



# Mount Pleasant Golf Club

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# Golf at Mount Pleasant

Mount Pleasant Golf Club is open to the public and situated in some beautiful Bedfordshire countryside in the village of Lower Stondon, it is within easy reach of Hitchin, Luton, Bedford and Stevenage.

The Club opened for play in July 1992 and the course has established a reputation for its excellent condition and presentation. It offers both pay and play, as well as flexible memberships.

It is a very attractive 9-hole golf course, with 18 different tees, offering a golfing challenge of nearly 6,200 yards with a par of 70. The layout is always immaculately presented and incorporates an abundance of natural features.

The course has been designed to provide an interesting challenge, as well as a fair test of golf to established players, but not be too intimidating to enthusiastic beginners.

The layout incorporated three meadows, with existing trees, hedges, ponds and ditches. Some 10,000 extra trees, mainly indigenous species, were planted and all of these plantations are now very well established, making for some excellent tree-lined holes.

By using the well-proven construction principals recommended by the English Golf Union and incorporating a good drainage and irrigation system, the course is playable all year round.

Some revisions to the course have taken place over the years. A new 4th/13th green has been built, extending a short par 4 by some 70 yards. The old green was excavated to form a large pond. A new tee has been built for the 18th hole and new tees have also been constructed to add further length for competitions.

We operate a sustainable approach to greenkeeping, with very positive results. Our compost tea program for greens and tees helps to increase the beneficial soil bacteria and our sustainable greenkeeping covers other areas of the course, not just the greens.

Work on the 9-hole extension began in the spring 2017. Keep an eye on our news items on the website and Facebook for the latest updates.

Our fantastic award-winning clubhouse is perfect for a refreshing drink, filling snack or a relaxing dining experience. The new clubhouse opened in 2010 and won the prestigious award of Club Mirror 'Proprietary Club of the Year 2010'.

We very much look forward to welcoming you for what we are sure will be a memorable visit.

# Members

Members at Mount Pleasant enjoy a full programme of competitions throughout the year, both playing against each other and at home and away against other clubs.

We have active and thriving sections for Men, Ladies, Intermediates (19-29), Juniors (under-18s) and Seniors (aged 55 and over). Each group enjoys several friendly matches over the course of the year which offers the chance to test one's game under the pressure of competition as well as to play some of the other courses in the area. Members are also encouraged to enter county competitions.

Within the club itself, one of the most prestigious trophies contested annually are the Club Championships, which seeks to identify the outstanding golfer of the year in each playing category.

Each section runs their own matchplay knockout competitions for pairs and individual players, as well as monthly medals and stableford events. A particular highlight of the year are the respective Captain's Days, which always promise a terrific day out both on the course and off it.

Much of the golf precedes an eagerly anticipated get-together in the clubhouse afterwards, the 9-Hole Championship being one such example, with the competition being followed by a barbecue.

Should you consider becoming a Member of Mount Pleasant? Absolutely. Pop along to one of our club nights held on Wednesdays from May through to September and you will see the camaraderie that exists at the club. New Members are made to feel a part of the club from day one.

# Visitors

Visitors are always welcome at Mount Pleasant. We endeavor to provide a warm welcome and a day out to remember. You do not have to be a golfer to be able to spend an enjoyable time with us. The Fairway Bar & Bistro are open throughout the day where you are always welcome to enjoy a social drink or friendly meal.

If you do come for the golf, players can look forward to an excellent round with some of the fastest and best greens in the area. The course drains exceptionally well and is playable in all but the severest of weather. Juniors and Students (with valid student card) pay a reduced green fee. There are also reductions, at certain times, for Seniors aged 65 and over.

Handicap Certificates are not required for general play at Mount Pleasant. We are a fairly relaxed club, but we do ask visitors to respect our rules, dress code and standard golfing etiquette to ensure their visit runs as smoothly as possible.

# Memberships

Mount Pleasant is an equal opportunities club whereby men & ladies pay the same fees and have the same rights. There are various categories of memberships as listed below. All memberships are subject to the additional England Golf Affiliation fees at time of joining. All prices quoted are inclusive of VAT and at present no joining fees are applicable

## Bronze Membership - £195

- These members pay an annual subscription and a reduced green fee each time they play.
- Tee-times may be booked up to 15 days in advance. There are no restrictions on when these members can play. Use of Smart Golfer Network not permitted.

## Silver Membership - £665

- These members pay an annual subscription with no green fees midweek, except bank holidays, and pay a bronze member rate green fee to play at weekends and bank holidays.
- Tee times may be booked up to 15 days in advance.
- There are no restrictions on when these members can play, however, for weekend and bank holidays, they will play as a Bronze Member and paying a reduced green fee.
- Use of Smart Golfer Network permitted.

## Gold Membership - £895

- These members pay an annual subscription and no green fees.
- Tee-times may be booked up to 15 days in advance. There are no restrictions on when these members can play. Use of SmartGolfer Network permitted.

## Joint Silver Membership - £1210

- Same conditions as above

## Joint Gold Membership - £1560

- Same conditions as above

A Joint membership is classified as two individuals living as a couple residing at the same address.

## Membership Renewals

The membership year commences on 1<sup>st</sup> March and members will be notified in advance of the new rates. Anyone wishing to join part way through the membership year will be calculated on a pro-rotta basis. Payments must be made within the payment due date. After this time non-member green fees will be charged for the next 15 days after which time the membership will cease.

## Direct Debits

Any new members wishing to join and pay on the direct debit scheme will be subject to pay 1 month as a deposit. This is to pay for their golf until the 1<sup>st</sup> instalment has been received **Direct debits cannot be cancelled part way through the membership year. You are required to pay the full amount due.** For more details, please contact the pro shop.

## Members Tee Times

It is advisable for members to use their booking rights to guarantee tee times. Non-members may book 8 days in advance so any members turning up to play without a booking may not be able to play if the course is busy until the next available tee time.

## Other Membership Benefits\*

- Mount Pleasant is part of the SmartGolfer Network, play for FREE at over 30 other courses, Gold & Silver memberships only, excludes Junior memberships
- Members qualify for a member top up card, offering a 10% discount for own consumption food & drink products
- Members qualify for a 50% reduction in room hire for private functions
- Members Club nights, April to September every Wednesday

\*Terms and Conditions apply to all additional benefits and Management reserve the right to amend or withdrawn at any time.

## Adult and Intermediate Green Fees

Intermediates, 19-29 years old, pay the adult green fee rate, unless a Student with a valid Student card. Please see the Junior & Intermediate section for more information.

	9 Holes	18 Holes
<b>Non-Members</b>		
Weekdays	£11.5	£20.5
Weekends	£14.5	£25.5
<b>Bronze Members</b>		
Weekdays	£9	£14.5
<b>Bronze &amp; Silver Members</b>		
Weekends	£11	£18.5
<b>Members Guest</b>		
Weekdays	£10.5	£18.5
Weekends	£13	£22

**Seniors (Over 65) - Weekdays only and tee-off before 2:00pm**

	9 Holes	18 Holes
Members	£7.5	£11.5
Guest	£9	£15.5
Non-Member	£9.5	£17

## Tee Times

It is advisable to book a tee-time. Non-members may book 8 days in advance so any members turning up to play without a booking may not be able to play if the course is busy until the next available tee time.

# Juniors and Intermediates

Our PGA golf professional specialises in Junior golf academies, holiday clubs and individual lessons. Please ask in the proshop for details and upcoming dates.

Juniors with a handicap are welcome to play in all club competitions, except Seniors competitions, subject to the handicap limit in the entry conditions for each competition.

Junior boys with a handicap greater than 28, or do not yet have a handicap, should play from the red tees in competitions, and at all other times unless advised otherwise. Junior boys with a handicap of 28 or less should play from the yellow tees for general play and from the white tees in competitions. Junior girls play from the red tees at all times.

The club operates an equity, equality and equal opportunities policy with regards to male and female juniors competing together in Junior competitions.

Junior Handicapping - The Club uses software from Handicap Master, that is approved by CONGU and England Golf, for the allocation and maintenance of Juniors handicaps.

Child Protection Policy - The Club acknowledges its duty of care to safeguard the welfare of children, defined as those under 18, involved in golf within the club. All children have a right to protection, and have their particular needs taken into account.

## Juniors and Intermediate Green Fees

**Bronze** - Intermediates (19-29 years) pay the adult green fees, unless a Student with a student card. Please see the table below for current rates.

**Gold** - Members do not pay a green fee, this is included with membership.

	<b>9 Holes</b>	<b>18 Holes</b>
	Junior (U18)/ Student with card	Junior (U18)/ Student with card
<b>Non-Members</b>		
Weekdays	£9	£15.5
Weekends	£12	£20.5
<b>Members Guest</b>		
Weekdays	£7.5	£12
Weekends	£9.5	£17
<b>Bronze Members</b>	(Intermediates only)	
Weekdays	£5.5	£8
Weekends	£7.5	£12

## Junior & Intermediate Membership

Junior & Intermediate memberships are available under the Gold and Bronze membership schemes. If you are aged between, 19 and 29 please refer to our Junior/Intermediate section for Intermediate membership rates.

A membership application form can be found at the back of this brochure.

### Guidelines

No restrictions to when Junior Members can play, subject to booking

- **6 - 10 yrs** - Must play with an adult, over 18 yrs. One guest per member permitted, others pay non-member rate and no more than 2 Juniors per game
- **11 - 15 yrs** - One guest per member permitted, others pay non-member rate and no more than 3 Juniors per game
- **16 - 18 yrs** - One guest per member permitted, others pay non-member rate and no more than 3 Juniors per game, unless all with handicap

### Juniors and Intermediate Membership Fees

Age group*	Bronze	Gold
Under 12 yrs	n/a	£75
12 - 15 yrs	n/a	£105
16 - 18 yrs	n/a	£150
19 - 22 yrs	£120	£265
23 - 24 yrs	£120	£425
25 - 27 yrs	£150	£580
28 - 29 yrs	£150	£740

\*age at time of joining

All prices are per annum and all new memberships are subject to England Golf Affiliation fees, payable at time of joining.

There is no waiting period or extra fees from intermediates to adult membership, you automatically progress to adult fees.

**Other benefits** - Juniors & Intermediates qualify for a member top up card, offering a 10% discount for own consumption food & drink products (terms and age restrictions apply). Please ask for more information.

# Forces and Services

If you a serving member of the **Armed Forces, Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, Police Force, Fire & Rescue Service or Emergency Service** please ask about our special discount Gold membership rates. Valid ID must be provided.

Benefits include:

- Discount on annual Gold membership subscriptions
- No joining fees
- No green fees
- 10% saving on bar & food purchases
- Obtain a handicap
- Eligibility to play in Club competitions
- Be part of a friendly club, which offers many social events throughout the year
- Play free at more than 30 other courses in the South East - See Smart Golfer Network section for more information - terms and conditions apply

	Payment in full*
25 Years & Over	£610
19 - 24 Years old	£285

\* All new memberships are subject to England Golf Affiliation fees, payable at time of joining

**Direct Debit** - Includes service charge of 5.6%

1 months membership will be taken at the time of joining, along with EG fee. Remaining balance will be financed and paid over a 10-month period. This is a 12-month contract and therefore cannot be cancelled.

## **Serving members being posted**

Those members of the forces that may be posted during the membership period may have their membership suspended **ONCE** for the length of time that they are away and can resume their membership upon returning. This is only available to those that pay in full.

## **Terms & conditions apply**

New memberships only. Proof of ID required, all ID will be checked and verified. Any abuse of discount could result in membership being revoked with no refund.

A membership application form can be found at the back of this brochure.



# General Information

## Handicaps

The Club's handicap software provider is Handicap Master, which enables access to a website that displays member's handicaps, club competition results and future events etc. The website can be accessed via a PC or a mobile by entering [masterscoreboard.co.uk](http://masterscoreboard.co.uk) in to the search engine of your computer or phone and by following the links provided.

## Pro Shop and Lessons

The pro shop personnel will be happy to help with any of your golfing needs and questions. Golf tuition is available all year round and members are advised to contact the pro shop for the latest tuition rates. Available from the pro shop are a range of club crested garments and it is the aim of the club to encourage the wearing of these garments during matches against other clubs and by members in general.

## SmartGolfer Network

Available only to Gold & Silver Memberships - excludes Juniors.

The SmartGolfer Network offers members access to other golf courses inclusive within its own membership charges. The access of network club's members to each other's courses is not open ended. Each club in the network makes available 2 tee times per day, Monday to Friday, as being available to other SmartGolfer network club members. Once those times are taken, it is at the discretion of the host club as to whether they will allow further tee times on that day. Access can be gained at the weekends but at the discretion of the host club. On days where the host club is busy with golf societies, competitions etc. the host club has the option to not offer any tee times on that day.

Full terms and conditions are available from the pro shop. There are currently over 30 clubs in the network which members can play 2 rounds a year. Go to [www.smartgolfer.co.uk](http://www.smartgolfer.co.uk) for details of the reciprocal golf rules and to see the list of golf clubs in the SmartGolfer Network. SmartGolfer is only available to Gold and Silver members; however, Bronze members may play with Gold and Silver members but they are required to pay the SmartGolfer society green fee.

## Dress code

Naturally we have a dress code and whilst not too strict, we expect all members of your society to abide by it. The dress code is smart casual at all times, both on the course and in the Clubhouse. This does not include tracksuits. Anyone not conforming to the club dress code will not be allowed to participate. Please note no metal spikes are to be worn in the Clubhouse.

## Social Committee

The Social Committee runs social events for members and visitors of the club. The Social Committee also help support the Captains' charities and all playing sections of the club. Please check noticeboards for events run throughout the year such as quiz nights and race nights.

# Bedfordshire County Course Card

The Bedfordshire County Golf Union operates a county card scheme, which is available to all members. The aim of the scheme is to allow members to play at other golf clubs, up to twice a year, at a reduced green fee. This scheme extends to other counties. The County Card, is free to all members.

Please ask at the pro shop for more information. It is a credit card style card valid for 1 year, from 1st April to be validated in future years by the application of a sticker, so should be retained for re-use

## Contact Information

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### Competition Committee

**Chairman:** Brian Sapsed      briansapsed53@gmail.com

**Treasurer:** John Bennett      john.mpgc42@gmail.com

The Competition Committee is elected to organise competitions and events for the enjoyment of the members and visitors. If members have any problems, queries or suggestions, then please contact anyone serving on the Competition Committee.

**Junior Welfare Office:** Mrs Chris Kermath

**Club Captain:** John Finnigan

**Lady Captain:** Ann White

**Seniors Captain:** Brian Sapsed

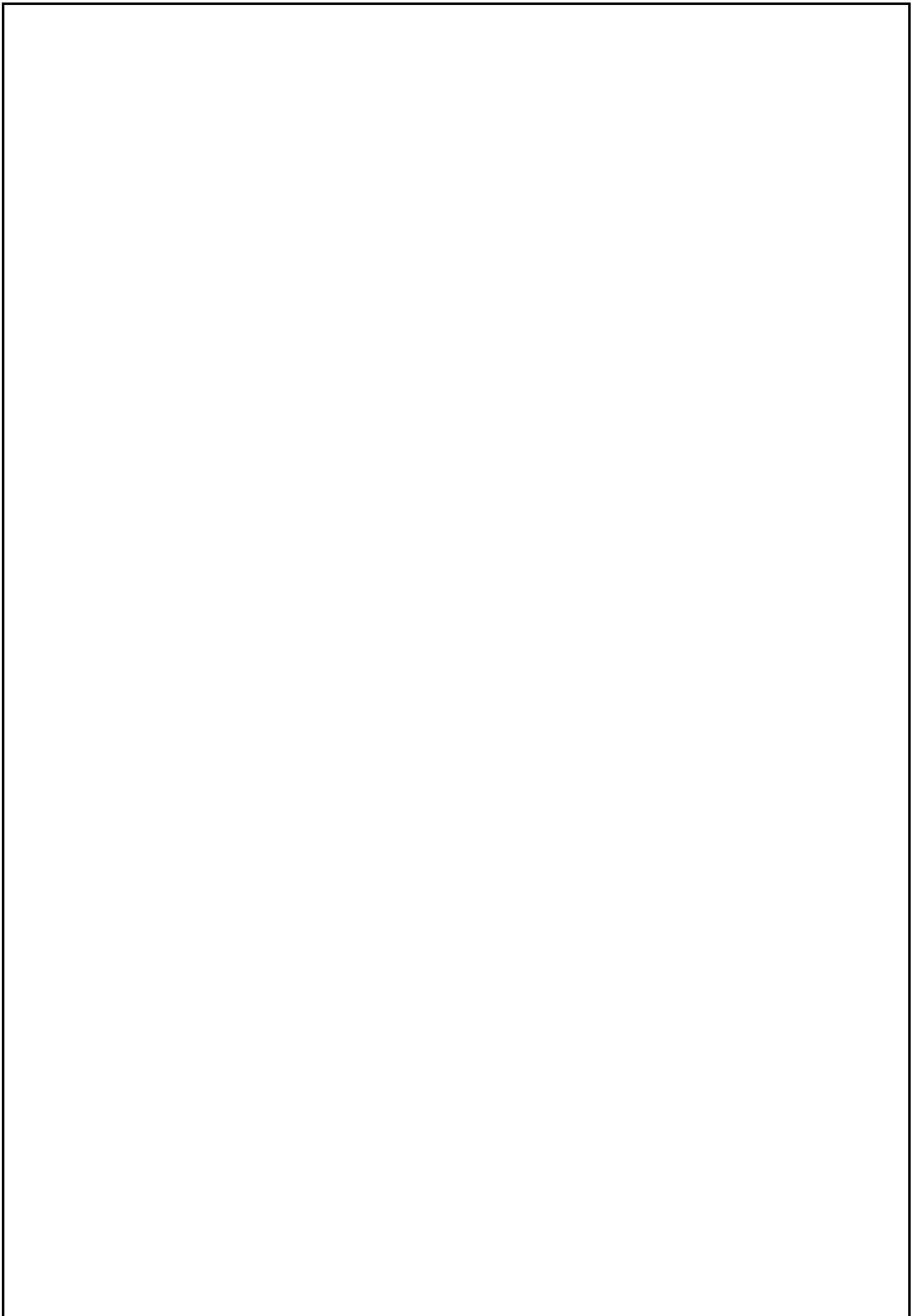
The 2020 Captains are proudly supporting

British Heart Foundation

Parkinson's UK

Essex and Herts Air Ambulance





# Membership Application form

First name			
Surname			
Contact number			
D.O.B		Age	
Email			
Address			
How did you hear about us			
Handicap*			
Home Club			
Other golf memberships			
Services category			
ID provided			

I hereby apply to join Mount Pleasant Golf Club as a playing member and agree to be bound & abide by its rules & constitution

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

By signing you agree to our terms and conditions. Your contact details are used to send you club news and events information, we will not pass your personal information on to third parties and you can unsubscribe from e-newsletters at any time.

Please check this box if you wish for your email address to be used for these purposes

Our Privacy Policy is available on the home page of our website.

#If home Club moved to Mount Pleasant then a transfer of handicap will be required.

<b>Member No</b>	<b>Playing Section</b> Mens - Ladies - Seniors - Intermediates - Juniors - Services
<b>Swipe Card</b>	<b>Category</b> Bronze - Silver - Gold

<b>Staff use only</b>	
Membership fee	
EG fee	
Joining fee	
Total	
Payment method	
Direct debit - balance remaining	
<b>Playing Section - Mens - Ladies - Seniors - Intermediates - Juniors - Services</b>	
<b>Category - Bronze - Silver - Gold</b>	
Membership Pack, including swipe card, bag tag/date strip <input type="checkbox"/>	
Staff initials	
Date	

<b>Membership Secretary's use only</b>	
Membership System	<input type="checkbox"/>
Welcome email, Captain and Handicap Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email database	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff initials	
Date	