Trial Roll-Up Procedure

Many of our members have said how they miss the roll-ups that we used to play but which were curtailed when Covid forced the introduction of the tee booking system. As such, a trial will be carried out on Fridays to see if we can reinstate the format whilst staying within the spirit of the tee booking system.

In principle, the system to be trialled involves a number of volunteers who are natural early risers to book a series of consecutive tee times, say, 08:32 to 08:56 inclusive, via IG as soon as booking is available (07:00 a week ahead?). This would provide scope for up to 16 players which would have been a typical turnout in the pre Covid days. If it turns out that this number is exceeded then additional slots will need to be booked.

A point about the booking system in IG that is not understood by all of us is that it is not only the person who makes the initial booking who can add players. Anyone who has been added can add further players. So, what is proposed is that anyone wishing to play in the roll-up contacts the last name on any of the slots that have been booked and asks that person, via IG messaging, to add them to the slot – it doesn't matter which slot they use but it's probably best to load the games evenly. By doing it this way, the person who made the initial booking will not be hounded to make three additional entries. In fact, no-one should ever need to add more than one person to a tee-time booking.

On the day, everyone entered turns up to the club by 08:20 when the draw will take place for making up the actual games (irrespective of the games booked on the system) in the time honoured fashion of picking balls from a hat/bag.

Usual Friday roll-up rules apply – Stapleford scoring off full course handicap unless there is a 95% qualifier in which case everyone plays off 95% of their course handicap*, £1 entry, winner takes all and buys the chips and 20p for birdies.
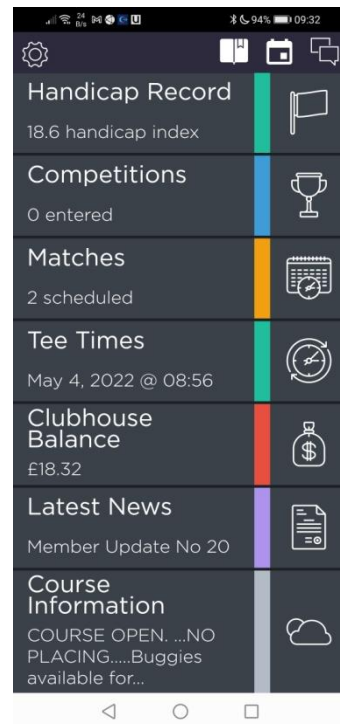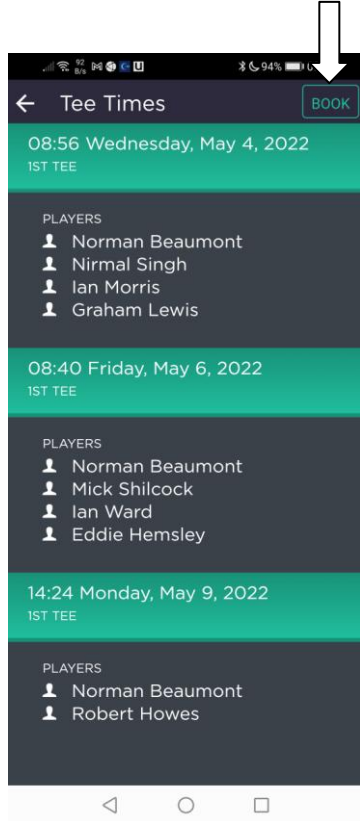
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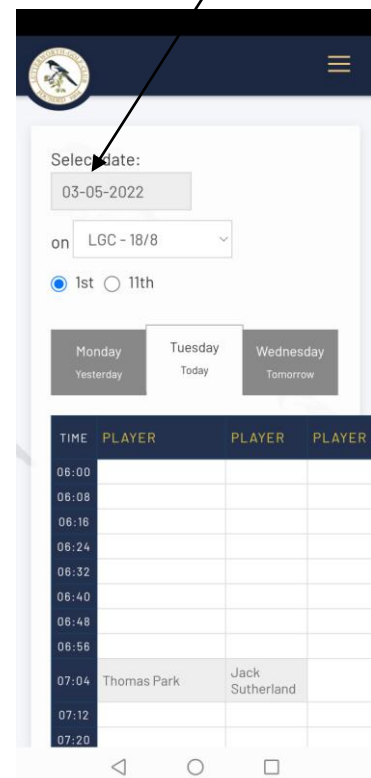
Friday Roll-Up suggested procedure

1. 4 or5 (early rising) volunteers book consecutive tee slots from, say, 08:32 to 08:56 inclusive as soon as booking is available (07:00 a week ahead?)

   This, as you probably already know, is done by opening IG, clicking the Tee Times 'button'
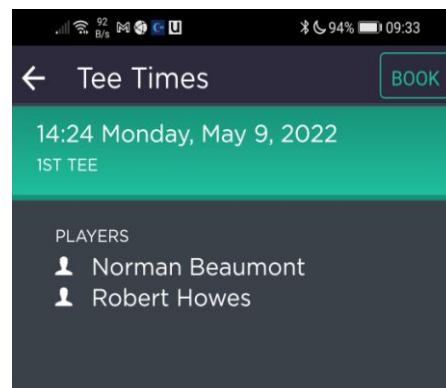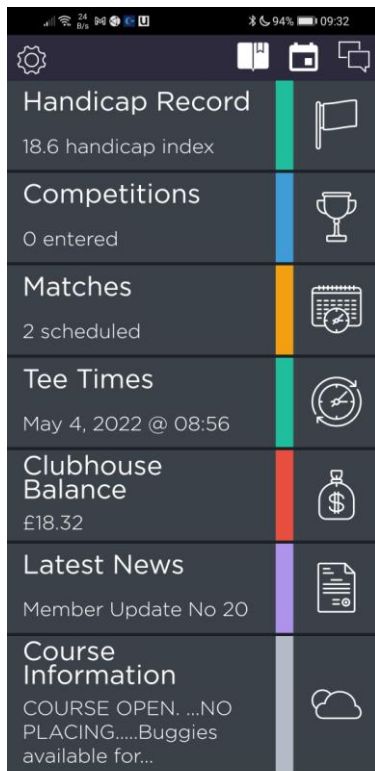
   and then the BOOK 'button
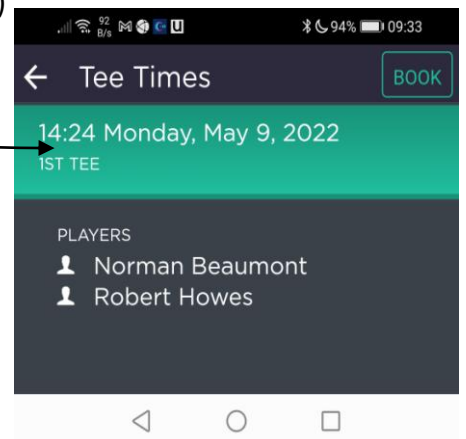
and then **s**electing the date in question here

2. Anyone else who then wishes to take part then asks to join any slot with a vacancy by contacting the latest name on the slot via IG. It doesn't matter which slot they use but it's probably best to load the games evenly.
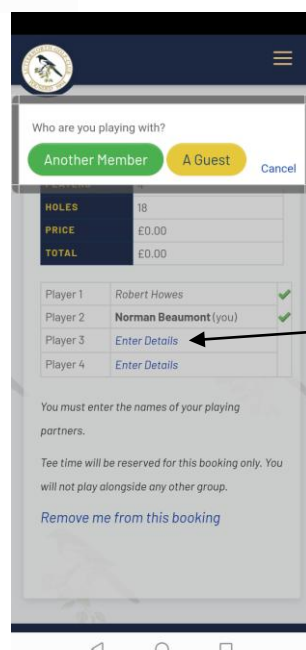
In this example, Bob booked a slot for 14:24 on May 9th and then added me following my request to him via IG

I then added Neil's name, in response to his request to me via IG, by again going to Tee Times on IG but then opening the particular tee time by tapping here (i.e. <u>not</u> going to 'BOOK')

to get this screen

Here the third player's name can be entered by clicking 'Enter Details' and then the green 'Another Member' button towards the top of the screen

A fourth member could then have been added by Neil in the same way.

By following this procedure, the person who originally booked the slot, and indeed anyone subsequently added, would only ever have to add one player.