



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 have 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.

The club prides its self on making all its members welcome but if at any time you have any queries or suggestions please let a member of the board or the Managing Secretary know.



The Club and its history

The Club was formed in 1913 and indeed we are already planning for our centenary celebrations in 2013.

The original course was designed in 1913 by Dr Alister Mackenzie, the designer of many famous courses around the world including Augusta Golf Club the home of the US Masters and more locally Alwoodley and Moortown. The course has been improved gradually over the years to now provide a mature parkland 18 hole golf course which is rated as one of the best courses in the whole of Yorkshire.

The course has been extended in length to over 6300 yards Par 70 (SSS71) and whilst still not long by today's standards still provides a stern challenge to players of all abilities with water being in play on 11 holes, tight fairways and challenging fast greens.

The original 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 lounge and restaurant with beautiful views over the course and a 19th bar with snooker table and Sky TV.

The club is fully owned by its members and is financially sound and the board of directors ensure appropriate investment is made in the club's facilities, including having the most modern equipment possible, to help maintain the standard of the course.

We, (and that now means you) can be proud of our clubhouse, our course, our tradition, and our success on and off the course.

The club can boast of success at both county and national level with the highlight being Aran Wainright winning the English Amateur Championship in 1998 and being runner up in the Amateur Championship in 1999 where he lost to Graham Storm who many will know is now having great 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@lineone.net
By Phone	0113 286 3308
Managing Secretary – David Carlisle Assistant Secretary	Option 1
Professional – Ken Findlater	Option 2 or 0113 2862063
Steward – Pavel Bielecki	Option 3 or 0113 2862021
Caterer – Andy Stead	Option 4
Head Green keeper – Andrew Fowler	Option 5
Course information (updated daily)	Option 6

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

New Members must register initially creating their own password. Your e-mail address must be registered with the Managing Secretary prior to registering otherwise access will be denied. The web site provides a great deal of information and includes results from all competitions. Please take time to browse, you will find it very useful.

Garforth Golf Club can also be followed on twitter [@GarforthGC](https://twitter.com/GarforthGC)

The club operates an on line tee booking system which can be accessed via the golf club web site. Registration is required before using the system, you will be guided through the process when logging onto BRS for the first time.



How the club is managed

The golf club is a limited liability company and is owned by its members.

The affairs of the club are run by the Board of Directors who are elected by Club members at the Annual General Meeting which is held on the first Friday in March each year in the club house.

All members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

If a formal proposition is to be put to the meeting this must be submitted at least seven weeks in advance of the meeting however members may raise any issue they wish at the meeting but a vote can only be held in connection with a formal proposition.

An annual report and accounts is provided to all members so they are aware of the financial position.

There are currently 12 elected members on the board plus the Captain and the President. They are ex officio members.

In order to ensure the smooth running of the club sub committees are in place for the following areas:

- Golf – responsible for handicaps, competitions etc
- House – responsible for maintenance and the smooth running of the club house, bar and catering issues
- Greens – responsible for the course
- 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 financial affairs of the club for presentation to the main board
- Entertainment – responsible for all social events in the club
- Marketing & Membership – responsible for promoting the club and to deal with all new members
- Honorary Secretary/Treasurer – responsible for reviewing the financial position of the club and for internal auditing

The day to day running of the Club is the responsibility of a full time Managing Secretary.

Day to day queries should be made through the office and golf queries should be made through the Competition Secretary.

To find out whom the directors and officials are please see the notice board in the foyer at the club.



Etiquette including dress code

The R&A rules of golf sets out the etiquette and standards expected by all players of golf and details can be found at <http://www.randa.org/rules/rulesub/rulespage>
http://www.randa.org/videos/Etiquette_Video

We would like to highlight the following in particular:

The Spirit of the Game

Golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. 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

Players should ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball or any stones, pebbles, twigs or the like when they make a stroke or practice swing. Players should not play until the players in front are out of range. Players should always alert green staff nearby or ahead when they are about to make a stroke that might endanger them.

If a player plays a ball in a direction where there is a danger of hitting someone, he should immediately shout a warning. The traditional word of warning in such situations is "fore".

Pace of Play

Players should play at a good pace. The Committee may establish pace of play guidelines that all players should follow, at Garforth we expect no round to take more than 4 hours. It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If it loses a clear hole and it is delaying the group behind, it should invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group. Where a group has not lost a clear hole, but it is apparent that the group behind can play faster, it should invite the faster moving group to play through.

Local Etiquette

The club has a number of traditions which they expect all members to follow. These include:

Giving priority to the Cub Captain and President on the first tee

Giving priority to those players competing in major knockout competitions

Maintaining a good pace of play

Being courteous to visitors on the course and in the Clubhouse, even though we know it can be frustrating if you are held up at times.



Dress Code

Please note that we at Garforth Golf Club wish to make everyone as welcome as possible and to encourage the use of our facilities. The Club operates a standard dress code which we respectfully remind everyone of. Please note a few points below. We request all members ensure their guests are aware of the dress code.

- No denim or casual sportswear.
- Tailored knee length shorts with predominantly white socks above the ankle are allowed. Ladies may wear short socks below the ankle.
- Shirts with a collar or roll necks must be tucked into trousers at all times.
- Ladies wearing shirts or blouses that have been custom made to hip length for wearing outside are permissible.
- Footwear – training type shoes and beachwear are not permissible.
- Peak Caps must be worn with the peak at the front.

Variations

The following dress rules will apply within the clubhouse for certain times/locations/occasions:-

- In the clubhouse, after 7.00pm – For Annual General Meeting, Annual Prize Presentation and Captains Day – Gentlemen must wear jacket, shirt and tie.
- In the Dining Room every day, after 7.00 pm – Gentlemen must wear a shirt with collar i.e. not round neck and trousers not shorts.
- In the Dining Room in the evening – Any group using or hiring the Dining Room for an evening may further designate if they wish a jacket/shirt/tie combination for their attendees.

Mobile Telephones

- May only be used on the staircase landings or in the Car Park.
- They should not be used on the Course except in an emergency.

Doctors on call may seek dispensation from the Managing Secretary.



For Gentlemen

Competitions

Club Competitions are played from April to October each year

Medals are normally played on the first Saturday and Sunday of the month. Stableford competitions are normally played on the third Saturday and Sunday. A further medal is played the second Wednesday and a Stableford on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

There are several major competitions also played and full details can be found under 'Golf Club Calendar' on the web site, in the diary or on the calendar which is displayed on various notice boards throughout the club.

The Club operate a web based on line tee booking system which can be accessed directly or via our web site, registration is required for both the web site and tee booking system and assistance with this is available from the office. You can book for Competition play up to 6 days in advance, so for example you can book for a Saturday Medal on the following Sunday from any computer from 6.30pm. For Social golf you can book up to 14 days in advance. We have arrangements to suit all our Members including those without a computer at home or an email address. Please contact the Managing Secretary for further information.

If you cannot play, you must cancel you booking using the on line tee booking system, this will enable other players looking for a tee time to book. It is not acceptable to just ring your partners.

Medal Competitions on a Saturday are played in three's and start on the 1st tee and 10th tees on a two tee start basis. Stableford competitions are played in fours. This has reduced the time it takes to play a round of golf at Garforth. Members can now start on the 1st & 10th tees on a Sunday with an alternating pattern when starting on your back 9.

Having got your tee time to enter a competition pay your entry fee in the Pro's shop and enter your name in the computer (located opposite the shop and go to your first tee with your playing partners ensuring you are on the tee at least five minutes before your allocated time. Whilst playing ensure you maintain a good pace of play (see notes below)

Ensure your handicap is shown on your card and on completion of your round sign your card and (Saturdays only) record your start/finish time at the bottom of the card. Enter your score on the computer and put your card in the competition letterbox (below the computer).

Important

If you have a 'no return' you should still enter your score in the computer as failure to do so results in excessive time calculating the results of the competition.

Even in Medal play, if you have a 'no score' at a hole, record 'no score' at that hole but continue to play and record your score at the remaining holes for handicap purposes



Failing to enter your score on the computer will result in you having to play at the end of the field for the next competition.

Pace of play

Slow play is an increasing problem in all clubs and at Garforth we expect a competition round to take no more than 3 hours 45 minutes. So please remember

Keep pace with the players in front, not just ahead of players behind.

If you exceed 4hrs and/or lose 15mins on the group in front of you, you could be penalised by being either disqualified or being asked to play at the end of the field in the following competition.

Major knock out competitions

The entry sheets for the annual knock out competitions are posted in February/March each year together with the qualifying criteria. All players must have an active handicap to play in any knock out competition. The entry fee must be paid prior to the draw taking place.

A draw will be made and it is up to every player to make their own arrangements to complete their matches. Any matches not completed by the final day will result in both players being eliminated from the competition.

All matches are played over 18 holes match play with the exception of the finals (played on finals day in September) which is played over 36 holes.

Please note that if you know you will be unavailable to play on finals day you should not enter the competition.

How to get a handicap

If you do not already have a handicap you need to play three rounds and have your card signed by a member and submit them to the handicap secretary who will then allocate you a handicap based on the three scores.

Supplementary Cards

If you are unable to play in qualifying competitions but want to submit cards to maintain an active handicap cards can be submitted providing:

You sign in at the pro's shop before playing

The card is signed by another member

You play from the blue tees



Golf Societies

The club has a number of societies who hold events throughout the year.

These include:

The Rabbits

For players with a handicap of 16 or higher 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 join them in some of their events and you can join as an associate and play in events such as the poacher's plate and the Yorkshire v the rest of the world annual match.

The Garforth & Kippax Golfing Society

For those residents in the geographical areas of Garforth & Kippax the society play a number of events including a well supported annual away day with an annual dinner held in December.

The Barwickians

For that resident in the Barwick and Aberford areas the society is the oldest in the club and has an active programme of golf and social events throughout the year.

Scholes Golf Circle

For Scholes residents the society has a very active golf and social programme.

Crossgates & Whitkirk

This society has recently re-formed. Please see the relevant notice board for details.

The Elderly Gentlemen's Golf Society

For gentlemen over 62 a number of matches are played each year on a home and away basis together with competitions at the club.

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



For the Ladies

On behalf of the ladies at Garforth Golf Club we are delighted to welcome you as a member.

New members are invited to a 'get to know you' meeting which will be attended by the lady captain and various members of the ladies committee.

The following information about the ladies section should help you get the most from your membership.

The Ladies Section

The Section is administered by Lady Captain and her Committee who meet on the first Wednesday of each month to administer the business of the Section.

This Committee consists of Officers and Members –

Lady Captain – holds office for 1 year by invitation of the Past Ladies Captains

Lady Vice Captain – holds office for 1 year by invitation of the Past Ladies Captains

Immediate Past Captain – holds office for 1 year

Officers: in post for a 5 year term, elected at the Section AGM

Honorary Secretary, Treasurer, Handicap Secretary, Competition Secretary

Committee Members: 3 members from the Section, in post for a 3 year term, elected at the Section AGM

The Section holds an Annual General Meeting, notice of which is placed in the Locker Room.

Competitions

Before taking part in any golf competition, members must have what is termed a CONGU handicap.

If you do not have this when you join us, don't worry, we can help you attain it.

You will be required to submit medal cards from at least 3 rounds on the course, marked normally by another member who has a handicap at the club. These will be assessed, and taking into account all relevant factors, a handicap will be given.

Please contact the Section Handicap Secretary who will be very happy to help and advise you.

On obtaining your playing handicap, you may then enter the various competitions played by the Ladies.



Medals and Stableford competitions are played on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from April – November.

There is an alternative day competition for those unable to play mid week, usually the previous Sunday, however remember to check the Club Diary as this is sometimes changed if there are other club events being held.

We play Garforth Medals from April to July and players can take part in either the Sunday or Wednesday competition, or both.

LGU Medals are played from August to November when you may play **either** the Sunday **or** the Wednesday but not both.

In addition there are various major competitions, some of which may have an entry qualification, which will be displayed on the entry list posted on the notice board in the Locker Room. The diary will tell you the last day by which you must enter.

The major trophies include The Edith Koppel Trophy, The Victory Cup, The Simpson Cup, The Scratch Trophy, The Elmwood Trophy and The Welcome Rose Bowl.

The trophies for the major competitions are presented at the annual prize presentation evening which is held in October.

We also play Mr Captain's Day for Ladies, Mr President's Day and Ladies Prize Days, which are very sociable events.

Overall the section is extremely active with all manner of competitions being held throughout the year but if you are unsure or would like clarification on anything please do not hesitate to contact the Handicap or Competition Secretary or any Section Committee Member, who will help all they can.

There is also a folder available in the Locker Room giving names and entry conditions to all competitions.

We hold various social days throughout the year, the Bring & Win competition at the end of March is our first event of the season, followed by Prize Days interspersed by Lady Captain's Day and lots of competitions (detailed later).

Pace of play

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Team Matches

Garforth ladies have four teams which compete in The Yorkshire Ladies County Golf Association League

The scratch team

The A team



The B team for players with a minimum handicap of 19
The Rabbits

Each team consists of seven players per team and play 3 home and 3 away matches each year

An ADP team (alternate day players) plays on Sundays which consists of 3 players - no handicap limit.

For those with higher handicaps the Rabbits (handicaps 28 – 36) there are a number of friendly matches with other clubs in the area and is a great way to enjoy playing at courses other than your own.

Junior Golf



Juniors

The Club considers its responsibility to Children participating in golf at our premises and within our club very carefully. The Club has a Safeguarding and Child Protection policy and also has two welfare officers, details of which are posted on our notice boards.

Above all Golf is a sport in which we encourage children to have fun being mindful of others thereby creating an environment that is free of harassment and bullying.

There are many opportunities for Junior's to participate in competitions that are held frequently in the golfing season. The Club competes in the Leeds & District Union of Golf Clubs junior league. There are frequent coaching sessions with help and advice always on hand.

We have a Junior organiser and we have many other volunteers who give of their time to assist the Junior section.

Juniors playing in Competition of the Day are not subject to any restriction, otherwise the restricted times applicable to Juniors are as follows:

- a) Saturday -1st April to 30th September. May tee off at any time but must tee off from the 10th tee when a 2 tee start is in operation.

The above times are subject to course precedence. Male Junior Members with a handicap of **12** or below are eligible to play in Major Club Competitions if they satisfy the conditions of entry. Entries to be made as normal with an entry envelope marked **Junior**.

Both Male and Female Junior Members with a handicap of **14** or below are eligible to play in the Annual Mixed Foursomes if they satisfy the conditions of entry.

Male Junior Members with an official club handicap may play in Club Medal and Stableford Competitions, but must play with adult male members. They are not permitted to enter the sweep and can therefore not win a monetary prize.

Only one Junior player allowed per tee time.

Female Junior Members are eligible to play in all Ladies Medal, Stableford and Major Cup Competitions if they satisfy the conditions of entry. They are also eligible to play in all Junior events and competitions. They are not permitted to enter any sweep and cannot win a monetary prize.

There is a Junior Committee and the Club has a Junior Captain and Vice-Captain.





Something for Everyone

Social Events

The club hold a number of social events throughout the year but they can only be a success if members come and support them.

Details of all events are posted on the web site and in the clubhouse and tickets can normally be purchased from the bar.

The Club can be hired for functions by both members and private individuals although outside functions are currently limited to 12 in any one year.

The bar

The club has a well stocked bar and all members have a bar card which entitles them to a discount of 19% on the advertised bar prices.

A minimum amount of £5 has to be put on your account if you need to top it up.

A £50 bar levy is included in all membership categories excluding juniors and social members.

Opening hours are usually 11.00 to 23.00 through the playing season with reduced hours through winter. Current opening hours are displayed on the notice boards.

Catering

A bar meal and restaurant service are available throughout the day. Catering normally finishes around 4.00p.m. As times vary please check the notice board.

The restaurant can be booked for private events such as anniversaries etc. Should you wish to book please contact the Managing Secretary.

Changing rooms and Lockers

We have excellent changing facilities and ask all members to utilise them for changing including shoes.

Towels are available if you wish to use the shower facilities.

There are currently a very limited number of lockers available. Please contact the Managing Secretary who will be able to update you with the current position.



Security

The club house is protected by a code operated access system. The password for members is changed on a regular basis, details are supplied annually. Please do not divulge the member's code to anyone outside the club. A daily code is provided for visitors use – details are with the Professional or the Managing Secretary.

Trolley Storage

Facilities are available for the storage of trolleys including a limited number of ride on buggies. Contact the Managing Secretary for details.

Practice Ground

We have a huge practice ground adjacent to the 18th tee where you can hone your golf skills from chipping to the longest drive.



Social Golf and getting to know people

Joining a new golf club is exciting 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 all new joiners. The following are a few ways to get a game:

Mid week

There are regular groups who play at particular times and would be happy for you to turn up and join them this includes:

Tuesday and Thursday morning – turn up at around 8.00 and you are certain to get a game

Lunch time - go into the 19th just before mid day and put your name in to the draw.

The ladies hold various competitions particularly on a Wednesday morning.

Weekends

The club is always busy and a game can be guaranteed any time from 7.30am to 1.30pm.

Times

You can play at any time other than Christmas day when the club and course are closed.

The club house opens just before 8.00 a.m. mid week and around 7.30 a.m. at weekends and stays open until the bar closes.

As a club we need to encourage visitors to generate revenue for the club and to help us maintain membership subscriptions at the lowest level we can but we recognise we are a members club and ensure the following times are reserved for them:

Up to 9.30 and 12.00 to 1.30 mid-week (April 1st to 31st October) and up to 9.30 and 11.30 to 12.30 (1st November to 31st March) and all day Saturday

Join in and you will get the most from your membership.