

PARK GOLF CLUB



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Dear Sir

This article introduces you to the Park Golf Club. It will enable you to gain the most from your membership. For further information about the club please see our website @ <http://www.parkgolfclubsouthport.co.uk> . I hope that you find it helpful.

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1. Membership

New members of the Park Golf Club are welcomed by all. We trust that you will find our members and club helpful and that you enjoy the comradeship, socials, golf and if you are competitive the various matches that we arrange.

2. Handicap Certificates (via EnglandGolf)

As soon as you have your handicap confirmed you can ask Bev Rimmer (Park GC Competitions Secretary) for your Central Database Handicap (CDH) number. If you are a member of a golf club affiliated to England Golf you can access and view your individual handicap information by visiting England Golf @ <http://www.Englandgolf.org/> and log on using your email and password: if you are not already registered you can do so at the same page, there is no cost for registering. Once you have registered England Golf will send you your 'England Golf' card: this can be used whenever a 'Handicap Certificate' is required. The key principle in the operation of the system is that each home club member, with a ¹CONGU handicap, is assigned a unique CDH lifetime ID number.

3. Club Activities

Tuesday Fiddle, Saturday games and other matches (see 'Competitions')

Full use of the Club House and its facilities (bar – snooker room – etc.)

Social activities

55 or over – you can play for the club in the South West Lancs Seniors Golf League (see SWLSGL)

60 or over – you can join the Seniors' Section (see senior Section).

4. Dress Code & Etiquette

Dress Code:

Please adhere to 'Club Dress Code' – see Club Notice Board

Etiquette:

Please address the club officials by their title (President – Captain [Club and Seniors] – Vice-Captain [Club and Seniors]) at all times.

In the event of having a problem with the Booking-Shop or any staff, either Club or Sefton, it is important for you to discuss this with a Committee Member so that the matter can be addressed by the Club: this will avoid the Club any embarrassment.

¹ CONGU – Council of National Golf Unions (see <http://www.congu.com/>)



5. Competitions

Tuesday Club matches

Normal

The Tuesday match is usually a '9-hole' CLUB Stapleford competition. This competition is called the 'FIDDLE' – it is played off the YELLOW TEES.

FIRST Tuesday of each Summer month the 9'-hole' games are **QUALIFYING for handicap where you play off the WHITE TEES** {Note: All qualifying games must be entered onto the Club computer}. This means that you do not necessarily have to play in an '18-hole' competition to maintain your Club handicap. Some members play on Tuesdays but no NOT enter the 'FIDDLE'.

You book for these matches from 6 days in advance. The Booking-Shop will take either call-in-at-the-shop or telephone bookings from 07:45 hrs (telephone number 01704 535286). The closer to this time that you call or telephone the more likely that you are to get the time that you want: do not forget that this is a Municipal Course and is open for the general public.

If you wish to enter the 'FIDDLE' enter your name on the 'Fiddle Sheet': this is displayed on the 'MEMBERS' BOARD' on the right-hand side of the entrance to the club rooms.

Take a '9-hole' playing card from the box below the entry sheet – REMEMBER you use HALF your playing handicap and take shots as relevant on this card. When you have finished your round put your completed playing card in the slot by the door. There is no requirement for you to enter your results on the Club Match Computer.

QUALIFYING FIDDLE make sure that your card is signed by you and counter-signed by your marker. Enter your Sefton Contract Number (last 4 digits) unless you have paid for your round in which case attach your payment receipt AND your Club Membership Number

REMEMBER if you are using a Sefton Seniors Contract you can only book AFTER 11.00 from 1st April to 31st October.

Cost & where to pay

The normal cost of entry is £1 per member playing in the 'FIDDLE'. There is NO COST for non-Fiddle players.

If you are playing in the FIDDLE please put your "Name, 'FIDDLE' and your £1" in an envelope (provided below the entry form). Put this envelope in the 'ENTRY SLOT' on the right-hand side just before the entrance door to the Club.



Saturday Club MEDAL matches

The Park Golf Club booklet provides a complete list of all games that are played in the year. The format varies with games varying from 14 holes in the winter months to 18 hole-Medal games in the summer. There is a game designated for every Saturday subject to weather and course conditions.

How to book

Club night is every Tuesday starting at 20.00 hrs in British Winter Time and 21.00 hrs from May to October.

Games are booked each Tuesday for the Saturday-after-next. When you enter the club you need to enter your name on the draw list. Names are drawn as per a lottery and you enter your name at, or close to, your preferred time. These times are pre-booked by the club. You can book NO MORE than two members in your time slot, except when the game is a combined 4-ball match.

In the event that you are late or do not attend the evening, the list for games is posted in the club room until the Thursday prior to the game. You can add your name/s to this time-sheet at any time.

Sometimes the sheet is full. Here you may well see a line of blank times scored out in red. In this instance please go to the Booking-Shop and ask if you can get one of these times released to you. You can then enter your name in this released time slot.

Cost, 2's & where to pay

Entry is free for Medal rounds; however, it is usual to enter into the "2's". The entry for this is £1. Please put your name, 'Match Name', 2's, date and your £1 in an envelope (provided in the card box) and put this into the 'ENTRY SLOT' by the entrance door to the Club. You also need to sign your name on the entry sheet which provides details of the playing rules for the day – this is found next to the 'Playing Times List'

Completing & entering your match card

For all Saturday matches you complete a full 18-hole card for either 14-hole or 18-hole games using stableford or medal scores as designated.

Ensure that you put a circle around any 2's scored and enter the 2 in the box provided. Sign the card and countersign your own card.

REMEMBER - enter the results on the Club Match Computer and then post the card in the slot just outside the Club entrance.

Special Club Matches

Many of the Saturday games are 'Special Matches'. These are all listed in the Annual Club Booklet – for example 'Texas Scramble', '4-Ball-Better-Ball', '2 Ball Better-Ball', 'Singles Matches'.



For the special competitions the entry sheets are displayed both upstairs on the Club Notice Boards and also downstairs in the Locker Room/Changing Room on the Match Boards (left-hand side). It is your responsibility to watch out for competitions in which you would like to enter.

6. South West Lancashire Senior Golf League (SWLSGL)

All members who are age 55 and over are entitled to play in the South West Lancashire Seniors Golf League. We play matches against other member clubs: Beacon Park – Formby Hall – Houghwood – Hurlston Hall – Lee Park – Mossock Hall – Shaw Hill. Each match is played as a pairs-better-ball $\frac{3}{4}$ -handicap Stapleford game.

How to enter

A 'SWLSGL Fixtures List' and 'Request to Enter Sheet' is posted on the Club Notice Board. If you are interested in being selected for the Park Club Team please enter your Name, Telephone Number, Mobile Number and Email Address (if applicable) on the sheet.

Cost

The cost is noted on the Selection Sheet and covers both Home & Away matches with coffee & biscuits before the start of the game and an after game 2-course meal at each venue.

Matches

The matches are played between April and August with a Home and Away match with each club. In addition to this there is a President's Day game being held at the HOME CLUB of the President in September. Clubs take it in turn to appoint the President and be the host of President Day. Details for each game will be posted on the 'Fixtures' Board' during the year.

Selection

We endeavour to include all who wish to play on various dates. The SWLSGL fixtures secretary for the Park Club is Dr Bill Janvier assisted by Peter Davis who will liaise with those members who wish to be included in matches.

Travel to matches

Normally we travel in as few cars as possible. This is co-ordinated by the Fixtures Secretary. Full details are provided on each Match Meetings notice.

Results

Results are posted on the Club Notice Board, on the Club website @ <http://www.parkgolfclubsouthport.co.uk/swlsgl-results/> and on the SWLSGL @ <http://swlgl.wikifoundry.com/>



7. Seniors Section

We have a Seniors Section for members who are aged 60 or over. The cost of membership is £10 per annum. This provides the facility to join in the Seniors' events and it covers the FREE Seniors Buffet and Dance evening held in November where you and 1 guest (friend/partner/spouse/etc) can attend FREE of charge.

Each Thursday is treated as a 'floating-Seniors-get-together' with members usually spending some time either before and/or after their game in the club.

Thursday Seniors Club matches

Usually on Thursdays the Seniors play a SENIORS match over 9 holes (stableford in the Winter and medal in the Summer). The net winner has his handicap reviewed FOR SENIOR MATCHES ONLY.

Your new Seniors handicap will last for a period of 6 games. This means that if you do not play for a week or so you will maintain your new 'SENIORS HANDICAP' for the designated number of games: this is displayed on the 'SENIORS BOARD': the first board on your right as you enter the path to the club entrance. Thus it is possible for you to have TWO PLAYING HANDICAPS: your Club handicap and your SENIORS Club handicap. It is, of course possible to play without entering the SENIORS MATCH COMPETITION.

Senior's Cost and where to pay

The normal cost of entry is £1 per member playing in the 'SENIORS MATCH'. There is NO COST for non-match players. If you are playing in the Seniors Match please put your name, 'Seniors Match', date and your £1 (or more if relevant) in an envelope (provided in the card box). Put this envelope in the 'ENTRY SLOT' DOWNSTAIRS on outer entrance door to the LOCKER/CHANGING ROOMS.

Special Seniors Club Matches

On some Thursdays during the year we have special matches. These are listed in the Annual Club Booklet. Notices for these are displayed on the 'Seniors Notice' by the Club Entrance.

Cost and where to pay

The cost is notified on the Entry's Sheet and fees for all Seniors Matches and, incidentally the completed cards are posted in 'Door Slot' downstairs in the Locker/Changing Room.

8. Social Events

Each Tuesday night is treated as a 'get-together' night for all members. At this meeting we have:

- Announcements from the Captain, etc
- The week Saturday game draw
- Snowball Draw - There is no charge for this draw: the cost is included in your Annual Club Subscription. The draw is made on the last Saturday of each month:
 - 1st prize is paid to a member in the room at the time of the draw



- 2nd, 3rd and 4th prizes are paid to members when they are in the club next (see any committee member).

We have an ongoing list of Social Events on various Saturdays during the year with relevant notices displayed.

9. Storage of Trolleys and Buggies

There is a Locker facility where you can store your clubs and other small items. This costs £25 per annum – please talk to Peter Devereux who allocates this facility

There is a 'Buggy Storage' facility where you can store your buggy. There is no charge for this; however, you do need to pay for your own key – talk to a Committee Member to make arrangements, if applicable.

Keys

The locker room has an external entrance, the entrance requires a 'code number' and a key – talk to a Committee member for this.

10. Car parking & GOLF BALLS

Finally a short note on the very good parking facilities we have. BE AWARE - sometimes golf balls hit cars. Usually they only leave a small circular indent. Whilst insurance may well cover this, it is not often that the golfer appears to be aware that he has hit a car!!!!

Enjoy your membership with the Park Golf Club