have been awarded. Any handicap calculation deduction accrued from playing illegally in a competition shall be enforced.

All fees are subject to the current rate of Value Added Tax.

16. Resignations

Members wishing to resign must intimate their intention of doing so, in writing to the Secretary, and any Member failing to give such intimation before 1st March shall be held liable for their subscription for that year.

A Member on payment of the subscription thereby submits himself or herself to the Rules of the Club, both as restrictions enjoyed and penalties imposed, and on these conditions alone are entitled to the advantages and privileges of the Club.

A copy of the Constitution is issued to every Member on joining the Club, but no Member shall be absolved from the effects of the Constitution on any allegation of not having received them

17. Suspension and Expulsion

The committee shall have the power on a vote by ballot, by a majority of its entire number to suspend any Member whose conduct appears to endanger the character, interests, or good order of the Club, or who acts in defiance of the Constitution.

Such a Member shall be given the opportunity to withdraw from the Club or appeal within 21 days of the date of notice of the suspension, to an extraordinary general meeting of which due notice has been given. The Club will have the power on a vote or a ballot, and by majority of two thirds of those voting to expel any such Member.

18. Visitors

Ordinary Members shall have the privilege of introducing a friend, on one occasion, to the course as a visitor at half the daily green fee.

Orkney residents may enjoy one free introductory day when accompanied by a Member, but thereafter must pay a full green fee or apply to join the Club

19. Lockers

Members can have the use of a locker in the Clubhouse, if available, on payment of an amount as set by the committee from time to time.

Lockers shall not be transferred from one Member to another or exchanged, but when a locker becomes available it returns to the ownership of the committee, who shall allocate it, having regard to seniority of Membership of the Club

20. List of Members and Rules

A copy of the Constitution and an alphabetical list of Members with their addresses shall be exhibited in the Clubhouse, or other designated place.

Any Member changing address his or hers address shall notify same in writing , to the Secretary , and failing such intimation , all notices sent to the old address will be held as duly delivered.

21. Alteration of the Constitution

No alteration of , or addition to , the Constitution shall be mad or take effect unless affirmed by two thirds majority of Members present at the annual general meeting or at an extraordinary meeting of the Club , called for the purpose, and the notice calling the meeting such meeting shall state the terms of the proposed alterations and additions.

22. Dissolution

If the Committee by a simple majority decides that it is necessary to dissolve the Club, it shall call an extraordinary general meeting, of which not less than 21 clear days notice shall have been given to every Member, stating the terms of the resolution to be proposed at the meeting.

If such a resolution is confirmed by a two thirds majority of those Members present and voting, the committee shall sell such of the assets as they may consider appropriate for the best price reasonably obtained and settle the debts and liabilities of the Club. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall be disposed of in a way decided by a simple majority of Members voting at the general meeting at it was decided to dissolve the Club.

This Constitution Version 2 was adopted at the Annual General Meeting of South Ronaldsay Golf Club

Meeting held on8th March 2011

Signed by the Chairperson.....

Addendum South Ronaldsay Golf Club

Addendum to Constitution number 1 dated 6th April 2010

Amendments to the Constitution of 23rd January 1999

Section 3 Membership amendment to add the words

‘Other promotional membership categories may be agreed by members at any AGM , these promotional membership categories such as Beginners and Country Memberships may have a maximum lifespan of 5 years before being approved or removed by an AGM .

Section

Section 8 Duties of the Secretary amendment to the paragraph to include

After the words shall communication with members and others’ except where sub committees such as membership are approved to communicate direct’

Section 13 Admission of Members

Replace the word secretary and replace with Membership Secretary

Remove the words and bye-laws

Section 14 Temporary Membership

Add the words ‘round’ after membership for a in Para 1

Add ‘temporary members who are members of other clubs and take advantage of promotional schemes such as Country Membership will not be eligible if they reside in Burray or South Ronaldsay’.

Section 15 Subscriptions

Replace all the words in the sentence beginning annual subscriptions which.....with

‘All subscriptions should be paid by the 1st May in each subscription year, members playing in club summer competitions are not eligible to play until subscriptions are paid. Where a member plays in a summer competition without paying the annual subscription the player shall be excluded from the results and shall forfeit any prizes and prize money that may have been awarded. Any handicap calculation deduction accrued from playing illegally in a competition shall be enforced.’

Paragraph beginning Membership arrears.... change date to 1st May and remove the words ‘or compete for any prize , or take part in any club competition ‘

