



OAKLEAF GOLF CLUB

Established 1996

MEMBERS FIXTURE DIARY & HANDBOOK

2024

School Aycliffe Lane
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OAKLEAF GOLF CLUB

Dear member,

Welcome to another year at Oakleaf Golf Club. Here are some of the benefits of being a member. You will automatically become a member of the Durham Golf Union and England Golf. You will be insured whilst you play, this insurance includes a hole-in-one insurance if you are playing in any official competition. You can play in any of our many competitions if you have an official handicap. If you do not have an official handicap then this can be arranged, just ask at the Pro shop and they will be delighted to assist.

Do enjoy yourself and play well.

Oakleaf Golf Club Committee

OAKLEAF GOLF CLUB OFFICERS

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A McCluskey - K Smith - N Hope – S Liddle – J Leyland

Plus three ex-officio Members from Great Aycliffe Town Council.

COMPETITION / HANDICAP / RULES COMMITTEE

N Hope - K. Smith – P Campbell



OAKLEAF GOLF CLUB CAPTAINS

1996	R WARREN	1997	R BENNETT
1998	W WANLESS	1999	P CHAPLIN
2000	E SNAILUM	2001	A COURTNEY
2002	J TOMLINSON	2003	E SNAILUM
2004	N HARDY	2005	S HUTCHINSON
2006	A COURTNEY	2007	B BOVILL
2008	S HOARE	2009	J WALTON
2010	T ADLAM	2011	B BOVILL
2012	B OLIVER	2013	G ROBSON
2014	G ROBSON	2015	N ORD
2016	G ARCHER	2017	G ARCHER
2018	C ROBINSON	2019	J PETRIE
2020	M WATSON	2021	M WATSON
2022	D THOMPSON	2023	J SAYERS
2024	P CAMPBELL		

HOLE HAZARD NOTIFICATION

This hazard notification has been developed 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 distance. **It is expected that golfers of above average ability will take additional care when playing their shots and ensure that they do not endanger fellow golfers or the public.**

Hole Hazard

Hole 1

While teeing off the 1st tee, be aware of pedestrians using the fairway to access the angling pond, and the occurrence of passing trains. Be aware of golfers on the 16th fairway and green, you must shout 'Fore' if your ball travels towards the 16th green.

Hole 2

Medal tee – beware of golfers crossing in front, exiting from the 5th green. Be alert when making tee shots and be ready to stop if told to do so by playing partners.

Hole 3

BLIND HOLE. This is a blind tee shot, therefore may pose a danger to those ahead.

Tee shot should not be taken if aiming for the green until the bell has rung, indicating the green is clear. Do not climb fence to out of bounds on the right– **Steep Drop: QUARRY**

Hole 4

Be aware of the drop at the front of the tee. Shout 'Fore' if your ball travels towards the 5th tee (yellow).

Hole 5

When exiting from footpath from 5th green to the 6th tee, beware golfers teeing off across the exit path from 2nd Medal tee. When on yellow tee, be aware of shots to the 4th green. Be aware of the drop off the front of the Medal tee.



Hole 6

Beware of vehicles travelling down the access road to the left and front of the tee/fairway.

Hole 7

When exiting the 7th green, be aware of balls coming from the 8th tee.

Hole 8

Public tees – when teeing off, beware of golfers exiting from the 7th green. **BLIND HOLE** - This is a blind tee shot, therefore may pose a danger to those ahead. Tee shot should not be taken until the bell has rung, indicating fairway is clear. Ring bell when clear.

Medal tee – Shot from tee crosses the 9th fairway. Ensure fairway is clear before teeing off. Ring bell when clear.

When taking approach shots to the 8th green, be aware of vehicles travelling on the road behind the green.

Hole 9

This hole is adjacent to the 8th fairway. Players on the 8th fairway and tee can be in danger from a misdirected tee shot. Be prepared to shout 'Fore' if a ball is struck towards this area.

Hole 10

Be aware of golfers playing from the 11th tee.

Hole 11

When teeing off, be aware of golfers exiting the 10th green.

Hole 12

Beck to the left of fairway. Pond in fairway. Be aware of golfers on the 6th, 7th and 11th tees.

Hole 13

Playing from the medal tee – cars/pedestrians passing in front of tee. Beware of golfers walking in front of the medal tee, accessing 2nd tee, cars accessing/exiting angling pond – do not play (tee off) if cars or pedestrians are passing on access road to and from the angling pond.

Hole 14

BLIND HOLE. This is a blind tee shot, therefore may pose a danger to those ahead. Tee shot should not be taken if aiming for the green until the bell has rung, indicating the green is clear. Use sighting pole for direction. Ring bell when clear.

Hole 15

Take care when crossing the ditches. **Deep water pond** adjacent to the fairway. Players **MUST NOT**, under any circumstances, retrieve balls from this pond. Beware pedestrians/vehicles crossing to the rear of green.

Hole 16

When approaching or on the green, be aware of misdirected balls struck from the 1st hole or from 17th medal tee.

Hole 17

When teeing, particularly from the competition tee, beware wayward shots from 1st tee or fairway. **BLIND HOLE.** This is a blind tee shot, therefore may pose a danger to those ahead. Tee shot should not be taken until bell has rung, indicating fairway is clear. Beware of balls coming from the driving range. Playing shot on bank side may cause overbalance/slipping and is



therefore prohibited.

In accordance with the local rules, a ball coming to rest on the bank side, between the blue marker stakes must be lifted, dropped, and played from the designated dropping zone at the bottom of the bank. A ball is deemed in the drop area if a player's normal stance would put their foot/feet into the drop area and must be lifted and dropped in the drop zone.

Ring bell when clear.

CAUTION – steep track from 17th fairway to green – risk of buggies overturning.

Hole 18

Be aware of risk to public on outside of 18th fence on the right-hand side of the hole, by possibility of wayward golf balls exiting the course perimeter. Exiting 18th to car park, slope and steps, be aware of balls coming from the driving range.

There are several safety signs placed throughout the golf course, please be aware of them and act accordingly.

ADMINISTRATION / OFFICE

1. The secretary's office is situated in the professional's shop which is open from 8am to 7pm weekdays.
2. The secretary must be informed of any error in the information printed against your name in this handbook or any other official document of the club and of any subsequent change of address and/or telephone number.
3. The club's financial year is 1st December to 30th November, however annual subscriptions operate from April each year.
4. The management committee meets each month, with the other committee or sub-committee meeting as and when required.

HANDICAP RULES

The club is affiliated to the England Golf via the Durham County Golf Union and the Standard Scratch Score and the World Handicapping System applies. Under the above scheme, the player has the following responsibilities: -

1. To have only one handicap – allotted and adjusted by their HOME CLUB. This handicap shall apply at other clubs of which the player is a member.
2. To select one club (if a member of more than one) to be their HOME CLUB.
3. Not to change their HOME CLUB without advance notice.
4. To ensure each affiliated club of which they are a member is aware of the name of their HOME CLUB and of any changes.
5. To ensure that their name is inserted in the entry list before any competition.
6. To ensure all competition cards are returned – even if not completed.
7. To report all away scores in qualifying competitions to their HOME CLUB.
8. To ensure appropriate adjustments to their playing handicap have been made prior to playing at another club.
9. To enter their current playing handicap on all cards returned in a competition.
10. To provide their HOME CLUB with details of scores in non-qualifying events when playing AWAY.

ETIQUETTE

This is a guide to ensure that every golfer is given the chance to enjoy the game of golf whilst upholding its rules and traditions along with caring for the course. Please consider the points listed below.



Safety

A klaxon will be sounded three times from the golf shop to inform you to leave the course due to inclement weather such as lightning or fog. If you are playing in a club competition and there is lightning in our immediate area, then you **MUST** leave the course and only resume if you are informed it is safe to do so.

In the event of fog or any reason which restricts you seeing the ball from landing from a well-struck shot then again you must leave the course.

In the event of any confusion, should some players complete the competition and other players are unable to complete their round, then the committee shall decide the outcome and their decision shall be final. But remember, safety **MUST** always be the deciding factor in all cases.

Rain is not a cause for delaying play.

Prior to playing a stroke or making a practice swing, please ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club or ball.

Do not play until the players in front are out of range. Shout 'Fore' immediately if there is a danger of a ball hitting someone.

Keep clear of mowers and other machinery – remember that machine operators, because of noise, may not be aware of your presence.

Do not play to an area where green staff are working until they indicate that it is safe to do so. Green keepers operating tractors and mowers wearing ear protectors will not hear distant shouts.

Consideration for other players

Please do not talk or move when a player is about to play or stand close or directly behind the ball.

Always have consideration for others on the course.

Speed of play

- Players should endeavour to stay just behind the match in front and not just in front of the match behind. Oakleaf is a challenging course but as a guide: **the 7th tee should be reached in 75 minutes and the 13th tee in 150 minutes**. 15 minutes per hole is too slow – all but the longest of holes should be playable in 10 minutes, even as a fourball.
- Always play without delay – there should be no hold ups for counting strokes or marking scorecards, especially on the putting greens.
- All matches must keep their place on the course. If a clear hole is lost or if a ball is being looked for, then the following match must be invited to play through.
- On arrival at the putting green, your golf bag or trolley should be positioned on the most direct route to the next tee – but not on the green itself.
- All players in a match should watch and mark the place where each ball comes to rest; in order to minimise the time spent in searching for lost balls.

Course care

- Carefully smooth over all holes and footprints made in any bunker.
- Replace and press down all the turf cut or displaced while playing.
- A pitch mark on the green takes five seconds to repair – if this is done straight away the grass will recuperate in 24 to 48 hours. If left, however, it will take two weeks to recover.
- Repair any spike damage to greens after play of that hole is completed.



- Keep trolleys or buggies away from tees, greens, and bunkers.
- Adhere to any signs or instructions concerning the movement of trolleys or buggies.
- When taking a practice swing, avoid any damage to any turf especially on the tee.
- Avoid damage to the putting green when putting down the flag stick and to the hole when removing the flag or ball.
- Do not remove your ball from the hole using the flag pole.

Mobile Phones

- Mobile telephones can be a distraction to other players and members should note that they are not allowed on most courses.
- If you do take your mobile onto the course then please turn it off and only use it to call out in an emergency.

HANDICAP ALLOCATION

- Members wishing to obtain a WHS handicap must return scorecards with their score for three full medal rounds of golf, the third of which should be returned within three months of the date of the first card.
- Further they must be countersigned by a member of this club or be a member of an affiliated club. The marker should also print their name on the card being submitted so that the committee can verify the authenticity of that marker.
- Having achieved a new handicap, members are requested not to play in away competitions until at least three qualifying competition rounds have been played at your home club.

INSURANCE

Members are recommended to take out personal insurance to cover equipment, accessories and personal property as the club's insurance does not cover these items.

OAKLEAF GOLF CLUB– CONSTITUTION

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE SAFEGUARDING POLICY

Everyone working with children and young people has a responsibility for keeping them safe, irrespective of their role, whether they are paid members of staff or volunteers.

England Golf is committed to ensuring that the sport of golf is one within which all participants can thrive in a safe environment and that all children and young people have an enjoyable and positive experience when playing golf.

The full policy and procedures are posted on the club notice board.

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS' POLICY

Oakleaf Golf Club is committed to creating and maintaining a safe and positive environment for all individuals involved in golf.

The full policy and procedures are posted on the club notice board.

1 Name of the Club

The name of the club shall be the Oakleaf Golf Club (hereinafter referred to as 'the club')

2 Objectives

- To promote, administer and encourage amateur golf, particularly in the Great Aycliffe



- area, irrespective of gender, race, background or ability;
- To promote, particularly, junior and senior golf;
- To arrange club competitions, league games and inter-club competitions for the members of the club;
- To promote social activities for members of the club;
- To maintain a uniform system of handicapping, using the World Handicap System.

3 General

- The club shall operate in accordance with the necessary permissions, rules or procedures given or laid down from time to time by Great Aycliffe Town Council ('the Council') in relation to the use of the golf course, driving range and any other of its sports facilities. It is acknowledged that the Council may nominate a person to act as secretary to the club.
- The club recognises the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews as being the ruling authority for determining the rules of golf and the rules of amateur status.
- The club recognises England Golf, through the Durham Golf Union as its local organisation, and agrees to abide by its constitution and rules.
- The club recognises that the Council may at its discretion; pay the appropriate affiliation fees to the England Golf and Durham Golf Union.
- All members shall be deemed to have read and agreed to abide by the rules of the club in force.
- A copy of the constitution of the club shall be posted on the website page, with a copy available for inspection in the golf shop.
- The club shall provide appropriate personal liability insurance for members.
- The club acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard the welfare of children and vulnerable adults involved in golf in the club and has in place a Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

4 Membership

- There will be the following classes of membership:
 - Full Membership – will be obtained by the purchase of a full 7 day membership from the Council, which includes the club subscription.
 - Associate Membership – will be obtained by the purchase of a 5 day membership from the Council, which includes the club subscription.
 - Junior Membership – will be obtained by purchase of the relevant junior category of membership, which includes the club subscription.
- Application for membership in any of the classes set out above shall be made on the appropriate Council application form, to be submitted with the appropriate fee.
- Any member wishing to resign from the club shall notify the secretary in writing. Membership will otherwise last for the duration of the year in which the membership fee is paid.

5 Membership Fee

- The annual membership fee shall be set by the Council, which will include the club subscription element within the fee. The club fee element will be discussed by the two parties at the Golf Course Working Group prior to any final decision being taken.
- Entry conditions and fees for any club competitions shall be set by the management committee.
- New members shall not be permitted to play in club competitions until they have received a formal handicap.

6 Senior Section

- The club runs a thriving senior section which is administered by its own constitution, but which is subordinate to the main constitution, and is attached as Appendix 1.



7 Officers

- The following officers of the club shall be appointed in the manner laid down in these rules:
 - Captain
 - Vice Captain
 - Chairman
 - Secretary
 - Competition Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Welfare Officer (including Junior Liaison)

The Council reserves the right to appoint the secretary if it deems it necessary.

- The following roles and responsibilities shall be assigned to the officers:
 - **Captain** – The captain shall represent the club at all levels and shall be responsible for the selection and running of all adult teams. They shall always act to promote the club and its members. They shall deal with disciplinary issues, along with the chairman. They shall deliver a report to committee meetings and to the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
 - **Vice Captain.** The vice captain shall take on the responsibilities of the captain in their absence.
 - **Chairman** – The chairman shall preside at all meetings and will act as the communication officer for all committee members. They will deal with all disciplinary issues along with the captain. In their absence a chairman will be elevated from the management committee; The chairman will deliver a report to the AGM.
 - **Secretary** – The secretary shall take and keep minutes of all meeting of the club. The secretary shall be responsible for formal communications of the club and maintain all the documents of the club and shall present a report to the AGM.
 - **Competition Secretary** – The competition secretary shall be responsible for arranging a schedule, the tee off times and posting results of club competitions. They shall also be responsible for ensuring that trophies are available for the Presentation Evening. They shall present a report to the AGM.
 - **Treasurer** – The treasurer shall be responsible for all monies in the club, receiving membership fees from the council and competition fees. They shall ensure that all bank accounts, invoices, receipts are maintained up to date. They shall present a regular report to the management committee, They shall ensure that the accounts are audited annually and present them to the AGM.
 - **Welfare Officer** – The welfare officer has responsibility for all aspects of health, safety and welfare on the course. The role also includes support to any junior golfers within the club.
- All officers shall be elected at the AGM and hold office until the following AGM, where they will be eligible for re-election.
- No member may hold more than one office, except in the event where there are insufficient suitable members coming forward. In any event, no one member shall hold more than one position that represents a conflict of interest or undue level of control (eg treasurer and competition secretary).



- In the event of death, illness, or resignation of an officer during the term of office, the management committee may appoint a new member to the office until the next AGM.
- Any officer who is unable to perform their duties may be removed from that position with a vote at the management committee.

8 Management Committee

- A management committee shall be appointed at each AGM.
- Nominations for election to the management committee shall be sent to the secretary, signed by not less than two members, at least seven days prior to the AGM.
- The election shall take place at the AGM, when a vote, if necessary, shall be taken by a show of hands, with the result declared immediately. Ties shall be decided by another vote taken in the same manner.
- The management committee shall comprise of a minimum of ten people, being all the members of the club, three ex-officio members nominated by the Council. Other members may be added to the committee as deemed appropriate by the committee.
- The management committee shall be collectively responsible for managing the affairs of the club and shall have the power to make decisions necessary in the pursuit of the club's objectives.
- The management committee shall have the power specifically to:
 - i) Appoint a handicap and a competition sub-committee, comprising the competition secretary and two other members.
 - ii) Have control and management of the funds and property of the club, including production of financial regulations for the guidance of the treasurer.
 - iii) To appoint, from time to time as required, any sub-committees deemed necessary to assist in the running of the club.
 - iv) Take appropriate disciplinary or other action against any member in accordance with these rules and other disciplinary rules in force from time to time.
- The chairman shall have the casting vote in the event of any tie.
- A quorum for meetings of the management committee shall be five.
- Voting shall be by a show of hands. Any member present can request a named vote, in which case the results of the vote will be recorded.
- Not less than seven days' notice shall be given for every management committee meeting. Agendas and minutes shall be circulated not less than seven days prior to the meetings. An emergency meeting may be called with 24 hours' notice, at the discretion of the secretary or chairman.

9 Annual General Meeting

- The Annual General Meeting shall take place shortly after the end of the financial year, which runs from 1 December to 30 November.
- The business of the AGM shall be:
 - i) To receive reports from officers of the club.
 - ii) To receive and consider the audited accounts of the club for the preceding year and receive the treasurer's report and any recommendations.
 - iii) To consider any proposals or motions which have been submitted in writing to the secretary by any member, and seconded, at least 21 days before the date of the AGM.
 - iv) To elect officers for the forthcoming year.
 - v) To appoint the management committee for the forthcoming year from nominations received.
 - vi) To appoint auditors.
 - vii) To consider any amendments to the club's rules.



All members present shall be permitted to vote.

- The quorum for the AGM shall be 20 members or 10% of the membership, whichever is lower.
- Not less than 14 days prior notice in writing, setting out the business to be transacted at the meeting, and including the summary accounts, shall be communicated to all members.
- In addition, the secretary shall, in the same timescale, post a notice of the meeting and nominations for office holders on the club notice board.
- All resolutions at the AGM shall be passed by a simple majority of the votes cast.
- Each member present shall have one vote on each resolution.
- The constitution may be added or altered by resolution of at least two thirds of the members present at the AGM or EGM.

10 Extraordinary General Meeting

- An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) must be convened by the secretary within 14 days of receipt of a request signed by five members of the management committee or a request signed by 20 members of the club, setting out the proposal or motion to be discussed.

11 Accounts, Income, Property

- All monies received by the club shall be paid into the club bank account at the earliest opportunity.
- All cheques drawn from the bank shall be signed by any two of three nominated officers.
- No action involving expenditure in the name of, or on behalf of, the club, and no undertakings which would commit the club to expenditure or other liability shall be taken without prior authority of a resolution of the management committee.
- In the event of the dissolution of the club, all assets will revert to the Council.

12 Disciplinary Matters

- The club will use the standard England Golf procedure for dealing with conduct, disciplinary matters, and grievances.

This constitution has been approved and accepted as the constitution for the Oakleaf Golf Club

Signed D Gowling

(Chairman)

Date 10 January 2024



Appendix 1

Oakleaf Golf Club Senior Section – Constitution

- 1 The section shall be called the “Oakleaf Senior Section”.
- 2 The objects of the senior section shall be to promote Senior Golf in all aspects of the game of golf, irrespective of gender, race, background or ability.
- 3 Membership shall be open to all members of Oakleaf Golf Club over the age of 60.
- 4 Funds shall be paid into the senior section account from the club as agreed by the main club management committee.
- 5 All members of the senior section shall be deemed to have accepted the terms of this constitution.
- 6 A committee shall be formed to manage the affairs of the senior section. The committee shall consist of the following Officers: Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and Captain. In addition, the committee may co-opt other members as it deems fit, to assist in the running of the section. A quorum for the Senior Management Committee is three members.
- 7 One of the members of the committee shall be responsible to represent the senior section on the main club management committee.
- 8 All meetings shall be held as directed by the Chairman of the senior section. Any officer from the main club management committee may attend these meetings in an ex-officio capacity.
- 9 The financial year shall run from 1 December until 30 November each year.
- 10 The Treasurer shall maintain accounts and prepare them for the Annual Meeting.
- 11 An appropriate person will be approved annually to audit the accounts prior to presentation at the Annual Meeting.
- 12 The Treasurer and another officer shall sign all cheques.
- 13 All committee members shall be jointly responsible for the financial liabilities of the senior section.
- 14 The senior section management committee shall have the power to publish and enforce such byelaws as they deem necessary to govern the activities of the senior section, where those are in line with England Golf and the R & A.
- 15 In the event of dissolution of the senior section, all assets thereof shall automatically pass to the Oakleaf Golf Club.



**Oakleaf Golf Club
Insurance**

I can confirm that your membership of Oakleaf Golf Club includes Personal Liability Insurance as follows: -

- 1 Unlimited cover for third party bodily injury, in respect of the UK Road Traffic Act whilst driving a golf buggy.
- 2 Personal liability of £5 million cover for third party bodily injury.
- 3 Personal liability of £5 million cover for third party property.
- 4 Non-negligence cover of £10,000 cover for accidental damage to third party property.
- 5 Personal Accident cover to £15,000 (Juniors £4,000) for death / loss of limbs or eyes / permanent total disability
- 6 Subscription reimbursement to £1,000 If, because of an accident whilst playing golf, a member is unable to play golf for more than 60 days.
- 7 Emergency Dental treatments to £300 because of an accident whilst playing golf.
- 8 Hole in One Insurance of £75.

All above cover is whilst playing golf at any recognised golf course in the UK and abroad (worldwide) for up to 120 days in the insured period.

C Robinson
Treasurer

Date 10 January 2024.



Oakleaf Golf Club Local Rules

1. Out of bounds (rule 18.2a) (2)

- a. Beyond any of the fences or walls forming the course boundaries.
- b. Beyond the fences enclosing the driving range situated to the left side of the 1st, 17th & 18th holes.
- c. On or over the line of white posts situated to the right side of the 1st hole.
- d. Beyond the line of white posts situated to the left side of the 6th & 15th holes.
- e. Beyond the line of white posts situated to the rear of the 6th, 8th, and 18th holes.
- f. On or over the road to the rear of the 15th hole.

2. Penalty Areas (Rule 17)

Penalty areas are indicated or defined either with yellow or red posts or lines, and relief may be obtained under Rule 17.1d

3. Abnormal course conditions (ACC) (Rule 16)

- a. All artificially surfaced roads and paths and their sides, are immovable obstructions. Relief under rule (16-1a) applies.
- b. Relief for embedded ball in general area (Rule 16.3a).
- c. Relief is not allowed for an embedded ball under (Rule 16.3b) for example when ball lies in or under bushes.
- d. Relief from immovable obstructions is obtained under (Rule 16.1a).
- e. The large rocks situated to the rear of the 15th green are an integral part of the course and the ball must be played as it lies or declared unplayable under (Rule 19.2).
- f. All areas identified by white lines or marked A.C.C. (Rule 16.1).
- g. Deep ruts, not mere indentations, caused by course machinery, through the green, are Abnormal Course Conditions and (Rule 16.1) applies.

4. Ground Under Repair (no play zone) (Rule 16.1f)

- a. All areas identified by blue posts or lines are Ground Under Repair from which play is prohibited. If a player's ball lies in such an area, or if an area interferes with the player's normal stance, or intended swing, the player **MUST** take relief as provided in (rule 16-1f) (1)
- b. Relief from the blue staked bank on the approach to the 17th green **MUST** be taken in direct line back from the bank in the drop area defined by white stakes. See hazard notification for full description.

5. Additional Local Rules

- a. All bridges spanning drainage ditches (holes 2, 5, 7, 13 & 15) are declared immovable obstructions and (Rule 16-1) apply. Relief is the nearest point of relief.
- b. All distance markers, and hole information fixtures around tees, are declared immovable obstructions and (Rule 16-1) apply. Relief is the nearest point of relief.
- c. Relief can be taken from protection fences, when interfering with stance or swing, but not the line of sight. These include the fences on the left of the 1st hole, the fence separating the 7th green and 8th yellow tee. Relief is two club lengths from where the ball lies, no nearer the hole.

6. Breach of a local rule.

- a. Stroke Play – General Penalty (2 strokes)
- b. Match Play – Loss of Hole.



OAKLEAF GOLF CLUB

FIXTURE LIST 2024

Q = winners will qualify for the end of season finals.

B = Blazer qualifier

Midweek Medal/Stableford 2 handicap categories

Division 1 0 to 22.0

Division 2 22.1 to 36.

(Juniors 14 years and over and ladies are encouraged to enter, with handicaps up to 45.0)

All midweek competitions to play from yellow or red tees of the day.

Weekend handicap categories will be:

Division 1 0 to 20.0,

Division 2 20.1 to 28

All weekend and Adult knock out competitions including Prince William, Prince Harry and Prudhoe Trophy Knockout and weekend competitions will be played from white tees of the day, except where stated on the day.

Dates may be subject to change

2024 Fixtures

ADULT FIXTURES		
March		
Saturday	02	4BBB Stableford (Voucher)
Sunday	10	3 Man-Texas Scramble – Medal (Voucher)
Saturday	16	4BBB Medal (Voucher)
Sunday	24	3 Clubs & a Putter – Stableford (Voucher)
April		
Tuesday	02	Midweek Medal – (Q) voucher
Sunday	07	April Medal – 2 Divisions (Q) voucher (B)
Tuesday	09	Midweek Stableford – (Q) voucher
Saturday	13	April Stableford – 2 Divisions (Q) voucher (B)
Tuesday	16	Midweek Medal – (Q) voucher
Saturday	20	Oakleaf Bowl – 4 BBB Stableford
Tuesday	23	Midweek Stableford – (Q) voucher
Saturday	27	Taylor Clarke Rose Bowl – (B)
Tuesday	30	Midweek Medal – (Q) voucher
May		
Sunday	05	May Medal 2 divisions (Q) voucher (B)
Tuesday	07	Midweek Stableford – (Q) voucher
Saturday	11	North Britain Pairs 4 BBB Stableford
Tuesday	14	Midweek Medal – (Q) voucher
Tuesday	21	Acorn Cup – Medal (B)
Saturday	25	May Stableford – 2 Divisions (Q) voucher (B)



Tuesday	28	Midweek Medal – (Q) voucher
JUNE		
Sunday	02	Millennium Cup – Stableford (B)
Tuesday	04	Midweek Stableford - (Q) voucher
Saturday	08	June Medal – 2 Divisions (Q) voucher (B)
Tuesday	11	Midweek Medal - (Q) voucher
Sunday	16	Presidents Cup – 4 BBB Medal
Tuesday	18	Midweek Stableford - (Q) voucher
Saturday	22	June Stableford – 2 Divisions (Q) voucher (B)
Tuesday	25	Midweek Medal - (Q) voucher
Sunday	30	Trinity Shield – Stableford (Q) (B)
JULY		
Tuesday	02	Midweek Stableford – (Q) voucher
Saturday	06	Acleia Synods – Stableford 4 BBB
Tuesday	09	Trinity Shield – Stableford (Q) (B)
Saturday	13	Captain’s Charity Open 4 BBB
Sunday	14	July Medal 2 divisions (Q) (B)
Tuesday	16	Midweek Stableford – (Q) voucher
Tuesday	23	Midweek Medal - (Q) voucher
Sunday	28	July Stableford – 2 Divisions (Q) voucher (B)
Tuesday	30	Midweek Stableford – (Q) voucher
AUGUST		
Sat/Sunday	03&04	Club Championship Rd 1/2 Gross & Net (Q) (B)
Tuesday	06	Midweek Medal – (Q) voucher
Sunday	11	CAPTAINS CHARITY DAY – Stableford
Tuesday	13	Midweek Stableford – (Q) voucher
Saturday	17	August Medal – 2 Divisions (Q) voucher (B)
Tuesday	20	Midweek Medal – (Q) voucher
Sunday	25	August Stableford – 2 Divisions (Q) voucher (B)
Tuesday	27	Midweek Stableford – (Q) voucher
Saturday	31	Aycliffe Mayor Charity Golf Competition - 4BBB
SEPTEMBER		
Tuesday	03	Midweek Medal – (Q) voucher
Sunday	08	3M Trophy – Medal (Q) (B)
Tuesday	10	Midweek Stableford – (Q) voucher
Saturday	14	Sculacle Cup – 4 BBB Medal
Tuesday	17	Members Cup/Fraser Quaich – Midweek Medal Final
Sunday	22	Hackworth Vase/Alron Trophy Finals – Stableford
Tuesday	24	Yackley Trophy/George Golightly – Midweek Stableford Final
Saturday	28	Aycliffe Salver/Hardy Cup Finals – Medal
OCTOBER		
Sunday	01	Winter League Commences
Tuesday	03	Competition to be confirmed
Saturday	07	Winter League
Tuesday	10	Competition to be confirmed
Sunday	15	Winter League
Tuesday	17	Competition to be confirmed
Saturday	21	Winter League



Tuesday	24	Competition to be confirmed
Sunday	29	Winter League
Tuesday	31	Competition to be confirmed
NOVEMBER		
Saturday	4	Winter League ends 24/25 th February 2024
Saturday	18	Presentation Night Newton Aycliffe Navy
January 2025		
Wednesday	11	AGM – Complex Function Room 7PM
SENIOR FIXTURES		
March		
Tuesday	26	Team – Away v Ramside
April		
Thursday	04	Evergreen Cup – Medal Q
Thursday	11	Statesman Trophy – Stableford Q
Tuesday	16	Team – Home v Romanby
Thursday	18	Evergreen Cup – Medal Q
Thursday	25	Statesman Trophy – Stableford Q
May		
Thursday	02	Evergreen Cup – Medal Q
Wednesday	08	Senior open 4 BBB
Thursday	09	Team – Away v Crook
Tuesday	14	Team - Away George Washington
Thursday	16	Statesman Trophy – Stableford Q
Thursday	23	Senior Captain's Salver – Stableford Q
Thursday	30	Team – Home v Wilton
June		
Thursday	06	Statesman Trophy – Stableford Q
Thursday	13	Evergreen Cup – Medal Q
Tuesday	18	Team - Home v George Washington
Wednesday	19	Senior open (4-man Texas scramble)
Thursday	20	Evergreen Cup – Medal Q
Thursday	27	George Gray Shield – Medal
July		
Thursday	04	Team – Home v Birtley
Thursday	11	Statesman Trophy – Stableford Q
Tuesday	16	Away Day
Thursday	18	Team – Home v Ramside
Thursday	25	Evergreen Cup – Medal Q
August		
Thursday	01	Senior Doubles Final
Thursday	08	Team – Away v Wilton
Thursday	15	Statesman Trophy – Stableford Q
Wednesday	21	Team – Away v Birtley
Thursday	22	Evergreen Cup – Medal Q
Thursday	29	Team – Home v Crook
September		



Tuesday	03	Team – Away v Romanby
Thursday	05	Statesman Trophy – Stableford Q
Thursday	12	Evergreen Cup – Medal – Final
Thursday	19	Statesman Trophy – Stableford – Final
Thursday	26	Senior scramble
October		
Thursday	05	Winter league
Thursday	12	Winter league
Thursday	19	Winter league
Thursday	26	Winter league



MATCH PLAY COMPETITIONS / FORMATS 2024

PRINCE WILLIAM SHIELD: Match dates To be arranged

PRINCE HARRY SHIELD: Match dates To be arranged

PRUDHOE TROPHY: Match dates To be arranged

Prince William Shield

18-hole Singles Match Play. 95% allowance of the difference between handicaps.

Prince Harry Shield

18-hole 4 Ball Better Ball Match Play.

With allowance 95% of the full difference taken from the lowest handicapper.

Prudhoe Trophy

18-hole greensome Medal Match Play. Handicap allowance of a 1/2 difference between the aggregate handicaps of each team.

Senior Singles

18-hole Singles Match Play. Handicap 95% allowance of the difference between handicaps.

Senior Doubles

Pairs drawn 4BBB. Handicap allowance 85% of the difference taken from the lowest handicapper.

STROKE PLAY COMPETITIONS

Presidents Cup

18-hole 4BBB Medal. 85% Handicap allowance for each partner.

Trinity Shield

18-hole Stableford. 95% Handicap allowance off yellow tees (midweek trial for 2024)

Acorn Cup

18-hole Medal. 95% Handicap allowance off yellow tees (midweek trial for 2024)

Championship

36-hole Medal full handicap played on two consecutive days

Best 36 holes gross score – Champion's Shield

Best 36 holes net score

Handicap for the second round being the same as the first round

3M Trophy

18-hole Medal. 95% Handicap allowance

North Briton Double Maxim

18-hole 4BBB Stableford. 85% Handicap allowance

Captain's Day Shield

18-hole Stableford. Played from yellow tees.

Taylor Clarke Rose Bowl

18-hole Medal. 95% Handicap allowance

Millennium Cup

18-hole Stableford. 95% Handicap allowance

Sculacle Cup

18-hole 4BBB Medal. 85% Handicap allowance



Oakleaf Bowl

18-hole 4BBB Stableford. 85% Handicap allowance

Acleia Synods Shield

18-hole 4BBB Stableford. 85% Handicap allowance.

George C Gray Shield

18-hole Medal Seniors Championship. 95% Handicap allowance

Evergreen Cup

18-hole Senior Medal Final. 95% Handicap allowance.

Statesman Trophy

18-hole Senior Stableford Final. 95% Handicap allowance.

Members Cup

18-hole Midweek Medal Final division 1. Handicap 0 – 22.

Yackley Trophy

18-hole Midweek Stableford Final division 1. Handicap 0 – 22.

Fraser Quaich

Midweek Medal Final division 2. Handicap over 22.0

George Golightly

Midweek Stableford Final division 2. Handicap over 22.0.

Aycliffe Salver

18-hole Monthly Medal Final. division 1. Handicaps 0 – 20 & 95% allowance

Hackworth Vase

18-hole Monthly Stableford Final. division 1. Handicaps 0 – 20 & 95% allowance

Hardy cup

18-hole Monthly Medal Final. division 2. Handicaps over 20.0 & 95% allowance

Alron Trophy

18-hole Monthly Stableford Final. division 2. Handicaps 20.0 & 95% allowance

Whilst the committee encourages members to participate in these competitions, please only enter if you can commit to playing ties by their due dates.

The Adult Blazer

To the player with the highest number of points gained from weekend singles competitions marked **(B)**. The first TEN places in each of the rounds will receive points from 10 down to 1.

The Senior Blazer

To the player with the highest number of points gained from Statesman and Evergreen competitions Marked **(Q)**. The first TEN places will receive points from 10 down to 1.



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1 TEES

All official club competitions shall be played from the white tees unless stated otherwise by the committee, except for ALL Senior competitions, which shall be from the yellow tees.

2 ELIGIBILITIES

By way of a club membership and then with an official handicap. Juniors who have obtained a handicap of 28 qualify for adult competitions. Juniors under 16 must play with at least one member aged 19 or over in adult competitions.

3 SCORECARDS

Must be signed by the player and countersigned by the marker who has accompanied the player on the round and shall be qualified to play in the same competition or is acceptable by the committee to act as a marker.

4 HANDICAPS

It is a rule of golf that a scorecard submitted by the player with no handicap or a handicap which leads to the player receiving more strokes than is their entitlement, shall lead to disqualification. This may be mitigated if the score is corrected by entering it into the master scoreboard competition system, which will use the most up to date handicap available from England Golf.

5 NIL RETURNS

A return of an incomplete scorecard is a Nil Return; that is not an offence. Please note that the Handicap Committee reserve the right to refuse to accept a card with a Nil Return as justifying an increase in handicap if it is felt the player does not warrant it by their actions or if they leave the course without good reason.

Should a player submit incomplete cards or Nil Return on three or more occasions in one season, the Handicap Committee have the power under clause 17 and 19 of the Standard Scratch Score and Handicapping Scheme of 1983 [Unified Feb 2004] to be able to deal with such action.

6 FAILURE TO RETURN CARD

The repeated failure to return scorecards for competition play shall result in a suspension of



handicap. As above, the term repeated will in this case mean three times in any club year. Remember, a loss of handicap shall result in the automatic expulsion from all current match play competitions as well as being barred from ALL England Golf competitions.

7 HANDICAP ALLOWANCES

Shall be clearly shown on all club competition sheets or from England Golf.

8 COMPETITION ENTRY SHEETS

Shall be posted on the competition board at least 7 days prior to the competition date. Should you be unable to place your name on the sheet you may enter by way of telephone – message is acceptable – to the competition secretary. Entries must be made **the day before** the event at the latest. No entries will be accepted on the day of the event. In the event of a member entering another member, without their consent and resulting in a non-appearance because of that reason, then the member so doing shall be liable for a ban under the provisions of club rule 13.1.

9 LATE ENTRY COMPETITIONS

No entries will be accepted on the day of the event. This is to ensure that all players are subject to the random draw for playing partners. Should you miss an entry date for any competition you may contact the competition secretary or pro shop, who will place your name onto a substitute list and if a place becomes available you shall be so informed.

10 COMPETITION START SHEETS

Shall be available on the competition board and in the pro shop no later than 5pm on the day before the competition date. Start sheets will be emailed to all competitors where an email address exists. For convenience you may ring the pro shop, as they will have a copy of the start times.

11 ENTRY PAYMENT

The entry fee for all competitions must be paid at the pro shop before commencement of your round.

11.1 STROKE PLAY

For all weekend competitions, the method of payment shall be through the pro shop, who in return for the correct fee and you signing the start sheet or system will issue a scorecard. For midweek competitions you shall sign in on the appropriate sheet or system and you shall be responsible for entering all of the information, as stated for weekend competitions.

Please note that failure to follow this procedure shall lead to disqualification. It is the players responsibility to complete the rest of the information required by the rules of golf.

11.2 MATCH PLAY

By payment of the correct fee at the TIME of entry to the staff of the pro shop. Signing the list for the competition you are to play will be situated in the pro shop. This will cover the Prince William Shield, Prince Harry Shield, Prudhoe Trophy & Winter League. Please note that should you or any partner withdraw from any of the above competitions after the draw has been made you shall still be liable to pay the entry fee or fees. Also, should anyone have a partner who through ill health or any good reason cannot continue to play in these events then the competition secretary may sanction a replacement who has not already participated in the competition.

12 TIES

All ties shall be decided as follows:

12.1 STROKE PLAY

Over 18-holes and if level then the best score over the last 9 holes, thence over the last 6 holes, last 3 holes and the last hole if necessary. All by the fractional system, if still tied then by the best gross score over 18-holes, then first 9, 6, 3 & first hole if necessary. The fractional system is that set down by our software providers.

The exception being the club championship, which shall be played over 36 holes. If tied, shall play over holes 1,16,17 and 18 and if still tied by sudden death and shall continue playing in the same sequence and if playing in the net competition then handicaps still in place until a hole is won.

12.2 MATCH PLAY



Over 18-holes and if still level shall play sudden death from hole 1 with handicaps still in place until a hole is won. The exception being the final which, if level, be replayed over 18-holes and then if still level by sudden death over Holes 1 to 18 and shall continue in this sequence with handicaps still in place until a hole is won.

13 OBLIGATIONS OF ENTRY

13.1 STROKE PLAY

Once entering a club competition and allowing your name to go forward and onto the competition starting sheet, you then have an obligation to honour that commitment. Should circumstances arise that make it impossible to fulfil that commitment, then you **MUST** contact the competition secretary, or telephoning the pro shop. This allows a fellow member who may be on the substitutes list to play in that competition. In the case of a last-minute problem then please inform the pro shop. Failure to do this will bring about an automatic ban of two weekend competitions. Remember you could be letting down up to three other members.

13.2 MATCH PLAY

Once entering a club competition and the draw has been made it is the responsibility of both sides to arrange a match date for each round. The match date agreed should be viewed as the closing date for that round. If any team or person cannot agree on a date to play within the required time, then that team or person should contact the competition secretary to arbitrate on their behalf. In better ball match play, if one man from both or either team are unavailable or on holiday, then the remaining member of the team will have to play to meet the dates set. If on the last day of the round a match date has not been agreed, then **BOTH** sides **MAY** be **DISQUALIFIED**.

13.3 STATUS OF STARTING TIME FIXED BY PLAYERS Rules of Golf Decision 33-3/1

Any start time **agreed** by players has the same status as a time fixed by the committee and any breach of this is subject to disqualification under Rule 6-3a.

Under no circumstances should there be a group of more than four players and will result in disqualification of all within the group.

14 TIME OF STARTING

Players must arrive at the starting point and be ready to play at their stated starting time. If a player arrives later but within **five** minutes of their stated starting time, and in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty or disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7. The penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole to be played in match play or two strokes in stroke play. Note: Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

15 SLOW PLAY Rule 6-7 Note 2

Under this rule the committee can lay down guidelines as to the time taken over a maximum period allowed to complete a stipulated round.

You are required to write in both the start time and the finish time on ALL competition cards. Failure to do this will result in disqualification.

16 RIDES ON BUGGIES

Shall not be allowed in general for club competitions except for:

- a Senior only competitions. (Also, those seniors who are allowed buggies may have the use of them in all competitions)
- b In match play competitions if it is agreeable to all competitors in that match.

17 TEMPORARY LOCAL RULES

Please consult the course notice board prior to playing in any competition.

18 COMPETITORS

Shall make themselves acquainted with the rules of golf, local rules and the competition conditions as laid down in the handbook.

19 COMMITTEE

The management committee has given the Competition & Handicap Committee the full authority to run all club competitions as laid down in these regulations and rules. Under normal circumstances competitions will take place if the course is open and deemed playable by the greenkeepers. However, the management committee has the right to call off or postpone a



competition, under exceptional circumstances, if in their opinion, the course is not suitable for competition play or insufficient holes are available for play.

20 DRESS CODE

Shall be as laid down by the Council. Should this not be adhered to while playing in a club competition it could result in a charge of bringing the club into disrepute.

Note: Remember, when visiting another club, you are “representing” Oakleaf Golf Club and you should ensure that you are aware of any dress regulations in place.

21 VOUCHERS

All vouchers given by this club are redeemable with the golf shop at the Oakleaf Golf complex

22 PENALTIES

All penalties incurred shall be strictly in accordance with the rules of golf.

23 COMPLAINTS & QUERIES

Any complaint or query shall be forwarded, in the first instance, to the club secretary and if you are still not satisfied, you have the right to place this in writing to the competition & handicap secretary, who shall place it before the Competition & Handicap Committee, at the earliest opportunity:



Oakleaf Golf Club Junior Section

AIMS OF THE JUNIOR SECTION

The Oakleaf junior section will: -

- Promote the game of golf in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews;
- Encourage junior members to learn how to play golf through active involvement with other sections of the golf;
- Encourage junior members to play in matches and competitions;
- Help junior members to achieve their full potential, by encouraging goal setting, self-assessment of results, and developing self-confidence;
- Promote Oakleaf juniors who show the right attitude, behaviour, and ability, to the various national bodies that are trying to encourage junior golf development.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Sports Complex

When the sports complex is open, you can buy drinks and snacks at the bar [obviously no alcohol until you are 18]. If you are under 14 years of age you must remain on the children's side of the bar and must leave by 9p.m. In the case of you being in the function room with an official golf party then it is permissible to remain after 9p.m. as long as you remain in the function room. If you are over 14 years but less than 18 years, then you may frequent both sides of the bar area but must be accompanied by a person of 18 years and above. For legal reasons, no person under 18 years can use the pool table or bandits. If in any doubt, then see your Junior Liaison Officer or ask the reception staff or bar staff first to avoid any embarrassment to yourself or your colleagues. The basic dress rule is that you must change your footwear and dress at least casual but smart. For any formal occasion such as league games then please be advised by your Liaison Officer or any other representative at the time.

Junior Competitions

The junior notice board is in the foyer entrance to the pro shop. Keep checking the notice board to find out what is going on in the junior section. On obtaining a handicap of 28 or better from the white tees, you may play in any competition, regardless of your age.

Rules of Golf

Please ask for your copy of the latest edition of the rules from your JLO or the pro shop may have some. The rules of golf are very precise! No one knows all the rules, but copies of the rulebook are available, including an abridged version of the basic rules from your secretary, junior liaison officer and the pro shop. It is a good idea to carry both sets in your golf bag and to try to master the basic rules if you want to play competitive golf without breaching the rules.

JUNIOR SECTION RULES

Notes for parents on safety

Oakleaf golf course is situated between a railway line, a quarry and farmland, and we are concerned that your child is as safe as it is reasonably practicable whilst playing golf. Please do not allow your child to play on the golf course alone. Telephone numbers of other members are available at the golf club.

Please ensure that your child knows what time they are being collected, where they are being met, and who is collecting them.

We insure your child for public liability and what we call third party, but not for personal equipment [A



copy of the schedule of insurance can be obtained from the Treasurer]

If your child has a mobile phone, it is a good idea to keep it with them in their golf bag as a safety precaution. However, it should not be left switched on whilst on the golf course, as this can be upsetting to other golfers.

When children are travelling to away matches, the Junior Organisers will in most cases arrange to use professional transport.

However, it is stressed that parents must accept responsibility for ensuring their children arrive at any pickup point on time, and they should offer transport from time to time if asked to do so.

Notes for Parents on Golf

Encourage the effort as well as the results.

Not just golf – encourage your child to play other sports, especially team sports, to develop a well-rounded nature.

Cheating and bad behaviour – take prompt action to resolve where appropriate, as turning a blind eye will increase the chance of it occurring again.

Fear of failure – your child should never be frightened of playing poorly because of the way you respond to a poor result.

Injuries – keep a watchful eye out for injuries, as well as burnout. It is possible to play too much golf.

Coaching – avoid coaching from the side. Often at times a mid handicap parent tries to coach or give pointers to their child. This often causes confusion and may be contrary to professional advice.

Above all communicate with your Junior Organiser and Golf Professional.

JUNIOR GOLF CHARTER

Summary

The Golf club shall commit to:

- Promote junior golf in the golf club.
- The provision of a recognised junior section within the club with Management Committee representation.
- Provide a welcoming environment; provide basic teaching to all new junior members.
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- The adoption of EGU and ELGA Children in Golf Child Protections guidelines.
- Provide a Junior Coaching system to monitor/measure the junior's progress based on the achievement of clearly defined performance targets.
- Provide a junior membership with minimal restrictions.
- Provide regular junior competitions.
- Minimise the constraints on juniors regarding times to play on the course.
- Make membership vacancies available for all juniors when they reach the age of entry into adult membership

The Junior Member shall commit to:

- Attendance at basic coaching/teaching sessions to establish minimum attainment targets.
- Adhere to club rules on and off the course.
- Participation in a set minimum number of club competitions per annum.
- Read and follow the guidance in the EGU etiquette booklet



MAKING SPEECHES

One of the best things that can happen to you is to win a golf tournament. Unfortunately, you then must get up and make a speech at the prize giving! This can be very scary, so if you think you have won, be prepared for it! If it is easier for you, make a few notes: this is nothing to be embarrassed about - even the professionals have speeches written for them.

These few tips will help you: -

- Always face the audience, wait for everyone to shut up, and then begin to speak.
- Keep your head high, as people will not hear you if you mumble.
- Face the back wall if you prefer not to look at the audience.
- Speak slowly and clearly, and include the following: -
 - Start by addressing the audience, firstly the dignitaries such as Mr. Captain, Madam Captain, Ladies and Gentlemen.
 - Find out in advance who is present and make a note: you may even have to include other dignitaries such as Mr. County Captain.
 - Say how pleased you are to have won such a lovely prize.
 - Thank the organisers of the competition and the club for allowing the course to be used.
 - Thank the Green keeping staff and the catering staff.
 - Thank your marker for an enjoyable game.
 - End by saying how much you look forward to “playing this beautiful course” again.

Letter of thanks:

It is very important to say thank you when you have won a prize. It only takes a few minutes to write a brief Letter to the competition organisers or the donor of the prize, to say how much you appreciate their hard work in organising the competition, or how much you appreciate the prize.

RECORD SHEETS

While learning to play golf, it is important to practice the areas where you need improvement. Try keeping records of your games, and then discuss them with the professional. They will then know what you need to work on, and will help you to achieve your goals.

You could use a chart like this to record your scores:

Hole No.	Fairway hit	Shots to Green	Bunker Shots	Chips Taken	Putts Taken

WHAT'S IN YOUR BAG!

ALWAYS ENSURE YOU CARRY IN YOUR BAG

- Course Planner [or accurate yardage chart]
- Drink [water or sports drink]
- Glove [plus spares]
- Golf Balls [supply of the correct type for you]
- Hat/Cap
- Ball Markers
- Marker Pen [waterproof – to mark your ball]
- Pen or Pencil [plus spare]
- Pitch Mark Repairer



Rule Book [make sure it's current]
Scorecard
Snacks [high carbohydrate / low fat]
Tees
Towel [plus spares]
Umbrella
Waterproofs
Watch or timekeeping device

And you're really on the ball if you also have . . .

Cleaner
Handkerchief
Mosquito Repellent
Plastic Bags [to keep gloves and towels dry]
Plasters
Spare Studs [plus a stud wrench]
Sun Block
Spare Sweater
Sunglasses

And finally, make sure you have cleaned your clubs and shoes, and checked you are not carrying more than the number of clubs allowed.

DURHAM JUNIOR GOLF SOCIETY COMPETITIONS

As per sheets which go up on your notice board

OPEN COMPETITIONS

As per wall rack next to the notice board, if enough the club will look at providing transport at a cost to be decided on. Any doubts then ask your JLO.

COMPETITION FORMATS

All Medal & Stableford competitions that run in the summer months will qualify for handicap purposes unless told otherwise. Full handicap will be used for all competitions unless stated differently on the competition sheet. If you are ever in doubt about any playing condition, then please ASK your JLO.