

# CONSTITUTION OF THE WARGRAVE AND DISTRICT SNOOKER CLUB

## 1. Name

The club shall be called The Wargrave and District Snooker Club and the address of the club shall be The Woodclyffe Hostel, Church Street, Wargrave, Berkshire, RG10 8EP.

## 2. Objects

The objects of the Club shall be to play snooker and the Club shall be used for social and recreational purposes by men and women living or working within a 25 mile radius of the Club premises. The Club is non-political and non-sectarian.

## 3. Opening Hours

The Club may be opened at the Committee's discretion and subject to availability of bar staff between the hours of 9am and 11pm Monday to Sunday inclusive. The Club shall be closed on Christmas Day, Good Friday, Easter Day, Bank Holidays and other holidays except as decided by the Committee and with advance notice being given to members.

## 4. Trustees

- (i) The property of the Club shall be vested in Trustees elected by the Club at a General Meeting who shall respectively hold office until death or resignation unless removed by a resolution of the Club. The number of Trustees shall number not more than four and not less than two. They shall deal with such property as directed by a resolution at a meeting of the Club passed by not less than a two thirds majority.
- (ii) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Rules of the Club, any person who is from time to time a Trustee of the Club shall have no personal liability attaching to him for any act or omission and shall in any event only be liable to any third party (including any Landlord of the Club) to the extent of any assets of the Club, whether vested in the Trustees personally or in any other person or persons in trust for and for the benefit of the Club and not further otherwise. No liability shall attach to any such person at any time after he has ceased to be a Trustee.

## 5. Committee

The Club shall be managed by a Committee, which shall consist of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and at most seven others nominated and elected by Members from amongst themselves. The Committee shall have the right to co-opt and add to their numbers. The name and address of any candidate for membership shall be prominently displayed in the Club premises for not less than two days before his election. A list of all duly elected Members and their addresses shall at all times be kept on the Club premises.

## 6. Committee Meetings

The Committee shall meet not less than once each quarter and whenever the Chairman or Secretary shall summon them. Five Committee Members shall form a quorum. The Committee shall be empowered to call a General Meeting of the Club at any time upon giving seven days' written notice to all Members. In addition, at least one fifth of all Members may upon giving to the Secretary seven days' written notice demand that the

Secretary call a General Meeting in accordance with the above provisions for calling such a meeting.

## 7. Display of Rules

The Committee shall frame rules regulating the use of the rooms, the choice of activities and the keeping of order in the Club.

## 8. Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting of Members shall be held at the beginning of each Club year to receive accounts which shall have been audited, to appoint the Officers and elect the Committee for the ensuing year, and to present the general business of the Club. Not less than seven days' notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given in writing to all Members and only Members shall be entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting or other General Meetings of the Club. For the purpose of this rule, the person in whose name a Family Membership is registered shall have the same rights as an Ordinary Member.

## 9. Club Year

The Club year shall commence on 1<sup>st</sup> June each year.

## 10. Club Membership

Membership of the Club shall comprise: Honorary Members (Rule 13); Ordinary Members (Rule 14); Family Members (Rule 15); Senior Citizen Members (Rule 16); Junior Members (Rule 17); Student Members (Rule 18).

## 11. Annual Subscriptions

The amount of the annual subscription for Members and any entrance fee shall be decided at any Annual General or General Meeting. The Committee may at their discretion reduce the initial subscription payable by new Members elected to Membership during the course of the Club year.

## 12. Payment of Annual Subscription

The annual subscription shall be due on the 1<sup>st</sup> June each Club year. Ordinary, Senior Citizen, Junior and Student Members who have not paid their subscriptions 28 days after 1<sup>st</sup> June will cease to be Members. A list of Members in default shall be posted in the Club.

## 13. Honorary Membership

Nominations for Honorary Membership of the Club may be submitted to the Committee for their consideration in respect of an individual who has rendered outstanding and exceptional service to the Club. Such nominations shall be proposed and seconded by Members including their reasons and if approved by the Committee submitted to either an Annual General Meeting or General Meeting of the Club for ratification. They shall not be eligible for election to the Committee but may be co-opted for expert advice. They shall not be entitled to vote at Annual General or General Meetings.

#### 14. Ordinary Membership

Ordinary Members are defined as men and women aged between 18 and 64 inclusive at the commencement of the Club year.

#### 15. Family Membership

Family Membership may apply to couples and children under the age of 14 and the annual subscription shall be one and a half times the annual subscription for Ordinary Members. Children below the age of 10 are prohibited from using the tables.

#### 16. Senior Citizen Membership

Senior Citizen Members are Members aged 65 or over at the commencement of the Club year. Their annual subscription shall be half of the annual subscription of an Ordinary Member.

#### 17. Junior Membership

Young men and women between the ages of 14 and 18 may become Junior Members. They may enjoy the facilities of the Club but may not purchase intoxicating drinks or play any gambling machines installed on the premises. Their annual subscription shall be half the annual subscription for Ordinary Members. Table bookings made by Ordinary, Family and Senior Citizen Members shall take priority over those made by Junior Members after 9pm. The total number of Junior Members shall not exceed twenty. On their eighteenth birthday, Junior Members shall become Ordinary or Student Members and any increased subscription shall be payable from the beginning of the next Club year following their birthday.

#### 18. Student Membership

Any person between 18 and 25 years of age, who is in full time education, may apply for Student Membership. Proof of educational status is required for each and every renewal. Their annual subscription shall be half of the annual subscription of an Ordinary Member.

#### 19. Renewal of Membership

Any Member in any of the above categories when renewing their membership will pay the full annual subscription for the year, irrespective of when they pay the renewal.

#### 20. New Members

Candidates for membership shall be elected by the Committee or three Officers of the Committee. No one shall be elected as a Member, Family Member, Student or Junior Member of the Club unless their name, together with that of their proposer and seconder, has been displayed on a notice board in the Club premises for at least seven days. Any objections to the application must be made within seven days of the name being displayed on the notice board. Such objection shall be taken into account by the Officers when the application is considered. Each candidate upon nomination shall pay as a deposit a sum equivalent to the appropriate current annual subscription plus any entrance fee which shall be returned in full in the event of their not being elected.

## 21. Sale of Alcoholic Liquor

The sale of intoxicating liquor shall be permitted for consumption on the Club premises and the permitted hours of sale on weekdays, i.e. Mondays to Saturdays inclusive, shall be 10am to 11pm and on Sundays from 12 noon to 10:30pm. The permitted hours shall be displayed on the Club notice board. The Committee may curtail or extend the hours of sale as they see fit, subject to compliance with the provisions of the Licensing Act 1964 and any other subsequent Licensing Act. The Committee shall be regarded as an elective committee within the meaning of the Licensing Act 1964 and for any subsequent Licensing Act, for the purchase and supply of intoxicating liquor, and shall account only to the Members. Any gain or loss arising from the supply of intoxicating liquor shall be regarded as a benefit or detriment to the Members of the Club to be dealt with within the overall amenities provided by the Club.

## 22. Supply of Alcoholic Liquor

Alcoholic liquor may be supplied on the Club premises to:

- (i) Members
- (ii) Members and Officials of Teams visiting the Club
- (iii) Bona Fide guests of Members
- (iv) Persons attending the Club premises for social or other functions – see Rules 23-26
- (v) Members of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) visiting the Club

## 23. Guests (i)

Guests accompanying Members may be admitted to the Club premises free of charge provided that they do not make use of the snooker tables. In the event that they use the snooker tables, payment of a fee for the day for each guest will become due. Alcoholic liquor may be supplied to and purchased by bona fide guests of Members on the Club premises, provided that:

- (a) No Member shall be entitled to introduce more than three guests into the Club at any one time.
- (b) The names and addresses of all guests and the name of the Member signing them in shall be entered into a book maintained for that purpose, that book being kept on the Club premises.

## 24. Guests (ii)

Members of the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) may be admitted to the Club premises free of charge on production of a current CAMRA membership card and providing that they do not make use of the snooker tables. In the event that they use the snooker tables payment of a fee for the day for each guest will become due. Alcoholic liquor may be supplied to and purchased by Bona Fide guests of Members on the Club premises, provided that:

- (a) The names and addresses of all CAMRA guests shall be entered into a book maintained for that purpose, that book being kept on the Club premises.

## 25. Socials

At social and pre-arranged evenings organised by the Committee, Members and their friends and also members of visiting social or recreational clubs and their friends shall be entitled on

signing a book kept for that purpose to purchase from and be supplied with intoxicating liquor by and on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises. There shall not be more than twelve social evenings in any one calendar year and notice thereof shall be posted on the Club notice board at least seven clear days before the day upon which a social evening is to be held.

## 26. Visiting Teams

Match officials and players from visiting clubs for the purpose of pre-arranged competitions together with bona fide Members from such clubs may at the discretion of the Committee have admittance on the day of the match to the Club premises and be permitted to purchase from and be supplied with intoxicating liquor by and on behalf of the Club for consumption on the premises. Notice of such events shall be displayed as in Rule 25 above.

## 27. Off Sales

Off sales for consumption off the premises shall be made to Members in person only.

## 28. Persons under 18 Years

There shall be no supply of alcoholic liquors to any person under the age of 18 years.

## 29. New Members

No intoxicating liquor shall be supplied otherwise than to a Member who has been a Member off the Club for at least two days or whose nomination or application for Membership was made at least two days before admission to the privilege of Membership.

## 30. Bad Conduct

Bad conduct shall not be allowed on the Club premises. Any Member breaking this rule will be liable to expulsion at the discretion of the Committee. The Committee reserves the right to expel or exclude any person from the Club premises.

## 31. Club Equipment

Equipment, newspapers, books and games may not be taken off the Club premises without permission from the Committee.

## 32. Dissolution of the Club

In the event that the Club shall at any time be unable to pay its debts or satisfy its liabilities, it shall be open to any Trustee or Member to give not less than seven days' notice of an Extraordinary Meeting of the Club at which Members shall be entitled to vote and the Trustee or Member calling such Meeting shall propose that the Club be dissolved and upon such proposal being passed by a simple majority it shall be the responsibility of the Trustees to realise any assets of the Club as soon as reasonably possible and exercise their reasonable endeavours to satisfy such of the debts of the Club as may be possible in all the circumstances.

## 33. Change of Rules

These rules may be altered only at the Annual General Meeting or at a General Meeting of the Club and any proposed changes to the rules and such alteration shall require the

approval of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting at the Meeting. Proposed changes to the rules shall be given in writing to all Members at least seven days before the Meeting.