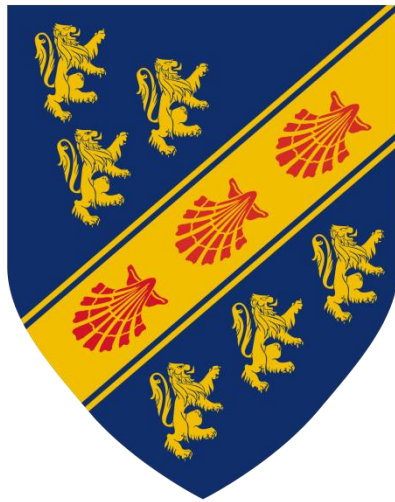


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A Brief History of Thorpe Hall

The origins of Thorpe Hall can be traced back to 1086. That is when King William I, the Norman Conqueror, ordered a survey throughout England to assess the extent of his possessions and the value for taxation purposes.

The results of this early census were published in the Domesday Book and it is there that reference is made to "Thorpe-hall".

The name Thorpe is of Scandinavian origin and probably signified a hamlet during the Danish supremacy. Indeed, before the Norman invasion, Thorpe-hall belonged to Ingvar, a Dane.

In 1791 Ynyr Burges bought the land that included Great and Little Thorpe Hall Farms, later to become one. In 1792 he died without children but he had bequeathed his estates to his brother's son. Three generations later Colonel Ynyr Henry Burges would be responsible for the birth of Thorpe Hall Golf Club.

In 1906, with the help of Kenneth Costley-White and Bert Batley, a golf professional, Colonel Burges started to change the farmland into Thorpe Hall Golf Club and it was informally opened a year later.

A description of our golf course extracted from a report prepared for the Board of Directors in 1907 stated ***"the turf of the greens is pretty well as good as it can possibly be – close and short and their naturally undulating character affords ideal putting"*** the course today is maintained to the same high standards.

The first formal competition at Thorpe Hall took place on March 23rd 1907, for the Founders Cup and on the same date in 2007, for only the second time. The same Cup is now competed for each year on a date as near as possible to mark the start of our Centenary celebrations.

Thorpe Hall Golf Club is a traditional members club with a Board of Directors, including the Ladies and Men's Captains, being responsible for the executive decisions relating to the day to day operation of the club. The respective Ladies and Men's committees see to all of the competitions and handicaps with a separate Greens committee dealing with matters relating to the golf course.

A feature of our golf club is that we do not operate a tee booking system for social golf; however competitions and Society bookings are managed by the allocation of tee times.

Membership Categories

There are three main playing membership categories (Full, Restricted and 5 Day) available for both Ladies and Gentleman wishing to join, in addition there is one category designed to accommodate Social Membership.

The playing memberships allows unlimited golf up to 7 days a week, 52 weeks of the year (subject to membership category), access to competitions (subject to handicap and meeting qualifying requirements), a CONGU handicap, use of our extensive bar and catering facilities, access to all our social events and use of the snooker room.

Our Ladies play mainly on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, our Cadets have access to the course from 10am on week-days and 2pm at weekends – however, their access to the course may vary according to their handicaps. In addition to this, the Cadets meet for tuition on a Thursday evening throughout summer when an area of the course is closed and dedicated solely to the section to aid their playing development.

New to Golf Members

This category of membership includes four lessons with our Head Professional and allows applicants to join our club and have 12 months to achieve the minimum standard of golf being 28 handicap for gentlemen and 36 handicap for ladies. For more information, please contact the Secretary's office.

The Joining Process

Prospective applicants must submit a completed application form to our Secretary with a letter from his/her "proposer" and "seconder": Both of these should be members of Thorpe Hall Golf Club of at least two years standing and must have known the applicant for a minimum of two years and be prepared to vouch for their integrity.

In the event of the applicant not knowing any members of our Club they may submit an application to the Secretary supported, where possible, by references and proof of playing capability from a previous Club. If the applicant has not previously belonged to a Golf Union affiliated Club the Secretary will arrange for a Committee Member to play nine holes of golf with the applicant who may then support their application for either playing or New to Golf membership.

All applicants for playing membership should have a valid CONGU handicap, the minimum requirements for Men is 28 and Ladies 36. Those individuals who do not have a valid CONGU handicap, will be assessed as above.

Having received the appropriate documentation a representative of the Men's or Ladies Committee will contact you to arrange a convenient time for your interview.

The subscription year begins 1 July and new members joining part way through the year will have their subscriptions applied on a pro rata basis.

Payment Methods

Annual golf subscriptions may be spread over ten monthly payments paid by standing order from your bank account. Members using this facility are advised that this is an annual agreement and any member entering this agreement does so in the knowledge that they are committing to pay their subscription in full. A standing order has to be set up with the member as cash or cheques are not acceptable for subscriptions paid by installments.

All other forms of payment (except American Express) are available for members wishing to pay their subscriptions in full.

The Golf Course

The golf course measures 6,242 yards (approximately 3.55 miles), from the competition tees with a Par and SSS of 71. During the winter months, because of a shortened course the SSS is 69 and a Par of 70, with the 4th hole being played as a par 4

Set in 81 acres of parkland the course offers tight narrow tree lined fairways with an abundance of lateral hazards and water on all but two of the holes. The course has been expertly designed to avoid the crossing of fairways or shared tees and as such will offer golfers of all abilities a true test of golf.

Those golfers with a mid to high handicap who can exercise good course management will prosper those who decide to attack the challenges of the course with little or no regard for its difficulty are likely to find themselves losing shots in groups rather than by the odd stroke.

The Ladies face the same challenges, and their course is measured at 5,678 yards from the Red tees and has a SSS and Par of 73.

