



A Potted History 1984–2023

The Club celebrated its tenth anniversary since the merger on Saturday, 1 July 2023. Much has changed in the Seniors' Section during the last ten years and the following timeline includes various snippets of information. In particular, its growth is referred to; the size of the Section being the envy of many clubs in the area. Long may it continue!

1984	Seniors' Section formed by Les Young and Tom Dunn. There were 24 members.
1986	Seniors' Section officially established, with Les Young being the first Seniors' Captain. There were 36 members.
1988	There was only one division for the Medal and Stableford Qualifiers and the Finals.
1991	Annual membership fee increased from £2 to £5. Winter League introduced.
1993	Captain's Challenge introduced.
1994	Competition entry fee increased from 30p to 50p.
1995	The number of members broke 100.
1998	Format of matches with Ladies' Section changed. Mixed Greensomes introduced.
2000	Competition entry fee increased from 50p to £1. SENIORS PAST CAPTAIN'S TROPHY introduced.
2001	The gold and silver divisions were created for the Medal and Stableford Qualifiers.
2002	Honorary membership of the Seniors' Section introduced.
2006	First Seniors' Open held.
2013	Blackwell and Stressholme merged, with Blackwell moving from Briar Close to Snipe Lane on 1 July. The number of members jumped significantly from 84 to 141.
2014	Bronze division added to Medal and Stableford Qualifiers. First official Seniors' Captain's Away Day, held at Brancepeth Castle Golf Club.
2015	Honours Board for Seniors' Section Past Captains installed.
2016	Blackwell joined Teesside Union Seniors' League.
2017	'Members' Information' document and 'Introductory Information Sheet' first issued. The number of players in a Qualifier topped 100 for the first time. Competition entry fee increased from £1 to £2, inclusive of the Nearest the Pin competition.
2018	'Annual General Meeting Information' and 'Annual Review of Competitions' first issued. Blackwell won Division 2 of Teesside Union Seniors' League and were promoted to Division 1.
2019	'Trophy Winners' summaries first issued, effectively electronic honours boards. Number of players qualifying for Medal and Stableford Finals increased from three to four/division. Changes made to Nearest the Pin competition to help even up the bottle winners. The number of members surpassed 200 for the first time in December.
2020	Seniors' Captain's photograph first displayed. Coronavirus (COVID-19) had a big impact on the fixture list. As well as various other changes, friendly matches could not be played and the winter league could not be completed. Prizes reviewed and preference introduced, however it was not possible to present the trophies.
2021	Annual membership fee waived for those who were members in 2020, due to fixture list being so badly affected. 'History of the Seniors' Section' by Stephen Airey first published.
2022	Blackwell were inaugural winners of Teesside Union Seniors' League Knockout. Winter League prize preference and prizes for Fourth and Fifth Places introduced.
2023	The number of members prior to the Annual General Meeting was 208, including 6 honorary members. To mark the tenth anniversary since the merger an 'Anniversary Stableford' competition was played on 1 July.
2024	It will be forty years since the Seniors' Section was formed.
2026	It will be fifty years since Stressholme Golf Club opened.
2031	This will be the Club's centenary.