



GARFORTH GOLF CLUB

“Getting the most out of your Membership”

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WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome you as a Member of Garforth Golf Club and we hope you will enjoy many years of good golf, good company and good fun with us.

This guide is intended to help you get the most out of your Membership and to introduce you to all the activities in the Club.

Our Club prides itself on making all Members welcome but if at any time you have any queries or positive suggestions, please let a Member of the Board or the Managing Secretary know.



Roy Parker
Captain
2014

Beth Newsome
Lady Captain
2014

John Macmillan
President

THE CLUB AND ITS HISTORY

The Club was founded in 1913 and this, our Centenary year has been one of celebration. We have held many events including a full week of various golf competitions for all our Members including a day when the Ryder Cup was on display, a Gala Dinner and Dance and a Family Fun Day attended by Members and their families.

The original course was designed in 1913 by Dr Alister MacKenzie, designer of many famous courses around the world including Augusta National, the home of the US Masters, and more locally, The Alwoodley and Moortown golf courses. This year our Club hosted and successfully competed in the MacKenzie Medallion, a prestigious trophy played for by the Clubs associated with Alister MacKenzie.

The course has been improved gradually over the years providing a mature parkland course, rated as one of the best in Yorkshire. The course has been extended in length to over 6300 yards, par 70 (SSS71) and although not long by today's standards still provides a stern challenge to players of all abilities with water coming into play on numerous holes, tight fairways and challenging greens.

The present Clubhouse was built in 1935 and like the course has been extended over the years to provide excellent facilities for Members and visitors including a large attractive lounge and separate dining room, both with panoramic views of the course.

The Clubhouse is fully owned by the Members and the Board of Directors ensure appropriate investment is made in the Club's facilities, including having the most modern equipment available, to maintain the standard of the course and Clubhouse.

We are proud of our course, Clubhouse and our tradition.

The Club can boast of success at both National and County level, the highlight being Aran Wainwright winning the English Amateur Championship in 1998 and being runner-up in the Amateur Championship in 1999 where he lost to Graham Storm who is now having success on the professional circuit.

CONTACT DETAILS

Our helpful staff are always available to answer any questions. You can get in contact with the Club by the following means –

By post	Garforth Golf Club Ltd Long Lane Garforth Leeds LS25 2DS
By e-mail	garforthgcltd@online.net
By telephone	0113 286 3308
Managing Secretary -- Dave Carlisle Assistant Secretary – Wendy Holdsworth	Option 1
Professional – Ken Findlater e-mail: ken.findlater@foremostgolf.com	Option 2
Bar Manager – Pavel Bielecki	Option 3
Caterer – Alan Scott / Andy Stead e-mail: andystead78@hotmail.com	Option 4
Head Green keeper – Andy Fowler	Option 5
Course Information (updated daily)	Option 6

The Club website address is <http://www.garforthgolfclub.co.uk>

To enable new Members to have access to the website and BRS tee booking system (see below), they must initially register by creating their own password. Members e-mail addresses should be registered with the Managing Secretary otherwise access will be denied. The website provides a great deal of information and also includes results from competitions. Please take time to browse the website, you will find it very useful.

The Club operates an on-line tee booking system (BRS) which is accessed via the website. Registration is required before using the system and, if required, you will be guided through the process by the Managing Secretary when logging onto the system for the first time. Smartphone , tablet access can be gained by using a direct link
http://www.brsgolf.com/garforth/members_home.php

HOW THE CLUB IS MANAGED

The Club is a limited liability company and is owned by the Members

The affairs of the Club are run by a Board of Directors who are elected by Members at the Annual General Meeting which is held on the first Friday in March each year, in the Clubhouse.

All Members over the age of 18 and who have paid their annual subscription are entitled to attend the meeting.

If a formal proposition is to be put to the meeting it must have a proposer and seconder and must be submitted to the Managing Secretary at least 7 (seven) weeks in advance of the meeting. However, Members may raise any issue they wish at the meeting but a vote can only be taken in connection with a formal proposition.

An Annual Report and Accounts is provided to all Members prior to the meeting so that they are aware of the Club's financial position.

There are currently 12 elected Directors on the Board, plus the Captain, President and Hon Treasurer who are ex officio Members. The Hon Treasurer is responsible for reviewing the financial position of the Club and internal auditing.

In order to ensure the smooth running of the Club, sub-committees are in place for the following –

Management – made up of the Chairs of the major sub-committees. The Management committee, in conjunction with the Managing Secretary prepare the annual budget and review the affairs of the Club for presentation to the Board.

Marketing and Membership – responsible for promoting the Club through appropriate marketing and PR and to deal with all new Members.

House – responsible for the maintenance, capital expenditure and smooth running of the Clubhouse, Bar and Catering issues.

Golf – responsible for Club competitions and handicaps. Specific queries relating to golf matters should be made to the Competition Secretary

Greens – responsible for course maintenance and planned works.

Entertainments – responsible for social events in the Club

Please refer to the notice board in the main entrance foyer at the Club for a list of Directors and Officials.

ETIQUETTE

The R&A Rules of Golf sets out the etiquette and standards expected by all players and these can be found at –

<http://www.randa.org/rules/rulesub/rulespage>

http://www.randa.org/videos/Etiquette_Video

We would however, highlight the following in particular –

The Spirit of the Game

Golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.

Safety

Greens staff have priority on holes on which they are working and players must not play if there is a likelihood of danger to them.

Players should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by a club, ball or any stones and pebbles and the like when they make a stroke or practice swing.

Players must not play until the players in front are out of range.

If a player plays a ball in the wrong direction where there may be a danger of hitting someone, the player should shout a warning. The traditional word of warning in such circumstances is 'fore'. The Club would draw your attention to the safety leaflet on the notice board which details hazards and expectations of both members and visitors whilst on the golf course.

Pace of Play

Players should play at a good pace. The Golf Committee may establish pace of play guidelines that all players should follow. It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If a group loses a clear hole and is delaying the group behind, it should invite that group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group. Where a group has not lost a full hole, but it is apparent that the group behind can play faster, they should invite the faster moving group through.

It is also recommended that where the pace of play has slowed, the 'Australian System' is adopted, ie whoever is ready , tees off first irrespective of 'the honour' and also once a player has commenced putting, he or she is allowed to putt out if they wish.

Local Etiquette

The Club has a number of traditions which all Members are expected to follow. These include –

- Allowing priority to the Club Captain and President on the first tee.
- When 2 tee starts are in operation, all players (those commencing their round and those continuing after playing their first 9 holes) must alternate on the 1st and 10th tees.
- A single player is not allowed to play two balls, as this is considered to be practising on the course and is prohibited.
- Players should not push/pull trolleys between the greens and rear of greenside bunkers at any time.
- In winter, the greens and surrounds are protected by either ropes, metal wires or a 'painted' white line. Please ensure that you do not take your trolley beyond these areas.
- When leaving the 18th green, exit to the left onto the perimeter path leading to the first tee. Please do not cross in front of or over the 10th tee.
- Giving priority to those players competing in major competitions.
- Within the Clubhouse mobile telephones should be placed on 'silent' mode and if answered the Member should move to a quiet area ie staircase landing or car park to continue the conversation.
The use of mobile telephones on the course is only permitted in an emergency.
- Being courteous to visitors on the course and in the Clubhouse.

DRESS CODE

At Garforth Golf Club we wish to make everyone as welcome as possible and encourage the use of our facilities. The Club operates a standard dress code which we respectfully remind people of and we would ask you to note the points below and whilst not exhaustive are representative of acceptable dress.

We request that all Members ensure that they and their guests are aware of the dress code.

- No denim or casual sportswear.
- Tailored knee length shorts with white socks are allowed
- Shirts with a collar or roll necked must be tucked into trousers at all times
- Ladies wearing shirts or blouses that have been custom made to hip length for wearing outside skirts or trousers are permissible.
- Footwear – training type shoes or beach wear are not permissible on the course or anywhere in the Clubhouse.
- Spikeless (dimple soled) golf shoes are not permissible in the Lounge, 19th bar or balcony
- The wearing of outdoor clothing or golf wet suits is not permitted in the Lounge, 19th bar or balcony.
- Peak caps must be worn with the peak at the front and must not be worn in the Clubhouse.

Variations

Variations to the dress rules will apply within the Clubhouse in the following situations –

- In the Clubhouse after 7.00pm for the Annual General Meeting, Annual Prize Presentation and Captain's Day – gentlemen must wear jacket, collar and tie.
- In the Dining Room after 7.00pm gentlemen must wear a shirt with a collar (tie optional) and trousers. 'Polo' style and round necked shirts and shorts are not permissible.
- Any group or party hiring the Dining Room for an evening function may designate their own dress code. In some circumstances, this may be subject to Board approval.

COMPETITIONS FOR GENTLEMEN

General

If you do not have a handicap, you are required to play three rounds with a Member who will sign your card. Your card should be submitted to the Competition Secretary who will allocate you a handicap based upon the three scores.

Supplementary Cards

If you are unable to play in qualifying competitions but wish to submit cards to maintain an 'active' handicap, you may do so providing –

- You register with the Professional prior to playing
- You play with another Member who will sign your card
- You play from **WHITE** tees

Medal and Stableford Competitions

These are played from April to October each year.

Medal competitions are generally played on the first Saturday and Sunday of each month. Stableford competitions are generally played on the third Saturday and Sunday of each month.

Additional Medal and Stableford competitions are generally played on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month respectively.

Annual Medal & Stableford Competitions

These competitions are played in conjunction with the May monthly Medal and Stableford competitions. Only those players who have qualified by winning a previous monthly Medal or Stableford in the previous year are eligible to enter

As stated on Page 5 the Club operates an on-line tee booking system which is accessed directly via our Website. Registration is required for both the website and tee booking system and guidance in the use of this system can be given by the Managing Secretary's office if required. Bookings can be made up to 6 days in advance, so for example, Members are able to book for a Saturday Medal on the previous Sunday from 6.30pm. Insofar as 'social' golf is concerned, you can book up to 14 days in advance. Arrangements are in place to suit all our Members including those without a computer at home or without an e-mail address. Please contact the Managing Secretary for further information.

If you are unable to play in any competition that you have entered, you must cancel your booking using the on-line system, and out of courtesy advise your playing partners. This will enable other players looking to book a tee time. It is not acceptable to only advise your playing partners.

Prior to commencing your competition round, an entry fee should be paid to the Professional who will present you with your score card. You must sign in on the 'touch screen' computer located opposite to the entrance to the Professional's shop using your 'bar levy' card number. Afterwards, make your way to your allocated tee (1st or 10th). You and your playing partners should be on the tee at least 5 minutes before your allocated time.

Ensure that your correct handicap is indicated on your card and, for Saturday competitions only, record your start and finish time in the section at the bottom of your card. Following your round, enter your score on the computer, signing in, in a similar manner to that described above and post the card in the letterbox below the computer.

Important: *If you are recording a 'no return' you should still enter your score as described above. Even in Medal play, if you have 'no score' at a particular hole, record 'no score' and play out the remaining holes for handicap purposes.*

A 2 tee start (from the 1st and 10th) is operated for competitions on a Saturday to ensure that as many Members as possible are able to play. Medal and Stableford competitions are played in 4 balls.

On a Sunday, Members have a choice of Medal and Stableford competitions or social golf. A 2 tee start is in operation but with an alternating pattern when starting your respective 'back 9'. Booking online from 12.30pm is required on a Sunday. Prior to that time just turn up and register with the Professional.

Major Competitions

Entry sheets for individual stroke play or match play competitions are posted in February/March on the notice boards in the rear foyer. Each competition has a qualifying criteria (see below) and all entrants must have a 'competition' handicap. Competition entry fees should be paid at the time of entering.

A 'Finals Day' when all finals are played, is generally held on a Saturday in September. The date is shown in the Club Diary. Any Member who is not available for Finals Day should not enter the Competition. Similarly, any Member who realises they will be unable to play on Finals Day after playing in earlier rounds must immediately withdraw from the Competition.

Restricted Members are not allowed to play before 4.00pm on a Saturday but if successful in reaching the final, he or she will be permitted to play on Finals Day

5 Day and Country Members are not eligible

Postponement of any Final will only be sanctioned in exceptional circumstances or if a player has been chosen to represent the County or the L&DUGC, or is in more than one final, in which case the order of precedence of the respective competitions will be decided by the Golf sub-Committee.

Parlington Cup

The 'Parlington' is the premier competition for Male Members. The competition is match play, played over 18 holes, other than the final which is played over 36 holes.

There is a handicap limit of 24 with full handicap allowance between players. Each match is played from Black medal tees.

Matches finishing 'all square' after 18 holes must be decided by sudden death, commencing at the 1st hole and a result must be obtained on the same day. If a result cannot be obtained, due to an acceptable reason eg poor light, the match must be replayed over 18 holes.

Both players share joint responsibility for contacting their opponent to ensure the match is played before the closing date of the respective round.

Harvey Foursomes

At the time of entry, each side shall have a player with a handicap of 15 or less and the other, with a handicap of 16 or over.

The competition is match play, played over 18 holes, other than the final which is played over 36 holes. Each match is played from white tees. There is no handicap limit other than as stated above and the handicap allowance is half of the combined difference.

Matches finishing 'all square' after 18 holes must be decided by sudden death, commencing at the 1st hole and a result must be obtained the same day. If a result cannot be obtained, due to an acceptable reason, eg poor light, the match must be replayed over 18 holes.

All competitors share a joint responsibility for contacting opponents to ensure the match is played before the closing date of the respective round.

Braime Trophy / Fryer Cup

The Braime Trophy is medal play over 36 holes played from Black competition tees. There is a handicap limit of 12 and all players play from 'scratch' . Any player failing to start at the stipulated time will be liable to disqualification.

The winner of the Braime Trophy and the 7 (seven) competitors with the best net returns will compete for the Fryer Cup.

The Fryer Cup is match play, played over 18 holes, other than the final which is played over 36 holes, and is subject to full handicap allowance. Matches shall be played from Black competition tees. In the event of a match finishing 'all square' after 18 holes, the match shall be decided by sudden death, commencing at the 1st hole. If a match cannot be decided due to an acceptable reason, eg poor light, the match must be replayed over 18 holes.

Both players share a joint responsibility for contacting their opponent to ensure the match is played before the closing date of the respective round.

Mixed Foursomes

An annual match play competition for Gentlemen and Ladies. There is no handicap limit and the allowance is half of the combined difference.

Matches are played from yellow tees over 18 holes, the exception being the final which is played over 36 holes. Matches finishing 'all square' must be decided by sudden death commencing at the 1st hole. If a result cannot be obtained for an acceptable reason ie poor light, the match must be replayed over 18 holes.

All competitors share a joint responsibility for contacting opponents to ensure that the match is played before the closing date of the respective round.

For full details and condition of entry to all competitions, refer to the entry sheets posted on the competitions notice board.

LADIES SECTION

The Ladies Section is administered by the Lady Captain and her Committee.

The Committee comprises –

- The Lady Captain who holds office for one year by invitation of the Past Lady Captains
- The Lady Vice-Captain who holds office for one year by invitation of the Past Lady Captains
- The Immediate past Lady Captain holds office for one year (ex officio)
- Hon Secretary, Treasurer, Handicap Secretary and Competition Secretary who are elected at the Ladies Section AGM and hold office for five years.
- Three other Committee members who are elected to hold office for three years.

Members of the Ladies Section are allowed to put their names forward for election to the Board of the Club.

The Lady Captain may attend meetings of the Board of the Club as ex-officio but shall not be entitled to vote on Club matters.

Competitions for Ladies

Handicap

If Lady Members do not have an official handicap, a similar process to that described for Gentleman in the previous section should be followed. Cards should be submitted to the Ladies Section Handicap Secretary.

Medal and Stableford Competitions.

Competitions are played from April to November. Medal and Stableford competitions can be played on Sundays. In addition, Medal competitions are also generally held on the first Wednesday of each month and Stableford competitions on the third Wednesday of each month.

Insofar as 'stroke' play competitions are concerned, all cards must be obtained from the Professional's shop prior to playing. You should sign in on the 'touch screen' (opposite the entrance to the Professional's shop) using your 'bar levy' card number.

Ensure that your correct handicap is indicated on your card. Following completion of your round, enter your score in the computer, signing in, in a similar manner to that described above and post the card in the letterbox in the Ladies locker room. Unless play is in 'Members Times' – see previous section, times of play must be arranged through the Club's on line (BRS) booking system.

Major Trophy Competitions –

All players must have a 'competition' handicap to enter the competitions.

The Victory Cup

This is the most prestigious of the Ladies Section trophies.

- This is a match play competition, played over 18 holes, other than the final which is played over 36 holes.
- Handicap limit : 34 – with full handicap allowance between the players.
- Matches finishing 'all square' after 18 holes, must be decided by sudden death, commencing at the 1st hole and a result must be obtained on the same day. If a result cannot be obtained due to an acceptable reason, e.g. poor light, the match must be replayed over 18 holes.
- Both players have a joint responsibility for contacting their opponent to ensure that the match is played before the closing date of the respective round.

The Edith Koppel Trophy (Qualifier inc LGU Extra Medal)

- This is a **medal** competition where a draw is made for playing partners.
- Handicap limit : 34
- Cards to be obtained and recorded in the computer as previously described.
- The 16 competitors with the best net returns in the qualifying round will be seeded to go forward to a **match** play competition with full handicap allowance between players.
- Matches finishing 'all square' after 18 holes must be decided by sudden death commencing at the 1st hole and a result must be obtained on the same day. If a result cannot be obtained due to an acceptable reason, e.g. poor light, the match must be replayed over 18 holes.
- Both players (in the match play stages) have a joint responsibility for contacting their opponent to ensure that the match is played before the closing date of the respective round.

Simpson Cup

- A draw will take place for partners and times of play.
- Format: 36 hole medal competition played over two Mondays - refer to the entry sheets for the respective dates (18 holes per day).
- Handicap limit: 34, however, any change in handicap following the first round will apply for the second round.
- Cards to be obtained and recorded in the computer as previously described

Scratch Trophy

- Format : Match play over 18 holes, with the exception of the final which will be played over 36 holes.
- Both players share joint responsibility for contacting their opponent to ensure the match is played before the closing date of the respective round.
- Matches finishing 'all square' after 18 holes must be decided over sudden death commencing at the 1st hole and a result must be obtained on the same day. If a result cannot be obtained due to an acceptable reason eg poor light, the match must be replayed over 18 holes.

The finals for the Victory Cup, Edith Koppel Trophy and Scratch Trophy shall be played on the Club's Finals Day.

Postponement of any Final will only be sanctioned in exceptional circumstances or if a player has been chosen to represent the County or L&DUGC or is in more than one final, in which case the order of precedence of the respective competitions will be decided by the Club's Golf sub-Committee.

The Elmwood Trophy

- A draw will take place for partners and times of play.
- This trophy is played over two Mondays (refer to the entry sheet for the respective dates) – the first round shall be a medal and the second round, eclectic.
- Any change of handicap following the first round will apply for the second round.
- Handicap limit : 34
- Cards to be obtained and recorded in the computer as previously described.

Welcome Rose Bowl

- A draw will take place for partners and times of play.
- Format : Par competition over 27 holes.
- Handicap limit : 34
- Cards to be obtained and recorded in the computer as previously described.

Rabbit Trophy

- A draw will take place for partners and times of play.
- Format : Medal play over 18 holes.
- Handicap limit : 25 -36
- Cards to be obtained and recorded in the computer as previously described.

Annual Medal & Stableford Competitions

- These competitions are played in conjunction with the August Medal & Stableford competitions. Only players who have qualified by winning a previous Monthly Medal or Stableford are eligible to enter.
- Choose your own playing partners and if not playing within 'Members times', a tee time must be booked through the 'on-line' booking system.

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Centenary Trophy

- 18 hole Stableford competition.
- Handicap limit : none.
- A draw will take place for playing partners.
- Cards to be obtained and recorded in the computer as previously described.

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Annual Mixed Foursomes

- Refer to 'Competitions for Gentlemen (page 13)

For full details and conditions of entry to all competitions, refer to the respective entry forms posted in the Ladies locker room.

JUNIOR SECTION

Garforth Golf Club considers the Junior section (defined as those under 18 years of age) 'our future' and accordingly, takes responsibility for Juniors participating in golf at the Club and within Club premises very carefully. The Club acknowledges a 'duty of care' and endeavours to ensure the safety and protection of all Juniors through our Child Protection policy (please refer to a separate document). In addition, parents also have responsibility to work together with the Club in implementing procedures and providing their children with the necessary information to safeguard themselves.

The Club also has two Welfare Officers – details are posted on the notice boards.

The Club affiliates to the English Golf Union and our professional coaching staff, who provide coaching sessions, are members of the Professional Golfers Association.

In 2012, the Club was awarded 'Golfmark' accreditation, a national scheme that identifies and recognises junior and 'beginner friendly' golf facilities and coaching.

There are many opportunities for Juniors to participate in regular competitions, held frequently throughout the golfing season. The Club participates in the Leeds & District Union of Golf Clubs Junior League.

The Club has a Junior Organiser and other volunteers to assist in running the Junior section. There is a Junior Captain, Vice Captain and Committee and an Annual General Meeting specifically for Juniors is held at the Club early in the golfing season.

Juniors with an official handicap may play in the Competition of the Day (Medal and Stableford) providing they play with adult Member. However, they are not allowed to enter the 'sweep' and therefore are unable to win a monetary prize.

Male Junior Members may also play in the major Club competitions providing they have a handicap of 12 or below and satisfy the conditions of entry.

Male and Female Junior Members, with a handicap of 14 or below, may play in the Annual Mixed Foursomes knock-out competition, again, providing they satisfy the conditions of entry.

Female Junior Members are able to play in all Junior events. In addition, they are also eligible to play in all Ladies Medal, Stableford and Major Cup Competitions providing they satisfy conditions of entry. As with Male Juniors, they are not permitted to enter any sweep.

GOLF SOCIETIES

The Club has a number of sections / societies who arrange events throughout the year. These include –

The Rabbits Section

This section is for players with a handicap of 16 and above. The Rabbits have an extensive programme of competitions, friendly matches and dinners throughout the year.

The Rabbits are also happy to have players with a lower handicap, commonly known as 'Associate Rabbits', to join them in some of their events such as the 'Poachers Plate' and the 'Yorkshire v The Rest of the World' annual match.

The Elderly Gentlemen's Golf Society (EGGS)

A society for gentlemen aged 62 and above. A number of matches are played against other local golf clubs on a 'home and away' basis. Competitions are also played against other sections of the Club.

The Garforth and Kippax Golfing Society

This society is for Members who reside within the geographical areas of Garforth and Kippax. The society play a number of events and their Annual Dinner is generally held in December.

The Scholes Golf Circle

The Circle was originally formed in 1947 and is for Members who reside or have previously resided in Scholes. The Circle has a very active golf programme.

The Barwickians Golfing Society

This society was formed for residents of Barwick in Elmet and Aberford. As with the other societies, they have a very active golf and social programme throughout the year.

Details of all the sections /societies and how to join them can be found on the respective notice boards in the gentlemen's locker room.

SOCIAL GOLF

Joining a new Golf Club can be exiting but how do you get a game if you do not know anyone?

This is not a problem at Garforth as all Members are extremely welcoming of new Members. The following are a few ways to get a game and get to know other Members -

Weekends –

As referred to previously, during summer months, on a Saturday when there are competitions, tee times must be booked through the 'on line' (BRS) system up to 4.00pm. After this time, social golf can be played and times should also be booked using BRS system. During winter months, Members can turn up and play at any time subject to daylight hours. The Professional runs informal competitions for the Members but these are not compulsory.

On a Sunday morning the 'online' booking system is not in use and Members can either play social golf or in the competition of the day. However, the BRS system must be used for afternoon tee times.

Mid-week –

There are groups who play regularly at particular times and would be happy for you to join them – these include

The 'Reps'

This group play each day of the week and meet at approx. 11.45am (11.15am during winter months) in the 19th bar. Place your name on the snooker board and you will be included in the draw. Join them afterwards for a drink (or tea or coffee) for a 'chat'.

The 'Tuesday and Thursday' Morning Group

This group play at approx. 8.00am. Meet the group around the putting green and you will be invited to join them.

General

As a Club, we need to encourage visitors to generate revenue and to help us maintain Membership subscriptions at the lowest level we can. However, we recognise that we are a Members Club and ensure the following times are reserved for Members –

Weekdays

April to October - up to 9.30am and between 12.00 and 1.30pm

November to March – up to 9.30am and between 11.30am and 12.30pm

Guests

Members may invite guests at any time at a concessionary rate. Member's guests may be signed in on no more than 12 occasions irrespective of the Member making the introduction.

Members' guests may play in the 'Members times'.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Social Events

The Entertainments sub-Committee arrange a number of social events throughout the year, ranging from formal dinners with after dinner speakers, discos, brass band concerts and quizzes.

Details of all events are posted on the web site or by individual posters located around the Club. Tickets for all events are obtainable from the bar with the 'bar levy' card

The Club can also be hired for functions by Members (christenings, wedding receptions, birthdays or special anniversaries etc.). Private individuals (non-Members) are also able to hire rooms for functions although the condition of the Club's Licence limits these functions to a maximum of 12 per annum.

The Bar

A £50 'bar levy' is included in the annual subscription of all Members with the exception of Junior and Social Members. The card may be 'topped up' at any time with a minimum of £5. On production of the 'bar levy' card, Members receive a 19% discount on advertised bar prices.

Bar opening hours, which vary from summer to winter, are advertised around the bar area. Extended opening hours are generally arranged when Club or private functions are being held.

Catering

Bar meals with waitress service are available throughout the day. In a similar manner to the bar, opening hours vary between summer and winter.

As mentioned above, the Dining Room can be booked for private functions and this should be arranged through the Managing Secretary.

Changing Facilities

The Club has excellent changing facilities for male and female Members and visitors. We ask that all Members and visitors refrain from changing shoes in the car park.

Members wishing to hire a locker should contact the Managing Secretary.

Towels are provided for those wishing to use the shower facilities.

Golf Simulator & Studio

The Professional operates a golf simulator within the Clubhouse and members are invited to use this state of the art facility. Book a lesson with the Professional, practice or play one of a number of fabulous championship courses.

Practice Ground

We have a large practice ground adjacent to the 18th tee where you are able to 'hone' your golfing skills. We do ask that all 'practising' is carried out aiming towards the top of the field (other than when using the chipping greens) to avoid possible injury to those playing the course.

Our professional is also willing to provide individual lessons for those who wish to take advantage of this service.

At very busy times, a small section of the practice ground is used as an overflow car park.

Trolley Storage

Facilities are available for the storage of trolleys, including a limited number of 'ride on' buggies. Please contact the Managing Secretary for details.

Security

The Clubhouse is protected by a code operated access system. The code for Members is changed 3 times annually and Members are advised accordingly.

Members should not divulge the code to anyone who is not a Member. The Managing Secretary or professional provides a separate code for visitors.

Resignation/Change of category

Whilst the Club wish you to remain a member for many years to come there are certain rules within the Articles of Association in relation to tendering your resignation or requiring a change to your category of membership. Briefly a member can resign membership or change category by giving a minimum three months' notice in writing. Otherwise the member shall be liable for the appropriate subscription for the ensuing year. Details of this Club rule are posted on the notice boards and we would invite you to make yourself aware of this condition. Further explanation can be obtained from the Managing Secretary if required.