



## SUFFOLK GOLF UNION

# Suffolk Order of Merit 2018 (Dick Berendt Salver)

### Introduction

Over recent years we have seen a reduction of entries into Order of Merit events and occasionally the winner has been decided after a very few events. With so many events available (see below), it has been decided to change the format to encourage greater participation and interest lasting through to the final event at the Aldeburgh Golf Club. The revised format will take into account all the events Suffolk club may wish to run as an Order of Merit event. The top 20 scratch and the top 16 handicap leading players will be invited to participate in the 'Race to Aldeburgh' finals day where the Suffolk Order of Merit champion will be crowned alongside other winners on the day.

The 2018 Order of Merit will be called the 'Race to Aldeburgh'

The qualifying events will be known as the 'The Woodward Markwell Series'

The qualifying events are:

Suffolk Foursomes Championship		
Suffolk Amateur Championship		
Suffolk Open Championship		
Suffolk Junior Championship		
Suffolk Seniors Championship		
and		
Amateur Foursomes		A
Amateur Championship		A
Open Championship		A
Seniors Championship		C
Junior Championship		A
Rushmere Vase	(Rushmere)	B
Eastern Counties Cup	(Woodbridge)	B
Silver Barrel	(Ipswich)	B
Seaton Robson	(Aldeburgh)	B
Fishing Smack	(Rookery Park)	B
Sir John Drughorn	(Gorleston)	B
Coronation Cup	(Felixstowe Ferry)	B
Duncan Masters	(Fynn Valley)	B
Green King	(Seckford)	B
Silver Frigate (18)	(Thorpeness) tbc	C
Flempton (18)	(Flempton) tbc	C
+ Any others who may to participate		

### Qualifying for Category Status

A	SGU County Championship (Half points per player for Amateur Foursomes)
B	36 hole event with a minimum field of 40 players or Cat A events with less than 40 players
C	18 hole event or Cat B event with less than 40 players

## Categories

## Scratch and Handicap

### Points Awards:

A	200, 180, 160, 140, 120, 100, 80, 60, 40, 20
B	100, 90, 80, 70, 60, 50, 40, 30, 20, 10
C	50, 45, 40, 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 10, 5

Handicap points will have the same criteria

The top 20 leading scratch and top 16 handicap points scorers will play the final stroke-play event, over 18 holes at the Aldeburgh Golf Club on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

A league table will be maintained on the Suffolk Golf Union website for both scratch and handicap categories. The list of finalists will be notified after the final Woodward Markwell qualifying event.

Entry will be via the Suffolk Golf Union website with an online payment of £10 before the player's first event or any Suffolk Golf Union Championship.

The final will be played under the rules of the England Golf Hard Card.

The Suffolk Order of Merit for the Dick Berendt Salver will be the player with the highest number of points from the Woodward Markwell Series including the final.

The Senior Order of Merit for the (tbc) will be awarded to the leading senior golfer with the highest number of points from the Woodward Markwell Series including the final. Points awarded in this category will be determined by the age of the competitor at the date of the event they played in.

The Junior Order of Merit for the David Houston Salver will be awarded to the leading junior golfer with the highest number of points from the Woodward Markwell Series including the final. Points awarded in this category will be determined by the age of the competitor at the date of the event they played in.

The winner of the Dick Berendt Salver will have his entry and mileage paid into an England Golf Championship. To be eligible, players must play in the final event at Aldeburgh and meet the England Golf qualifying conditions for the respective national championship.