



**MOUNT PLEASANT GOLF CLUB**

## Handbook & Diary 2021 – 2022

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## Welcome to Mount Pleasant Golf Club

The Management and Committees extend a warm welcome to all members. We hope you enjoy your golf throughout the year and look forward to seeing you soon.

This year we are excited that the course extension will be ready for opening in May 2021.

Along with this handbook, we also regularly email news and events and updates are posted to social media.



# Club Structure

Management/Proprietors - David, Ruth, Gavin & Tara Simkins

Course Director - Gavin Simkins, General Manager - Tara Simkins

## Captains

Club Captain - John Finnigan

Ladies Captain - Ann White

Seniors Captain - Brian Sapsed

Junior Captain - Jenifer Webb-Tocha

## Vice Captains

Club Vice Captain - Laurence Johns

Ladies Vice Captain - Karen Clark

Seniors Vice Captain - George Bond

Junior Vice Captain - Joshua Simkins

## Competition Committee

Elected

Brian Sapsed (Chairperson)

John Bennett (Treasurer)

Shane Cowie

Elizabeth Everett

Luke Fensome

Craig Pearce

Ex-Officio

John Finnigan

Ann White

Gavin Simkins

## Handicap Committee

Elected

John Bennett

Chris Kermath

Di Little

Andy Stroomer

Ex-Officio

Laurence Johns

George Bond

Karen Clark

Gavin Simkins

## Social Committee

Elected

Tim Baxter (Chairman)

Barbara Brown

Gill Clarke

Gary Gray

Natasha Tocha

Ex-Officio

John Finnigan

Ann White

Brian Sapsed

Jenifer Webb-Tocha

Tara Simkins



## Message from the Captains 2021

Due to the circumstances that have affected the world and local community in 2020, Mount Pleasant Golf Club has asked us to continue in our Captains roles in 2021, which we are pleased to do.

2020 was a year of challenge on all fronts with many of the club competitions and our matches against other clubs being cancelled and club competitions reorganised due to the COVID 19 virus. However, throughout this time the staff and management of the club have worked hard to ensure that the course was in an excellent condition when we were able to play.

Can we thank the various club committees for the work they did last year and we look forward to working with them again this year.

In 2021 we look forward to the opening of the club extension that will surely mean the club will become one of the best 18-hole courses in the area.

We look forward again to being supported by our vice captains Laurence Johns, Karen Clark, and George Bond.

We would like to thank everyone for their patience and look forward to a fruitful 2021.

\*Photo taken Jan 2020 (pre-COVID19)





## Message from the Greenkeeping Team

2020 was a different year for greenkeeping, with Covid-19 closing the course on and off throughout the year. It allowed us to complete more time consuming jobs, e.g. completion of building a new 1st red tee and new 1st white tee and turfing both. We had a very dry period in the spring with only 41mm of rain in 11 weeks which called for a lot of watering especially the new greens, which we watered using the irrigation system nearly every day from April to May. We finally got back to some sort of normality until October, unfortunately it was the wettest month of the year. On a positive, it filled the ponds and got the ditches flowing, which was good to see.

We will be keeping our programme for 2021 the same for the established greens, as it is working well, but we will be making a new programme for the new younger greens, as they are going to need more care and precision. Deciding what type of fertilisers and when to apply them, we will have to tweak it through the year, as and when the weather changes.. We now do not have chemicals to keep worm casts from forming and we have also lost the only contact fungicide for fusarium disease, which makes management a bit trickier, especially in autumn and winter.

The course extension has progressed very well. We were able to get all greens, tees and approaches fertilised and we top dressed and over seeded all the new greens which has made them thicken and recover very well. We were able to get the cutting height on the greens down to 8mm which is only 3mm away from the current greens height which are cut at 5mm, which is our target for spring 2021, along with getting all other areas down to our set cutting heights ready for opening. A monthly course report is pinned to the noticeboard which list the jobs completed for the month and a plan for the next month, with the aim of keeping members up to date with the greenkeeping.



## Mens Section - Match Dates 2021

Saturday 10th April	Home	MOWSBURY PARK
Saturday 9th May	Away	THREE LOCKS
Saturday 19th June	Away	CAINHOE WOOD
Saturday 26th June	Home	THREE LOCKS
Saturday 3rd July	Away	MOWSBURY PARK
Saturday 17th July	Home	CAINHOE WOOD
Saturday 7th August	Away	CHALGRAVE MANOR
Saturday 14th August	Away	TILSWORTH
Saturday 28th August	Home	CHALGRAVE MANOR
Date tba	Home	TILSWORTH

Others:

Saturday 21st August - THE CAPTAINS TROPHY - 1:30pm

Saturday 2nd October - MOUNT PLEASANT LADIES - 11am

Friday 29th October - MOUNT PLEASANT SENIORS - 9:30am

All homes matches tee off at 10.30am. Away match start times vary and are subject to confirmation; please check noticeboards for exact times.

**Scratch and Mid-Handicap team Captains arrange their own County Fixtures during the early part of season.**







## Ladies Section – Match Dates 2021

Thursday 15th April	Home	LEIGHTON BUZZARD (CS)
Wednesday 21st April	Away	MIXED v WYBOSTON (F)
Monday 10th May	Home	DUNSTABLE DOWNS (CS)
Friday 14th May	Home	CHESFIELD DOWNS (F)
Monday 17th May	Away	BEDS & COUNTY (CS)
Saturday 29th May	Home	SOUTH BEDS (CS)
Monday 7th June	Home	TILSWORTH (CS)
Tuesday 29th June	Away	ROYSTON (F)
Thursday 8th July	Away	CHALGRAVE MANOR (F)
Thursday 15th July	Home	CAINHOE WOOD (CS)
Monday 19th July	Away	THE BEDFORDSHIRE (CS)
Thursday 29th July	Away	PAVENHAM PARK (CS)
Wednesday 11th August	Home	MIXED v WYBOSTON (F)
Saturday 7th August	Away	THE MILLBROOK (CS)
Thursday 12th August	Home	ASPLEY GUISE (CS)
Monday 23rd August	Home	MOWSBURY PARK (F)
Thursday 9th September	Home	WYBOSTON (F)
Thursday 16th September	Home	AYLESBURY VALE (F)
Thursday 14th October	Away	BOURN (F)
Date tba	Away	JOHN O'GAUNT (CS)
Date tba	Away	COLMWORTH (F)

Others:

Saturday 21st August - THE CAPTAINS TROPHY - 1:30pm

Saturday 2nd October - MOUNT PLEASANT MEN - 11am

**NOTE: (F) = Friendly Matches (CS) = County Shield Matches**

Match start times vary, please check noticeboards for exact times. The tee is reserved for Ladies on Monday and Thursday mornings for a period from **9:32am**, although Management reserves the right to move these times, if necessary.

On competition days, any Ladies not wishing to enter tee-off after those competing in the competition.



## Senior Section – Match Dates 2021

Wednesday 14th April	Away	COLMWORTH
Wednesday 21st April	Away	MIXED v WYBOSTON
Wednesday 5th May	Away	LUTON HOO
Wednesday 12th May	Home	PAVENHAM PARK
Wednesday 19th May	Away	HENLOW
Wednesday 26th May	Home	TILSWORTH
Wednesday 2nd June	Home	CAINHOE WOOD
Wednesday 16th June	Away	CHALGRAVE MANOR
Tuesday 22nd June	Away	THE MILLBROOK
Wednesday 30th June	Away	TILSWORTH
Friday 9th July	Home	CHALGRAVE MANOR
Wednesday 21st July	Home	COLMWORTH
Wednesday 4th August	Home	HENLOW
Wednesday 11th August	Home	MIXED v WYBOSTON
Tuesday 24th August	Home	THREE LOCKS
Wednesday 1st September	Away	CAINHOE WOOD
Tuesday 7th September	Away	THREE LOCKS
Tuesday 14th September	Home	THE MILLBROOK
Thursday 23rd September	Away	PAVENHAM PARK
Wednesday 6th October	Home	LUTON HOO

Others:

Friday 25th June - BRIAN BAKER TROPHY - 8am

Saturday 21st August - THE CAPTAINS TROPHY - 1:30pm

Wednesday 15th September - PAST CAPTAINS TROPHY - 9am

Friday 17th September - DON HALES TROPHY - 8am

Friday 29th October - MOUNT PLEASANT MEN - 9:30am

Match start times are generally 9am, please check for exact start times. A roll-up operates on Tuesday & Friday mornings, commencing at a tee off time of **8:04am**, although Management reserve the right to move these times, if necessary. Seniors are members aged **55** years or over and Seniors who are over **65** qualify for senior green fee rates on weekdays, up to **2pm**, but **excluding** bank holidays.



# Juniors

Mount Pleasant Golf Club is committed to promoting golf at all levels. We aim to encourage and assist juniors in playing at a level they are comfortable with, whilst ensuring new players are introduced to the game with sound knowledge and understanding of its rules and etiquette. Most importantly of all, we work to assure you that your children are in safe, capable hands. The club acknowledges and closely observes its duty of care in safeguarding the welfare of children. We operate a child protection policy accordingly.

From events and coaching to Junior membership, we provide everything possible to get children involved in the exciting and rewarding world of golf.

2021 sees the Juniors return to the county Tavistock competition. The home competition is scheduled for Sunday 17th July and away competition, at Beds & Co. is Saturday 8th August.

## Junior Handicaps

Juniors with a Handicap Index 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 Index of **>28.0**, or do not yet have a Handicap Index, should play from the **red** tees at all times unless advised otherwise. Junior boys with a handicap of **<=28.0** 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. Mount Pleasant uses software from Handicap Master, that is approved by WHS England Golf, for the allocation and maintenance of Juniors handicaps.

# Handicaps

## Handicap Committee

The club is affiliated to England Golf and therefore uses the World Handicap System (WHS). Generally, adjustments of player's handicap index are made by the England Golf WHS platform. The Handicap Committee meets, as and when required, during the year to discuss issues relating to members' handicaps.

The handicap committee can make adjustments to a player's handicap index as detailed in **Rule 7** of the Rules of Handicapping, in the following ways: -

- Conducting handicap reviews and adjusting handicap indices as a result of these reviews
  - o Including annual reviews of all handicaps or a review at a player's request
  - o Significant changes go to County for review
- Applying penalty scores – if a player fails to submit a score without valid reason
- Withdraw a handicap Index – if a player deliberately or repeatedly flouts the responsibilities of a player under the Rules of Handicapping
- Reinstate a handicap index

A player will be informed if their handicap index is to be changed as a result of a review by the committee and has the right to respond to the committee's decision.

## Handicap Index

### For Male & Female Golfers Plus to 54.0

WHS Handicap Index are recognised externally and enable players to enter both internal and external competitions (e.g. opens and county events) subject to specific handicap limits.

Players with WHS Handicap Index **>28.0** for Men & **>36.0** for Ladies are allowed to enter some but not all club competitions. Check entry conditions when signing up for all competitions.

From 2nd November 2020 all players that had previously been allocated a CONGU handicap will now have been automatically awarded a WHS Handicap Index, based upon scorecards from up to **20** previous qualifying scores.



## Obtaining a Handicap Index

Anyone wishing to obtain a Handicap Index must submit scorecards in any combination of 18-hole or 9-hole cards, so long as the total number of holes played is **54**.

To obtain a Handicap Index a member should comply with the following:

1. Advise the pro shop, before playing each round to confirm that the course set-up and condition is acceptable for handicapping purposes.
2. Play with a marker who must have a handicap index  $\leq$  **36.0**
3. Print Players & Markers name and the date on the card
4. Mark which handicap card (#1, 2 or 3 etc.) and indicate if a junior
5. Men play from the **yellow tees**, ladies (and juniors) play from the **red tees**
6. Ensure that both the marker and player sign the card. (See note 1)
7. Leave completed card in the pro shop or in box outside

## Handicap Software Provider

The Club's handicap software provider is Handicap Master, which enables members to access Master Scoreboard that displays member's Handicap Index, club competition results, scorecard entry and future events etc. The website can be accessed via a mobile phone, personnel computer or tablet etc.

To access Master Scoreboard, follow this link

**<https://www.masterscoreboard.co.uk/mobile/ClubIndex.php?CWID=2113>**

## England Golf & MyEG app

In addition, members can now access the WHS My England Golf platform. When first visiting the platform, you will need to ensure your email address is registered with your golf club and you know your CDH ID. A confirmation code and instructions will then be sent to your email address, just follow these instructions to activate your profile.

If you wish to create an account then just click on this link and follow the instructions.

**<https://members.whsplatform.englandgolf.org/signup>**

Once registered the MyEG app can be download, for free in Apple and Google Play stores. The app provides members with the ability to access their Handicap Index on the go, as well as to easily keep track of their overall playing record on a regular basis. The Course Handicap calculator is a unique feature of the app, enabling members to cross-reference their Handicap Index with whichever set of tees they will be playing from on a particular day, for any course in the country.

## General Play Scores

Players with a WHS Handicap Index may submit an unlimited number of General Play scorecards per year with no restrictions on the number of cards that can be submitted per week. Players may submit **9-hole** or **18-hole** general play cards at any course in GB & NI which has a current course rating and slope rating.

To submit a General Play scorecard at Mount Pleasant a player must:

1. Pre-register on the touch screen system in pro shop, or using Master Scoreboard, before playing each round
2. Print name & markers name (who must have a WHS Handicap Index) & date on the card
3. Men play from the **yellow tees**, Ladies (and juniors) play from the **red tees**
4. Ensure that marker and player sign the card (**See note 1**)
5. Enter scores on the pro shop touch screen computer or using Master Scoreboard after completion of round
6. Leave completed card in the pro shop or in box outside

**Note(1): While COVID-19 restrictions are in place, in order to avoid the exchange of cards, gross scores should be agreed verbally with your marker at the end of the round. Cards may be signed by either the player or the marker. However, it is important whoever signs the card also prints their name.**

**9-Hole general play scores may be over the front or back 9-holes of the course.**

You may submit general play cards from other courses. You must pre-register the card at that course before you go out to play. The method of pre-registration may vary from club to club.

You may be able to return your card to the club where you played and they will enter the score. If this is not possible, please return your card to Mount Pleasant Golf Club, your card must clearly indicate which set of **tees** you played from. From March 2021 you should be able to pre-register and enter your general play scores at an away course using the MyEG App.



# Competitions

## Competition Details

Regular competitions are held throughout the year. The formats of these vary from monthly medals/stablefords to pairs competitions, texas scrambles, all day medals, winter and summer knockouts and major events (competitions with cups/shields and honour boards).

For each competition, there is an entry fee, which you are required to pay before you play. These entry fees are used to fund the purchase of trophies and vouchers for most competitions. In competitions without trophies, prizes will be in the form of vouchers (amateurs may not win cash prizes), which can be redeemed for goods from the pro shop and food & drink in the clubhouse. With a few exceptions, all competitions are open to Men, Ladies and Juniors. Please check entry details on entry sheets.

## How to Enter a Competition

Entry sheets for all competitions are placed on the noticeboard in the clubhouse, **3 weeks** prior to the competition date. Entry books for matchplay knockout competitions are located in the pro shop, **4 weeks** before the start date of the first round.

It is a requirement that all rounds for handicapping purposes (other than those used for the Initial Handicap Award) must be pre-registered either through the computer software or manually. Entering a competition or being named in a draw or a booking system is not in itself pre-registration. Registration must be confirmed on the day itself in the manner prescribed by the Competition Committee.

Club run competitions, unless otherwise stated in the conditions of competition, are not open to members without a handicap index.

### **18-Hole Summer League - Competitions (Handicap Index (Men <=28.0 & Ladies <=36.0)**

These take place generally on the third **Sunday** of each month (**March to October**). Tee-times are drawn from an entry sheet that is placed on the notice board three weeks in advance.

**New for 2021:** League points are now to be awarded to the top **20** players of each competition played. The **18-Hole** League winner will be the player with the **highest** points scored from **5** of the **7** medal/stableford competitions played.

The pro shop handles the booking-in for these competitions and players must have checked in **15 minutes** before their tee time to avoid a penalty.

### **All Day Medals/Stablefords (Handicap Index Men & Ladies <=54.0)**

These generally take place over two days on the second Saturday and Sunday of each month and played either as a medal or stableford format.

There are no set tee-times for these competitions and members play throughout the day booking their own tee-times through the pro shop. Entry fees are paid in the pro shop and players must enter their details in the competition entry book prior to play.

Preferably, entrants should play their round with at least one other member who is playing in the competition. However, they may play their round with another player, or players, not playing in the competition providing the player has a WHS Handicap Index. A player not playing in the competition must play from the general (yellow or red) tees.

### **Major Competitions (Handicaps Index Men <=28.0 & Ladies <=36.0)**

The major competitions are:

Club Championships, Club Handicap Championships, Club 9-hole Tom James Championship, Pairs Handicap Championship, Senior Ladies Championships, Junior Scratch Championship and the Junior Handicap Championship.

To be eligible to enter any Men's, Ladies and Seniors Major Trophy Competitions a member must have a WHS Handicap Index and have played in two 18-Hole Club Competitions that are acceptable for handicapping (**see note 2**) at Mount Pleasant since **1st March** in the year of the competition



## **Matchplay Competitions (Handicap Index Men <=28.0 & Ladies <=36.0)**

All matchplay competitions require that entrants must hold a WHS Handicap Index at time of entry and have played in at least one competition at Mount Pleasant, acceptable for handicapping purposes (**see note 2**), since **1st July 2020**.

**Note 2: 18-Hole General Play scorecards do not count for eligibility to enter into these matchplay and major competitions.**

Other rules of entry will be specific to a particular competition so please read the entry sheets carefully. When entering a matchplay competition you are agreeing to abide by any rules stated in the competition rules posted on the notice board.

## **Ladies-only Competitions (April to October)**

- Ladies-only 18-hole Stableford competitions are held on the first Thursday of the month, with an alternate day on the first Sunday in the month. Ladies may enter either but not both of these competitions. Results from the 2 days are combined to determine prize winners.
- Ladies only 9-hole Stableford competitions are held on the third Thursday of the month.
- Ladies-only 18-hole miscellaneous competitions are held on fourth Thursday of the month, with an alternate day on the first Saturday in the month. Ladies may enter either but not both of these competitions. Results from the 2 days are combined to determine prize winners. The format of these competitions will be determined at the beginning of each month.
- All these ladies-only competitions are open to all lady members with a handicap index.
- Ladies must sign-up in advance for the allocated tee-times for the Thursday competitions
- Ladies are responsible for booking their own tee-times for the weekend alternate day competitions

The Ladies Matchplay Competition (Purlys) is open to all Lady Members with a Handicap Index <= **40.0**.

The Senior Ladies Championships is a maximum score competition open to lady members aged **50** and over with a handicap index <= **36.0** who have played in at least 2 x 18-hole singles strokeplay competitions at Mount Pleasant since **1st April 2021**.

## Seniors Men's Competitions (Handicap Index <=36.0)

These are played either in medal or stableford format, and where possible, in the first and last week of the months **March to October**. The results from these go towards the Seniors Summer League (stableford) and the Seniors Summer Eclectic (medal). Similar Winter Stableford competitions are played once a month **November to February**. Tee-times for all these are drawn from an entry sheets posted on the notice board three weeks in advance. The pro shop handles the booking-in and players must have checked in **15 minutes** before their tee time to avoid a penalty.

## Club Nights (Handicap Index Men & Ladies <=54.0)

Every Wednesday from **31st March to 15th September 2021**, with the tee being booked from between 4:30pm and 6:00pm, depending on the competition being played

The format for **2021** is to be more structured and will consist of **6 x 9-Hole** Summer Leagues (qualifiers), **1 x 9-Hole** Tom James Championship (qualifier), **7 x 9-Hole** Club Event Nights (strokeplay, scramble, pairs betterball, pairs greensomes, team events and 3 clubs & putter etc.) and **12 x Club Night Roll-Ups** (whose scores will count towards an Eclectic result with cash prizes).

The Roll-Ups are to be as previously used, where the members turn-up and join others on the tee for a '**FUN**' type competition, whereas all the other competitions are a signup entry.

## 9-Hole Summer League (Handicap Index Men & Ladies <=54.0)

On the first **Wednesday** of each month (**April to September**) there is an organised **9-hole** competition on the following dates, to compete for the 9-Hole Summer League: **Revised April date due to re-opening.**

<b>April 14th</b>	<b>May 5th</b>	<b>Jun 2nd</b>	<b>July 7th</b>	<b>Aug 4th</b>	<b>Sep 1st</b>
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To enter, members must add their name to an entry sheet, posted on the notice board, three weeks in advance. League points are awarded to the top **20 players** on the evening and the league winner will be the player with the highest points scored from **4** of the **6** competitions.

The scores from these competitions will be recorded as qualifying scores in the players handicap records, in Stableford format, and be used for handicap purposes.



## Winter Competitions

### League & Knockout Matchplay (Handicap Index Men <=28.0 & Ladies <=36.0)

Entry books for these competitions are located in the pro shop, **4 weeks** before the start date of the first round. Matches must be played by the dates shown and in accordance with the rules displayed on the club noticeboards.

### Winter League (Stableford) (Handicap Index Men <=28.0 & Ladies <=36.0)

These competitions are as shown for the monthly medals, except that they are Stableford competitions. Points are awarded to all players and the league winner will be the player with the lowest number of points from 3 of the 4 competition.

## Competition Committee Responsibilities

The Competition Committee is responsible for ensuring that all scorecards are entered correctly into the Handicap Master software on the club computer.

The software adds the gross scores entered, applies the correct playing handicap for the competition format, and generates the appropriate competition scores. The Competition Committee is responsible for verifying and posting the competition results.

For competitions that are acceptable for handicapping, the scores are automatically downloaded by the software to the **WHS** platform overnight and handicap indices are updated the **next day**.

## Tees

Male members **MUST** play from the **WHITE** tees in all competitions, unless otherwise stated by the Competition Committee, and at all other times play **MUST** be from the **YELLOW** tees. Lady members play from the **RED** tees at all times.

## Notification of Results

Competition results and any revised Handicap Index can be viewed on Master Scoreboard and a hard copy of results will be posted on the noticeboard in the week following the competition.

## Players Responsibilities

Scorecards must be marked by a member, with a WHS Handicap Index, and if possible, scores should be entered on the pro shop touch screen computer immediately after completion of round. All completed scorecards should be left in the pro shop, or deposited in the box outside, on the day of the competition.

Players are responsible for making sure that their card has recorded on it:

1. Members & Markers full name
2. Title i.e. competition name or general play
3. Date played
4. Correct gross score for each hole (including penalty shots)
5. Players current Course Handicap for the tee being played
6. Player's signature (See note 3)
7. Marker's signature

Failure to comply with 1, 4, 5, 6, or 7 could result in disqualification from the competition.

In addition, scores can be submitted through smartphones via Master Scoreboard.

All cards submitted are subject to verification before acceptance.

**Note 3: While COVID-19 restrictions are in place, in order to avoid the exchange of cards, gross scores should be agreed verbally with your marker at the end of the round. Cards may be signed by either the player or the marker. However, it is important whoever signs the card also prints their name.**

## Rules

All competitions are run under rules as administered by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club and members should endeavour to carry an up to date rulebook, which is available from the pro shop. Local rules are to be found on the scorecards, club noticeboard and in the pro-shop. Additional rules, that are necessary from time to time, are posted on the noticeboard and displayed in the pro shop. It is the duty of each individual member to be acquainted with these rules prior to play.



## Slow Play

Whilst we do not wish to spoil your game of golf, you should aim to complete your round in no more than 2 hours for 9 holes and 4 hours for 18 holes. If for any reason you are holding up people behind, you should let them play through. Remember that the position of a group on the course is immediately behind the group in front and not immediately in front of the group behind. Under the Rules of Golf, the Competition Committee can penalise you for slow play, if playing in a club competition as follows: First offence: 1 shot penalty - Second offence: 2 shot penalty. Subsequent offences: Disqualification.

## Etiquette

**Always** - rake bunkers (when allowed) after use, **always** - look for and repair any **pitch marks** on the green and always - **replace divots** on the fairway. Trolleys and buggies must **NOT** be taken between any greenside bunkers and the greens.

Be courteous to others on the course and ensure compliance with the Rules of Golf.

**Note 4: When Covid-19 restrictions are in force and rakes are removed, players should use their feet or clubs to smooth bunkers as best they can. Players should also take their rubbish home and not leave it on the course.**

## Rules of Competition Entry

A member who knowingly writes their name on a Competition Entry sheet must email [proshop@mountpleasantgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:proshop@mountpleasantgolfclub.co.uk) **24 HOURS BEFORE THE COMPETITION START TIME** to advise that they are unable to play.

Non-notification or a late notification will result in a fine of the entry fee and a ban from entering club competitions **for 28 days**.

An unacceptable no show on the day of any medal or stableford competition will result in the enforcement of a fine of the entry fee and a **28 day ban**, in accordance with the rules of competition entry. Members are also responsible for their names being on a competition entry sheet and that not knowing is not an acceptable excuse.

## Complaints Procedure

If you have a complaint you should in the first instance, email or send it in writing to the Chairman of Competitions Committee, who will then pass it on to the County Committee if necessary.

## **Disputes or Questions**

During a stroke play round of golf, you may come across situations where you are unsure of the rules. In this case you should complete the hole in accordance with rule 3.3a - you may play a second ball without penalty, however, you must inform your marker that you intend to invoke this rule. Prior to returning your scorecard, you should discuss the situation with a member of the Competition Committee or the club Professional.

All other disputes/questions regarding club competitions should be communicated via the Competition Committee. **No other persons have authority to make rulings.**

## **Competition Dress Code**

Players are requested to wear appropriate golf attire, such as collared or roll neck shirt/blouse, tailored trousers or tailored shorts.

## **Specific Winter Rules**

During the winter months, the main greens generally remain in play during frosty or poor weather conditions and scores in singles 18-hole competitions are still accepted for handicapping purposes. However, if the condition of the course is considered not good enough to warrant scores being used for handicapping, then before the commencement of a competition, the course condition will be declared unacceptable (despite it being playing to its full-length course, with main greens & tees etc.). The scores returned will then not count towards a player's handicap.

In addition, the option to submit general play cards may be suspended due to poor course conditions or closures of main greens/tees or bunkers.

The decision that declares the scores not acceptable for handicapping will be made jointly by a representative of the Competition Committee, pro shop personnel and greenkeeping staff.

Members are reminded that if temporary greens are in use, then play is not permitted from the main greens, relief must be taken in accordance with Rule 25.3. Similarly, during play on normal greens relief must be taken from temporary greens in accordance with rule 25.3.



## Course Extension

It has been a long time coming but the new holes will open in May this year. Most of the area has had 18 months of growing in, which has allowed the grass to bed in well.

During the winter over 400 tree whips have been planted, and more than 60 standard trees. These will take a few years to establish, but will give some definition to the holes over time.

We plan to start cutting the new holes as soon as possible in the spring and gradually lower the heights to match the old holes to create the new 18 hole experience. Once the old and new holes match in heights then we will treat everything as an 18 hole course ahead of opening, allowing the holes to blend together.

The Greenkeeping Team are very much looking forward to this preparation work and then seeing the golfers out on the course enjoying themselves, hopefully!

Having the flexibility to tee off on both the 1st and 10th will be helpful at busy times, or when a large group is playing (senior section!). It will also be great to have competitions where we do not have to create space for the "2nd 9", so the players can continuously tee off with no breaks. This will hopefully lead to a greater interaction of players after the round (within social distancing guidelines!)

This year is going to be a great time in the Clubs history.



# Memberships

Mount Pleasant is an equal opportunities club whereby Men & Ladies pay the same fees and have the same rights. There are various membership categories listed below:

## **Members - Bronze**

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.

## **Members - Silver**

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. Use of Smart Golfer Network permitted.

## **Members - Gold**

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. Forces and Emergency Services Gold memberships are also available.

## **Joint Membership**

Joint memberships are available under the Gold and Silver membership schemes.

## **Junior & Intermediate Membership**

Junior & Intermediate memberships are available under the Gold and Bronze membership schemes.

Please contact [proshop@mountpleasantgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:proshop@mountpleasantgolfclub.co.uk) or call 01462 850999 for more information.

## **Membership Renewals**

All membership renewals are on 1st March each year. 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. All adult memberships can be paid by direct debit, subject to terms & conditions, please ask at the pro shop for more details.

## **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.

## **Members Account Cards**

Below are some of the main points to remember when using your card:

- This is a member benefit and your card is not transferable to others i.e. you should be present for all transactions
- You can use your card in the pro shop and may pay green fees and purchase pro shop goods using your card. Please note no discount is applicable
- The 10% discount applies to food and bar purchases only
- Your card can be topped up, minimum £5.00, at the bar and the pro shop using cash or credit/debit card
- To qualify for the discount your account must be in credit and the whole transaction must be paid for via your account card. Part payment of card and cash is not accepted, you can, however, top up your card mid transaction
- There is no manual override on the till so please remember your card
- Cannot be used in conjunction with any vouchers
- No discount offered on events, such as Mother's Day and Christmas dinners
- Should you resign your membership from the club monies on your card are forfeited

It is hoped that you continue to enjoy the benefits but would like to point out that the club reserves the right to amend these criteria at any time, without any prior notification and reserve the right withdraw the card from any members who do not comply with the terms & conditions.



## SmartGolfer

Available only to Adult Gold & Silver Memberships

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, club 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.

Visit <https://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.



# Pro Shop & Golf Lessons

The pro shop personnel will be happy to help with any of your golfing needs and questions.

A range of club crested garments are available from the pro shop 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.

We are pleased to offer you with an extensive club repair service; including re-gripping, re-shafting and club lengthening.

Golf tuition is available all year round. Laurie and Tom are happy to offer tailor made lessons to ladies, men and juniors, either to learn, improve or just brush up on your game. Our coaching academies held throughout the year, will also accommodate all your tuition needs.

Please contact the [proshop@mountpleasantgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:proshop@mountpleasantgolfclub.co.uk) or call 01462 850999 for up to date pricing and special offers.

## **Prize Vouchers**

Vouchers that are awarded to members for winning competitions can be used to purchase goods and green fees from the pro shop and food and drink in the clubhouse.

### Not Valid For

- Event tickets, such as Club dinner, Committee events, Valentines & Mother's Day
- Golf lessons, club repairs, grips etc. and membership or affiliation fees

### Voucher conditions of use

- Must be redeemed in full, no change given
- Cannot be used in conjunction with a members account card
- Cannot be used to top up a members account card
- Cannot be reduced in value to account for members discount
- Are non-transferable, must be used by bearer only
- Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offers
- Must be used within their expiry date, no extension permitted

Management reserve the right to amend the policy or remove the privilege at any time



## General Information

### **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 (normally members guest rate). 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.

### **Other Events - Social Committee**

The Social Committee run social events for members and visitors of the club. They 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.





## Societies

The club accepts societies at any time during the week and at quiet times during the weekend. Societies may book up to a year in advance. When booking, care is taken to avoid any regular bookings, however, this is not always possible and some regular times may need to be moved slightly to accommodate a group booking.

The club offers a wide variety of society packages from, 9-holes with bacon baguettes up to 27-holes with lunch and evening meal. Members wishing to bring their society or group of friends to play for the day can find more information from the pro shop or website or [info@mountpleasantgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:info@mountpleasantgolfclub.co.uk)





## Major Trophy Winners 2020

Club Champion	Shane Cowie
Lady Champion	Diane Little
Seniors Champion	Harry Stone
Senior Ladies Champion	Diane Little
Junior Champion	Jenifer Webb-Tocha
Veterans Cup	David Mollon
Spavins Matchplay	Cancelled
ColourDecor Pairs	Cancelled
Seniors Pairs Matchplay	Cancelled
Div I Scratch Matchplay	Kesir Sangha or James Curley
Div II Scratch Matchplay	Matt Goddard
Ladies Matchplay (Purlys)	Cancelled
Seniors Matchplay Champion	Cancelled
Men's Handicap Champion	Tony Connolly
Ladies Handicap Champion	Chris Kermath
Seniors Handicap Champion	Alan Little
Junior Handicap Champion	Antony Webb-Tocha
Tom James Champion	Noel Loftman
Queen Mother Trophy	Cancelled
Presidents Putter	Cancelled
Winter Eclectic (2019)	Neil Cole
Pairs Champions (Diamond Bowl)	Harry Stone Alan Jones
Pairs Winter Foursomes (2019)	Steven Poulsen Matt Goddard
Pairs Winter League (2019)	Alan Ottolangui Barry Ottolangui

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