



# Bungay & Waveney Valley Golf Club



## BUNGAY & WAVENEY VALLEY GOLF CLUB COURSE RISK ASSESSMENT

The Management Team at Bungay & Waveney Valley Golf Club sincerely hope that Members and Visitors fully enjoy their golf here at Bungay in conditions which are as safe as reasonably possible. By the very nature of the game of golf we believe that it is not possible to completely eradicate the risk of damage or injury, but every effort has been made to keep these risks to a minimum.

The Risk Assessments noted below are intended to provide a brief resume of probable risks encountered on a hole by hole basis and we hope the information provided will assist players when making their safety decisions on the course. Individual players remain responsible for their own negligent actions and we recommend that adequate insurance is arranged by them to provide financial protection in the event of accident or injury.

This Risk Assessment has been undertaken with the average golfer in mind. Do be aware that golf club and ball development has made it possible for better than average players to hit a golf ball above average distances. It is expected that golfers of above average ability will take additional care when playing their golf ball and ensure that they do not endanger fellow golfers or the public.

Please be aware at all times of the general public who walk extensively on and around the golf course. Many understand the danger posed by a moving golf ball but on the other hand some do not. Such persons are entitled to use the course to take air and exercise -so full consideration for their safety should be given at all times. Always be ready to shout a warning or stop play until it is safe to do so.

**BEWARE** - Steps constructed from railway sleepers can be very slippery when wet. Always walk carefully up and down any steps using the matted 'astro turf' areas if provided.

Steep slopes and banks can also present a risk of falling or slipping in particular when wet. Please try to avoid these where ever possible. Ensure that you have appropriate golf shoes with well maintained spikes. Always replace spikes before they become over-worn. Metal spikes are recommended during winter months.

Lines of sight can become restricted due to growth of gorse, other vegetation and trees thereby posing a risk to players and walkers. Always check that you are not endangering other players or the general public when playing a golf shot.

Rabbit holes can become obscured on grass tracks and elsewhere on the course and pose the risk of tripping or falling. Watch for indentations caused by rabbits or burrowing animals and be careful when using pathways and tracks.

Weather Conditions Closure Procedure - If the committee decide that weather conditions are such that it is unsafe to play the course will be closed and a player may not override this decision. A siren will be sounded to warn those players on the course as follows:-

- a) one prolonged note of siren = discontinue play immediately
- b) two short notes of siren = resume play

Use of Caddie Cars - Please keep to the pathways and tracks provided where ever possible and avoid going up or down steep grassy banks and inclines. Please keep arms and legs inside the cab when in motion and do not travel too fast. Park in a safe place and on level ground.

Periscopes are located on holes 9 and 18 where blind tee shots are taken - please always use these to check the way is clear as walkers and players in front and on adjoining holes may be within range. Players also cross the 9th fairway when walking to the 12th green. If, when playing holes 9 & 18, it is necessary to search the rough for lost balls, please leave at least one trolley/ set of clubs visible on fairway to warn following players of your location, thus avoiding play from behind before it being safe to do so.

## HOLE BY HOLE RISK ASSESSMENT

Hole	Risk
1	This hole is adjacent to the 10th fairway to the left and the old 2nd green behind the trees to the right. If players ahead have been delayed it is possible they could be within range of a long tee shot. If necessary send a player forward to check the way ahead is clear. Use the sight post for guidance. Be prepared to shout "Fore" if a ball is struck toward these areas. The steps to the tee can be slippery when wet.
2	Players on the 1st green can be in range from a misdirected tee-shot to the left. Players on the 17th green to the right of the second fairway are out of sight to players on the tee when making a tee-shot Players on the 12th green are in range of approach shots to the green from the second fairway. Be prepared to shout "Fore" if a ball is struck toward these areas. The tee is close to the 18th green and players are at risk from approach shots to the 18th green. Be aware of those players on the 18th and respond to calls of "Fore". The banks of the valley can be slippery when wet. Approach with caution and ensure a firm footing before playing a shot. Always use the gravel pathway into and out of the valley in front of the green.
3	Pathways cross in front of each tee. Be alert when making tee-shots and be ready to stop if told to do so by playing partners or if someone crosses in front of you. This hole is adjacent to the 13th hole on the left and the 17th to the right. Approach shots to the green can endanger; a). those playing on the 13th green to the left. b). those on both the 17th and 4th tees to the right. Be prepared to shout "Fore" if a ball is struck toward these areas.
4	This hole crosses the 14th hole where players have priority over the players on the 4th. Players on the 14th tee are in danger from shots hit to the left of the green. Be prepared to shout "Fore" if a ball is struck toward these areas. The tee is close to the 16th green and players are at risk from long approach shots to the 16th green. Be aware of those players on the 16th and respond to calls of "Fore".
5	This hole is adjacent to the 13th hole on the left and the 6th hole on the right. Players on the 6th Tee are at risk from misdirected approach shots to the green. Be prepared to shout "Fore" if a ball is struck toward these areas. The general public can often be seen crossing this fairway - be prepared to stop playing until they have moved out of range.
6	This hole is adjacent to the 8th hole on the left and the 5th on the right. The general public can often be seen crossing this fairway - be prepared to stop playing until they have moved out of range. When making approach shots be aware of players in trees on the left side of the fairway.
7	The raised tee is approached by steps that can become slippery when wet.

8	<p>This hole is adjacent to the 6th hole to the left and a pathway to the right. Be aware of players in the trees to the left of this fairway and walkers on the pathway. Be prepared to shout "Fore" if a ball is struck toward these areas. When making approach shots be aware that the general public can often be seen crossing this fairway - be prepared to stop playing until they have moved out of range. A large "pit" is located in the centre of the fairway towards the green. The banks of this pit can become slippery when wet. If playing a shot from this pit always approach from the teeing end and make sure you have a firm footing</p>
9	<p>This hole crosses the fairway of the 12th Hole towards the valley. It is a blind tee shot and misdirected shots can endanger those on the fairway ahead and on the 12th and 11th Greens. Before playing always use the periscope to check that the way ahead is clear looking for players in front and those playing the 12th hole which crosses, in range. Use the sighting pole for direction. If it is necessary to search the rough for lost balls to the left, please leave at least one trolley/ set of clubs visible on fairway to warn following players of your location, thus avoiding play from behind before it being safe to do so.</p> <p>The general public use a pathway to the right of and ahead of the tee. Be prepared to shout "Fore" if a ball is struck toward this area. The banks of the valley can be slippery when wet. Approach with caution and ensure a firm footing before playing a shot. Approach shots can endanger players on the 11th green to the right and the 10th tee to the left. Players on the 12th have priority.</p>
10	<p>This hole is adjacent to the 1st hole on the left and the 11th hole on the right. It is a blind tee shot and misdirected shots can endanger those on the fairway ahead and on the 1st and 11th fairways. Use the sighting when teeing-off and be prepared to shout "Fore" if a ball is struck toward these areas. The green is adjacent to the 11th tee which is in range of an approach shot. A footpath used by the public is located beyond the green.</p>
11	<p>This hole is adjacent to the practice ground on the left and the 10th hole on the right. Players on the 9th hole can be at risk from misdirected approach shots to the green. Be prepared to shout "Fore" if a ball is struck toward these areas. The general public can often be seen walking down this fairway and to the edge of the practice ground - be prepared to stop playing until they have moved out of range.</p>
12	<p>This hole crosses the 9th Hole and the green is adjacent to the 2nd green. Misdirected shots to the right can endanger players on the 9th hole and 11th green. Be prepared to respond to calls of "Fore" from players on the 9th hole playing across your line to green.</p>
13	<p>This hole is adjacent to the 5th Hole on the left and the 3rd hole on the right. Tracks cross in front of the tee. Players on the 3rd green and 14th tee can be in danger from a misdirected approach shot. Be prepared to shout "Fore" if a ball is struck toward these areas.</p>
14	<p>This hole crosses the 4th hole and players have priority over those playing the 4th. Always check to ensure that a player is not walking towards the 4th green when teeing off.</p>

15	This hole is the furthest from the clubhouse and a shelter can be found for use when play is suspended in bad weather. Players on the 16th tee are at risk from a misdirected shot to the right. Be prepared to shout "Fore" if a ball is struck toward this area. A path crosses this hole - be prepared for members of the public to suddenly appear from left or right. There is also a public footpath behind the trees to the left, be prepared to shout "Fore" if a ball is struck towards this area.
16	There is a track on the left side of this hole that is used extensively by walkers. It is essential that a loud call of "Fore" is made if a ball is hit over the gorse to the left of the fairway. The men's tee is crossed by a track used by the public and care should be taken to ensure that the track is clear of the public before tee shots are taken. Players walking to this tee also approach from the front and right. The Ladies tee is to the right and forward of the Men's tee and all Players should be aware of possible misdirected tee shots into this area, a loud call of 'Fore' should be made if a ball is hit off line over the gorse to the right. Players on the 4th tee can be in danger from an approach shot to the green.
17	This hole is adjacent to the 3rd hole on the right and a track to the left that is used extensively by walkers. It is essential that a loud call of "Fore" is made if a ball is hit over the gorse to the left or toward the 3rd fairway. The green is hidden from sight in a small "pit" and the hole is indicated by an extended flag. Use the sighting target behind the green for direction and be aware of players who have not left the green or are walking toward the eighteenth tee and walkers who use the track immediately in front of the "pit". The banks to the green are steep and can be slippery when wet. Always use the path when entering or leaving the green.
18	This hole has a blind tee shot and players should use the sighting post as a guide. Paths that are used by the general public cross in front of the tees and run down both sides of the fairway. Always use the periscope and/or the steps to check that it is clear before teeing off. Watch especially for members of the public walking towards you on either side of the fairway. . If it is necessary to search the rough for lost balls to the right, please leave at least one trolley/ set of clubs visible on fairway to warn following players of your location, thus avoiding play from behind before it being safe to do so. Players on the 2nd tee are at risk from misdirected approach shots to the right of the green.
Practice Ground	The practice ground is adjacent to the 11th hole on the right and the river Waveney on the left. Be aware of flying golf balls from the 11th hole from behind. There is a public pathway between the river and the practice ground area and players should be prepared to shout a warning if a ball strays towards this area or persons playing or walking the 11th hole. Players using this area should be mindful of other users of the practice area and always attempt to ensure that all users are striking the ball in the same direction. Players should be prepared to cease practice when other users are retrieving balls within range. Use of the green is for short approach play only from no more than 20 yards.
Practice Net	This is located adjacent to the first tee. Players should be aware of the possibility of a ball straying and striking players on the first hole and also those to the right who are returning to the clubhouse after completion of the 18 hole. Walkers also use the track to the right.

