



# PANNAL GOLF CLUB

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## NEW MEMBERS' HANDBOOK

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## Welcome to Pannal

Every golf club has its own way of doing things. The purpose of this Guide is to enable new members to take full advantage of all that Pannal has to offer as quickly and easily as possible.

By now you should have your membership card (more of which later), this will enable you to operate the security devices on the outside doors. If you don't have your card, the access code is available from the Professional's shop.

If you haven't done so already, you should ensure that the Managing Secretary has your contact details, in particular, your email address. You will then receive a password which will enable you to access the Members' section of website and make tee time bookings using the BRS system. This will also enable you to receive communications from the club by email, and allow you to contact other members whom you do not know if you are drawn to play them in any of the knock-out competitions.

You should also ensure that you pick up a club diary which details all the important golfing and social dates of the Pannal year. Alternatively, you can log in and then go to the 'Diary' section which will give you instructions to synchronise your electronic devices as required.

## How do I find out about events or competitions?

The prime sources of information are:

- The website [www.pannalgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.pannalgolfclub.co.uk)
- The clubhouse notice boards

Men	The men's locker room
Ladies	The ladies' downstairs locker room and in the corridors alongside the upstairs ladies' locker room
Juniors	Both men's and ladies' locker rooms
General/Social	Entrance hall corridor
Mixed golf	Entrance hall corridor

The Managing Secretary deals with club matters on a day to day basis and is usually the first port of call for queries be they from a new member or the club Captain! If he cannot answer your query on the spot he may refer it to the relevant committee member who will be able to deal with the matter.

## How do I organise games of golf?

You may know some members already and will begin playing with them. However, Pannal GC is very proud of the openness of its golf and new members are encouraged to play with people whom they do not know be it in competitions or casual play.

- Booking tee times - The golf booking section on the website enables tee times to be booked fourteen days in advance. You can enter your own name and those of playing partners in an open slot, though the system will not allow you to book multiple tee-off times on behalf of others.
- Casual Golf - you can put your name down in any blank space. If you wish to close off any slot you can do so by reserving the remaining times; this may be because you are bringing a guest, or perhaps are not playing a full round. If you see a blank space among names you do not recognise, feel free to join them, you will be made most welcome.
- Competition play - the booking sheet for competitions goes live at midnight of the Thursday 15 days before a Saturday competition and two weeks for all other competitions (Sundays, mid-week). If you prefer to play with other members of a similar standard, this can be done by having a word with the Managing Secretary, the Professional or using the handicap section of the [howdidido.com](http://howdidido.com), which can be accessed through the club website's 'quick links'.

## What happens on the day of the Competition?

Upon arrival at the Club you will need to:

- Sign in on the computer in the Professional's shop and in the sign-in book.
- Pay the entry fee.
- Enter the sweep and 2's Club if available for the competition (optional).
- Collect a score card.

When you have completed your round you need to enter your score into the computer in the Professional's shop. This will then be uploaded onto howdidido when all the cards have been accounted for and where necessary checked.

When playing at the weekend you will usually find the Half Way House open for business (after the 10th hole – so not strictly half way!). It is usual to take a short break for a cup of tea/coffee or soup and it is Club tradition that the player furthest away from the pin on the 10th picks up the bill. S(h)e will not be expected to pay for pies/chocolate bars etc but may choose to do so. You should vacate the Half Way House when the group behind leaves the 10th green.

## What opportunities are there at Pannal to improve my golf?

### - Excellent practice facilities

Pannal is fortunate to have good practice facilities including a driving range, bunker and short game area and a practice putting green in front of the clubhouse.

Balls for the driving range are free to members and dispensed from a machine beside the 1st tee, tokens for the machine can be obtained from the professional's shop. The machine can be quite noisy, so make sure no-one is driving as you insert the token!

### - Lessons from the Professional

The Professional David Padgett and his team are also on hand to help you improve your game either by instruction or by fitting you with new equipment. Our Swing Studio is 'state of the art' and enables your swing to be analysed to find what elements need most attention; lessons either on the range or in the studio can be booked with David. Also on offer are clinics specifically for chipping and putting which are usually where most shots can be picked up.

### - Junior Coaching Opportunities

Two coaching sessions are run each Sunday by our Professional staff from April to the end of September. They are organised as follows:-  
Aged 8 and under - 1.00pm to 2.00pm  
Aged 9 to 12 - 2.00pm to 3.00pm

After the '3.00pm' session there is the opportunity for Junior members to play a few holes on the course under the guidance of the Junior Coordinator and supporting Club members/parents.

Over 12 years of age-----Four free 1 hour group sessions are run by our Professional staff and are held during the school holiday periods. Junior members are informed of these sessions via the Club's Junior noticeboard, email or Facebook and enrolment is done by contacting the Junior Co-ordinator or the Professional's shop.

'Development'/'Elite' Squads. – In the early part of the season for those Junior members who are showing either enthusiasm or an aptitude for the game they are organised into two squads. Members of these squads receive 3 or 6 free individual half hour coaching sessions respectively.

## What Competitions can I enter?

There are plenty of opportunities to play in organised competitions at Pannal. Information about all the competitions can be found on the website. For the purposes of this guide we have separated the various competitions into Men's, Ladies', Junior and Mixed.

The main day for men's competitions is Saturday. Ladies are not eligible for the men's trophy prizes but may play on a Saturday during competition time when they will have the opportunity to enter a competition of the same format i.e. if there is a men's medal then the ladies may play a separate ladies' medal. The same is true in reverse on a Tuesday morning which is the day when most ladies' competitions take place.

Juniors are encouraged to play in Men's and Ladies' competitions subject to the rules laid out in the club diary regarding handicap requirements. The booking website will indicate when competitions are taking place and playing times can be booked in the usual way. Both match play and stroke play competitions are played over the summer.

## Men's Competitions

The main competitions are usually held on a Saturday, where a significant section of the bookings are given over to competition play, and if taking one of those bookings it is expected that players will enter. Weekday and Sunday competitions are less structured and tee times are not reserved for those entering.

On some occasions there will be a choice of Yellow and White Tees, this enables the stronger players to test themselves off the back tees whilst allowing those of us who sometimes struggle with the longer carries to play on a shorter course.

**The Pannal Handicap Trophy** - also known as the 'Never Never' is individual match play.

**The Summer Foursomes** requires you to find a willing partner.

The entry sheets for both these competitions go up in March and the first round is drawn in early April. Deadlines are given for each round which are in place so that the final can be decided on Finals Day in late September. When your opponents in any round are known it is best to send an email to all involved to find a convenient day to play the tie. Bear in mind that no attempt to play the tie by the due date can lead to both competitors being disqualified. If an extension is needed, which sometimes cannot be avoided, get in touch with the chairman of the golf committee or whoever has been delegated to oversee the event. In order to enter the Never Never and the Summer Foursomes, you must have a current competition handicap.

## Ladies' Competitions

The main competitions for the Ladies are played on a Tuesday with additional medals on Sundays for all to enter but these are particularly relevant for the ladies who work. The various competitions can be found on the diary page of the website and in the Club diary. Competitions can be entered when you have a handicap certificate and to enter a competition you usually need to book a tee time online. The online booking sheets are open 14 days before the competition.

The following knock out and match play competitions require you to sign on the sheets provided on the noticeboards located opposite the upstairs Ladies' Changing Room should you wish to participate:

- The Ladies' Captain v Secretary Match
- The Club Championship
- The Pannal Trophy
- The Summer Vase
- The Deakin Tazza

The actual start times are then allocated, depending on the draw, for these competitions, by the golf team.

## Juniors' Competitions

The Club holds a series of junior competitions throughout the year, although mainly in the period April to October. These are open to any Junior members with a handicap. They vary in nature from individual trophy events through to a regular pattern of Medals and Stablefords. In addition to these there is also a series of open competitions in which the better players would be able to compete against Juniors from other Clubs.

At Pannal each year in August we stage the Pannal Junior Rosebowl which is competed for by juniors from the Harrogate area and other parts of Yorkshire and beyond.

## Are there any Informal Competitions?

### - Captain's Night

For new members a good way to get into the wider club is to play in Captain's Night. This is an old Pannal tradition which takes place on every Wednesday evening from mid-May to the beginning of September.

It is a matter of just turning up, taking a numbered card from the Horseshoe bar, and playing thirteen holes Stableford with the people who have arrived at the same time. The tee is reserved from approximately 4.30 – 6.00pm. Afterwards food is available and there is an informal prize giving usually made by the Captain.

### - The 'Roll Up'

An informal roll up takes place every Monday/ Wednesday and Friday at 11.30 (10.30 in Winter). Members who are looking for a casual game simply put a ball into a bag and groups are drawn; it is then down to each group to decide the

format they wish to play. The 'roll up' does not appear on the booking sheet as such, but four times are blocked off by regular players who are eager to welcome anyone looking for a friendly game

### **Can I represent Pannal in external competitions?**

#### **Opportunities for Men:**

##### **· HDUGC Winter Alliance**

As part of the Harrogate & District Union of Golf Clubs, members are able to play in the Alliance competitions that are played over the course of the winter at Union clubs. These range from Romanby and Bedale in the north down to Ilkley and Otley in the south. These are Stableford events played in teams of two which are organised and entered through the HDUGC and are a popular way of playing other courses at a modest cost in the closed season.

##### **· Seniors**

There is a well organised Senior (over 55) fixture list where Pannal play seven neighbouring clubs home and away during the season in a full handicap four ball better ball format. The Managing Secretary holds the availability forms which are then given to the Seniors' co-ordinator who will select teams for the individual fixtures. Normally twelve players are needed for each fixture although some require sixteen. The matches usually tee off from 0900 with a lunch afterwards. There is a modest cost to the player as the green fees are subsidised by the host club.

##### **· HDUGC teams**

Pannal compete in the Harrogate Union league, the matches are in two formats; singles off scratch, fourballs off handicap. One of the fourball teams is the Men's Captain and the Professional.

The matches take place in the evenings during the week and the team for each is selected from a squad. If you are interested in playing in these fixtures notify the Men's Captain or Chairman of Golf, who will be pleased to add your name to the squad list. New team members are always welcome as work, exams, holidays and family commitments sometimes make team selection a difficult and last minute affair.

#### **Opportunities for Ladies:**

##### **· HDUGC Winter League**

Three couples play six matches during the winter season at different clubs within the Union. The format is foursomes with all scores to count. Please add your name to the list displayed on the notice board if you would like to play in any of the matches.

##### **· HDUGC**

Both Silver Division and Bronze Division Championships are held each year. The format is a qualifying medal and you can put your name on the relevant board to enter both individual and team competitions.

##### **· YLCGA Competitions**

Several competitions are run throughout the year and information regarding these can be found on the Upstairs Notice board or at [www.ylpga.org.uk](http://www.ylpga.org.uk). Most entry forms are now online and need to be downloaded for completion.

##### **· YLCGA Matches**

The Ladies' Section runs Scratch, 'A', 'B' and Friendly teams. Please speak to either the Ladies' Captain or Ladies' Vice Captain if you are interested in playing for the teams.

#### **Opportunities for Juniors:**

· The Junior Section currently plays six league matches within the Harrogate and District Union plus friendly matches against the York and Fulford Golf Clubs and The Grammar School at Leeds. These matches are eligible for all those with a handicap run by English Golf's CONGU handicap system.

#### **Opportunities for Mixed Golf:**

· Pannal offers plenty of mixed golf competitions throughout the year including 13 hole social golf evenings which are usually followed by a meal. Details of these can be found in the diary and on the website.

· The Mixed Foursomes is a knock out competition played over the summer months. The sign-up sheet is displayed on the notice board in the entrance hall

corridor and the draw for this competition takes place at the Mixed Foursomes Dinner at the beginning of March. If you would like to enter the competition but require a playing partner then please advise either the Captains or the Managing Secretary.

### **Other opportunities:**

#### **• Friendlies:**

Pannal plays Mens, Ladies and Mixed friendly matches against clubs within and outside the Harrogate Union, these are usually long standing events where a home and away fixture is played in alternate years. The sheets for these events are posted on the notice board early in the season and popular fixtures tend to fill up more quickly than others.

### **Does Pannal have an active Social Calendar?**

Pannal Golf Club produces a diary and a social calendar every year that contains the dates of all competitions, social occasions and dates when the club is hosting external golfing events. It is a valuable guide to the club year and follows a schedule which has been established over many years, but is reviewed annually to ensure that golf and social events are kept up to date with the changing needs of the membership.

The Mixed Foursomes Dinner in early March marks the start of the Social Calendar for the year whilst the club golfing calendar effectively starts with the Annual General Meeting on a Saturday in late March.

All members are welcome to attend the meeting at which the club officers review the club's finances and affairs and vote in new committee members. It is also the occasion of the transfer of office from the outgoing to the incoming captains.

The following day sees the driving in ceremony for the incoming Men's, Ladies' and Junior Captains.

Competitive golf progresses through a hopefully fine summer towards Finals Day in late September when the winners of the various match play trophies are decided. As many finals as possible are contested on the day, though members need not plan their holidays around on the off chance that they qualify!

As autumn progresses the winter tees come into play and handicap qualifying competitions end for the season.

Late November brings the Men's Annual Dinner and the start of the festive season. Carols by Candlelight, the Children's Christmas Party (with Santa in attendance) are all well established and popular occasions for which early booking is recommended.

### **When can I use the Clubhouse?**

Members are free to use the clubhouse at all times and the building provides changing facilities as well as bar and catering services. You are able to use your membership card for payments if you 'pre-load' it with the necessary funds and 'top-up' when required. The use of this system entitles you to a 17% discount for drinks and 10% for food from the published prices.

The clubhouse also plays host to the numerous social events that take place through the year as well as weekly bridge sessions, a fortnightly Friday carvery and it is also available for private functions. Social events are organised throughout the year and are well publicised on notice boards and via emails from the office.

Dress code for clubhouse events varies all the way from Black Tie (Summer Ball) to fancy dress (eg 70's Night). The general dress code however is smart casual, with smart denim jeans recently being allowed to encourage members and partners to use the clubhouse more frequently. Denim jeans are not however allowed on the golf course. Full details of the Dress Code for the course can be found on the website.

### **What other benefits do I enjoy as a member of Pannal?**

#### **• The HDUGC ticket**

You can purchase the HDUGC ticket for a nominal amount from the Secretary's office. This is a scheme which allows members to play at other Union member clubs once a year for half price.

#### **• Reduced Fees for Guests**

As a member of Pannal you are welcome to bring guests to share and enjoy the club's facilities. You are able to bring an unlimited number of guests throughout the year who should be signed in to get a greatly reduced green fee. You can also purchase a book of ten visitor tickets which will offer your guests an even more reduced rate. The special Members' Green Fee Guest rate is £20.00 a round whilst a book of 10 guest tickets is available



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