

HCC Golf Croquet Singles Ladder

Dear Member,

Open to ALL irrespective of age or ability!

Several people have expressed an interest in participating in an informal ladder competition. For those of you unfamiliar with the format, it really is very simple:-

- The names of all interested parties are drawn from a hat (or other suitable receptacle)
- They are placed on the 'rungs' of the ladder in the order they are drawn.
- Movement up and down the ladder is as follows:-

Players move up the ladder following a successful challenge to a player one or two places above - ie the player on rung 8 may challenge a player on rung 7 or 6. If the challenger wins, they swap places on the ladder, if they lose nothing changes.

- The challenger and challengee arrange a mutually convenient time to play their game - level play, first to 7 hoops. They might play after a club afternoon or book a lawn at any other time.
- It is reasonable to expect a challenge to be met within a week in order for movement to happen, but exact parameters may be agreed between the participants, with the challenged player agreeing to concede the match if unable to play or declining the challenge if he or she has already agreed another match in that week.
- One would normally complete one challenge before issuing another.

Contact details for those who have given permission are on the CA website or simply ask each other. I am happy for my details to be shared (littlehumph@gmail.com 07770 296783)

Over the course of several weeks, one would expect the lower handicapped players to steadily progress up the ladder, but, just like in the FA Cup there can be upsets!

If there is enough interest, I hope to start the ladder following club afternoon on 28th July. More people can join at any time - they simply start at the bottom of the ladder.

There is no trophy and games will not be recorded on handicap cards, this is just for fun, but a bottle of fermented grape will be presented to whoever has hung on to their place at the top of the ladder at the end of the season. (Looking forward to a top-of-the-ladder tussle at the end!)

Please spread the word among your friends - I know not everyone regularly checks their emails.

Let me know if you would like your name to be placed in the hat or if you have any questions.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Caroline Harper, 15/07/2021.