



RISK ASSESSMENT

ST NEOTS GOLF CLUB GOLF COURSE

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Introduction.

This assessment addresses issues appertaining to the golf course and the spare hole used for teaching/practice only and does not consider any risks which may be present in or around the Clubhouse, the Car Parking areas, the Driving Range and the Green's Keepers compound. Risks associated with Green's Keepers work duties are not considered within this assessment and will be part of the outsource course maintenance company's (TurfCare Leisure Services Ltd) own risk assessment process and procedures.

General Course Topography.

The 130-acre site containing the golf course is owned by St Neots Golf Club membership, and is bounded to the west by the A1 trunk road, on the North by land earmarked for light industrial development and the river Ouse. The southern boundary is Crosshall Road and the eastern boundary the rear gardens of housing in Saviles Close, a private road and again the river Ouse.

The river Kym a tributary to the river Ouse dissects the course with 7 holes north of the Kym and 11 holes south of the Kym. Access across the Kym is via a bridge built to allow both pedestrian and course maintenance equipment to cross. The Kym at this crossing point and either side of it the water is deep. A rented right of way is provided for road access to the St Neots Marina, allowing cars to access the marina as well as limited agreed access for some larger vehicles. This road runs parallel to the 18th fairway, past the green keepers compound

and then crosses the 17th hole at about fairway distance from the tee. It then bends round the reservoir slope and runs parallel to the 16th hole, behind the 15th green and ultimately leading down to the clubs practice area and practice bays, and the Marina entrance. As well as Marina users this road is used by the clubs membership / club visitors when wanting to either walk or drive to this area or some 16th tee starting events. There are no other designated rights of way on or through the course. There is an out of bounds white marked kerb to the left of the 18th hole when approaching green hitting distance which is the edge of the access road to the Marina. Heavy vehicle access to this road is limited by width restricting black and white post, which can be removed for emergency and large vehicle access. The other side of this road is the clubs overflow hard standing parking area adjacent to the Saviles Close houses rear gardens. Behind the 18th green is the practice putting green. Out Of Bounds is behind this defined by a conifer hedge protecting the main car park area of the club. To the right of the 18th green is the clubhouse, spike bar path and doorway and lounge patio area. The 1st tee is alongside the clubhouse area where golfers walk to the changing rooms. The right hand side of the first tee has a safety net installed to protect the golfers from players teeing off. There is a Half-Way house situated behind the 1st and 11th tees, which sometimes is open for refreshments, and is accessed via a path between the 1st and 11th tees. Appropriate egress/exit safety advice signs show the way to the practice driving net, which is situated between the 1st & 18th holes.

The river Ouse that bounds parts of the course also contains deep water and often flowing faster during winter and spring. There are seven ponds within the course, one on the first, two on the 3rd hole which are deep and one to the right of the 4th green which is deep and has a severe slope leading to the water's edge. There is a pond on the 2nd to the right of the hole just

about a driving distance from the tee and this is deeper in winter. The 18th hole has a shallow pond on the left at about driving distance off the tee and there is a small pond which sometimes dries up in the summer to the left of the pathway as you come off the 1st green and head toward the 2nd tee. A ditch crosses the 18th at the points between this pond and the small pond on the 1st. A large man made deep-water reservoir is enclosed by the 15th, 16th, and 17th holes. It has 3 severe slopes and its banks slope steeply down into the water's edge. In range off the first tee down the right-hand side of the hole there are two wooden sheds used by the club for storage of member's equipment and club's equipment. There is also a practice driving net in this area.

Public Access

There is a roadway to the Marina for which the Marina pays an annual rent for right of access. There is no other public right of way across the course though non-golfers and staff on their way to work walk across the course. Some pedestrians from the Marina inadvertently utilise the road but this practice is not allowed and the Marina management are regularly advised. Please do not play a shot if non-golf pedestrians are using this road and wait until they are clear of any danger.

Staff Working on the Course.

At all times our contract staff working on the course have priority (Club Policy) and no golf shots are to be played if the staff are within shot range unless they have moved aside to allow play to continue.

Use of Trolleys, Electric Trolleys and Motorised Buggies.

St Neots Golf Club Policy Document states “Use of Trolleys, Electric Trolleys and motorised Buggies will be the responsibility of the Director of Golf in conjunction with the Course Manager or his representative, who will daily check course condition and a sign will be displayed on the first tee and on the clubs web site as well as being updated on the clubs dedicated phone line recorded answer phone advising the membership of any restrictions imposed.” The Course Manager, or in his absence, his Deputy are aware of this obligation. Each buggy driver must be aware of the **St Neots Golf Club Buggy Safety Policy** (available in the office and pro Shop) asked to read a list of buggy use instructions and be given a copy of these instructions before being allowed to drive on the course as well as signing the **“Buggy Safety Policy Acknowledgement Form”**. Any member or visitor who intends to use their personally owned buggy must be required to go through the same procedure. Buggies owned & operated by members must provide a copy of an insurance certificate providing 3rd party public liability each year when renewing their membership. This copy will be retained in the club office.

Any visitor bringing his or her own buggy must provide a copy of an insurance certificate providing 3rd party public liability before use of the buggy on the course is allowed.

This copy will be retained in the Club office.

All buggy drivers must be over the age of 17 years.

Reduced Visibility Caused By Weather Conditions.

When foggy conditions prevail, the Director of Golf or his duty deputy will stand on the 1st White Tee position and if the yellow disc located on a tree trunk at 150 yards distance in the left hand tree line is not visible he will close the course until the yellow disc becomes visible. Closure due to fog will be reviewed half hourly by the D O G/or his deputies and the course hot line will be updated until the course is re-opened. Disciplinary measures will be taken against any members who ignore this ruling and or tee off early in the morning in such a condition before the D O G or his deputies arrive to open up the pro shop. A notice is displayed advising of this policy on the white board area wall by the changing rooms.

Lightning Policy

All golfers playing St Neots Golf Course should be aware of the “**St Neots Golf Club Lightning Policy**” whilst playing on the course.

On seeing lightning in the area the Club Policy immediately stop playing after the warning siren sounded players must mark their golf ball position then take safe cover or return to the clubhouse until the D O G deems play safe again. The D O G or his deputies will sound a loud Klaxon/Siren from the 1st tee area and the 2nd tee area to warn golfers around the course that

golf is suspended but it is each individual's responsibility to seek a safe place immediately away from lightning strikes **Do Not stand under any overhead power lines, Do Not shelter under trees or on high ground, Do Not take cover in wooden or metallic shelters, unless the shelter in question is fully enclosed and is properly earthed, Do Not exit the course by walking under trees if possible and keep as low as possible by crouching down in the nearest bunker or lowest point of the golf course, Do Not use a mobile phone, Do Not put up your umbrella under any circumstances. BETTER TO BE SOAKED THAN CROAKED**

Once the lightning has receded the Pro Shop staff will again sound the Klaxon/Siren twice to signal that play may resume.

Paths

Where paths are available all golfers whether walking, using a trolley or buggy must stay on them to progress round the course.

Bridge

There is a bridge which crosses the river Kym and has been constructed to allow for heavy course maintenance equipment use so it is safe for all golfers walking carrying clubs, pushing or pulling a cart as well as electric trolleys and golf buggies. The bridge walk area is ribbed hard wood to stop any slipping.

Sleepers used on tees

Some raised tees and winter mat tees use sleepers to edge or contain the tee and in wet or frosty conditions these sleeper surfaces can become slippery and dangerous. Players are requested to be aware of this and use only stepped entrances or on winter tees step over the sleeper surface.

Roped off areas and Hooped areas

During the winter many areas of the course are roped off or have hoops in place to ensure the safety of all golfers and to assist the green keepers to maintain vulnerable parts of the course. Under no circumstances must golfers with trolleys or buggies cross these rope lines or go inside the hoops. During the whole year there will be some roped off areas and hooped areas where the same rule applies at all times, or are placed to identify some severe sloped areas or places of danger.

Boundary fences and riverbanks

Under no circumstances should attempts to be made to recover balls hit over boundary fences or into the rivers.

Footwear

All golfers (members & visitors) must ensure they have golf shoes, which are adequate & suitable for the ground/weather conditions on the day of play.

Players Insurance.

All golfers (Members & Visitors) are advised to take out adequate 3rd party insurance to provide cover for liability at law for damages payable in respect of:

Death or bodily injury.

Loss of damage to material property.

Safety Notices

See table below

Access Road For Marina and Club Practice Area

This road runs down to the Green Keepers compound parallel with the rear gardens of Saviles Close property and then leads down past the Green Keepers compound and then crosses the 17th hole at about fairway distance and then parallel to the 16th par 3 hole and then on to the Practice area and the Marina entrance. There are warning signs advising vehicles using this

road of maximum speed limit is 10 MPH and the potential of golfers playing both holes. There are several “sleeping policemen” style humps to enforce the speed restrictions. Heavy vehicular use is restricted by the placement of width restriction posts at the car park end of the road. One locked in position post can be removed and replaced by key holders only to allow emergency access to course and Marina, as well as heavy goods vehicle deliveries and removals. Players teeing off from the 17th must be aware of the potential of vehicles crossing in front of them. The Marina Management have been advised that cars are at risk of being hit if they do not heed the notices provided and that the golf club is not responsible for any vehicle damage.

Score Cards

The following message will be printed on each scorecard.

Health & Safety Notice

Playing golf on uneven terrain & changeable ground conditions carries inevitable risks. You play this golf course having been made aware that a full risk assessment has been conducted, and is available to be read on the Club Website and that you have taken the time to familiarise yourself with its content. A précised version is also in the appendix. Additionally, for your safety & for the protection of the course, please ensure buggies & trolleys are kept away from roped off/hooped areas and obey the directional notices at all times. Also please be aware of any ad hoc / temporary safety notices posted on first tee. Whilst we want you to enjoy your round, the Club accepts no liability for any

accident or damage caused by not following the safety notices & guidelines whilst playing on our course.

Thank you for your understanding on this matter.

Responsibilities.

The Director of Golf in Conjunction with Chairman of Course and Greens and his/her committee are responsible for maintaining this risk assessment.

Overview of Risk Assessment Definitions.

The risk assessment will address the following:

Generic risks whilst playing golf.

Risks whilst carrying Clubs and using motorised and pull trolleys in any conditions

Risks and guidance (course protection) when allowing members with personal motorised buggies for health reasons in wet winter conditions.

Risk Assessment.

The Risk Assessment is presented in two categories:

Generic Risks

See Generic Risks

Risks on a hole-by-hole basis for the course

For each hole the type of risk will be graded as detailed below:

L= Low or Little Risk

M= Medium Risk

H = High Risk

Where there is a Medium or High a possible solution recommendation to eradicate or reduce the risk will be suggested.

When defining the location of a risk by reference to a particular hole this is ascertained by looking from the tee towards the green.

Publication of Risk Assessment

A copy of the full risk assessment is available in the following locations: -

Club Website – for latest Edition

1st Editions in the Pro Shop and Club Office.

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Generic Risks

Risk Description	Grade of Risk	Solution/Recommendation
<i>Being struck by a golf ball hit offline by a golfer playing on another part of the Golf course.</i>	High	<i>1. All players must remain alert at all times to the behavior of nearby players. 2. Players who have played an offline shot must immediately shout "FORE" to alert all surrounding players that the shot has been struck.</i>
<i>Being struck by a golf ball hit by a playing partner.</i>	High	<i>1. Non-playing partner (s) must not advance in front of the shot being played. 2. Players who have played a shot towards a playing partner (s) must immediately shout "FORE" to alert all surrounding players that the shot has been struck.</i>
<i>Being struck by a golf ball played by a</i>	Medium	<i>Following golfers must ensure that those in</i>

<i>golfer in the following group.</i>		<i>front have advanced further than they can hit their best shot.</i>
<i>Being struck by the swinging club of a playing partner.</i>	Medium	<i>Players must stand at least 2 meters away from the arc of the swinging club.</i>
<i>Tripping on uneven, sloping, or slippery ground.</i>	Medium	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Obvious tripping hazards should be removed by fellow golfers & Green keeping staff.</i> <i>2. Sloping areas, which become wet and are lacking in thick grass cover should be roped off by Green's staff to prevent entry by players.</i> <i>3. Extra care should be taken by all golfers.</i>
<i>Tripping over a fellow golfer's playing equipment, trolley, or motorised buggy.</i>	Low	<i>Care should be taken by all golfers on the course.</i>
<i>Many of the bunkers within the course have sloping sides, some very steep. These slopes when wet are particularly slippery.</i>	High	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>When entering/exiting bunkers to play/after playing a shot entry and exit should be from the shallowest edge of the bunker.</i> <i>2. Trolleys (whether motorised or pull) and motorised buggies must not be taken within 5m of any of these slopes in either wet or dry conditions.</i>
<i>Some of the teeing areas are surrounded by steep or medium sloping ground.</i>	Medium High	<i>Trolleys & motorised buggies are not to be taken on to these slopes in dry or wet conditions.</i>

<p><i>Throughout the courses there are steep and medium slopes which must be treated with care particularly during wet conditions. Specific slopes are dealt with as part of the hole-by-hole assessment.</i></p>	<p>Medium High</p>	<p><i>All golfers should ensure they have golf shoes, which are adequate & suitable for the ground/weather conditions on the day of play.</i></p>
<p><i>Ponds and Ditches: There are several ponds on the course. These are mentioned in the hole-by-hole risk assessment.</i></p>	<p>High</p>	<p><i>All players should not walk inside the line of the hazard posts and must enter the sloping areas at ponds/reservoir edges (only on foot and without trolleys), then extreme care must be taken not to slip into the water. A warning notice of deep water to be placed in a clearly visible location at the ponds/reservoir edges. All trolleys/buggies must be left at least 3 meters from the edges of ponds / ditches / reservoir.</i></p>
<p><i>Some normal tees and winter tee areas are surrounded by sleeper containment. Specific sleeper/tee constructions are dealt with as part of the hole-by-hole assessment.</i></p>	<p>High</p>	<p><i>All golfers must enter and exit raised tees with sleeper construction using the steps provided to prevent slipping or falling of edges. Some of the steps have been surfaced with “Grip Clad” anti slip material to prevent slipping on the steps. When winter tees are in use and where these are</i></p>

	<p><i>defined by sleeper constructed areas, all players are advised to step over the sleepers to enter or exit these tees. When crossing the sleepers by the halfway house from 1st to 11th tees to get water or use the halfway house facilities there is a “Grip Clad” area on the sleeper surfaces, which must be used.</i></p>
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**Using Motorised Buggies in Very Wet or Frosty Course Conditions.
(see appendix D for specific route guidance for members with buggies for medical exemption by club)**

If the Director of Golf in conjunction with the Course Manager considers that the use of motorised buggies on very wet or frosty ground is likely to endanger drivers, passengers, and other players then they will inform the staff in the Professional’s shop that motorised buggies are banned and must not be rented out to members and visitors until further notice is given. The exception will be the clubs “authorised buggy users” only who will be allowed on the course, but they either must strictly adhere to the route guidance in the hole-by-hole assessment part of this document, or only designated holes will be available for them to play again subject to the discretion of the clubs staff. Additionally there will be an update informing authorised buggy users that they can use the fairways when conditions allow, or be allowed on

the course for specific nine hole play or be allowed to play the whole course adhering to the route guidance appendix document. The Director of Golf will post notices on the first tee notice board, update the web site and arrange for the “course hot line” to be updated, which will inform any golfer intending to use a motorised buggy that use is prohibited or subject to restrictions as per above. If the Director of Golf is absent from work then his responsibilities in this respect will pass to his Deputy.

RISK=High from buggies skidding uncontrollably or overturning, causing injury to drivers, passengers, and walking players.

SOLUTION= Banning the use until conditions are suitable.

19 Hole Course: Hole-by-Hole Risk Assessment

1st Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Players encroaching in front of tee area	Players protection from tee	High	Nets placed between tee and changing rooms so all waiting players must stand behind these nets whilst players are hitting off the 1 st tee
18 th Fairway on RH side over hedge line	Ball of tee hitting players coming down 18 th	Medium	Internal O.O B to right of hedge line from 1st tee towards right hand green approach to prevent players

			deliberately taking a shots in the direction of 18 th fairway or near to 18 th tee position Shout "Fore on right" for mishit shots in this direction
Playing shots from 18 th fairway towards 1 st green	Being hit by players coming down the 18th	High	Wait till players on 18 th have played their shots and moved away to allow play to the 1st
Sheds on Right	Members collecting equipment getting hit by balls	Medium	Shout "Fore on right"
Practice Net on Right	The net has protection from another shielding net and the tree line it is in. Players enter the net from the 18 th and exit from 1st as directed by signage	Low	Players teeing off to be aware of risk. Rule is for players crossing in front to wait behind net until tee is clear. Also not to tee off whilst players are exiting the practice net
18 th tee shots in range of miss hit shots to the right when players are on or close to green	Being hit by players teeing off the 18 th	High	Being aware of this risk as approaching the green. Listen for shout of "Fore".
Pond	Pond on right of fairway (deep)	High	Including in Generic Risks
11 th Fairway	Dangers of miss hit shots going on to 11 th . Also miss hit going on to 1 st as well as miss hit golf shots from 11 th going on to 1 st	High	Shout "Fore" and be aware of shouts of "Fore" from 11 th
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as those above	As for above risks	To protect the course all buggies must travel down the left hand side of the hole towards the green within the rough and stay left, when approaching the green. Members must park their buggy

			adjacent to the ball position and walk to the ball to play a shot. Buggies must be parked left of the green when putting out.
Carrying or using Trolleys in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as above	As for above Risks	In certain course conditions only hedge hog wheeled versions to be allowed to protect the course

2nd Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
When travelling to this tee from the first the pathway crosses in front of the 15 th tee	Being struck by a ball	High	Players must wait till golfers on the 15 th tee have played their shots. Observe the placed signage
When travelling to this tee from the first the pathway goes behind of the 14 th green	Being struck by a ball	Medium	Players must be aware of approach shots to the 14 th green going over the green
The 2 nd tee crosses the 12 th tee	Being struck by a ball or hitting another player on the 12 th competition tee	High	Players must give way to golfers ready to play from the 12 th tee
Access to the 2 nd competition tee	Tee is raised surrounded by sleepers	Medium	Golfers must use the sleeper steps to gain access to this tee
Access bridge over river	Being struck by golfers teeing off	Low	Golfers must be aware of mishit shots

Kym	from the eighth tees		from eighth and second tees
Golfers on 3 rd tee when playing miss hit green approach shots	Hitting golfers on 3 rd tee with a ball	Medium	Golfers must shout "Fore" when shots are miss hit toward the 3 rd tee
Sleepers surrounding winter tee mat	Slipping on sleepers in wet or frosty conditions	High	Step over sleeper to access tee mat
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as those above	As for above risks	To protect the course all buggies must travel down the left hand side of the hole towards the green within the rough and stay left of when approaching the green. Members must park their buggy adjacent to the ball position and walk to the ball to play a shot. Buggies must be parked left of the green when putting out.
Carrying or using Trolleys in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as above	As for above Risks	In certain course conditions only hedge hog wheeled versions to be allowed to protect the course

3rd Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
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a trolley or buggy in dry conditions			
Raised Tee	Potential injury to golfers entering or exiting the raised tee incorrectly	High	Golfers must use the sleeper steps only
5 th tee in range of tee shot	Golf balls hitting players on the 5 th tee from miss hit drives	High	Wait to play tee shot till players on 5 th tee have driven and moved off tee
Golfers playing in front still in range from tee shot	Golfers being hit by tee shot	Medium	Wait till those in front have moved round the dog leg and the safety bell has been rung
Pond on RH side catching tee shots	Golfers retrieving balls and slipping into pond	Medium	Agree ball went into pond and is lost and take a penalty drop
Pond on LH side after dog leg	Golfers retrieving balls and slipping into pond	Medium	Agree ball went into pond and is lost and take a penalty drop
Tee shots from next players behind	Being hit by tee shot	Medium	Ring warning bell when going past to tell players behind you are out of range
Deep fast flowing river to the right after dog leg	Falling into river to look for and or retrieve balls	High	Agree ball went into river and is lost and take a penalty drop
Green has steep sides to surrounding it	Golfers slipping entering or exiting green	Medium	Enter or exit green at lowest safe point which is at the front
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as those above	As for above risks	To protect the course all buggies must travel down the left hand side of the hole towards the LH dogleg and LH side rough towards the green, staying right of the pond banking and stay left when approaching the green. Members must park their buggy adjacent to the ball position and walk to the ball to play

			a shot. Buggies must be parked left of the green when putting out.
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4th Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Slightly raised tee	Slipping on entry on banking	Low	Use lowest entry point on to tee
Teeing off before players in front have moved through the gap to next tee	Balls striking players leaving green	Medium	Wait till players in front have moved out of sight through the hedge gap
Mishit approach shot to the 3 rd green	Being struck by a ball	Low	Listen for shout of "Fore"
Raised banks (steep) around back and sides of green	Slipping/falling from banking	Medium	Use lowest safe entry point onto green i.e. from the front
RH green banking steep down to very deep pond	Falling into pond and drowning from trying to recover lost ball	High	Agree ball went into pond and is lost and take a penalty drop
Very heavy long grass rough especially in summer	Tripping or stepping in a hole and injuring leg	Low	Keep buggies and trolleys to designated pathway and walk in rough carefully to play a shot
Sleepers surrounding winter tee mat	Slipping on sleepers in wet or frosty conditions	High	Step over sleeper to access tee mat
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution

	The same as those above	As for above risks	To protect the course all buggies must travel down the grass pathway to the green and keep left and park by the green adjacent the pathway. No buggies must be taken to the right of the green.
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5th Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Players teeing off on the 3 rd	Being struck by a miss hit tee shot from the 3 rd	Medium	Players on the 3 rd have a notice requiring them to wait until players on the 5 th tee have played and moved away
Players teeing off on the 7 th	Striking players with a miss hit tee shot	Medium	As 7 th tee is blind from the 5 th players must shout "Fore right"
Players proceeding down the 7 th fairway on the left	Being hit by a miss hit tee shot or by players from the 5 th using the 7 th fairway	Medium	As 7 th tee is blind from the 5 th players must shout "Fore right" and players proceeding to use the 7 th fairway as an alternative must wait till players in front have moved away and or moved aside to allow play back onto the 5 th
Players in front exiting the 5 th green	Striking players in front with a ball	High	Players in front must be allowed to clear the green and move down the pathway to the 6 th before any approach shots to the green are played

Steep banks around sides and rear of green	Slipping and falling from banks	Medium	Players should enter and exit the green from the lowest safe point
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as those above	As for above risks	To protect the course all buggies must travel down the right hand rough and park on the right of the green when putting out. Members must park their buggy in the rough adjacent to the ball position and walk to the ball to play a shot.

6th Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Players in front in range from tee	Hitting players if front with a tee shot	Low	Players on the 6 th tee must wait until players in front have gone round the 90 bend of the fairway
Players in front still on 6 th green	Hitting players if front on the green with an approach shot	Medium	As the green is likely to be obscured for some shots towards it players must wait till those in front have exited the green and move towards the 7 th tee before playing
Miss hit tee shots from 7 th tee when on or approaching 6 th green	Being struck by a ball of the 7 th tee	High	Listen for shouts of "Fore right"
Players using the 7 th	Being struck by a ball of the 7 th	High	Players using this approach action must

fairway to play the 6th hole after a miss hit tee shot	tee		wait until players on the 7 th have played their tee shots or have identified they can play first
Steep banking at rear of green	Slipping or falling when on banking	Medium	Players should enter and exit the green from the lowest safe point
Sleepers surrounding winter tee mat	Slipping on sleepers in wet or frosty conditions	High	Step over sleeper to access tee mat
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as those above	As for above risks	To protect the course all buggies must travel down the right hand rough and park on the right of the green when putting out. Members must park their buggy in the rough adjacent to the ball position and walk to the ball to play a shot.

7th Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Tee has moderate sloping banking	Slipping or falling when entering or exiting tee	Low	Enter and exit tee from lowest gradient point
Miss hit tee shot to left	Hitting players on 5 th fairway	Low	Shout "Fore left"
Miss hit tee shot to left	Hitting players on 6 th green or approaches fairway	Low	Shout "Fore right"
Players still on green in front	Hitting players on green	Medium	Ensure green is clear and players in front have moved onto the 8 th tee

Miss hit approach shot to green going right	Hitting players on 8 th tee	High	Shout "Fore right"
Green has moderate banking to the rear	Slipping or falling when entering or exiting green	Low	Enter and exit green from lowest gradient point
Sleepers surrounding winter tee mat	Slipping on sleepers in wet or frosty conditions	High	Step over sleeper to access tee mat
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	
	The same as those above	As for above risks	Recommendation/Solution
			To protect the course all buggies must travel down the right hand rough and park on the right behind the 8 th tee when putting out, and keep on the path when proceeding to the tee position on the 8 th . When winter tees are in use then members should travel down the left rough and park in a dry area adjacent to the next winter tee. Members must park their buggy in the rough and walk to the ball to play a shot.

8th Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Miss hit shots to 7 th green	Being hit by golf ball	High	Stand on the RH side of tee away from

whilst waiting on tee			green and listen for shout of “Fore”
Hitting players in front waiting around green after you have been called up (call up hole)	Being hit by golf ball	High	Ensure playing partners watch your shot and call fore if players in front are likely to be in line with shot
Playing provisional ball from tee side of river	Hitting players on the green	Medium	Wait till previous players have moved onto 9 th tee before playing
Calling up next players	Getting hit by their tee shots	High	Keep on bridge until they have played
Miss hit shots from 9 th tee	Getting hit by a ball	Medium	Listen for shout of fore left off tee. Tree planting has provided some screening
Medium gradient slopes to back and right of green	Slipping and falling whilst entering or exiting the green	Medium	Enter or exit green from least steepest point
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as those above	As for above risks	To protect the course all buggies must travel down on the pathways provided towards the direction of bridge and then utilize highest land area to access bridge pathway from and continue to use pathways provided or identified by roping off. Buggies should be parked by on the pathway just after the bridge by the plant triangle and members should walk to their ball to continue to play. It is likely that buggies will not be allowed on this hole due to the land associated with it being prevalent to flooding and water logging in certain areas after particular very wet spells of weather. Buggies must be left as parked for putting out to walk to the 9 th tee to drive

			off.
Carrying clubs in frost conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Frost on steps of green bridge	Danger of slipping and injury	High	Trollies cannot access due to securing bar and in frost condition the access to the bridge will be barred using chains and an accompanying notice board

9th Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Medium/steep banking to rear and side of tee	Slipping or falling entering or exiting tee	Medium	Enter and exit tee at lowest point
Miss hit tee shots to right from 8 th tee	Being hit by a ball whilst on 9 th tee	High Low	Listen for shout of fore right. Some protection from green bridge and trees/bushes. This protection will have to be further enhanced when old trees die and green bridge gets removed. Big hitters can reach the tee in front (10 th)
Steep tree filled banking to right of hole	Slipping or falling on steep slopes trying to find or retrieve balls	Medium/High	Play a provisional ball from tee in case ball is lost or deemed lost. Do not go on slopes to find lost balls.
Miss hitting tee shots to left	Striking players playing the 8 th green	High	Shout "Fore left"
Miss hitting tee shots and approach shots to green on right	Striking players on 10 th tee	Low	Shout "Fore right"
Players on practice green	Striking players on practice area	Low	Shout "Fore"

to rear of this green			
Sleepers surrounding winter tee mat	Slipping on sleepers in wet or frosty conditions	High	Step over sleeper to access tee mat
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as those above	As for above risks	To protect the course all buggies must use the existing path dividing the course when travelling towards this green from where the buggy was parked when completing the 8 th . Members must park on the pathway adjacent to the ball and walk to the ball when playing approach shots to the green. Buggies should be parked behind the 9 th green when putting out. It is likely that buggies will not be allowed on this hole due to the tee area and front of tee being prevalent to flooding and water logging, unless the proposed path extension from the bridge is in play.

10th Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
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Steep banks to tee side and rear	Slipping or falling entering or exiting tee	High	All players must enter and exit tee from slopped pathway to the side of tee
Steep wooded banking on Right from tee to fairway start	Slipping or falling on steep slopes trying to find or retrieve balls	Medium/High	Play a provisional ball from tee in case ball is lost or deemed lost. Do not go on slopes to find lost balls.
Miss hit shots to left going on to 11 th hole	Hitting players with a ball playing this hole	Low	Shout "Fore left"
Medium banking surrounding green	Slipping or falling entering or exiting tee	Medium	Enter and exit tee at lowest point
11 th tee shots in range of green	Being struck by a ball from the next tee	High	Wait/watch whilst players on the next tee have finished before putting out
11 th tee shots in range of green	Being struck by a ball from the next tee	High	Players must always walk around green to the right and use the pathway and tree line protection toward the 11 th tee. Notice board detailing/warning this in place
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as those above	As for above risks	To protect the course all buggies must travel from the left of the tee and follow the tree line. After the dogleg move over to the RH rough/Tree line and park buggy on pathway to right of the green to complete the hole. Again buggies must be parked in the rough adjacent to the ball and players walk to the ball position. After completing the hole the buggies must travel from the pathway left of the green and stay in the tree line until reaching the 11 th tee.

11th Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Tee has raised frontage	Players slipping or falling	Low	Access to this tee is via sleeper steps and these should only be used when entering or exiting
Players walking in front of tee to access the practice nets	Hitting players with tee shots	Low	Ensure no one is crossing in front of the tee before playing
10 th green in range off 11 th tee	Hitting players on the 10 th green	High	If a tee shot goes in the direction and distance of the 10 th green players must shout "Fore"
Miss hit tee shot to the right over the tree line	Players on the 1 st fairway getting hit ball a ball	Medium/High	Players must shout "Fore right", Tree lines offer considerable protection
Miss hit 2 nd shot to the left	Players on 10 th fairway getting hit by a ball	Medium	Players must shout fore left. Tree lines offer considerable protection
Green has steep banks to rear and sides	Players slipping and falling	Medium	Players should enter and exit the green from the lowest safest point
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as those above	As for above risks	To protect the course all buggies must travel down on the right side tree line in rough and stay right of the green. Buggies must be parked in the rough adjacent to the ball and players must walk to the ball position. Buggy users

			must follow the path to the 12 th tee after completing the hole.
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12th Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Steep slopes to front of tee and rear of competition tee	Players falling or slipping accessing the tee	High	Players must enter and exit at the lowest safest points on the tee
Crossing tee with 2 nd tee	Miss hit shots hitting players on other tee area	Low	Players must be sensible and give way as required to those on the tee that can play first and stand away from any potential miss hit shots
Steep banking and rabbit holes to left of tee	Players injuring themselves looking for miss hit balls in this area	High	Play a provisional ball and deem 1 st ball lost
Players in front in range from tee	Hitting players in front with tee shots	Medium	Wait till players in front are out of range and wait for signal bell to confirm this before teeing off. Low handicap golfers going for the green must wait till the green is clear
Players teeing off from behind	Hitting you or your group with their tee shots	Medium	Use signal bell to inform group behind you are out of range

Players on 14 th hole	Being struck by miss hit shots	Low	Listen for fore right. Some protection given by tree line
Steep banks to side and rear of green	Players slipping and falling	Medium	Players should enter and exit the green from the lowest safest point
Sleepers surrounding winter tee mat	Slipping on sleepers in wet or frosty conditions	High	Step over sleeper to access tee mat
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as those above	As for above risks	To protect the course all buggies must travel down on the left hand side rough and stay left of the green. Buggies must be parked in the rough adjacent to the ball and players must walk to the ball position

13th Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Tee has a steep down slope to the right of tee	Slipping or falling entering or exiting tee	High	Enter or exit tee from the front
Sloping and uneven areas from tee for about 70 yards	Slipping or falling travelling this way to next shot or towards green	Medium	Walk towards green using cut pathway
Rabbit warren to right of hole at about 130yds	Holes surrounding warren some hidden by grass causing tripping or falling if players step in hole	High	Area is deemed GUR so players should enter and exit this area carefully when retrieving their balls
Green near to	Players on green being hit by a	Medium	Players on green stand aside and wait

competition tee on next hole	tee shot off line		till players in front have played their tee shot
Sleepers surrounding winter tee mat	Slipping on sleepers in wet or frosty conditions	High	Step over sleeper to access tee mat
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as those above	As for above risks	To protect the course all buggies must travel down on the right hand side rough and stay right of the green when putting out. Buggies must be parked in the rough adjacent to the ball and players must walk to the ball position.

14th Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Competition tee area has some medium/steep banking	Players slipping or falling entering or exiting this tee area	Low	Players should enter and exit the tee area from the lowest safest point
12 th Green in range from tee	Hitting players on 12 th green	Low	Players must shout "Fore" when miss hit tee shots go in the right hand direction towards this green
12 th fairways and 15 th fairways run parallel to this hole	Striking players on these fairways with miss hit shots right or left	Low	Much protection from tree lines both sides. Miss hit shots towards any of the fairways players must shout "Fore"

Pathway to 2 nd and 12 th tees pass behind the 14 th green. Pathway has roped area to stop short cutting	Striking golfers walking on this pathway with over hit approach to green shots. Danger of tripping over roping	Low Medium	Shout "Fore" if shot looks to be over hit Step over carefully or step on rope on way to 15 th tee
15 th tee in range of approach fairway	Miss hit tee shots to left hitting players on the 15 th	Low	Listen for shout of "Fore left" and be aware of players teeing off
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as those above	As for above risks	To protect the course all buggies must travel down on the right hand side rough, then cross to the left hand rough after gap and stay left of the green and left of the left hand green side bunker when putting out and walking to the 15 th tee. Buggies must be parked in the rough adjacent to the ball and players must walk to the ball position when playing the hole.

15th Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Sleeper banking on front of tee.	Access to tee high and difficult from front so danger of slipping or	High	Use only the sleeper steps to access the tee

	falling accessing/exiting the tee		
Pathway to 2 nd hole passes directly in front of tee	Hitting players walking to 2 nd when crossing in front of tee	High	Be alert to players not adhering to notice by pathway warning of players teeing off
14 th green/fairway in range off tee	Miss hit tee shots going in 14 th hole direction	Medium	Shout "Fore" when shots are miss hit to the left
18 th Tee in rang off tee	Hitting players on 18 th tee	High	Wait till players on 18 th tee have played and moved out of range
Players in front cannot be seen once round dog leg	Hitting players in front playing same hole	High	Wait till players in front have moved of the green before playing any approach shot to the green
Deep reservoir on right side of hole	Players slipping into the reservoir looking for and or retrieving balls in the water	High	Agree ball lost and take penalty. Do not access steep slopes to look for or trying to retrieve lost balls
Marina access / club practice area road runs close behind 15 th green	Hitting walkers or vehicles passing behind the green	Medium	Be aware of passing traffic and wait till all traffic have moved out of range before playing approach shot to green
Players on 16 th tee	Striking them with over hit approach shots to green	Low	Shout "Fore" for over hit shots
Practice ground in range	Being hit by golfers playing from practice area	Low	Protection from tree line but listen for shouts of "Fore"
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as those above	As for above risks	To protect the course all buggies must travel down on the right hand side rough and keep right of the greenside bunker and left parked near the Marina road when putting out the hole. Buggies must be parked in the rough adjacent to the ball and players must walk to the ball position when playing the hole.

16th Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Steep slopes access and exiting lower yellow tee	Slipping on steep uneven slope	High	Take care when accessing and exiting the tee look out for holes and unevenness
Marina access / club practice area road runs parallel and close to the hole	Hitting pedestrians or vehicles using the road	High	Wait till pedestrians or vehicles have moved away before playing any shots
16 th tee area close to back of 15 th green	Golfers being struck by over hit approach shots to 15 th green	High	Be aware and listen for shouts of "Fore"
Steep slope banking to left and rear of green	Slipping or falling accessing or exiting the green	High	Access and exit to this green should be made from the safest least slopping point or golfer travel around front of green to park trolley or buggy or bag before putting out
Ladies 17 th tee in range behind 16 th green	Striking lady players on the 17 th tee with an over hit shot to the green	Medium	Wait till Ladies tee in front is clear before hitting approach shot
Deep faced bunker crosses in front of green	Slipping or falling accessing or exiting the bunker	Medium	Enter or exit the bunker from the lowest safest point
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution

	The same as those above	As for above risks	To protect the course all buggies must travel down on the Marina access road for as long as possible and stay right of the right bunkers before parking up and putting out.
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17th Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Steep Slope to access and exit the 17 th tee	Slipping or falling when going or coming from the tee	Medium	Take care when using this slope as there is no alternative
Medium to steep banking on competition tee	Slipping or falling when going or coming from the tee	Medium	Look for and use safest lowest slope to access this tee area
Marina access / club practice area road runs across this hole at tee shot range	Hitting pedestrians or vehicles using the road	High	Wait till pedestrians or vehicles have moved away before playing any shots, or have stopped to allow you to play on. Warning notices advising all traffic using road about golfers in range
Sleepers surrounding winter tee mat	Slipping on sleepers in wet or frosty conditions	High	Step over sleeper to access tee mat
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as those above	As for above risks	Buggies must be left parked past the

			RH side and on the highest point behind the 16 th green. Members must not attempt to take their buggies down to the 17 th tee but walk carefully down the slope behind the 16 th green when teeing off. To protect the course all buggies must stay right of the hole in the rough. Buggies must be parked in the rough adjacent to the ball and players must walk to the ball position, and to the right of the green side RH bunkers before parking up and putting out.
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18th Hole

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
Medium sloping tee banking	Slipping or falling going on or coming off tee	Low	Exit and enter tee from lowest safest point
1 st green in range of the tee	Hitting players on the 1 st green with a miss hit tee shot	Low	Shout "Fore" when tee shot is miss hit to right and looking to go in the direction of the 1 st green
Pond on left hand side of hole with shallow ditch in rough crossing under fairway to rough on right	Banking to pond is medium and sometimes there is little or no water in this hazard but can be slippery when trying to look for ad	Low	Take care when pond is full although not deep it can have slippery banking

to join up with pond on 1st	retrieve lost balls. Balls in ditch easily retrieved via sleeper sides		
1 st fairway in range from 18 th fairway	Striking players on the 1 st with a miss hit shot to the right	Low	Shout "Fore" when shots are miss hit in this direction
Club overflow car park and access road in range of second and approach shots to green	Striking vehicles or pedestrians using the roadway and parking area	Medium	Shout "Fore" when shots are miss hit in this direction
Practice net on RH side of hole near green approach shots	Striking players entering the net although the area itself is protected from further netting and the trees/hedging	Medium	Wait until players going towards the net have entered it before hitting approach shots to the green
Club Practice green and main car park in range of approach shots to 18 th green	Hitting golfers on practice green or walking behind green to and from clubhouse. Hitting golfers and vehicles in car park	Medium	Shout "Fore" when shots are mishit in this direction. Practice green deemed OOB. Car park protected by thick conifer hedge
Clubhouse patio area in range of approach shots to green	Hitting members/visitors using this facility	Medium	Shout "Fore" when shots are mishit in this direction.
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as those above	As for above risks	Buggies must travel down the right hand rough and stay parked right of the green when putting out. Buggies must be parked in the rough adjacent to the ball and players must walk to the ball position when playing the hole.

Spare Hole (old 11th)

Risks for all players whether carrying, using a trolley or buggy in dry conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
9 th green near to this area	Being struck by over hit approach shots to 9 th green	Low	Listen for shouts of "Fore"
Players crossing in front of tee using the access path to the 2 nd /12 th	Hitting golfers using the path	Low	This tee is normally out of play but should it be used players on the tee must allow golfers to pass out of way before playing any shots
Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Risk Description	Risk Grade	Recommendation/Solution
	The same as those above	As for above risks	Buggies must stay on the path but out of range when tee is being used and only move to the green on the right hand side and park for putting out and travel back to the path when moving on to the 12 th .

Appendix A

Directional Notice and Other Notices Placed Around Course.

This section provides details on the location of directional notices.

1		1 st Tee area has signs indicating any exceptions			Swampy's Pond Deep Water	Follow Path to 2 nd Tee be aware of warning sign for 15 th Tee	Roped area by 14 th green to stop golfers taking short cut to next tees	
2								
3	Bell to be rung after players pass it on left just in front of LH pond	Life ring for left hand pond		Sign on tee stating not to tee off until 5 th tee in range is clear of players				

4		Life ring for right hand green side pond Deep water sign	Signs when rough is high requesting players to keep to it			Follow paths left of the green to next tee		
5						Next Tee directional sign as you exit green		
6						Next Tee directional sign as you exit green		
7								
8		Life ring alongside the river Kym both sides	Call up hole sign Sign on bridge indicating when players reach there					

			call the next group up if they are waiting on the tee					
9								
10		Sign directing players around to pathway left of green Warning sign indicating green is in range of tee shots from 11 th tee						
11		Sign on tee sleeper steps warning players that					Next Tee sign directing players	

		the 10 th green is in range					towards the pathway to 2 nd and 12 th tees	
12	Warning bell on left of fairway in area of tree gap for players to let players on the tee behind that they can tee off							
13								
14								

15		Sign when to tee off as 18 th tee is in range Life ring on reservoir bank and deep water sign						
16								
17								
18	Practice Net	Signage directing players which side to enter and exit						
Extra								

Appendix B - Precise version of risk assessment.

**ST NEOTS GOLF CLUB 18 HOLE COURSE
ON COURSE RISK HIGHLIGHTER**

**THE CLUB'S COMPREHENSIVE UPDATED RISK ASSESSMENT IS AVAILABLE IN THE
CLUBHOUSE AND ON THE CLUBS WEB SITE.**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT ALL MEMBERS READ THE COMPREHENSIVE
VERSION.**

**IF ANY DOUBT EXISTS AS TO ANY ASSESSED RISK AND SOLUTIONS TO IDENTIFIED
RISKS THEN THESE ARE TO BE CONVEYED TO THE CLUB OFFICE FOR
CLARIFICATION.**

1. Be aware of the behaviour of other golfers and their place on the course. Do not play a shot until you are sure there is little risk of your ball hitting any other person particularly if you are hitting towards an area hidden from your view and listen for position bells to confirm players out of range. Always shout "FORE" if you hit a wayward shot.
2. In foggy conditions do not attempt to play if the Club Policy rules are not met or the D O G has closed the course.
3. Many bunkers have steeply sloping sides. The risk of slipping on these slopes is high. Always enter and leave from the lowest point and never take buggies/trolleys on or near to these slopes.
4. Many tees and greens have sloping sides. To avoid risk of slipping and skidding do not take buggies/trolleys on to slopes surrounding tees. Use the steps to access raised tees at all times.
5. In wet conditions many slopes are very slippery. It is essential that footwear designed for golf use is worn at all times. In addition slopes considered to be particularly risky and are to be avoided are e.g. In front of the 3rd tee, around the left hand side and back of the 4th green, to the right and back of the

4th green, the rear of the 5th green, the rear of the 6th green, the left hand side off the 8th green, the left hand side of the 12th green, the left hand side of the 16th green and the slope leading down to tee off the day. There are many steep slopes around the formation of the reservoir. Some tee are moved off grass to mats in the winter and theses tee mats are enclosed by old railway sleepers which are likely to be slippery in wet or frosty conditions so players are advised to step over the sleepers when entering or exiting to tee off.

6. There are 7 ponds all containing water approx. 1-2m deep (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 18th holes) and one with deep water (4th hole). All have steeply sloping sides and are designated as water hazards by yellow/red posts. Entry to the areas on the pond side of the yellow/red posts should be made only in extreme circumstances and with great care. No trolleys/buggies are to be taken on the pond side of the yellow/red posts. There is a large reservoir (holes 15, 16, 17), which has very deep water with steep slopes. The course in part has boundaries formed by the river Ouse and intersected by the river Kym both have steep embankments and deep water so under no circumstances are trolleys/buggies are to be taken on the river side of the yellow/red posts.
7. Directional notices are in place on the course, Deviation from indicated directions will be at the entire risk and responsibility on the individual.
8. For players safety no attempt should be made to recover any golf balls, which go into these rivers.
9. The D O G is responsible for deciding if buggies can be used on the course if Conditions are wet and the course hot line and web site will be updated accordingly and a notice on the first tee area will be displayed.
10. Any accidents occurring on the course are to be reported immediately to the Club Office or if the office is not attended, to the Professional shop / D O G

Appendix C

Policy for use of buggies during winter period **USE OF MOTORISED BUGGIES IN THE WINTER PERIOD** (Commencing November 2014)

For the purposes of this document the winter period is generally regarded as being mid November to mid March.

During the period above there will be times when all motorized buggies will be banned and only golfers carrying clubs or those players with hedgehog wheeled trollies will be allowed. The Director of Golf, or his deputies, in conjunction with the Course Manager, or his deputies will make the decision jointly. The course hot line, the club web site, and a notice on the first tee will all be updated with any restrictions.

Members with Personal Buggies used for health reasons and meets the “**St Neots Golf Club Policy**” will be allowed on the course but could be restricted to specific routes detailed in the hole-by-hole assessment and only to certain holes depending on the course conditions at the time. No other use of buggies will be allowed.

This is a new approach and as yet to be tried and tested so it will be monitored regularly and can be over ridden at any time by Course Manager who have the right to ban all buggy users.

The Course Manager bases any decisions on two factors-

Whether or not there is a high risk to the health and safety of players using the highlighted equipment.

Whether there is likely to be lasting damage caused to the course. Whether repair of this damage is likely to result in excessive expenditure, or detract from the appearance and playing condition of the course. As the Course Manager is the most experienced member of staff in these matters, then he and he alone should remain responsible for this function. He has to make the same judgement when deciding whether to deploy course machinery and whether he risks the health and safety of his trained and experienced staff when they drive the machinery.

Situations will arise when conditions are marginal. The Course Manager should then consider whether a part of the course could be made available to those players who provide medical certification that states that they will not be able to play if the use of motorised buggies is suspended. (They will also be required to provide proof that they carry third party accident insurance and sign a disclaimer before they are allowed to drive on the course.) If these conditions are met and the Course Manager can agree that limited use is acceptable, then a route will be laid out for buggy users by reference to the course Risk Assessment and the prevailing ground conditions. This route will not include any holes where the Course Manager considers the Risk to be unacceptable.

“Member Designated” buggy drivers will also be expected to drive only on specified parts of these holes i.e. in the rough (***see hole by hole risk assessment***). It is likely that the numbers of members wishing to avail themselves of this facility will be few. It should be the responsibility of the DOG / Pro shop to take the few on test drives to ensure they are fully briefed on what is expected of them.

Appendix D

Hole-by-Hole Specific Route Guidelines for Members with Medical Exemption Personal Golf Buggies when its been agreed that they are allowed to use them in wet / winter course conditions

1st Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	To protect the course all buggies must travel down the left hand side of the hole towards the green within the rough and stay left, when approaching the green. Members must park their buggy adjacent to the ball position and walk to the ball to play a shot. Buggies must be parked left of the green when putting out.

2nd Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	To protect the course all buggies must travel down the left hand side of the hole towards the green within the rough and stay left of when approaching the green. Members must park their buggy adjacent to the ball position and walk to the ball to play a shot. Buggies must be parked left of the green when putting out.

3rd Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	To protect the course all buggies must travel down the left hand side of the hole towards the LH dogleg and LH side rough towards the green, staying right of the pond banking and stay left when approaching the green. Members must park their buggy adjacent to the ball position and walk to the ball to play a shot. Buggies must be parked left of

	the green when putting out.
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4th Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	To protect the course all buggies must travel down the grass pathway to the green and keep left and park by the green adjacent the pathway. No buggies must be taken to the right of the green

5th Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	To protect the course all buggies must travel down the right hand rough and park by the green near the pathway leading to the 6 th hole. Members must leave the buggy in the rough adjacent to the ball position and walk to the ball to play a shot.

6th Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	To protect the course all buggies must travel down the right hand rough and park on the right of the green when putting out. Members must park their buggy in the rough adjacent to the ball position and walk to the ball to play a shot.

7th Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	To protect the course all buggies must travel down the right hand rough and park on the right behind the 8 th tee when putting out, and keep on the path when proceeding to the tee position on the 8 th . When winter tees are in use then members should travel down the left rough and park in a dry area adjacent to the next winter tee. Members must park their buggy in the rough and walk to the ball to play a shot.

8th Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	To protect the course all buggies must travel don on the pathways as much as possible towards the direction of bridge, but after moving off the pathway to get to bridge stay on the higher dryer land and then utilize the pathway after the bridge which circles behind the green. Buggies should be parked on the pathway and members should walk to their ball to continue to play. Buggies must be left parked for putting out and then driven to the 9 th tee using he path and parked on the path.

9th Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	To protect the course all buggies must use the path dividing the course where possible when travelling towards this green or keep in the RH rough from where the buggy was parked. Members must park on the pathway or in the rough adjacent to the ball and walk to

	the ball when playing approach shots to the green. Buggies should be parked to the RH side of 9 th green when putting out.
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10th Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	To protect the course all buggies must travel from the left of the tee and follow the tree line. After the dogleg move over to the RH rough/Tree line and park buggy on pathway to right of the green to complete the hole. Again buggies must be parked in the rough adjacent to the ball and players walk to the ball position. After completing the hole the buggies must travel from the pathway left of the green and stay in the tree line until reaching the 11 th tee.

11th Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	To protect the course all buggies must travel down on the right side tree line in

	rough and stay right of the green. Buggies must be parked in the rough adjacent to the ball and players must walk to the ball position. Buggy users must follow the path to the 12 th tee after completing the hole.
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12th Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	To protect the course all buggies must travel down on the left hand side rough and stay left of the green. Buggies must be parked in the rough adjacent to the ball and players must walk to the ball position.

13th Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	To protect the course all buggies must travel down on the right hand side rough and stay right of the green when putting out. Buggies must be parked in the rough adjacent to the ball and players must walk to the ball position.

14th Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	To protect the course all buggies must travel down on the right hand side rough, then cross to the left hand rough after gap and stay left of the green and left of the left hand green side bunker when putting out and walking to the 15 th tee. Buggies must be parked in the rough adjacent to the ball and players must walk to the ball position when playing the hole.

15th Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	To protect the course all buggies must travel down on the right hand side rough and keep right of the greenside bunker and left parked near the Marina road when putting out the hole. Buggies must be parked in the rough adjacent to the ball and players must walk to the ball position when playing the hole.

16th Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	To protect the course all buggies must travel down on the Marina access road for as long as possible and stay right of the right bunkers before parking up and putting out.

17th Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	Buggies must be left parked past the RH side and on the highest point behind the 16 th green. Members must not attempt to take their buggies down to the 17 th tee but walk carefully down the slope behind the 16 th green when teeing off. To protect the course all buggies must stay right of the hole in the rough. Buggies must be parked in the rough adjacent to the ball and players must walk to the ball position, and to the right of the green side RH bunkers before parking up and putting out.

18th Hole

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	Buggies must travel down the right hand rough and stay parked right of the green when putting out. Buggies must be parked in the rough adjacent to the ball and players must walk to the ball position when playing the hole.

Spare old 11th

Using Motorised Buggies in Wet/Winter Conditions	Route Guidance
	Buggies must stay on the path but out of range when tee is being used and only move to the green on the right hand side and park for putting out and travel back to the path when moving on to the 12 th .

Exempt Buggy User Sign Off

I have read and understood the above route guidelines and will comply when using my personal buggy in wet and winter conditions when all other buggies are banned or when the course is under winter rule with no bans. This acceptance

is in addition to the Club Policy Document for Buggy Use and sign off form and the Club's General Buggy Use Guidelines.

Name..... Date.....

Addendum 1

The Repositioned and Improved Practice Net

This facility is now open for use and to remind members it is situated between the 1st and 18th holes in the hedge line between the clubhouse and wooden sheds.

I have carried out a H&S inspection and signage directs members/users to enter the net from the 18th side and exit it from the 1st side for safety reasons so that attention can be paid to golfers either playing approach shots to the 18th green or teeing off from the first. In these circumstances players on the course have priority.

When using this facility it's your duty to yourself and others to use it safely and be aware of its position on the course. All safety considerations have been assessed and been addressed accordingly.

Peter Hovey Chairman Course and Greens
22nd April 2015

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