



Clacton-on-Sea Golf Club Limited

WELCOME INFORMATION PACK

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Thank you for your enquiry about membership at Clacton-on-Sea Golf Club. We have tried to include as much relevant information as we can, we therefore hope This information pack will be helpful to you, but if you do have any queries please contact the Office on Clacton (Telephone: 01255 421919) we will be delighted to answer any questions or offer help to you.

Clacton-on-Sea Golf Club History

Clacton-on-Sea Golf Club founded in 1892 when a small band of enthusiasts leased 40 acres of grazing land close to the town centre and roughly laid out nine holes. After four years the land was taken back for residential development and the club moved to the other side of town where it leased, initially, 50 acres to provide nine holes, then a further 50 acres in 1909 to give 18 holes. Much of that land is still part of the present course, though there have been many changes in boundaries and layout since then.

The freehold of the site was purchased by the Club in December 2006. A limited company was formed at the time of purchase and every member is automatically a member of the Company. The maximum liability each member has, should the Club ever be dissolved is £1.00.

The Club is run by the Board of Directors all of whom are members of the Golf Club and give their time freely. These members are voted in at the Annual General Meeting of the Club. They are all volunteers and pay the normal subscriptions.

Par for the Course

The par 71 course covers 110 acres and measures 6,448 yards from the men's competition tees and is a good test for any skill of golfer. Although some holes run alongside the sea wall, it is not a traditional links course. It is flat, part wooded and part open. The men's card comprises four par 5s, nine par 4s and five par 3s. The longest hole is 563 yards, and the shortest is 161 yards.

The course is well bunkered and particular characteristics of the course are fleets, which cross fairways or form boundaries, and small lakes, which between them provide many water hazards.

An unusual sight on the sea wall at the 13th and 16th tees is a Martello Tower. This is one of several forts built along the coast in the early 1800s at a time of threatened invasion by Napoleon I of France.

Our Professionals

At present Clacton-on-Sea Golf Club have two fully qualified PGA Professionals. Michael Goodwin is our Head Professional; Michael has been a member of the Golf Club and now Head Professional for 25 to 30 years. Michael's assistant is fellow PGA Professional Sam Teer, Sam has been a junior member of the club and now having completed all of his training, has qualified in his own right to give lessons to golfers of all abilities. We have a state of the art indoor training system, what it can't tell you about your game is not worth knowing.

Our Pro Shop/Golf Store

Michael's fully refurbished Golf Store, provides all of your golfing needs, from golfing equipment and clothing, to balls, tees, gloves trolleys, you name it, he will have it and if he hasn't, he will get it for you. As mentioned above in July 2014 we added to the Golf Store a fully functional Golf Simulator. The Foresight Sports Golf Simulator Game Changer 2 Launch Monitor or GC2 for short is the same unit used by SKY TV. This is probably the best simulator on the market. It's no toy. It will measure ball speed, launch angle, direction, backspin, and sidespin. It can be used for club gapping, best ball type for your game and actually oh yes, there is a toy section. With a starting 15 courses to choose from, including the Brabazon Ryder cup course. It can do a longest drive or nearest the pin competition if you just fancy a bit of fun on a wet day, you will love it, especially with reduced rates for Golf Club members.

Our Facilities

We have a 10 acre practice field. Outside the Clubhouse is a practice putting green. Heading towards the first tee is a chipping and putting green, practice nets and a practice bunker and another chipping area.

There are locker and trolley storage facilities available for annual hire.

We have fully refurbished the Ladies and Gentleman's showers and toilets and we have replaced all adult lockers. There is a junior locker room with no charge.

In 2015 we added new course toilets and a 'Halfway House'. This is open mostly at weekends and offers hot and cold drinks. Hot or cold snacks are also available here.

Ok – I've joined the Golf Club, what happens next?

There are some important questions that need answers, to some new members who are already golfers, some may seem obvious, but if you've never played golf before, or have never been a member of a Golf Club, then you will probably have no idea:

How do I get a handicap? – Handicaps are governed by England Golf and the Central Database of Handicaps (CDH). If you are already a member of a Golf Club and are transferring to Clacton on Sea Golf Club, your CDH number should transfer with you. If you are new to golf, then we will generate a CDH number for you.

If you are transferring with a CDH number, then you probably also have a handicap. If you do not have a handicap, the Golf Club rules ask you to hand in three (3) signed cards by another member of the Golf Club and submit to the Head Professional who will allocate you a handicap. Once you have this, you are able to enter Club competitions; you cannot play in a Club competition if you do not have an active handicap.

Tee off times: In general we do not reserve tee off times, however, we do reserve the tee for the seniors, ladies, juniors, Club competitions and visiting societies. These will

be on the Golf Club web site and on the tee reservations board on the wall opposite the office.

How do I enter a competition? As explained two paragraphs back, to enter a Club competition you will need an active handicap. Depending upon your age and sex there are various categories. Juniors – up to 18; Mixed – men and woman (some allow juniors); club men (some allow juniors); seniors – you must be over 55 and a member of the seniors; ladies (some allow juniors); Fun – generally open to all; County – usually determined by handicap and an internal qualification round. The Club general rule is, you pay first on one of the three (3) Golf Club PSI machines (Player Score Input) and then put your name on the relevant competition sheet or sheets if playing in more than one competition. You pick your own time. Once a week, the office will go through the names on the sheet/s and yellow them out to show that you have paid. If your name is on the sheet the Club deem that it is your intention to play and will in some instances take your payment. The Club as a general rule does not refund any competition unless for a very good reason. There are some competitions that are free to enter and sometimes on a Sunday we will put up a Free Sunday sheet, this means there are no competitions but there is a reserved tee for those who want to play on the day. On Friday we have the Moonlighters, a nine (9) hole competition played on the front nine (9), it is a turn up and pay in the Golf Store or bar. On Saturday we have the Swindle, again turn up and pay and play when you like, this is over eighteen holes (18).

As we are a CASC there is no formal interview, once you pay your money, you are in. However, there are some basic rules/etiquette that we insist that you play to:

All players must have a copy of the rules

All players must have a pitch mark repairer

All divots must be replaced

All pitch marks on the green must be repaired

There is no practice allowed on the course. You can play a maximum of two balls if on your own or with a partner provided you do not hold anyone up.

Do not use your putter to scoop the ball out of the hole once you have putted it in.

Where buckets are provided on the tee you must repair your divots

Do not litter – please use the litter bins provided. If there is no bin carry the litter with you until you find a bin or throw away once you are off of the golf course.

Always give way to the greens staff and allow them to finish what they are doing, or give them time to move so that they are safely out of the way of your next shot.

Obey the GUR, temporary greens, white lines and roped off areas.

Respect the rules, the course, the staff and your fellow golfers.

Avoid slow play at all times. If you lose a hole, wave players behind you through.

Enjoy your game.

Our Clubhouse

Our Clubhouse offers a warm welcome to all of our members. If you enjoyed your round on the course why not enjoy another round in the Clubhouse - at the bar, that is! The first Clubhouse, built in 1909, still forms a small part of the present Clubhouse – although it is no longer recognisable after all of the changes over the years.

The Clubhouse has been considerably extended and modernised over the years and has first class facilities including a lounge, dining area, sectioned off dining area and stud bar. It offers a wide range of cooling beers, fine wines and spirits and a tempting choice of meals and snacks. Social events are arranged throughout the year. They are very well supported they offer an excellent opportunity for friendships to be cultivated. Access to the Clubhouse is through our relatively new (2013) covered entrance. We've also added an extension to our already good size bar and restaurant. The new extension has sliding glass doors which gives privacy if needed and is already being hired by local clubs and businesses at very reasonable rates. [£25/hour; £150/day; £500/week – All plus VAT]

Fine Dining

A full English breakfast, a snack, light lunch or how about a Sunday carvery? Extremely popular throughout the year and booking in advance is always recommended. Gentlemen please note, long trousers are required for Sunday carvery. Whatever tempts you, 19th Catering is here for you. We also offer a full wine list to compliment your meal. An experienced bar and catering manager are both here to assist you along with a full time chef and a cheerful team of helpers ensure that dining at the club is a pleasurable experience. The dining area is spacious and tastefully furnished – and tables can be made to suit all groups of people. In the warmer months why not eat out on our patio or our new raised decking area?

Bar & Restaurant Opening Hours

These times are general times, to avoid any disappointment please always check by phoning the bar or restaurant or checking on the opening times that are displayed in the bar;

	<u>Bar</u>		<u>Restaurant</u>	
	<i>Summer</i>	<i>Winter</i>	<i>Summer</i>	<i>Winter</i>
Monday	11:00 – 21:00	11:00 – 19:00	11:00 – 15:00	11:00 – 15:00
Tuesday	11:00 – 21:00	11:00 – 19:00	11:00 – 16:00	11:00 – 15:00
Wednesday	11:00 – 23:00	11:00 – 19:00	11:00 – 20:00	11:00 – 15:00
Thursday	11:00 – 23:00	11:00 – 19:00	11:00 – 21:00	11:00 – 15:00
Friday	11:00 – 23:00	11:00 – 19:00	11:00 – 21:00	11:00 – 15:00
Saturday	11:00 – 19:00	11:00 – 19:00	11:00 – 18:00	11:00 – 15:00
Sunday	11:00 – 21:00	11:00 – 19:00	11:00 – 15:00	11:00 – 15:00

SmartGolferNetwork

Colne Valley
Garon Park
Epping
Barnham Broom
Gt Yarmouth
South Kyme
Oundle
Ramsey
Rushden
Brampton Park
Kingsthorpe
Pavenham Park
Bourn
Girton
Rye Hill
Aylesbury Vale
Chalgrave Manor
Mount Pleasant
Royston
Chartridge Park
Bushey Hall
Hazelmere
Stanmore
Finchley
The Springs
Wyke Green
London Scottish
Mitcham
Epsom

Golf Club Network

Arcscott Golf Club
Brampton Park
Chartridge Park
Channels Golf Club
Chichester
Cleobury Mortimer
Cold Ashby
Farleigh Golf Club
Farrington Park
Forest Hill
Fynn Valley
Gillingham
Great Hadham
Greetham Valley
Hadden Hill
Henley Country
Hennerton
Hill Barn
Horton Park Golf
Oake Manor
Oakland
Pavenham
Pinner Hill
Reigate Hill
Rye Hill
Sheerness
Stockwood Vale
Sweetwoods Park
Test Valley
The Kendleshire
The Millbrook
The Ridge
The Springs
Warley Park
Windlesham Golf
Whittlebury
Woodlands Manor

1892 Club

Alfreton
Ballater
Bathgate
Dunkeld & Birnam
Fairfield
Fulneck
Heaton Moor
Hillingdon
Huntley
Kings Norton
Leek
Marple
Mid Herts
Moseley
Mortonhall
Newcastle United
Peebles
Petersfield
Preston
Richmond
Royston
Stourbridge
South Bedfordshire
South Staffordshire
Taunton & Pickering
Thames Ditton & Esher
Ventnor
Warren
Wearside
West Lothian
Withington
Forres Golf Club
Nevill Golf Club
Hornsea Golf Club

Club Deals

Haverhill
Braintree
Burnham-on-Crouch
Diss
Newton Green
Rushmere
Theydon Bois
Thorpe Hall

To play at any of the above courses, it is up to the member to call at least 24-48 hours in advance and arrange with the club a suitable tee off time. With the Club Deals, once you have arranged your date and time, you must let the office know the arrangements and they will confirm with the reciprocal Club that your details are correct.

Member Benefits

As a full Member of Clacton-on-Sea Golf Club here are some of the benefits we offer;

- Bar discount of 25% on beers, spirits, wine and soft drinks
- Third party insurance cover with NFU Insurance throughout the UK
- One free 4 ball voucher for your friends to come and play here at the club
- Courses below are free to play at (terms & conditions apply); Please note, for the Golf Club Network courses a one-off £10 annual charge applies
- We are also members of the James Braid association, where there are hundreds of Golf Clubs where you can play at reduced rates, go online to view which clubs are included.

Dress Regulations on the Course and in the Clubhouse

INEVITABLY MEN'S WEAR DIFFERS FROM LADIES' WEAR AND THEREFORE A COMMON SENSE APPROACH MUST BE APPLIED, BUT IN GENERAL:

Course

NO denim, denim style of any kind, trainers, plimsoll-type shoes, shirts without collars, no round-necked tops, track-suits, football, rugby shirts, no sleeveless shirts for men.

No beachwear of any kind.

For Men knee length tailored shorts are acceptable with white ankle-length socks. Full-length trousers only, however, plus twos and plus fours are acceptable.

For Ladies knee length tailored shorts with white ankle socks or ladies sport socks. Cropped or full-length trousers are acceptable.

Stud Bar

Dress as per course regulations. No headwear permitted. Spikes are allowed.

Patio Area

As per course regulations with the exception that denim is allowed provided it is smart casual. This means no rips (designer or otherwise), no stains, and no frays, not faded. If in doubt, the decision of the Chairman, CEO, House Manager, Bar Manager or any other Club Official is final. Sandals are permitted with or without socks.

Lounge & Dining Room

Denim jeans are allowed provided they are smart casual. This means no rips (designer or otherwise), no stains, no frays, not faded. If in doubt, the decision of the Chairman, CEO, House Manager, Bar Manager or any other Club Official is final. No trainers, plimsoll-type shoes, track-suits, golf jackets or over clothes, golf shoes, soiled clothing, football or rugby shirts, headwear. No beachwear of any kind. Ladies may wear knee length shorts or cropped trousers. The Committee may stipulate jacket, collar and tie for specific days or events.

Mobile Phones

We ask that you use your mobile phones in the clubhouse and patio in a courteous manner at all times.

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed anywhere in the Clubhouse, this includes e-cigarettes or vaporisers.

Subscriptions ~ 1st May 2019 – 30th April 2020

Members pay an annual subscription on the 1st May until 30th April the following year, FULL membership provides the following;

- ✓ Membership of a members' Golf Club controlled by the members
- ✓ Virtually unlimited golf on the course & practice areas
- ✓ The facilities of the Clubhouse including bar, restaurant & changing rooms
- ✓ Access to the Golf Professional's shop and tuition services
- ✓ A comprehensive programme of social events
- ✓ Currently the club does not have any entrance fees.

AGE CATEGORIES - AGE AS AT 1ST MAY 2019

Lifetime Membership	£13,250.00
7 Day Business/Corporate/Group/Club - 6 Ball	£3,000.00
7 Day Business/Corporate/Group/Club - 4 Ball	£2,400.00
7 day - No Entrance Fee	£1,070.00
7 day - Entrance Fee Paid	£1000.00
CASC (income dependant)	£530.00
Octogenarian	£470.00
Young Person 25	£880.00
Young Person 24	£800.00
Young Person 23	£705.00
Young Person 22	£610.00
Young Person 21	£515.00
Young Person 20	£465.00
Young Person 19	£420.00
Young Person 18	£365.00
Student/Full Time Education up to age 25	£230.00
Apprentice up to age 25	£350.00
Junior 13-17	£100.00
Junior 8-12	£65.00

We do not offer 5 day memberships. We do allow monthly standing order and are pleased to announce that these are interest free. Please Note; the Golf Club will pursue any unpaid standing order payments through the Small Claims Court.

Social Membership 2019 – 2020

<u>Subscription Category</u>		<u>2019/20 Annual Subscription</u>
Social	(20% VAT INC)	£150
Joint Social	(20% VAT INC)	£230

Social members are entitled to use the **Clubhouse** facilities along the same line as playing members and you will be issued with a Clacton-on-Sea Membership Card. Having the card enables you to take full advantage of the same various Golf Club discount schemes full members receive. You are further entitled to attend club social events depending on availability (events put on by 19th Catering are generally all ticket events and are not covered by social membership subs). All guests must be signed in the visitor's book. Failing to sign a guest in could result in the guest being asked to leave the premises. As a single social member you are entitled to sign the same visitor in 12 times per year. Please note, any guest can only be signed in 12 times in any 12 month period regardless of who signs them in.

Joint membership is the same as above except two cards are issued and there are no restrictions on how many times you can use the club. You can sign the same guest in 12 times each per year.

Social members have no golfing rights and are not permitted to vote at the AGM.

New Members 2019 – 2020

At Clacton we continually try to keep all of our members happy and we believe a very important aspect of membership is getting our new members fully integrated at the Golf Club. Once a new member is integrated and playing regularly, then generally the feeling of happiness follows. Often, some of our new members will already know a few people and join up with them and slowly expand their circle of friends. But a lot of members are new to the area, golf or both. In 2016 we have actively looked at ways of improving our new member experiences; we want and need you to feel welcome and special to us. New members are important, membership retention is vital and happiness is the key.

If you are not getting to play as much as you would like, please let the office or the golf professionals know, it is part of our job to help you integrate and get to know people. Our commitment is to help you to get to know people of similar age, handicap, lifestyle or all, but we need the communication to come from you.

Who's who in the Golf Club 2019 - 2020

Our principal officers are elected annually at the Golf Club AGM, Each year two Directors and the Club Captain stand for election, with 4 officers not changing, this way we maintain some stability on the Board and it helps to prevent the “reinvention of the wheel” if all 7 members were changed at the same time. Currently the Golf Club Board of Directors are:

<i>John Richmond</i>	<i>Chairman (Elected)</i>
<i>John Kemp</i>	<i>Club Captain 2019-2020 (Elected)</i>
<i>Terry McConnell</i>	<i>Chief Executive (Appointed/Consultant) and Finance Director (Elected)</i>
<i>Tony Stevens</i>	<i>Development Director (Elected)</i>
<i>Dave Gilbert</i>	<i>Greens Director (Elected) (Stands for re-election March 2019)</i>
<i>Richard Burrell</i>	<i>House Director (Elected)</i>
<i>Denise Pink</i>	<i>Admin Director (Elected)</i>

Any full playing adult member can stand for election and it is a straight forward most vote's wins system.

The first five people below also attend the Board meetings by invitation of the Board, they do not have a vote at the meeting, but their views and comments are much appreciated.

<i>Graham Rackham</i>	<i>House Manager (Consultant) and 19th Catering (Self Employed)</i>
<i>Michael Goodwin</i>	<i>Head Professional (Self Employed)</i>
<i>Nichole Welsh</i>	<i>Business, Bar & Promotions Manager (Employed by the Golf Club)</i>
<i>Cath Fage</i>	<i>Ladies Captain (Elected by the Lady members)</i>
<i>Nigel Martin</i>	<i>Seniors Captain (Elected by the seniors)</i>

The Board generally meet once a month and the minutes of the meetings are posted onto the Golf Club website a month in arrears once they have been approved.

The Vice Captain is elected a year in advance, so in effect, it is the Vice Captain who is elected at the AGM, and our tradition is the new Captain is inaugurated at the AGM by the outgoing Captain after the main AGM meeting is over. It is also tradition that the new Club Captain buys all of those present a welcome drink.

The Vice Captain for 2019/20 is Barry Joyce.

Groups within the Golf Club 2019 - 2020

Like many Golf Clubs, the Club itself has a number of sections within itself, these are not meant to be exclusive, people sometimes refer to clubs being “clicky”, the truth is, people like to play with their friends, our job is to introduce you to new friends, some of the groups simply by their nature exclude some from joining and are reasonably obvious. At the end of the day, if you don’t see anything you like below, start your own group.

Our Four County Team Captains for 2019/20 are:

L F Wood	Steve Parks
Thornton Cup	Nick Tedder-Ward & Keith Buxton
Jubilee Cup & Norman Plum	Kevin Hill/Ronnie Miller/Bob Davidson
Seniors	Terry Hewitt & Malcolm Pitcher

Groups

Seniors (Main – Monday)	Seniors Captain 2019/20	Nigel Martin
Ladies (Main – Tuesday)	Ladies Captain 2019/20	Cath Fage
Juniors (Main – Saturday)	Juniors Captain 2019/20	Wilf Elliott
	Junior Organiser	Samuel Teer
Swindle (Saturday)	Organisers	Kevin Hill
		Fred Allerton
		Bob Davidson
Pheasant Pluckers (Wednesday)	Captain	Alfie Smith
WAGS (Wednesday)	Organiser	Michael Goodwin (Pro)
Moonlighters (Friday)	Organisers	Steve Scott
		Ray Beyerman
JURY (Wednesday)	Organisers	Terry Hewitt
MUGS (Wednesday)	Organisers	Nigel Martin
British Heart Foundation Day	Organisers	Danny Clarke/ Bob Davidson

Golf Club Website/HowDidIDo?

The Golf Club does have a Website www.clactongolfclub.com and once you become a member our software Club Systems also integrates with a site called HowDidIDo and The ClubV1 Members Hub. As a member, you should sign up to all of these sites. The Golf Club does not have access to your sign in passwords, so please make sure you make a note of your own details. We cannot help you if you lose or forget them. If you have any trouble with either of the sites, call into the office and we will do our best to sort out any problems you encounter.

Club Social Events for 2019-2020

Date	Event	Date on Sale	Dress
Thursday 22 nd August	Music In The Evening	NA	Smart Casual
Friday 30 th August	Karaoke	NA	Smart Casual
Friday 6 th September	Music With Esme Stovell	NA	Smart Casual
Saturday 7 th September	Simply Red Tribute	Now	Smart Casual
Friday 13 th September	Elvis Night	NA	Smart Casual
Sunday 15 th September	Lunch With Music	Now	Smart Casual
Saturday 21 st September	Swindle Dinner With Jersey Boys	Now	Smart Casual
Friday 11 th October	Moonlighters Dinner	NA	Smart Casual
Saturday 12 th October	Back To The 80's	Friday 6 th September – 6pm	Smart Casual
Friday 18 th October	Tracy Moorhouse Singing	NA	Smart Casual
Saturday 2 nd November	George Michael Tribute Night	Friday 27 th September- 6pm	Smart Casual
Friday 8 th November	Presentation Night	NA	
Friday 15 th November	Seniors Quiz Night	NA	Smart Casual
Tuesday 3 rd December	Xmas Party Night	Book Now	Smart Casual
Friday 6 th December	Seniors Dinner and Dance	Book Now	Smart Casual

Wednesday 11 th December	Xmas Party Night	Book Now	Smart Casual
Tuesday 17 th December	Xmas Party Night	Book Now	Smart Casual
Wednesday 18 th December	Xmas Party Night	Book Now	Smart Casual
Tuesday 31 st December	New Year's Eve Party With Live Music	Friday 18 th October -6pm	Smart Casual