



# Royal Montrose Mercantile

## Match Secretary Update - 24th September 2025

The end of the season is fast approaching and i would like to advise a few things.

With regards to the out of bounds white stakes and painted kerb stones and the addition of white lines between them, these lines were implemented by visiting professional authorities and should be ignored for all aspects of RMMGC competition play.

When determining if your ball is out of bounds use the stakes and kerbs visually from post to post or the kerb. It is very noticeable at the 18th where a painted line has been drawn to a random kerb.

All winners of a counting Saturday medal and the overall gross and nett for the recent eclectic are automatically entered into this years OGM which is scheduled for Sunday 26th October. The current medal and eclectic winners have been posted to the noticeboard. You can play at any time on the day so book a time via Sweetspot or at the pro shop and record your scores as normal via HowDidIDo or the PSI Terminal.

The RMMGC winter eclectic has been opened up to all adult members and in no way replaces any other competition.

I've done a significant amount of testing and of course it's not simple and certain liberties were required to make it work that are reasonable to all.

The main problem is that the course has different stroke indexes for gents and ladies which effects every aspect of the setup, so, after testing the expected scoring the gents stroke index, slope, course and par combined with the 75 per cent handicap reduction worked best in most scenarios. I tried many scenarios and it just worked better.

I had to create a one off tee because V1 cannot mix tees in eclectics and again I used the gents one.

See attached rules sheet and probable schedule that will clearly be displayed on the noticeboard.

Note:

It should be noted that this is a fun event with the aim of bringing all club members together, there will be some teething problems and I hope that we can learn from them and implement them in subsequent events.

Previously this event ran from Saturday to Thursday, however, this year the event will run from Saturday to Friday, so, a full week to enter on a day that suits everyone.

The gents prize giving is scheduled for Friday 14th November 2025, tickets will be made available soon and priority given to those that have won a trophy before they are opened up to all members.

A guest speaker will be advised in due course.

Any questions or queries please let me know.

Thanks

Alan Mercer

Match & Handicap Secretary



# Winter Eclectic Schedule 2025 - 2026



Competition	Week	Date From	Date To
Eclectic 1	1	01/11/2024	07/11/2024
	2	08/11/2024	14/11/2024
	3	15/11/2024	21/11/2024
	4	22/11/2024	28/11/2024
	5	29/11/2024	05/12/2024
	6	06/12/2024	12/12/2024
	7	13/12/2024	19/12/2024
	8	20/12/2024	26/12/2024
	9	27/12/2024	02/01/2025
Jan 2nd Bottle / Sweep		02/01/2026	Mixed Event
Eclectic 1	10	03/01/2026	09/01/2026
Eclectic 2	1	10/01/2026	16/01/2025
	2	17/01/2026	23/01/2025
	3	24/01/2026	30/01/2025
	4	31/01/2026	06/02/2025
	5	07/02/2026	13/02/2025
	6	14/02/2026	20/02/2025
	7	21/02/2026	27/02/2025
	8	28/02/2026	06/03/2025
	9	07/03/2026	13/03/2025
	10	14/03/2026	20/03/2025
	11	21/03/2026	27/03/2025
Capt V Vice Capt		TBA	



## Mixed RMMGC Eclectic Rules

1<sup>st</sup> November 2025

- 1) The mixed weekly strokeplay eclectic will run from Saturday to Friday, you can only enter once per week and on the day of your choice, usually weather dependant. If the course is playing to winter greens you can still play in the eclectic.
- 2) There is no draw, simply book a time via Sweetspot or via the Pro Shop with your playing partners at a suitable time for you, entry is via the HowDidIDo app or the PSI Terminal. Score entry is the same method.
- 3) There are 2 overall eclectics, the 1<sup>st</sup> one runs for 10 weeks and the 2<sup>nd</sup> for 11 weeks as the weeks run up to the new summer season, the first eclectic is run from November to the 1<sup>st</sup> week of January and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one from the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of January to the end of March.  
A voucher is paid out at the relevant prize giving for each eclectic winner and runner up and there is a combined Gross (Herbert Booth) and a combined Nett (W S Strachan) Trophy for the eventual winners when the 2 eclectics are combined.
- 4) Although this is a mixed event the gents will play off the winter yellow tees and the ladies will play off the winter green tees on a newly created mixed tee that utilises the gents stroke indexes which somewhat balances out the discrepancies between the tees, indexes, slope rating and par etc.
- 5) It's impossible to give every player the exact amount of handicap strokes as per their relevant tee, so, it should be remembered that this eclectic is a fun way of playing winter golf in a mixed environment and hopefully bring all members together for the first time in an event that is played over 21 weeks.
- 6) Max handicap as per Scottish Golf rules is 54, however, due to the shortened course you will only receive 75 per cent of your handicap which is clearly shown when you sign in.
- 7) All bunkers will be deemed GUR and relief should be taken at the nearest point of relief, however, you can choose to play from the bunker at no penalty to you other than other players will take relief.

Note: This decision is based on the inconsistency in condition of the bunkers at any time due to flooding, maintenance, repairs or frozen etc.

- 8) The weekly eclectic is £1 to enter with an optional sweep of £1 that is only played for on each Saturday, all sweep entries after any Saturday may be refunded.
- 9) All score cards to be posted to the gents slot underneath the PSI terminal.
- 10) Scores will be posted to the noticeboard each week so you can keep an eye on your scores as we progress through the event.

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