



Information for New Members



A warm welcome to you as a new member of Padeswood & Buckley Golf Club...

We wish you many happy and successful years at the Club. As others have done since 1933 you will enjoy your golf on a course with tree-lined fairways and quality greens. The River Alyn, streams and lakes mean that water comes into play on eleven of the holes. All this on a course set in the picturesque Clwydian countryside. After the round you can relax in your clubhouse with its bar, restaurant, snooker table, Sky tv and an outdoor patio area overlooking the course.

Attached is some information to help you get the best out of your membership.

Golf

Your membership gives you-

- *Unlimited golf
- *Reduced green fees at other Flintshire golf clubs.
- *Reduced fees for buggies.
- *Reduced green fees for guests. Sign up to three at a time. Half price green fees for your guests.
- * Personal liability, accidental damage to third party property and personal accident benefit insurance, valid for worldwide cover.
- *Golf Union of Wales and County affiliation fees.



Course Status

You can check to see whether the course is open on the Home page of the website. The website is updated by the Greens Staff, usually before 8.30am. The time and date shown is the last time the website was updated. Please be aware that the information is only updated if there is a change in status.

Greens

We use different coloured flags depending on where the pin position is. These are front-red, middle-yellow and back-white. There are yardage markers on some holes and these are marked in yards to the centre of the green.

After finishing your round there is a cleaning facility by the 18th green. Please use this to clean your clubs, trollies and shoes rather than in the carpark.

Generally, the course is presented in excellent condition but occasionally things can go wrong. If you are concerned about an aspect of the course, please do not approach the greens staff but raise the matter with one of the Greens Committee, contactable via the office.

Practice area

There is a practice area adjacent to the men's 14th tee. At the far end there is a short game practice area with a practice bunker.

Competitions

To be eligible to play in competitions you must have a Handicap Index (HI) allocated by a Golf Club affiliated to a National Association. If you are joining us directly from another club and have a Handicap Index, then you will also have a CDH No. and a Handicap Record. You should ask the club you are leaving for a copy of your handicap record. Once we have your CDH No. and Handicap Record we can then record the details and you will be eligible to play in competitions.

If you do not have a Handicap Index or it has lapsed, i.e. you are no longer a member of a club, you will need to submit three 18-hole cards for this course signed by a member. You will then be allocated a Handicap Index which will be pinned to the board in the locker room. It will also appear in the members' area on the website.

To ensure you play off the correct Handicap Index and have an up-to-date copy of your playing record you should register with My Wales Golf or the Wales Golf app.

Contact comps@padeswoodgolfclub.co.uk if you need help.



Competition Tee Time Booking

There are two ways of booking a tee time.

You can use the touch screen in the bar or use the internet. Booking is available from 7.00am, 14 days before the competition date. This is increased to 21 days for Captain's Day.

The process for using each method is detailed below.

Touch Screen

Sign in by either swiping your club card, entering the PIN on your card or search the index for your name.

Then press *Booking* and select the competition you want to book. The start sheet will be displayed.

Scroll to the required tee time by touching the screen. Press *Available*.

If you wish to add playing partners, select them from the index and add them to the start time.

Press *Finish* to confirm the entry.

Using the Internet

You must have a valid email address, a Handicap Index and be registered with Howdidido.

To register visit www.howdidido.co.uk and complete your details.

In Howdidido, select *Booking*. All available competitions will be displayed. Then select *Book Now* for the required competition. Click on *Available* for the start time required. At this point you can add playing partners to your time. Click *Add Another Player* and select the person required. You can do this for all the spaces in your time. Click *Finish* to save the details.

If you have entered players with a registered email address, they will receive an email confirming their start time.

Booking Social Golf

It is not necessary to book for social golf but the facility exists for those who want a specific tee time. Golfers with booked tee times have priority on the tee over those who don't. Times can be booked up to 14 days in advance. On days when no competitions are being played our online booking system is reserved for members' general play until 9.36am on weekdays and until 1.04pm on weekends.

Booking can be done on the touch screen in the bar. Sign in as above then select *BRS Golf* then *Book a Tee Time*. Select the day and time required.

You can also book via the Club website. Follow the link on the Home Page to *Book a Tee Time* and select *Member Booking*. Register or log in. Select the day and time required.

For social golf before 9am, play is only allowed from either the first or seventh tees from the first time shown on the day's BRS system.

Sections

There are separate sections for Ladies, Seniors, Juniors and Mixed Golf. Please see the website for more details.

Golf Etiquette



Don't panic! Although there is etiquette to playing golf, it's mostly common sense. Golf etiquette exists for three reasons-

- Safety
- Fair play
- Protecting the course

Please try to follow these simple guidelines.

Playing your shot Only play when it is safe to do so. If there is any chance your ball may hit another golfer you must shout a loud 'Fore'. If in doubt, shout 'Fore' anyway. It's never wrong to do so.

Greens staff have priority on the course so do not play if they're in range. They will let you through when they can.

On the 1st green give priority to the 17th tee. The landing areas for your drives on the 5th, 11th and 17th holes are out of sight. On the 5th hole wait until players have crossed the bridge. On the 11th and 17th wait till you hear the bell. On the 15th hole, wait till players in front have crossed back across the bridge before playing your shot to the green.

When others are playing Do not move, make any noise or stand too close when fellow players are playing their shots. It's best to stand behind and slightly to the right of a (right-handed) player. Watch to see where their ball goes, especially in low sun.

Pitch marks Make sure you have a pitch mark repair tool. Always make a point of repairing your own pitch mark as recovery of the turf is much quicker if repair is immediate. Repair any others you may see too.

Putting Lines You should not walk on another player's putting line.

Divots Divots on the fairway should be replaced and trodden in. Remember that birds often turn over divots looking for worms so if you see loose divots on the fairway they're not always because of careless golfers. Please repair them. Divots on the tee can be repaired with the sand & soil mixture usually provided.

Bunkers Bunkers should be raked after playing from them. Make sure you've raked the area you've played from and the ball's pitch mark which can be easily missed. Use a light pressure on the rake to avoid creating ridges. Leave the rake in and towards the front of the bunker (furthest away from the tee) with the handle pointing towards the tee.

Slow play Try to keep up with the group in front. If you are looking for a ball and players are waiting behind you, you should let them through. If you have lost a hole to the group in front of you then you should let the group behind you through.

Priority on the Course Priority on the course is given to competitions. Golfers playing casual matches should let them through. Any golfers who did not start on the first tee or any golfer playing on their own should let the group behind through.

Buggies Preferably, buggies should stay on the paths but otherwise should stay in the rough as much as possible. Buggies should not be driven near greens. If you have to cross a fairway then you should observe the '90-degree rule'. Make a 90 degree turn off the path to go to your ball and return on the same line. This minimizes damage to the fairway.

Mobile Phones These should be switched to silent and used for emergencies only.

Dress code



Professionals



Tony and Mark

Make yourself known to the professionals who will do everything they can to help you enjoy your golf.

A full lesson programme is available both on the course and the practice ground as well as at the Bannel Driving Range. Prices are on the website.

You will be able to buy accessories and clothing from major suppliers including Ping, Callaway, Titleist, Motocaddy and Cutter & Buck. Also, a range of clothing featuring the Club logo is stocked.

Club fitting will be available for any models using 'Flightscope' a 3D phased array tracking radar.

Members receive a discount on lessons and equipment. The shop is proud of its 'match and beat' policy.

Social

We have an extensive Social Programme running throughout the year from dinner dances to quizzes.

The details of events are available in the members' section of the Club website, on posters in the Club and also in the display screen in the foyer. So why not come along and join in and get even more out of your membership. Bookings are made at the bar.

Our social activities are open to members and their family and friends. Please note that there are time restrictions that children can be present in the clubhouse.

Loyalty Card

On joining you will be offered a Club loyalty card for use at the bar. For each £10 you pay you will be given an extra £1.50 credit.

200 Club

The 200 club is a monthly raffle open to members and staff. It costs £5 a month or £60 a year. You can pay by monthly standing order (preferred), cheque or cash. The money is held in a separate account. Half the money is returned in prizes and the remainder invested in course or clubhouse improvements. The participants decide which projects the money will go to, subject to the council's approval. A form is enclosed if you wish to participate.

Hire our Function Room

Our clubhouse is available for hire. It has a capacity of 80/100 people but the room can be partitioned to provide for any number of guests. There is a fully licensed and reasonably priced bar. Unfortunately, we do not allow use of the clubhouse for 18th and 21st birthday parties.

More information...

Website: You can find out more information on our website www.padeswoodgolfclub.com. There is a secure section which only members have access to. Go to 'Member area' then 'How to log in'. Here you can add your own contact details and upload a photograph if you wish. This is useful for members to make contact with each other for knockout matches.

Clubhouse: The Clubhouse is open every day, weather permitting, with the exception of Christmas Day.

Caterer: The team is here 7 days a week, so why not enjoy some lunch after your round.

Bar: The bar is open from 11.00 am to 11pm (except Sunday 10.30pm) during the golf season with reduced hours in the winter.

Invitation to all new members: If you would like an informal round of golf with one of the existing members then please contact one of the members from the list below. This is an ideal opportunity to discuss anything you're not sure about. It's also a good chance get a card marked for handicap.



Card Marking

The following members are willing to mark a card for you or simply have a game with you to show you round the course.

Just ring, text or email to make a time.

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