

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 endeavour 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.

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
Non-Members		
Weekdays	£11.50	£20.50
Weekends	£14.50	£25.50
Bronze Members		
Weekdays	£9.00	£14.50
Bronze & Silver Members		
Weekends	£11.00	£18.50
Members Guest		
Weekdays	£10.50	£18.50
Weekends	£13.00	£22.00

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

	9 Holes	18 Holes
Members	£7.50	£11.50
Guest	£9.00	£15.50
Non-Member	£9.50	£17.00

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.

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 - £185.00 pa

- 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 - £630.00 pa

- 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 - £850.00 pa

- 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 - £1150.00 pa

- Same conditions as above

Joint Gold Membership - £1480.00 pa

- Same conditions as above

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

Membership Renewals

All new membership renewals will be subject to a rolling renewal date, 12 months after initial joining date. 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 1st 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 Sept every Wednesday

Please ask a member of staff for more information

*Terms and Conditions apply to all additional benefits and Management reserve the right to amend or withdrawn at any time.

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.

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 see below for 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
- Play free at more than 30 other courses in the South East - terms and conditions apply
- Be part of a friendly club, which offers many social events throughout the year

	Payment in full*	Direct Debit*	Standing Order*
Adult#	£640.00 pa <i>(saving £210.00)</i>	£61.95	£59.00
28 - 29 yrs	£525.00 pa <i>(saving £175.00)</i>	£50.82	£48.50
25 - 27 yrs	£415.00 pa <i>(saving £135.00)</i>	£40.17	£38.00
23 - 24 yrs	£300.00 pa <i>(saving £100.00)</i>	£29.04	£27.50
19 - 22 yrs	£190.00 pa <i>(saving £60.00)</i>	£18.39	£17.50

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

Direct Debit - Includes service charge
12-month contract, therefore cannot be cancelled
Police, Ambulance and Fire Service Only

Standing orders - No commitment/no contract
Can be ceased at any time or suspended if posted
Armed Forces Only

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

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.

Please keep an eye on the noticeboard and e-mail correspondence regarding this exciting new collaboration.

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.

	9 Holes	18 Holes
	Junior (U18)/ Student with card	Junior (U18)/ Student with card
Non-Members		
Weekdays	£9.00	£15.50
Weekends	£12.00	£20.50
Members Guest		
Weekdays	£7.50	£12.00
Weekends	£9.50	£17.00
Bronze Members	(Intermediates only)	
Weekdays	£5.50	£8.00
Weekends	£7.50	£12.00

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	£70
12 - 15 yrs	n/a	£100
16 - 18 yrs	n/a	£140
19 - 22 yrs	£120	£250
23 - 24 yrs	£120	£400
25 - 27 yrs	£150	£550
28 - 29 yrs	£150	£700

*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.

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 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 2018 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 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, murder mystery evenings, Christmas carols, 'Ascot' afternoon tea, race nights etc.

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

General Manager: Tara Simkins	01462 810100	tarasimkins@mountpleasantgolfclub.co.uk
Course Director: Gavin Simkins	07833 100799	coursedirector@mountpleasantgolfclub.co.uk

Competition Committee

Chairman: Brian Sapsed	briansapsed53@gmail.com
Treasurer: John Bennett	john@johnbennet.plus.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: Luke Fensome	07880 786437	luke.fensome@oracle.com
Lady Captain: Alison Stroomer	07986 799980	astrooms@aol.com
Seniors Captain: Paul Gilbert	07516 131634	paul.reeve.gilbert@gmail.com

The 2019 Captains are proudly supporting



Societies

Society bookings are welcome at Mount Pleasant Golf Club, any time during weekdays and on weekend afternoons. The course is always in excellent condition and playable all year round. You can be sure of an extremely warm welcome from our staff, at all times.

We consider a society to be a minimum of 12 players, up to a maximum of 48 for golf. We can cater for more.

Provisional bookings can be held for up to seven days and are only secured upon receipt of a 10% non-returnable deposit. Final numbers must be confirmed 7 days before your event. Any reduction in numbers with less than 48 hours' notice will incur a fee of up to 50% of the green fee and the full cost of the meal. Unfortunately, if numbers drop below 12, we cannot apply Members Guest rates and therefore green fees will be charged at the applicable rate. Please make cheques payable to Mount Pleasant Golf Club.

Our pro shop can offer a variety of prizes for your day and golf clubs, trolleys and buggies can be hired on the day. Please request these in advance.

You are welcome to play 9, 18, or 27 holes, depending on the size of the group and your golfing requirements. Longest drive, recommend 5th or 14th and nearest the pin, recommend 1st, 10th or 17th can be provided if required.

We would prefer societies to play in three balls wherever possible; however, we reserve the right to insist on a specific playing format depending on the number of players indicated.

When choosing your meal, depending on the number of holes you play you may wish to select various options from the menu, i.e. Baps before tee-off and a main & dessert for after your round. Please note that only one main meal and dessert option may be chosen from the menu for the whole group, unless specific dietary requirements. Our society menu is guaranteed to satisfy even the largest of appetites and features golfer's favourites such as ham, egg and chips or sausage, mash & onion gravy, together with a large selection of other mouth-watering options, steak & ale pie or beef lasagne. We will try to meet all your requirements to our highest standard and should you require slight variations to this menu we are happy to discuss this with you. Please make us aware of any special dietary requirements at time of booking.

Here at Mount Pleasant Golf Club, it is always a pleasure to meet new members, visitors and guests. If we can assist you with any queries or questions that you may have then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

A booking form is available at the back of the brochure or we are happy to post/email booking forms to you. Please let us know if you require this. Your booking is only provisional until the booking form is returned, fully completed, with the non- fundable deposit.

Society Green Fee Rates

	Weekdays	Seniors*	Weekend pm
9 holes	£10.50	£9.00	£13.00
18 holes	£18.50	£15.50	£22.00
27 holes	£27.00	n/a	n/a

*Aged 65 or older - Available weekdays only and tee-off before 2pm

Society Menu

Baps

Bacon or Sausage bap - £3.95

Coffee per head - £1.00

Breakfast

9-hole breakfast - sausage, bacon, egg, hash brown, beans, tomato, mushrooms & toast - £6.50

18-hole breakfast - 2 sausages, 2 bacon, 2 eggs, hash brown, beans, tomato, mushrooms & toast - £8.50

Meals - £8.50

Honey roasted ham, farm egg, chips & beans

Chicken & leek pie, baby potatoes and vegetables

Chicken stroganoff, baby potatoes, vegetables

Beef lasagne, garlic bread, mixed leaf salad

Steak & ale pie, baby potatoes, vegetables

Sausages, mash and onion gravy, vegetables

Cottage pie, vegetables

Chilli con carne, rice, nachos

Desserts - £5.25

Apple crumble & custard

Bread & butter pudding & custard

Fresh fruit pavlova, Chantilly cream

Chocolate brownie & vanilla ice cream

Sticky toffee pudding & vanilla ice cream

Vanilla cheesecake, with poached coulis

Spotted dick & custard

Treacle tart & custard

Coffee is not included but can be ordered in advance for your arrival or after the meal at £1.00 per head.

Only one main meal and dessert option may be chosen from the menu for the whole group, unless specific dietary requirements. All our catering is freshly prepared & cooked in our kitchen.

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.

Contact Information

Events Manager:	Natasha Tocha	01462 810104	events@mountpleasantgolfclub.co.uk
Head Professional:	Laurie Rosewell	01462 850999	proshop@mountpleasantgolfclub.co.uk

Society Booking Form



Society name						
Society date						
Contact name						
Email						
Address						
Tel No.				Mobile No.		
Total no. of guests		No. of holes		Tee off time		
	Weekdays	Tick	Seniors*	Tick	Sat/Sun pm	Tick
9 Holes	£10.50		£9.00		£13.00	
18 Holes	£18.50		£15.50		£22.00	
27 Holes	£27.00		n/a		n/a	
Longest drive (recommend 5 th or 14 th)				Nearest the pin (recommend 1 st , 10 th or 17 th)		

Menu - please tick all options required			
Bacon bap - £3.95		Sausage bap - £3.95	
9-hole breakfast - £6.50		18-hole breakfast - £8.50	
Coffee - £1.00			
Meals - £8.50			
Ham, egg, chips & beans		Chilli con carne, rice, nachos	
Steak & ale pie		Chicken & leek pie	
Sausage & mash		Chicken stroganoff	
Cottage pie		Beef lasagne	
Desserts - £5.25			
Apple crumble & custard		Treacle tart & custard	
Fresh fruit pavlova		Vanilla cheesecake	
Bread & butter pudding & custard		Spotted dick & custard	
Chocolate brownie & ice cream		Sticky toffee pudding & ice cream	
Coffee after meal - £1.00			

Please make us aware of any dietary requirements at your earliest convenience - thank you

Your contact details are used to send you club news and event information. We will not pass your personal information on to third parties and you can unsubscribe from e-newsletters at any time. Please tick this box if you do not wish for your email address to be used for these purposes. Our Privacy Policy is available on the home page of our website.

Payment details

	Price per guest	Number of guests	TOTAL
Golf			
Food			
Total			
10% deposit			
Remaining balance to be paid on day*			

*Plus extras incurred on the day

Final numbers must be confirmed 48 hours before - Any reduction in numbers with less than 48 hours' notice will incur a fee of up to 50% of the green fee and the full cost of the meal. Unfortunately, if numbers drop below 12, we cannot apply Members Guest rates and therefore green fees will be charged at the applicable rate.

Playing format

We would prefer societies to play in three balls wherever possible; however, we reserve the right to insist on a specific playing format depending on the number of players indicated.

Membership Application Form



Title			
First names			
Surname			
Address			
Tel No.		Mobile No.	
Email*			
D.O.B.		Age	
How did you hear about Mount Pleasant?			
Handicap		CDH No. (if known)	
Home Club#			
Other Golf Memberships held			
Service - Army / Navy/ Police / RAF / Fire & Rescue <small>(delete as appropriate)</small>		I.D. 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 _____

Your contact details are used to send you club news and course information as part of the benefits of being a member. We will not pass your personal information on to third parties and you can unsubscribe from e-newsletters at any time. Please tick this box if you do not 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.

Member No	Playing Section
	Mens/Ladies/Seniors Intermediates/Juniors/Forces
Swipe Card	Category
	Bronze/Silver/Gold

Staff use only

Membership Pack, inc swipe card, bag tag/date strip	<input type="checkbox"/>	Subscription	
		EG fee	
		Joining fee	
Membership number		Total	
Category - Gold/Silver (adult memberships only)/Bronze		Payment method	
Playing Section		Direct debit - balance remaining	
Mens/Ladies/Seniors/Intermediates/Juniors/Forces			
Staff initials		Date	

Membership Secretary's use only

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