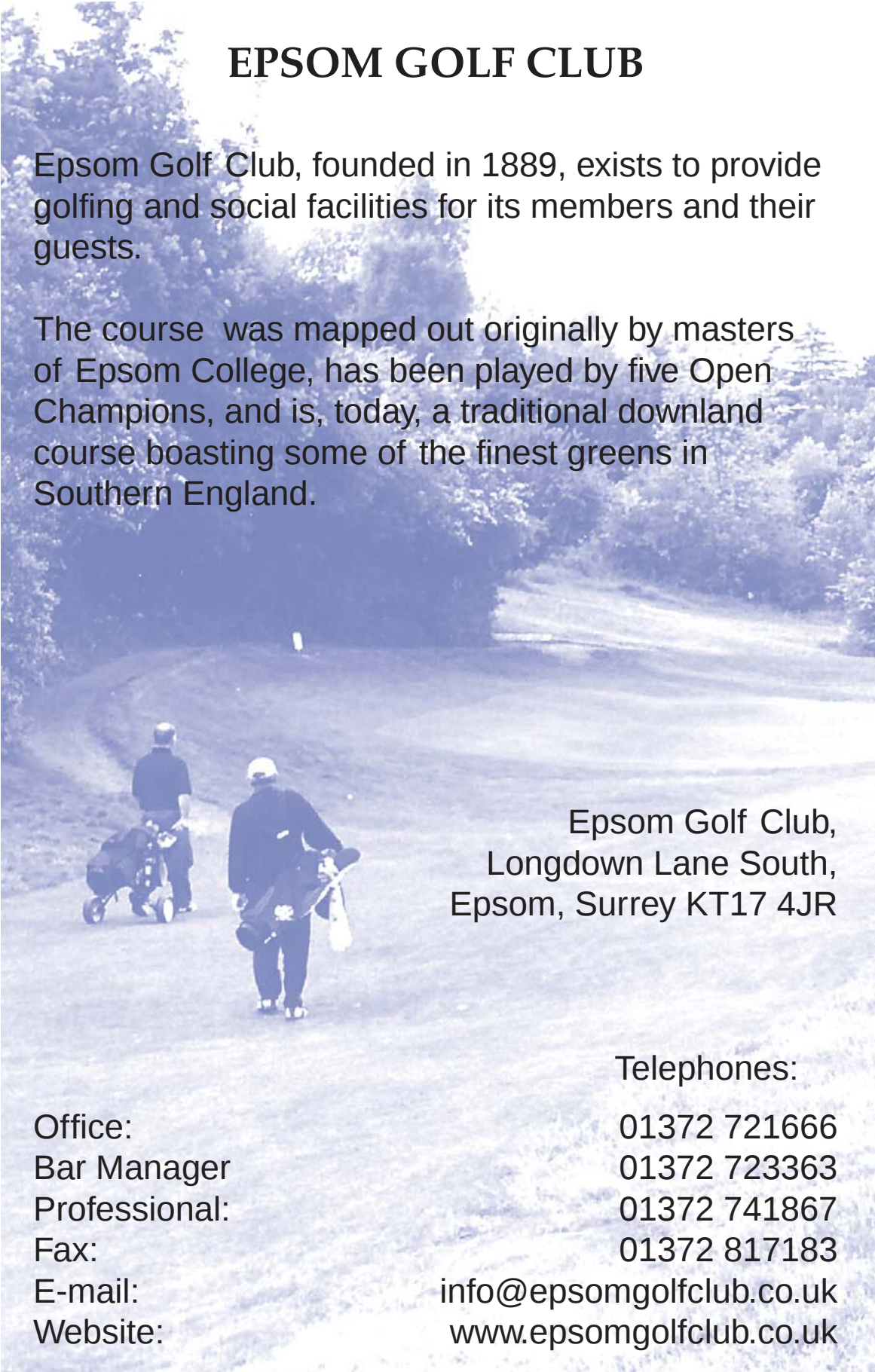


EPSOM GOLF CLUB



Junior
Members'
Handbook
2010/11



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Epsom Golf Club, founded in 1889, exists to provide golfing and social facilities for its members and their guests.

The course was mapped out originally by masters of Epsom College, has been played by five Open Champions, and is, today, a traditional downland course boasting some of the finest greens in Southern England.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Junior Section at Epsom Golf Club aims to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children and young people can enjoy the Royal and Ancient game of golf.

This includes introducing them to the rules, including those on etiquette, the basics of the game, the handicap system and then to competitions both 'internal' and at other clubs (invitation and open events and matches).

It ensures that all those who work with children and young people understand and comply with the Club's Child Protection Policies and Practices through a rigorous selection procedure (including CRB checks) and also undertake appropriate training both on CCP issues and on how best to instruct on playing the game.

WELCOME

from the President:

When I was your age, I lived very close to a golf course, but in those days the prospect of a young person playing golf was almost unheard of. Unlike me, you are all in a very fortunate position, having the opportunity to take up golf at such an early age. I am starting my first of three years as the President of Epsom Golf Club and I am very pleased to see the numbers of you who regularly come to the Club to attend teaching sessions and to play golf on the course. The speed with which many of you improve from beginners to proficient golfers never ceases to amaze me. Our Junior Section has gone from strength to strength over the past few years, with members competing successfully in local, County and national competitions. The enthusiasm and ability of our team members is so encouraging. All of this is in no small part thanks to our enthusiastic group of Junior Leaders and equally to you, the members of the Junior Section. The Junior page of the Club's website provides up-to-date information of our Team and individual successes. For most of you, the game is about enjoying the company of your friends whilst competing against one another on a challenging course with wonderful scenery. Golf is a unique sport in which players of all ages and abilities can play competitively against one another because of the handicapping system. Indeed many of the better players in the Junior Section successfully compete in ladies and men's competitions. The Rules of Golf require all of us to show consideration to others both on and off the course. The Junior Leaders are there to help you learn the Rules and etiquette of golf. I hope you all have a most enjoyable year and look forward to meeting many of you at one or more of your events.



John Chard
President

and the Captains:

One of my main tasks as Club Captain is to ensure that everything we do helps members, new and old, to feel welcome. We pride ourselves at Epsom as being a warm, friendly and sociable club. Over the past few years we have developed a purposely qualified and trained Junior Leader Team to be available for Junior Members. The team organise coaching, competitions, matches and social events to help both newcomers to settle in and for the well-established members to obtain the maximum benefits of the Club. Whether you are a 'novice' or a 'veteran' they will help you to experience the adult world and to understand some of the traditions and customs of a members golf club. Whilst golf is a game, to be played mainly for fun and enjoyed, it does enable young people to



practice at being adults. This can be measured by their behaviour in the Clubhouse, etiquette on the course and their demeanour when representing the Club at other venues. I wish you good luck, and hope to meet you at some time during my year.

Roger Wildig
Club Captain

Ladies' golf has been played on the Downs for over a hundred years but it was not until 1909 that ladies were officially admitted to membership of Epsom Golf Club. The Junior Leader team recognises that girls have different needs to boys and this determines their behaviour. They are social animals preferring to spend time in developing relationships rather than letting off energy. So girls are sure of a warm welcome not only from the Junior Section but also by the Ladies' Section. And girls can have as much fun as boys in playing golf. The handicap system ensures that, as far as possible, they can play against boys on equal terms. Enjoy your golf.



Helen Davies
Lady Captain

Our Junior Section is one to be proud of and I'm privileged and pleased to be your Captain this year. It has won many prestigious awards. The Club has been the first in the country to gain some of them. So what does it mean to be Junior Captain? Well of course, I lead the Club in those Junior matches where I am not prevented to do so by age or handicap. I also serve on the Junior Committee to ensure that a Junior Member's input is available. I can speak on your behalf and ensure that your viewpoint is expressed. I can only do that, of course, if you tell me what that is. If there is something you don't understand about the Club or the rules or anything else for that matter please speak to me or my Vice-Captain, Elliott Wood. If we don't know the answer we'll be sure to know someone who does. We are here to serve your interests. And, however, good we think we are, the game is played for pleasure. If you are a budding Lee Westwood we'll give you all the support you need to rise to that higher level, but for most, just enjoy the game and treat it as an enjoyable pass-time. Have fun!



Jamie Debrou
Junior Captain

INTRODUCING THE JUNIOR TEAM

The Junior Team comprises a number of adults each with separate but complementary jobs which together ensure that the Section runs smoothly. These are:



Susan Ward (Junior Organiser*) chairs the Junior Committee, arranges all the internal Club competitions as well as team selection for representative competitions.

Susan can be contacted on 07752 585416.



Gary Debrou (Team Manager*) organizes league, knockout and friendly matches.

Gary can be contacted on 020 8786 7254 (home) and 07939 586676 (mobile).



Pat Inns (Team Manager*) organizes the U14 and East Surrey Masters Leagues.

Pat can be contacted on 020 8393 9289 (home) and 07811 197866 (mobile).



Clem Simpson (Level One Coach*) takes on the organisation of courses both for members and non-members.

Clem can be contacted on 020 8224 2418.



Ria Gregory (Girls Development Officer*) is responsible for the junior girls.

She is also the coordinator of the Tuesday / Sunday roll ups and **Child Welfare Officer**.

Ria can be contacted on 01372 722531.



David Franklin (Schools Development Officer*) organises the Club's programme in local schools where we offer TriGolf and Golf Xtreme sessions.

David can be contacted on 01372 727205.

* Denotes members of the Junior Committee (with the Junior Captain)

In addition, there are a number of key personnel to assist members:



David Bowles (Secretary/Manager) looks after all the managerial responsibilities within the Club including staff issues, admin and business building.

David can be contacted on 01372 721666.



Linda Davies (Bar Manager) Responsible for the bar, food and drinks.

Linda can be contacted on 01372 723363.



Stuart Walker, the Club's Golf Professional provides coaching and runs the Pro Shop from which equipment, drinks and confectionery can be obtained. He controls the tee booking system. Please always ensure you let the Pro Shop know when you intend to play.

Stuart can be contacted on 01372 741867.

SO WHAT'S IT FOR

“The Spirit of the Game”

Under the section on Etiquette, the R&A emphasises the spirit in which the game should be played. It suggests (page 19):

“Unlike many sports, golf is played for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.”

At Epsom, not only do we expect these standards and values to be adhered to, we believe they are the cornerstone of a civilised society. Golf is one activity which teaches the young the importance of these basic values; integrity, honesty, discipline, courtesy, consideration of others, abiding by the rules and sportsmanship. The Junior Leader Team accepts the challenge of enabling those young people in their charge to translate these values to the wider world they inhabit, to the communities of which they are part so that they can share in the creation of caring communities where individualism is minimised to the greater good. That is why we at Epsom promote Junior Golf.

In addition, and as part of this wider ambition, we recognise the need to:



Promote the game in accordance with the rules and regulations as approved by R&A Rules Limited (formally the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews).



Encourage junior members to learn how to play golf, through active involvement with other sections of the Club.



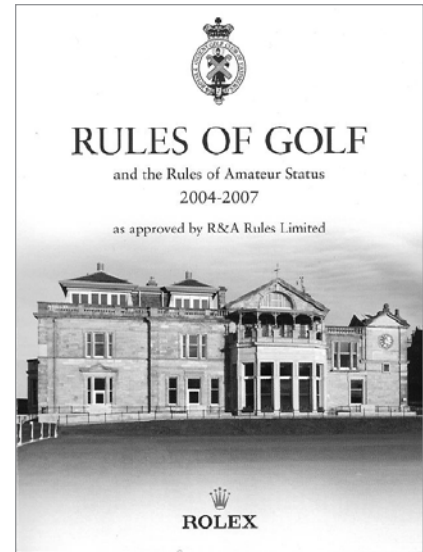
Encourage junior members to play in inter-club matches and competitions.



Assist junior members to practise at being adults, by adopting a mature approach to life and by developing self-confidence.



Promote those who demonstrate the appropriate attitudes, behaviour and abilities, to the various regional and national bodies that are involved in junior golf development.



WHAT WE DO

The primary purpose of the Club, obviously, is to promote the game of golf. The Club recognises that with Junior Members, often raw to the game, special measures need be put in place to ensure they benefit from their membership. They need to learn its basics, to make full use of the practice facilities, to play on the course, and to receive coaching from the professionals and members of the Junior Team (qualified to offer this assistance). Once they reach an acceptable standard they can enter competitions where they can pit their skills against those of other members and then represent the Club in matches against other clubs or being entered into competitions at other clubs.

Junior golf at Epsom has enjoyed a unique period of development both in terms of numbers and in terms of what we can offer young people. In recognition of this growth three years ago the Club was awarded the Junior Golfmark by the English Golf Partnership, one of the first clubs in the country to gain such recognition. To complement and augment this award, Epsom received the ClubMark by Sport England, the very first golf club to be given this accolade. The Golfmark has recently been reviewed for a further 3 years and now incorporates the Clubmark. The Club has also been awarded the Gold Star to add to the ClubMark for consistent achievement, again the very first golf club in the country to get this.



Handicaps:

Golf, uniquely, enjoys a handicap system enabling the novice golfer to compete with the most experienced on

equal terms. So it's important that new members to the Junior Section get a handicap as quickly as possible, and here we've introduced one of the special measures. The CONGU system allows for men to receive handicaps of up to 28 and ladies to 36. At Epsom we have introduced a 'Club Handicap' system for beginners whereby they can be awarded a handicap of up to 54 having been assessed over 6 holes. Once they then reach a level to justify a CONGU assessment they can submit three cards signed by a player with a handicap and then be awarded a handicap of up to 36. This makes them eligible to play in official club Junior competitions.

One of the things you need to learn quickly is how to mark a card as if this is not done correctly it can cause embarrassment or even disqualification. (Pages 24 and 25 show how this should be done.)

Competitions

As a novice, and until you get a CONGU handicap, you may ask what's in it for you? Apart from coaching you are allowed to make full use of the practice facilities which we hope to improve in the near future. In addition we do hold a number of 'taster' competitions for Junior members with Club handicaps, usually at the half-term breaks. In these you will be accompanied by a Team member and usually play six holes. We then have a few nibbles and a drink and announce the prize winners. And it gets better; at Christmas we have a festival competition day to which all members are invited. The experienced players play 18 holes and the high handicappers 13 with the novices again only playing 6.

Then we have a Christmas lunch and the prize-giving. As previously mentioned once you have a handicap of 36 or less you are entitled to enter the regular competitions. These are detailed in this handbook and entry sheets are posted on the Junior Notice Board by the staff entrance to the lounge bar.

All you need to do is add your name to the list and turn up. To inspire you to practise and improve your game the list of last year's winners is provided on page 19. It is important that you check the Junior Notice Board for changes of date, times or entry requirements for qualifying events.

Matches

A large Junior Section enables us to play in a number of matches against other clubs. Some are friendlies, others League or knock-out team competitions. These include:

- The Fairways Trophy, a knock-out competition for teams of 6 played on a home and away basis, with handicap limits of 24 for boys and 36 for girls.
- The Keppler League, teams of 6, where players are selected with handicaps of 0-11, 10-18 and 16-28.
- The Kingston League, 6 singles matches with a maximum handicap of 24.
- The Christies Cup, team of 3.
- Surrey Boys Knock-out.
- The Surrey Under 14s Rookie League, team of 4.
- East Surrey Masters League, team of 4 with a maximum handicap of 28.

Friendly matches are played against local clubs as the diary allows.

A recent innovation has been a friendly match against Weymouth played home and away every other year.

Men's and Ladies' Competitions

Any boy with a handicap of 12 can play in the Men's Monthly Medal Competitions and the Midweek Qualifying Medals; at 9 and below, all competitions. Girls with a handicap of 36 may play in all Ladies' competitions which are played on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Newsletter/Website

A Newsletter is available on the Website (www.epsomgolfclubnews.co.uk), and members without Email receive a paper copy.

The Website has a members' section which is security protected. To access it members will need the password which can be obtained either from the office or a member of the Junior Team. Any items of news and/or photographs should be sent to the Junior Organiser in the first instant.

Rules of Golf

Few players know all the rules but you should know the basic ones if you want to play in competitions. Rule books, in abbreviated form and in full, are available. You should be given one of the former in your joining pack. If not, please ask the office for one.

Junior Roll-up

On Tuesday evenings from 4.30pm in the summer, and on Sundays from 1.30pm in the winter (except on Junior Competition days), Juniors are invited to meet for a roll-up. This involves making up fours so newcomers can meet, play with and get to know other members. Novices are accompanied by members of the Junior Leader Team. Coaching is offered on the first Saturday and Tuesday of each month. Check the notice board and website for details and book your attendance with the Professional.

WHEN CAN YOU PLAY

Now you're bound to ask, "When can I play?" because, otherwise there's little point in being a member. The answer is simple; anytime unless there's a competition or match. You can, however, play on those days:

On Sundays, after 12 noon when there is a men's competition or after 10 am where there is not;

on Saturdays, from 10.30 am

On Tuesdays, after the Ladies Competition from 12 noon,

On Wednesdays, after the Seniors' Competition from 9.30 am.

The Club does encourage societies and green fees and so sometimes the course usage will be restricted. Most of the competitions and matches are in the diary.

And how do you book?

It is best normally to book tee times in advance. You can just turn up hoping one will be available but a telephone call to the Pro Shop may save you a wasted journey (unless you're prepared to use the practice facilities instead!). To book just telephone the Pro Shop (01372 741867) up to a week in advance i.e Saturday to play the following Saturday, Thursday to play the following Thursday etc. If you are playing in an official match-play competition you may book further in advance. It will become clearer after a time.

On arrival at the Club you are required to report to the Pro Shop to tell them you've arrived to play. This allows us to know who is on the course at any time and is one way of ensuring your safety. If you book and then find you can't play you should let the Pro Shop know; if you just don't turn up this facility could be withdrawn.

OUR CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

What it means to you.

The Club has adopted a Child Protection Policy by which we accept a duty to care for you as though we were your guardians by minimising the possibility of you being at risk or in danger.

It specifies the roles and responsibilities of the Junior Leader Team who are checked by the Criminal Records Bureau to ensure that they have no criminal conviction.

They are also required by law to report any suspicion of abuse as a result of anything you might say about another member or about yourself, or anything they may observe. These will be dealt with sensitively by the appropriate officer and where deemed necessary reported to the appropriate authorities.

You also, as a member of the Junior Section, have a responsibility under this Policy, firstly to report any incident that might cause you or another member some distress.

One of the most common will be bullying. Bullying comes in a number of forms. It can be physical assault, a punch, a kick, a slap, an elbow; it can be the threat of an assault. It can be verbal, name calling, drawing attention to someone's size, gender, colour of hair; anything which might cause offence, distress, embarrassment or hurt. You have a responsibility to behave in a way that will ensure that no-one can be or feel bullied. Remember what we said on page 6 about the Spirit of the Game. Other players should be treated with courtesy.

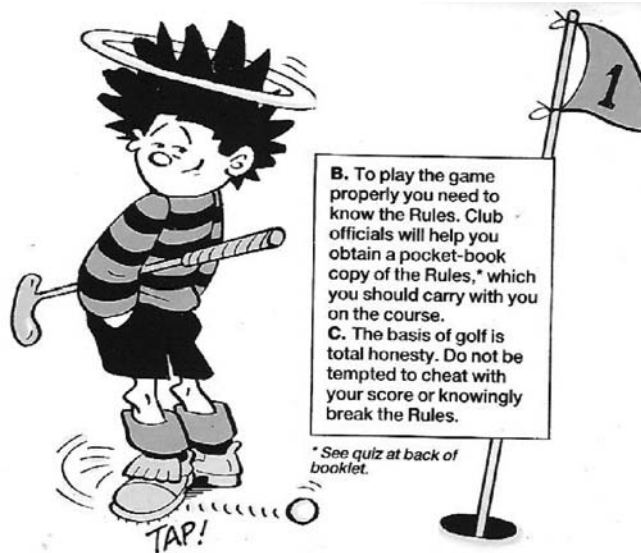
The dictionary definition of courtesy is "polite, kind, considerate in manner." That's what we expect of our Junior Members.

A FEW HINTS

Golf Clubs are subject to 4 sets of rules, which overlap. There are the **Club Rules**, which specify how the Club, as an organisation, should be run and how local competitions should be organised.

Then there are the rules of **R&A Rules Limited**, the playing Bible for all golfers, world-wide. These determine how the game should be played.

A “Rules Quiz” is included in the Appendix for your interest.



The third set of rules are the **Unwritten rules** of the Club. These are passed down, usually when someone breaks one, and govern the ways members are expected to behave, for example, by staying around for prize-giving rather than leaving after the game.

On the course similarly there is **Etiquette**. This covers behaviour on the course and includes not talking when others are playing their shots, not walking on others' lines of putt or holding up groups behind you by playing slowly.

As you progress as a Junior Member you will learn these (and the quicker the better!).



INFORMATION ABOUT THE CLUBHOUSE



The Clubhouse is open normally during the hours of daylight, but please check the notice board before starting a round to confirm when it will be closing, as it sometimes closes early on Sundays and during the winter months.



Drinks and snacks can be purchased from the Lounge Bar or the 19th Hole during normal opening hours. Again, please check the notice board for times when the kitchen is open, when sandwiches or more substantial meals can be purchased. Juniors may make use of the Club's bar voucher system.



Mobile phones should be switched off in the Clubhouse, and on the course, and not used except in emergencies.



The Billiard Room is not open to Junior Members under the age of 18, unless accompanied by an adult.



A WORD ABOUT DRESS

Whilst the Club recently relaxed its dress code, it retains some traditions to which members must conform.

-  Jeans must not be worn in the Lounge Bar or Dining Room.
-  Hats should not be worn in the Clubhouse, nor worn back to front on the course; Golf shoes may only be worn in the 19th Hole, but it needs to be accessed through the back, never the front, door.
-  Normal golf attire is allowed in the Lounge Bar, provided it is clean, dry and tidy.
-  Trainers are allowed in the Lounge or Dining Room provided they are clean and tidy.
-  Members using the Dining Room are expected, unless notified otherwise, to wear jackets.
-  On the course Juniors must wear proprietary golf-wear produced specifically for the purpose of playing golf.
-  Shorts may also be worn by both sexes provided they are tailored (no football shorts) with white sports socks or knee-length socks of any colour.



A WORD ABOUT SAFETY

Whilst Epsom GC is a safe environment generally, being on public open space, it does, from time to time, attract “strangers” who may try to take advantage of vulnerable young people. This may be true especially at times when racing takes place. The Club is concerned, naturally, that all of its members, especially the young are offered as much protection as possible. Under its Child Protection Policy and Guidelines you, too, have a responsibility for your own safety.

You are covered at all times for public liability whilst on the golf course. Should an incident occur for which you are responsible (ball hits car/person), please report the incident to the office on completion of your round.”

So here are a few suggestions:

- Never play on your own. The telephone numbers of all Juniors are listed in Appendix 2 of this handbook. Always play with another person.
- Arrange for your parents to pick you up; don't leave it to chance.
- If you have a mobile phone take it with you in your golf bag, switched off. This can then be used in emergencies.
- For away matches, the Team Manager will usually organise transport. It is, however, you and your parents' responsibility for ensuring that you arrive on time. There are occasions when they may be asked to assist with transport.

EVENTS FOR 2010

February 27th	Match v Ladies & Men, 12.00
March 14th	Stableford, 12.30
April 11th	Thompson Cup- Stableford,12.30
May 1st	Stableford, 12.30
May 16th	Kruger Cup – Strokeplay, 12.30
June 13th	Stannard Cup - Stableford 12.30
June 18th	Junior Fun Nite, 5.30pm
June 27th	Raphael Cup/Golden Jubilee Cup. 12.30
July 10th	Junior Club Championship, 12.30
August 8th	Stableford, 12.30
September 26th	Parent & Child Invitation
September 11th	Junior Leverets Cup & Kestrel Cup, 1.00
September 25th	Strokeplay (Medal), 12.30
October 16th	Stableford, 12.30
October 23rd	Adult/Junior Foursomes, 12.00
November 6th	Strokeplay (Medal), 11.00am
November 13th	Stableford (12.00 am)
December 20st	Christmas Golf and Lunch 9.30

Roll-ups 2010

Tuesdays 4.30	Start Tuesday 30th March
Sundays 1.30	Start 7th November

WINNERS 2009

March	Adults v Juniors	Juniors won
	Stableford	Jack Avery
	Stannard Cup	Harry Phillips
April	Stableford	Harry Phillips
May	Kruger Cup	Jack Avery
	Stableford	Nilesh Patel
June	Raphael Cup	Holly Stacey
	Golden Jubilee Cup	Elliott Wood
July	Thompson Cup	Christian Becksmith
	Club Championship:	
	Scratch	Jamie Debrou
	Nett	George Irwin
August	Stableford	Ben Patridge
September	Leverets Cup	Bradley Gills
	Kestrel Cup	Sophie Stinton
	Strokeplay	Adam Worth
October	Stableford	George Stinton
	Adult/Junior Foursomes:	
	Winners: George Irwin & Terry Eden	
November	Stableford	Georgia Rudd
	Stableford	Alex Inns
	Freddie Alexander	
	Trophy	Sean Garrett

FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Epsom Golf Club works in partnership with the Golf Foundation, English Golf Partnership, English Golf Union (EGU), the English Woman's Golf Union (EWGU) and the Sports Development Section of Epsom and Ewell Borough Council, our own Development Programme was updated for a further period in 2010.

The Club continues to assist local primary schools with the introduction of TriGolf and Golf Xtreme is offered to secondary schools. Golf Foundation "Passport" Courses are held at the Club, but the principal Coaching will be for our own Junior members.

The Club, in partnership with the Surrey Golf Partnership encourages girls to play golf. To facilitate this the Section has appointed Ria Gregory as the Girls Development Officer.

Junior Entries to external team and individual competitions are sponsored from a number of sources. The Junior Leader Team is indebted to all those individuals and groups who support the work financially and by giving their time.

The Junior Leader Team now includes a number of members and parents in addition to those listed on pages 7 and 8. In addition, details of coaching and other opportunities are to be found on the Junior notice board and website on which you should keep your eye to ensure you benefit from your membership.

MARKING YOUR CARD

The novice golfer is often puzzled in how to mark the score card. Yet nothing could be simpler.

Here's Jack's card for the monthly medal played as a stroke-play competition off the white tees in June 2003. His playing partner is Jim who is marking his card.

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COMPETITION Monthly Medal

DATE 8/6/03 TIME TEE Handicap 18 Strokes Rec'd

Player A Jack Smith

Player B

Hole	Marker's Score	White Yards	Par	Yellow Yards	Stroke Index	Score		Nett Score	VW = T L = 0 P = 10 Points	Red Yards	Par	Stroke Index		
						A	B							
1	5	329	4	213	6	4				207	4	18		
2	7	371	4	358	4	6				323	4	3		
3	4	172	3	160	10	4				157	3	8		
4	5	259	4	258	18	5				257	4	15		
5	6	423	4	412	2	6				390	4	1		
6	6	460	5	433	8	5				405	5	5		
7	3	193	3	174	12	3				152	3	13		
8	5	254	4	236	16	4				222	4	11		
9	5	312	4	303	14	5				269	4	10		
46						2773	35	33	2547	OUT	42		2382	35
PLEASE AVOID SLOW PLAY AT ALL TIMES														
10	5	293	4	278	11	4				268	4	12		
11	6	443	4	437	3	6				427	5	9		
12	4	335	4	325	7	4				268	4	7		
13	3	137	3	133	13	4				131	3	16		
14	5	357	4	342	9	5				336	4	4		
15	7	463	4	453	1	6				386	4	2		
16	4	292	4	288	15	3				277	4	14		
17	3	125	3	117	17	3				109	3	17		
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88						5658	69	67	5344	TOTAL	81		4934	70
63 STABLEFORD POINTS OR PAR RESULT 18 HANDICAP NETT														
Marker's Signature <u>Jim Brown</u> Player's Signature <u>Jack Smith</u>														
Holes won <u> </u> Holes lost <u> </u> Result <u> </u>														

On the first hole Jack is down in 4 whilst Jim has a 5. Jim therefore places Jack's score in Column A and his own in the marker's column. On hole two Jack has a 6 while Jim has a 7.

And so on, until the end when Jim adds up both scores and takes off Jack's handicap of 18 to produce a nett score which is placed in the box.

Jack checks that Jim has recorded his score correctly by comparing it with the score in the marker's column of Jim's card. Once agreed they then both sign the card.

The following week, they are playing together again, this time in a stableford competition.

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COMPETITION Stableford

DATE 15/6/03 TIME TEE Handicap Strokes Rec'd

Player A Jim Brown 23

Player B

Hole	Marker's Score	White Yards	Par	Yellow Yards	Stroke Index	Score A	Score B	Nett Score	W = + L = - H = 0 Points	Red Yards	Par	Stroke Index
1	4 ²	329	4 ³	213	6	4		3	3	207	4	18
2	4 ²	371	4	358	4	5		3	4	323	4	3
3	3 ³	172	3	160	10	5		4	1	157	3	8
4	5 ²	259	4	258	18	4		3	3	257	4	15
5	6 ¹	423	4	412	2	6		4	2	390	4	1
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14	6 ¹	357	4	342	9	6		5	2	336	4	4
15	6 ¹	463	4	453	1	8		6	1	386	4	2
16	4 ³	292	4	288	15	3		2	4	277	4	14
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18	6 ¹	440	4	424	5	5		3	4	350	4	6
	16	2885	34	2797	IN			19		2552	35	
	20	2773	35	2547	OUT			22		2382	35	
	36	5658	69	5344	TOTAL			41		4934	70	

Stableford Points or Par Result

Marker's Signature Jack Smith HANDICAP NETT

Player's Signature Jim Brown

Holes won Holes lost Result

Here we show Jim's card marked by Jack. Jim is playing off a handicap of 23 receiving 5 additional shots on stroke index 1-5. In stableford competitions the stroke allowance is taken hole by hole and not at the end of the round as in stroke-play.

His nett score is recorded on each hole in the third column and then the

points are calculated with 2 for a nett par, 1 point for one shot over par, 3 points for one shot less than par and 4 points for 2 shots less than par.

The points are added up and placed in the box.

Jim checks that Jack has recorded his gross score accurately and once satisfied both sign the card.

WHAT'S IN THE BAG

Firstly, the essentials:

Ball markers

Drink (water or sports drink)

Glove

Golf balls

Golf rules in brief

Hat

Marker pen (waterproof)

Pen or pencil (plus spare)

Pitch mark repairer

Plasters

Scorecard

Tees

Towel

Umbrella

Waterproofs

Watch

And if you're really on the ball, you will also have:

Club cleaner

Course planner

Mosquito repellent

Plastic bag (to keep gloves and towel dry)

Rule book (latest)

Small scissors

Snacks (high carbohydrate/low fat)

Sun block

Spare sweater

Sunglasses

and finally, once you have cleaned your clubs and shoes, and if there is room after putting in all of the aforementioned, don't forget to put all your clubs in the bag (but not more than 14).

AND IF YOU'RE A WINNER

or if you're leading the team in a match against another club, then you might be expected to say a few words.

That's a bit scary, so it's best to be prepared. If you think you might be in the frame, think about what you're going to say. Make a few notes if this helps. You can always tear them up if you're pipped at the post. Don't be embarrassed; even the Queen uses notes!

First of all, face the audience, wait for silence and then, keeping your head up to avoid mumbling, speak clearly in a loud voice (but not shouting!).

Address the audience in the order of their seniority (not age!). The President takes precedence over the Captain and you should ask beforehand who is there. The order would then be Mr President, Mr Captain, Ladies and Gentlemen. If other dignitaries are there then seek guidance.



Tell them how pleased you are to have won such a lovely prize (or to have played in such a friendly match).

Thank the organisers (or your opponents) and the club for hosting the event. Thank the greenkeeping staff and the catering staff.

Make special mention of your playing partners (or opponents) for such an enjoyable game.

End by saying that you (or you and your colleagues from Epsom) look forward to "playing this beautiful course again".

APPENDIX 1 - Know the rules of the game:

Here are a few true or false questions to get you thinking: the answers are on the next page.

1. In a hazard a player has addressed the ball when he has taken his stance.
2. Information such as the position of hazards or the flagsticks on a putting green is advice.
3. Grass covered ground bordering or within a bunker is not part of the bunker.
4. Dew is not casual water.
5. Material piled for removal by a greenkeeper is ground under repair.
6. A ball is holed when any part of it is below the level of the lip of the hole.
7. Leaves, twigs and branches which are not fixed or growing are loose impediments.
8. Sand and loose soil are loose impediments anywhere on the course.
9. A ball is deemed to have moved if it leaves its position and comes to rest in any other place.
10. A player may stand out of bounds to play a ball lying in bounds.

Answers:

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. True
5. True
6. False
7. True
8. False
9. True
10. True

How did you do?

If you scored less than 5 correct answers you need to read and re-read “Golf Rules in Brief” every night before you go to sleep. Reading them will probably make you go to sleep anyway but a working knowledge of the Rules is a must for anyone who wants to take this game seriously.