

COCKERMOUTH GOLF CLUB

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Cockermouth Golf Club
Men's Section
New Members' Information

Welcome to Cockermonth Golf Club and in particular the Men's Section. This short booklet, together with the 'Competition Purse Document' are designed to help you settle in and hopefully answer any immediate questions you may have. If you have any questions please ask any of the members or any of the officials, they will be happy to help and guide you. On joining the club, you will be given a bag tag and a sticker for your year of membership. Please ensure this is displayed on your bag at all times.

CLUBHOUSE & LOCKER ROOM

Under normal conditions, the Bar Opening Hours are:

	Summer	Winter
Monday	Closed	Closed
Tuesday	11am - 8pm	11am - 3pm
Wednesday	11am - 8pm	11am - 3pm
Thursday	11am - 8pm	11am - 3pm
Friday	11am - 8pm	11am - 3pm
Saturday	10am - 6pm	10.30am - 5pm
Sunday	10am - 6pm	10.30am - 5pm

Food is available on all days apart from Monday

Please see notice boards and club communications for times when the clubhouse and bar opening hours may change.

The Clubhouse closes at 5p.m. in the winter, sometimes earlier dependent on the weather, so don't be stuck out on the course without your shoes and car keys! In the summer the Clubhouse is locked at dusk.

Small and large lockers are available to hire for a nominal annual fee. Please contact the Club secretary if you would like a locker. Similarly we have the facility to store a limited number of trolleys securely under the Clubhouse; please see the Club Secretary if you would like to use this facility and he will give you the code. Outside of the men's locker room is where you will find all the display boards packed with information about the club in general and competitions in particular.

HANDICAPS

To obtain a handicap you must submit 3 x 18 hole scorecards which should be signed by another golfer who has a handicap. (If you do not know anyone who has a handicap, please

contact the Club secretary or Club Captain and they will arrange for someone to play with you.) Cards should normally be submitted over a period of 6 months. Play should be off yellow tees. Please write on the cards that they are "for handicap" and post them in the box underneath the score input screen located in the competition room. The handicap committee will then allocate you a handicap of which you will be notified by e mail. The maximum CONGU® Handicap that can be allotted is 54, however currently the maximum handicap for competitions is 28.

You may enter a competition as soon as you have a handicap.

Golfers joining who have an existing handicap must provide written confirmation from their previous club.

COMPETITIONS

The majority of men's competitions are held on Sunday mornings, however in the summer months competitions through the week are also held.

Club competitions can be viewed on the club website under 'Fixture List'

Please enter by the BRS system outlined in the following TEE RESERVATIONS section
If you are struggling for partners to play with, please contact Steve Hornsby the Club Treasurer.

Competitions currently cost £4 to enter which includes entry into a 2's competition.

Please read the separate "Competition Purse System" document which tells you how to pay to enter competitions.

After the round enter your score into the competition using the input screen in the competition room. Then deposit your card in the box under the screen.

At the end of the competition, when all scores have been entered the website www.howdidldo.com sends you the results and notifies you of any handicap changes. Results of competitions are also posted on the club's website and the notice boards.

The club fixtures are listed on the club website under the section 'Fixture List & Results'

As a new member you are entitled to play in the 'Newcomers Shield' competition. This is open to men, ladies and juniors who have joined the club in the last 2 years. (You can enter it twice !) It is usually the last club competition of the competitive year, played usually in October.

It is played over a weekend, you can play either Saturday or Sunday. Men/Boys off Yellow tees, Ladies/Girls off Red Tees.

Please keep an eye on fixture list for date of competition.

TEE RESERVATIONS

Tees are reserved via the BRS on line booking system.

On joining you should have been issued with a Username. Use this and a password to access and book a tee time.

Tee's can be booked up to 7 days in advance.

SENIOR SECTION

The club have a very active senior section, known as the 'Skylarks'

To be a member you must be over 55 and be at least semi-retired.

Membership costs £5 which is payable annually.

The skylarks have a tee reservation on Thursday mornings from 08:30 - 09:30.

Please arrive before 08:30 so a draw can be made.

Many skylarks also turn up on a Tuesday morning as well, same time ,although this is not an official tee reservation.

Competitions are held throughout the year..

The skylarks organise away days and also play team events against other golf clubs senior sections. These matches are held both home and away.

To find out more about the Senior section and what it has to offer, contact Neil Smith (01900 824814)

MEMBERSHIP ENTITLES YOU TO:

- 1) Members may introduce a maximum of 3 guests each at any one time at a reduced green fee subject to the member signing the green fee book. Playing guests may be entitled to pay one half of the normal green fee on condition they play with the member. No person shall be entitled to be introduced as a visitor or playing guest more than 6 times in one year.
- 2) As a member you qualify for a 'County Card' . This card entitles you to reduced green fees when playing on other courses in the county. When booking a Tee off time notify the club you have a county card and make sure you take it with you and get the card signed.
County cards are available behind the bar.
- 3) You are entitled to members rates when hiring out the buggies

4) Loyalty Cards

As a member you are entitled to a Loyalty card. This can be collected from behind the bar, from the Secretary/Manager or the Treasurer.

This card can be used in the clubhouse for the purchase of food, beverage, golf items etc with the benefit of special prices on food, up to 10% off the menu price when you pay with your loyalty card.

Cards must be presented by members to obtain social prices on food.

Any money won from the two's competitions automatically goes onto the loyalty card.

Vouchers can be transferred onto the loyalty cards and vice versa, members can convert their loyalty card amounts to a voucher for use with our approved partners.

Those members who pay their subscription in full (i.e. not monthly payments) can offset their loyalty card balance against their subscription fee

WINTER GOLF

Competitions continue to be held throughout the winter months on Sundays however in winter the competitions are non qualifiers for handicap purposes.

From Oct - March winter tees are used and when conditions dictate, winter greens are sometimes brought into play.

During the winter months, to preserve fairways, you are requested to either use a mat on the fairway or play your ball from the rough with preferred lies through the green. Keep an eye on notice boards, golf club communications to know when mats and preferred lies come into play.

Mats can be purchased from the bar.

CLUB COMMUNICATIONS

The main way the club communicate with members is via e mail, however the club has recently upgraded its web page www.ckermouthgolf.co.uk and this is also being used to keep members up to date.

There are various social media outlets which are used by the club to keep members up to date. These are Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The club issue a monthly newsletter giving updates on recent club news.

The secretary also issues regular updates via e mail of any news or up and coming events worthy of note.

There is suggestion book held within the clubhouse, (by the escape door by the ladies locker room exit), this can be used if members have a particular point they want to raise with the Club committee.

The Annual General meeting is held usually towards the end of January. This is an opportunity for members to get an update on the year the club have had and it also gives members an opportunity to ask questions of the officials.

SCRATCH LEAGUE

The club enter a team in the County Scratch League. This is mainly of interest to the better golfers with single figure handicaps. A team of 6 players compete home and away against various clubs. These matches are played in the evenings through the week.

If interested please contact: Gary Simpson Jnr Tel 07944 751287

MIXED COMPETITIONS

There are various mixed competitions throughout the season which you may like to enter. You sign up for a mixed competition on the board outside the Club Secretary's office. You can find out where you are in the draw by looking at the fixture list on the website www.ckermouthgolf.co.uk or on the notice board outside the Club Secretary's office or by telephoning the Club.

OPEN COMPETITIONS

If you want to enter an OPEN at Cockermonth, log onto the club website and using the BRS Booking for Visitors link, you can book online and pay the relevant fees.

If you would like to enter OPENS on other courses, you can do this by logging onto the relevant courses website and booking through their system or by booking through www.golfempire.co.uk

This lists all Open Golf Competitions nationwide and allows you to enter any competition and pay your entry fees.

If you require a handicap certificate for any Open, please contact the secretary

DRESS CODE

Members and Visitors are required to maintain an acceptable standard of dress, both on the course and in the clubhouse

Golf shoes must be worn on the Golf Course (unless under 16 years of age)

Football or rugby tops, vest-type tops and sleeveless t-shirts and non tailored shorts are prohibited on both the course and in the clubhouse

Jeans are not permitted on the course, however smart jeans are permitted in the clubhouse.

The wearing of Golf shoes in the clubhouse is prohibited.

ETIQUETTE ON THE COURSE

Please remember to repair all pitch marks on the green and replace any divots.

If players are in your range, hold off playing your shot until it is clear.

No shouting on the course unless it is to warn golfers of a ball heading their way when you shout 'FORE'

Before teeing off on the first hole, wait until the green is clear.

Do not play to the 2nd green until the 3rd tee is clear.

Do not play to the 4th green until the bell has been rung or you can clearly see the players in front have left the 5th tee. (Prior to leaving the 5th tee make sure you ring the bell)

If you are close enough to reach the 8th green, do not play your shot until players have cleared the 9th tee.

If you are long enough off the tee to drive the 10th green, do not play until you hear the bell. (Make sure you ring the bell when leaving the 10th green)

Do not play to the 11th green until the 12th tee is clear.

Do not play to the 13th green until the 14th tee is clear.

Do not play to the 14th green until the 15th tee is clear.

Do not drive off the 16th tee if players on the 2nd and 17th tees are in range.

Do not play to the 16th green until the 17th tees are clear.

GENERAL TIPS AND INFORMATION

- There is a Club Lottery one entry costs £2 and three entries £5, which can be paid by direct debit on the 1st day of each month, or all at once. A draw is made each month and the winners are posted on the sheet at the end of the bar. Please contact the Treasurer for details.
- The greens staff has priority on the course but will often wait for you, a cheery hand signal ensures courtesy on both sides.

- The greens staff operate a 'course conditions' update on the phone to alert members to course closures in bad weather.
- Social Events – Various social events are held throughout the year, these are listed on the back of the Fixture List
- Annual Prize-Giving is held on a Saturday night in November; if you are a prize winner, it is expected that you make every effort to attend.
- You are able to purchase Glenmuir and Sunderland clothing at preferential rates via the Treasurer. Catalogues are held behind the bar or products can be viewed on line. Members usually buy clothing with the club logo this way
- If you are looking to meet and play with other members in the club, there are two groups who play socially and would welcome you. They are the '10 O'clockers' who meet and play Tuesday and Thursday mornings as the name suggests at 10 o'clock and 'Banky's' group who play on Saturday afternoons.
- Informative websites include:

www.Englandgolf.org,

www.howdidido.com

www.cumbria-lcga.co.uk/

www.randa.org

www.golfempire.co.uk

COCKERMOUTH GOLF CLUB are committed to being:

- RESPONSIVE TO MEMBERS NEEDS: 'MEMBERS FIRST IN EVERYTHING WE DO'
- WELCOMING, FRIENDLY, RELAXED AND INCLUSIVE
- OPEN, TRANSPARENT WITH ACCOUNTABLE DECISION MAKING
- HONEST AND DEAL WITH MEMBERS, VISITORS & ALL STAKEHOLDERS FAIRLY AND WITH INTEGRITY
- SAFE IN EVERYTHING WE DO AND PROVIDING A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT
- FRIENDLY, FROM A WELL TRAINED AND TALENTED TEAM

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All officers of the club and their contact details are listed in the Club Fixture List