



WELCOME PACK

SOUTH HEREFORDSHIRE GOLF CLUB



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Welcome from the Section Committees

Dear Member,

Welcome, and congratulations on your new membership with us here at South Herefordshire Golf Club. We hope that you will find the information in this welcome pack useful and that it helps guide you through your first months with us here at SHGC. We are very proud of all our Sections at SHGC and strive to maintain a very friendly and inclusive atmosphere, regardless of ability or experience. Whether you are just starting out in the sport of golf, or if you have come to us from another club with many years experience behind you, we hope that you enjoy your time at SHGC and find everything that you are looking for in our club.

In this welcome pack, you will find the information you need to get stuck straight in, make new friends and enjoy our course and facilities. It will provide you with information about the course, how you can acquire and maintain your handicap. Also how you can enter competitions and keep track of your results, along with other benefits of being a member of each of the sections such as taking advantage of the County Card scheme, club social activities, away days and contributing to our fundraising objectives for the season.

You will also find out who your Committee Representatives are, and some names and faces of people who are always available to ask for help.

All that remains is to wish you good luck in your golf, play well, and we hope to see you on the tee very soon.

SHGC Section Committees.

Introducing the 2017 Section Committees

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Section Vice Captain

Dave 'Titch' Palmer

Section Immediate Past Captain

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Section Handicap & Competitions Committee

Handicap League Captain

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Section Handicap & Competitions Committee

Gerry Newman

Scratch Team Captain

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Section Treasurer

Mike Boutcher

Section Secretary

Tony Horton

Section Members Representatives

Stuart Grendall

Mike Wallis

Pete Wilson

Ladies Section Captain

Lesley Colquhoun



Section Vice Captain

Jill Wargen

Section Immediate Past Captain

Debbie Griffiths

Section Handicap & Competitions

Representatives

Margaret Edwin

Christine Rivers

Section Treasurer

Sue Chance

Section Secretary

Eileen Cook

Section Members Representatives

Sue Hunt

Janet Fletcher

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Section Treasurer

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Section Handicap & Competitions Manager, Handicap Committee Rep.

Richard Hammett

Handicap Committee Rep.

Chris Burgess

Section Members Representative

Brian Carver

The Golf Course and Club House

SHGC boasts an 18 Hole, par 71 championship golf course set in amongst the Herefordshire countryside, just outside the market town of Ross on Wye. The course is renowned for being a challenge for all abilities, with every hole needing some thought and planning before being taken on. Each member seems to have their own favourite part of the course, and, with the recent addition of new benches you can often find a quiet corner of the course on a Summers evening where you can sit and enjoy the views. The course has no water hazards on it to contend with, but be aware of the numerous well placed bunkers just waiting to catch you out. The course is open right the way through the year. It simply never closes due to weather conditions, whereas some other courses in the area might close for several months over a wet Winter period.

Along with the main golf course, we also have a 9 hole par 3 course and practice area situated to the right of the driveway on the approach to the club carpark, and a practice putting green out the front of the balcony area where you can hone in on those important putting techniques before taking to the course. And don't forget, we also have a 12 bay floodlit, undercover driving range too.



The club house bar is where people will gather before and after their rounds of golf, and also serves food through the day. SHGC provides a relaxed clubhouse environment, with off course dress code being equally relaxed. All we ask is that appropriate golf clothing be worn on the course, including golf shoes. Spikes are not allowed to be worn in the bar.



How about settling down to one of our very popular Sunday Carveries after your round? These are open to all families and friends of members, as to are our Theme Nights. Of course, if you are looking for somewhere to hold a private function for that special occasion, we can cater for that too. Contact the pro shop for details.

Club Competitions, Friendlies and Away Days

Information for all Sections

As a member of the SHGC, providing you have an active handicap, you will be eligible to play in a large variety of competitions. Working alongside the Proprietors, the sections have a full programme of events to play in throughout the year. We hold various Major Trophy Competitions, monthly Medal and Stableford competitions and not to mention the fun competitions. We also hold mixed events such as the Joe Woolley Memorial, and our Mixed Open, plus several other fundraisers including the Martin Bilby competition and R.B.L. day.



Every section has their own noticeboard to communicate with the membership. The Men's and Senior's noticeboards are in the corridor on the way to male changing rooms. The Ladies noticeboard can be found in the female changing rooms. There is also a general noticeboard for all sections in the main foyer as you enter the club. Signup sheets and information for all competitions are displayed on the appropriate noticeboard. This is definitely THE place to get the latest information for all things happening in your section. We are also excited to announce some new developments for SHGC whereby facilities for online entries and tee bookings are going to be introduced via a new club website during 2017.



SHGC also sends out regular information via email so it's a great idea to make sure your email address details are up to date with the club.

At the beginning of each year, a club diary is put together with all the dates of the club competitions put in place to help you plan your golf through the year. It's usually distributed via email, and will also be available to download from the club website.

Every Thursday evening during BST, Club Night runs from the bar. This is a relaxed 9 hole round alternating between the front 9 and back 9 on a week by week basis. It's a perfect way to unwind in an evening. Club Night runs from

around 4.30pm onwards, with last tee being at 6.00 and is open to all members from Men's, Senior's and Ladies Sections and Juniors. This will still give you enough time to complete 9 holes before the clubhouse closes.

As a member of SHGC, you are also entitled to a County Card free of charge from the Shropshire and Herefordshire Union of Golf Clubs via our own pro shop. This card will entitle you to reduced rate green fees at participating golf clubs within the Union. Each club will have their own terms and conditions, along with those of the Union itself. For more details, visit the SHUGC website on http://www.shugc.com/county_card

Men's Section

Each year, the Men's section enters teams into a variety of team competitions. For 2017, we have entered teams into the SHUGC Scratch League and Handicap League. We have representation in the President's Trophy, and Pro-Am competitions. We also have a programme of friendly team matches against a variety of golf clubs around the locality. This is an excellent way of getting around and playing at other courses on which you might not normally play. As soon as you have your handicap, you are eligible to play.

If team competitions aren't your cup of tea, the Men's section aims to have at least two weekend competitions every month fitted in around everything else. Usually, one Stableford and one Medal competition. Also, along with members of the Senior's Section, we also run a Midweek Medal competition on the first Wednesday of every month.

For the Saturdays where there are no formal competitions on, the Men's Section have their own roll-up. All you need to do is turn up and be ready to play by 8.00am. This, in particular, is a great way of meeting up with different people each week, and making new friends. Members of our Senior's Section are also more than welcome to attend this.

In case you were concerned that there still wasn't enough golf on offer, the annual Captain's Away Day is always well attended, with places filling up quickly. Make sure you get your name down early to avoid disappointment.

Ladies Section

Ladies competition day is every Tuesday between 9.00 and 10.15am during the Winter



months and 8.40 and 10.00 during the Summer.

Ladies only group coaching is also offered for all Ladies (members and non members) every Tuesday evening between 5.30 and 6.30. For only £5.00 per session, our PGA Professional, Paul Middleton, will help you brush up on a few areas of your game in a fun and relaxed atmosphere.



Thursday mornings, the Ladies Section have informal 9 hole rounds ideal for ladies who are new to the game. These sessions are designed to help you build your confidence and learn the game in a pressure free, informal way with some of our more experienced members.

Every year, our Ladies Section have representation in the Severn Vale Alliance League and also have a number of friendly matches against other clubs across the neighbouring counties as well as Club matches against our Men's and Senior's Sections.

Away Days are extremely popular events in the Ladies calendar. These are organised by the Lady Captain and other members of the Section.

Senior's Section

As well as members of the Senior's Section also being eligible to play in competitions and events organised for the Men's Section, seniors can also enjoy their own programme of events. Many of these are organised for times during the normal working week making it perfect for members who have taken advantage of the 5 day membership option.

Every Monday, the Senior's Section have a rollup teeing off at 10.00. To take part in this, just be ready to play by the practice putting green out the front of the clubhouse.

Wednesday mornings are Senior's mornings where if you turn up between 8.00 and 9.00, you are sure to get a game. These games differ throughout the season. Some of them will be individual, and some team games. To take part in these social events, report to the Duty Committee member in the bar beforehand.

There is also a Midweek Medal during the Summer or Stableford during the Winter on the first Wednesday of every month. This is open to all male members, not just members of the Senior's Section.

Your Handicap

One of the benefits of your membership with SHGC is the ability to acquire and maintain a full CONGU handicap. If you have joined us from another club, and already have an active handicap, bring your CDH number to the pro shop where arrangements will be made to transfer your existing handicap to SHGC.

If you have never played golf, never had a handicap, or let your handicap expire, getting an active handicap is very simple. All you need to do is play 3 rounds of golf with a current handicap holding member at SHGC. It doesn't have to be the same person you play with each time. That person will mark your card during the round, recording the amount of strokes you take on each hole. At the end of the round, you need to hand your card in at the pro shop. Once you have submitted 3 cards, your handicap will be calculated, and you will be issued with your official CONGU handicap and CDH number. Once you have your handicap, you are free to enter all qualifying competitions held at SHGC, and also, a whole host of Open competitions played at other clubs around the country.

To keep your handicap current, you must play in a minimum of 3 'qualifying' competitions within the calendar year. (A 'qualifier' is a competition played off the full White or Yellow tees for Men, or the Red tees for Ladies on permanent greens.) Qualifiers are not usually played during the Winter months because the course is temporarily shortened by using Winter tees.

Supplementary scorecards will also be accepted as 'qualifying' cards. All you need to do is register your intent to submit a supplementary score in the Pro shop prior to going out and make sure that it is marked by another player holding a handicap.

You can keep track of your handicap, and all the competitions which you enter by signing up to the HowDidIDo website. www.howdidido.co.uk From here, you can see all your results of competitions you enter, and build up a history of statistics on how you perform. You can also print off a handicap certificate to present at other clubs if they require it.



Keeping Current with Club and Section News

Everything that goes on within the Sections and the Club is communicated via the noticeboards. These are in the corridor outside the men's changing rooms, in the ladies changing room and also in the porch on the left hand side as you enter the club house.

Regular information is also sent out via email from the proprietors, including copies of meeting minutes from the various committees, and information on club social activities.

Each male member will also have sent to them via email our monthly Men's Section newsletter called Tee to Green. This will contain the latest news and information on the section, and a monthly diary of what is coming up in the section in the coming month.



The club also has a Facebook page that members can 'Like' to receive course and club news in their Facebook news feed. <https://www.facebook.com/southherefordshiregolfclub>



If you are a Facebook user, the chances are that you will also be a Twitter user too. The clubs Twitter name is @SHGC18 Why not give us a follow?



You can also contact the club via email at info@south-herefordshiregolfclub.co.uk We'll be delighted to receive your questions and enquiries.



We also have the club website www.south-herefordshiregolfclub.co.uk and each Section has their own area of the website. You can also download past copies of the Tee to Green newsletter and the club diary.

An Invitation to Play

We hope that by reading through this welcome pack, you can see how much really is on offer to members of all our sections. We hope it answers some of the questions that you might have as a new member of the club. We fully appreciate that joining a golf club, especially if you don't know any current members, can be quite an intimidating experience. The information in this welcome pack should be enough to get you integrated into the club quickly, and enjoying your golf and membership benefits.

To help you along the way, any members of the committees will happily join you for golf and introduce you to other members. When the opportunity arises, we will also endeavour to organise a get together of new members for a social round at a suitable time for all. This should help break the ice further, and is also a great opportunity to submit cards towards handicaps.

If you have any questions you would like to ask, or if you are looking for someone to get out and play with, the committee members are a great place to start. The contact details for them are on the back page of this pack.

Contact Your Committee Representatives

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