

# PREFERRED LIES APRIL 2021



So golf returned on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March – it's only been a month (but what a busy month it's been!)

Here are a couple of tips to enjoying your first few games:

## Clean your golf clubs!

Give your golf clubs a good spring clean and check, especially if you didn't do it after your final pre-lockdown round. Pay particular to the grooves and grips – if both are those aren't clean and up to scratch, there's every chance your comeback round won't be either. You'll be amazed just how much of a difference dirty grooves can make and the last thing you want is your driver slipping out of your hands as you hit your opening shot!



## Warm-up for your round!

Yes, we've all made a mad dash for the first tee and hit our opening driver without so much as a stretch, but this is not the time to do it.

Unless you've been lucky enough to have a decent home practice set-up or simulator then you won't have swung a club properly in months and, regardless what some people may say, golf is an athletic sport for which the body needs to be prepared. Try to go hell for leather off the first tee without getting your muscles warm and you could find yourself missing another few months of golf with an injury.

If you have time then head to the range and work your way through a proper routine, moving through your clubs gradually, focusing on getting loose and stretching your body ready for the round. Not only will it ensure you're warm enough for that first tee shot, it'll prove less daunting knowing you've hit some on the range beforehand.

If you don't have time for such a thorough warm up then at least be sure to stretch properly!



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If you haven't already, you will need to register with [HowDidiDo.com](https://www.howdido.com)

Are you a HowDidiDo or HowDidiDon't?! Then why not send me a message starting with: **How Do I .....**?

E.g. **How Do I .. check what knockouts I can sign up to?**

## COMMUNICATION UPDATE:

Hello Fellow Members,

As you are no doubt aware the Coronavirus caused many of our traditional annual friendly matches to be cancelled in 2020, now as we finally begin to emerge from the pandemic and the government restrictions are lifting, we hope we are able to fulfil a full program of fixtures in 2021.

Our first friendly fixture is away to Church Stretton on Saturday 22nd May, with the first Tee time at 12 noon. A pre-round Breakfast maybe served from 11:00am, if restrictions allow.

We are looking for 6 pairs for this fixture and if you are interested in representing our club, I encourage you to add your name and details on to the Club V1 members hub: [Home - ClubV1 Hub](#) then click on Club Tab and then Club Teams.

Best Regards,  
Ian Vickerstaff  
Vice Captain

### Seniors' News Update:

The Shifnal Match Result: Won 2 drew 2 Lost 4, Overall a Loss

### Forthcoming Events:

**Senior Men plus Ladies.** The team sheet will be published in the next few days. The format planned is for a "Las Vegas Scramble" which is similar but *not the same* as the Traditional Texas scramble. Details will be on the Team Sheet.

**Seniors' Matches:** Please sign up for these matches are now on CLUB V1 under the **Teams Tab**. If you are unable to use this facility you may email me. Please note that the first 2 matches will be on the Championship Course.

**Thursday 3rd June** - Wrexham at Home. Championship Course. 20 players needed plus reserves. No formal Meal but Bacon Roll and Coffee before play.

**Thursday 10th June** - Onnelley at Home. Championship Course. 16 Players plus reserves. No formal Meal but Bacon Roll and Coffee before play.

**Thursday 24th June** - Crewe at Home. Hawkstone Course.

**Tuesday 29th June** - Llanymynech away.

Roger Toogood  
Seniors Captain 2021

PLEASE NOTE: Dave Samuel's new email address for golf club competitions is: [dmsnpcg@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dmsnpcg@hotmail.co.uk)

DIARY CHANGES FOR MAY (see website for full fixture list):

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May is Seniors Stableford

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May is Seniors Fourball Betterball

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May is Seniors Stableford

Our 9-hole Socials are planning on restarting on **Friday 14th May 2021**. It has been a long time since we have all managed to get together and enjoy our golf with friends.

Our first 9-hole Social will be a Texas Scramble on the Hawkstone Course starting at 5pm. Tee times will be available between 5.00 - 6.00pm. Please come and along and bring £1 to support the event for prizes. I will meet you there and if you are new to the Club, this is a perfect opportunity to mix in with other golfers.

The other dates for your diary are:

**Friday 11th June**

**Friday 23rd July**

**Friday 13th August**

Look forward to seeing some old and new faces.

Regards

Sharon Jones

Chair of House and Social

JUNIOR GOLF:

Pictured are players in the Junior Academy Texas Scramble Competition on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

What a fabulous turnout for their first event of the year and definitely some up and coming stars for the future.

Thank you to James Greaves (Junior Organiser) for arranging this competition and well done to all who took part.



## **COURSE UPDATE:**

### **Your course needs your attention:-**

“We are only in our first few weeks of opening and the pitch marks on the greens are plentiful. Please help by at least repairing your own firstly and then one other!!

Every little helps!”

Also, as we are not yet allowed to put rakes in the bunkers, placing within six inches (not nearer the hole) as recommended by England Golf will continue. It would be appreciated by those following you on the course, if you smoothed the bunker with a club or your foot **after** playing out, again in line with England Golf rules.

## **ENGLAND GOLF NEWS:**

England Golf, in partnership with our insurance brokers Bluefin Sport, are delighted to announce ‘My Golf Insurance’ - a new range of benefits available exclusively to members.

England Golf automatically provides £10,000,000 personal liability insurance for all members of an affiliated club. This automatic cover does not provide any insurance cover for your equipment, personal accident or hole in one insurance.

The new ‘My Golf Insurance’ product allows England Golf members the option to supplement their England Golf membership personal liability cover as well as insuring against other exposures, including financial protection for golf equipment, personal accident, and other benefits which can be found at My Golf Insurance.

The ‘My Golf Insurance’ product is underwritten by Chubb European Group SE, and is available to all England Golf affiliated members from Friday 23rd April 2021. Premiums range from £19.04 to £33.60 a year, dependent upon the level of cover you choose.

Exclusive to England Golf members, all cover options under the ‘My Golf Insurance’ will include up to £500 for third party property damage claims. This complements the £10,000,000 liability cover already provided by England Golf and effectively means that no policy excess would be applicable should an individual golfer be proven negligent for third party property damage in the UK. (There is no excess for injury to Third Parties).

The cover also includes a number of bespoke extensions such as, no age limit on the personal accident coverage, new for old equipment coverage, theft of equipment whilst unattended at a golf club, and more.

To find out more visit England Golf website.

# Casual Round Score input on the My EG app



Through our 'My EG' mobile app, available on Apple and Android devices, you can now pre-register then submit a casual round score for handicap purposes from either a 9-hole or 18-hole round played in accordance with the Rules of Handicapping.

- Geo-location will ensure you can only pre-register and post a round within a close proximity to the course.
- A time lag will ensure a user has to spend a reasonable amount of time before submitting a score.
- All scores must be verified by a playing partner who also holds a WHS index and has witnessed the round.

## Troubleshooting

Struggling to see the 'Enter Score' function on your app? Try the following steps to ensure you have the latest version:

1. Visit the App Store on your phone and download the latest version of the My EG app.
2. Sign out of your My EG app, then sign back in.
3. Go to 'settings' on your mobile device, and search for App Store. Within this section, check your preferences are set to automatic updates switched on (this is a green background for Apple users).
4. Under settings and App Store, make sure your automatic downloads are switched on (again, so the switch has a green background for Apple users).
5. Uninstall the app from your phone, then go to the App Store and reinstall it.

England Golf also wish to reiterate:

We've received a number of enquiries about rules around buggies. Based on **government regulations**, our current guidance on social distancing is that two members of the same household or social bubble may share buggies (including club or privately owned buggies).

Otherwise, they should be used by **individuals only** as it is impossible to share a buggy and maintain appropriate social distance. Facilities should follow sensible precautions and clean equipment after every use.

We need to remember that even as the restrictions continue to ease, the basic principles of the guidance should continue to be followed: hands, face, space. Our **Play Safe, Stay Safe Framework** is always available to help provide support and guidance.

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The golf club rule for use of buggies in competitions is:

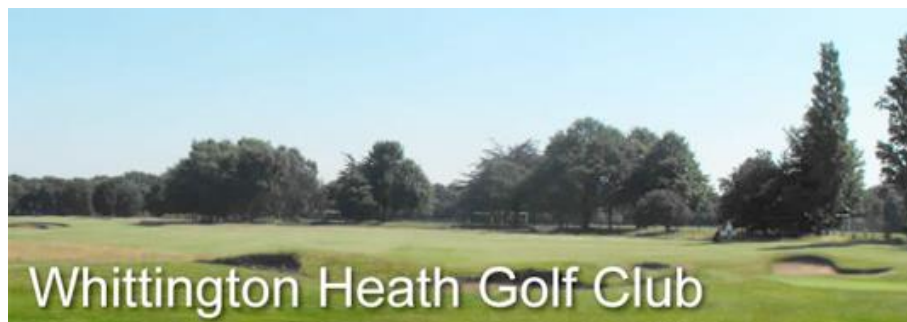
The use of buggies is not allowed in Club competitions, unless the player is covered by the Disability Act or has a medical exemption, in both cases the person must seek prior permission from the Chair of Matches and Competitions. All requests will be in confidence and dealt with sympathetically.

Please therefore make sure that you have emailed Nigel Chesters (Chair of M & C) and received approval. Permission needs to be granted for each calendar year.



## Captains Away Day

Captain, Terry Nutt, is pleased to announce that his **Captains Away Day for 2021** is to take place at the 130 year old **Whittington Heath Golf Club** Staffordshire. The Harry Colt designed heathland course has beautiful scenery with challenging approaches which provides a fair test for all levels of golfer.



The date for your diary is **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

### Timetable for the day

From 10.30 Bacon rolls & coffee  
11.30 -13.30 tee times  
One course meal on completion of play  
Prize presentation

**To reserve your place...** full payment of £75 should be made to Hawkstone Park Golf Club.  
(Please email Secretary Louisa once payment has been made)

Sort Code 30-15-39  
Account No. 00184975

**There are only 50 places so please book early to avoid disappointment!**

