

Lakeside Lodge
Golf Club

**INFORMATION BOOKLET
FOR LADY MEMBERS**

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WELCOME

Welcome to the 2019 golfing year at Lakeside Lodge Golf Club. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, welcome you to the club and encourage you all to get involved in our wonderful Ladies' section.

Please take some time to read this booklet as it provides information on all aspects of Ladies' golf here at Lakeside Lodge and is especially useful for those Ladies who are new to the club.

Whether you are a competitive golfer, like to play for your own pleasure, a high or low handicapper, experienced player or novice, there are opportunities for you to get involved throughout the year. We run both 9 and 18-hole Medal and Stableford competitions on a monthly basis (see pages 11 to 13), Club competitions, Inter-club and County competitions.

We run a Ladies' weekly 'Twilight Season' which starts 23rd April until 20th August from 4:50pm onwards - do look at the Ladies' notice board and the website for the programme details. Twilight is a perfect opportunity for all abilities of golfer to get out for 9 holes of golf. The formats are different every week to make it fun and there are a variety of individual, pairs and team events to mix things up. You don't have to have a handicap to attend twilight and I would encourage all Ladies to come along. It is a great opportunity for you to get to know other lady members as well as for the less experienced golfer to learn some of the rules, build on your confidence and play out on the course.

Please feel free to contact me during the year if you have any questions or would like more information. You will have received a fixture list with your membership pack and will also find lots of information on our members' website at www.lakesidelodgegolfclub-members.co.uk.

I hope you have a fantastic golfing year and I look forward to seeing you all out on the course.

Lou Savage
Ladies' Captain

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1. KEY CONTACTS

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2 GENERAL GOLFING MATTERS

2.1 RULES OF GOLF

Whenever you play it is essential that you have an understanding of the Rules of Golf. The USGA and the R&A have reviewed the rules and have made a number of changes. A new edition of the rules is now available in book form in the entrance lobby to the Pro Shop. There are a variety of publications that explain the rules, which can be accessed via the R&A shop section of their website.

Please familiarise yourself with the rules and also, if possible, attend the rules evenings which are run during the Twilight season.

2.2 Local Rules

Local rules relating to course on the Lakeside complex are printed on the back of the scorecard, so please ensure that you familiarise yourself with these too.

2.3 Temporary Rules

These are displayed on notice boards in the Pro Shop. Two of the more common temporary rules relate to:

- Ground Under Repair (GUR): free relief within one club length from the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole
- Preferred lies/winter rules – when these are in operation (normally during the winter months) you may mark, lift, clean and replace your ball within six inches of the marker, no nearer the hole, when on the fairway. This does not apply to balls in the rough.

2.4 Pace of play

Slow play is frustrating so you must do your utmost to play at a good pace. The Committee has determined that a 4-ball round on the Lodge Course should take no longer than 4½ hours. It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If the group loses a clear hole and is delaying the group behind, it should invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group. Where a group has not lost a clear hole, but it is apparent that the group behind can play faster, it should invite the faster moving group to play through.

Whilst we do not operate a strict timing protocol, you are expected to adhere to the 4½ maximum for a 4-ball round. In addition, recent guidance from the English Golf Union suggests that you should take no more than 40 seconds per shot – this starts from the point at which you reach your ball. Have a think about this and if you are taking longer, you may need to make some adjustments to your planning and set-up.

2.5 Course etiquette

It is important that you pay due regard to the safety of other players, show them consideration and take good care of the course by raking bunkers and repairing divots and pitch marks.

2.6 Insurance

You are advised to protect yourself against third party insurance claims. You may already be covered, but please do check your home contents policy terms or consider a specialist golf insurance company. If you want more information about insurance, talk to a member of the team in the Pro Shop.

3. LOCAL MATTERS

3.1. Booking Tee Times

Members can book tee times two weeks in advance through the Pro Shop or the Lakeside Lodge Golf Centre website. You must inform the Pro Shop that you have arrived and are intending to play at the appointed time. You must remember to cancel tee times if you are not going to play.

You should allow yourself adequate time to prepare for playing and should always be ready to tee off at least five minutes before your booked tee time.

For the purposes of the monthly medals and Stableford competitions ONLY, members may book for the next monthly competition in advance (normally up to four weeks). The assumption is that those members who take advantage of this privilege are making a statement of intent to enter the competition.

3.2. Competition entry fees

There is normally an entry fee for all club competitions. All such entry fees must be **paid by the stated closing date**.

Entry fees for monthly 18-hole Medal and Stableford competitions £3.00 are paid on the day and **must be placed in the box before commencing** your round. The entry fee for the Stableford competition is mandatory, but the entry fee for the Medal competition is optional. The entry fee for the monthly 9-hole competitions is a mandatory £2.00.

Entry fees should be placed in the envelope provided, which should be clearly marked with your name, date and competition entered and posted in the box in the Foyer outside the Pro Shop.

3.3. Trolleys

Paths should be used where available and trolleys are not allowed on the tees or greens. Motorised trolleys may not be permitted during the winter period - please see local rules.

3.4. Distance Measuring Devices (DMDs).

The use of DMDs is permitted in all LLGC competitions.

3.5. Ladies' dress code

The standard of dress acceptable for play or within the Clubhouse varies between clubs. The dress code for ladies at Lakeside Lodge is as follows:

- only recognised golf shoes may be worn (i.e. no trainers)
- only tailored shorts or trousers are allowed and socks must be worn with shorts (no jeans or denims).
- ladies are permitted to wear tops with (a) sleeves but no collar or (b) collar but no sleeves.
- metal spikes are banned in the Club House and shoes worn in the Club House must be free of mud, and grass etc.

Remember it is always worth checking the dress code in advance when playing other courses as they may have very specific local restrictions.

4. HANDICAP MATTERS

4.1. Attaining a Handicap

To attain a handicap at Lakeside Lodge, you must complete 54 holes of stroke play around the Lodge Course. These can be done in a combination of 18 or 9 holes (either front or back nine of the Lodge Course). These cards should be submitted within a period of six months.

Each card should be clearly marked '*for handicap purposes*'. Your name and the date should be entered on the card before you start the round. You and your marker must remember to check and sign the card at the end of the round and place it in the Ladies' Scorecard box in the foyer of the Clubhouse, from where it will be collected by the Ladies' Handicap Secretary. She will contact you regarding your starting handicap once the correct number of cards has been received.

4.2. Maintaining a competition handicap

Maintaining your 'c' or competition status handicap requires the submission of 3 qualifying scores during a calendar year. These qualifying scores are those posted from 9 & 18-hole club competitions and/or supplementary cards (see section 4.7 for supplementary scores).

In order to play in most club competitions including the monthly medals you will be required to hold a competition handicap. The exception to this are the monthly 9 and 18 hole stableford competitions which you may enter with a non-competition handicap. The completed card will count towards your required qualifying scorecards.

4.3. Handicap Categories

TABLE OF BUFFER ZONES				
Category	Playing Handicap	Within Buffer Zone	Above Buffer Zone or 'no return'	Below Buffer Zone
		NO CHANGE	INCREASE EXACT HANDICAP	DECREASE EXACT HANDICAP PER STROKE
1	5 or less	0 to +1	0.1	0.1
2	6 to 12	0 to +2	0.1	0.2
3	13 to 20	0 to +3	0.1	0.3
4	21 to 28	0 to +4	0.1	0.4
5	29 to 36	0 to +5	0.1	0.5
6	37 to 54	0 to +6	0.1	0.6

4.4. Handicaps

Handicaps fall into six different categories and adjustments are made depending on both your category and how well, or otherwise, you play.

If you play above your buffer zone you will usually get an increase of 0.1 on your exact handicap. If you return a score below your buffer zone your exact handicap may be reduced proportionally per stroke as determined by your handicap category.

4.5. Changes in Handicap

It is your responsibility to play off the correct handicap and this must be recorded on your score card; failure to do so may result in disqualification.

Current handicap lists can be found in the red file located in the drawer under the Ladies notice board in the Pro Shop foyer. Handicap changes will be confirmed as soon as possible following return of scorecards.

If you have submitted a card, which may reduce your handicap, you must make a reduction to your playing handicap yourself before playing in another competition if the revised handicap has not been confirmed. You **cannot**, however, increase your handicap yourself.

Please do contact the Ladies' Handicap Secretary or a lady member of the committee if you need any advice about your handicap.

4.6. Keeping track of your handicap

All qualifying competitions and an up-to-date handicap list are published on the *Howdido* website. By accessing this site you will be able to keep track of your handicap. The web address is:

www.howdido.co.uk

Please register for this facility in order to keep updated with handicap changes. If you have any problems with registering, please contact the Ladies' Handicap Secretary.

4.7. Getting an up-to-date handicap certificate

Once registered with *Howdido* (www.howdido.co.uk) you will be able to print your own handicap certificate from the website. HDID certificates are valid for all competition purposes. Please contact the Handicap Secretary if you encounter any problems with this.

If your handicap changes, **it is your responsibility to ensure that your current certificate reflects this change.**

4.8. Annual handicap review and supplementary scores

Your handicap committee conducts annual handicap reviews to ensure they reflect a player's ability. Performance in qualifying competitions, three or more good performances in Better Ball competitions and singles match play events are also taken into consideration.

Handicaps can also be adjusted after a period of extended illness or injury.

In addition, there is a system of continuous review which flags up 7 consecutive increases in handicap during the year.

Supplementary scores allow a member the opportunity of submitting scores for handicapping purposes at a time of their choosing and under controlled conditions at all clubs at which a player is a member. This facility is available to players with handicaps in Categories 2 and above. The format can be either stroke play or stableford and players must signify their intention to submit a supplementary score by signing the relevant register prior to playing.

There is no restriction on the number or frequency for the submission of supplementary scores, which maybe completed over 9 or 18 holes.

5. BEING INVOLVED

One of the important and exciting parts of being a club member is the opportunity to play in a variety of competitions. These range from internal club competitions to interclub and County matches. All of them offer the opportunity to have an enjoyable day playing golf in good company.

The joy of the handicapping system is that it gives all players a chance irrespective of playing ability. Handicapping makes it possible for players of unequal skills to compete on level terms. The more players that join in the more fun we all have, so please do sign up.

You will have received a club fixture list with this booklet. Please go through this and put the dates of the main club competitions and all the ladies' events in your diary. We really would like you all to join in wherever possible.

For those of you who are new to the club or consider yourself to be a novice golfer, the easiest first step is to join in the Ladies' Twilight events and take part in the monthly Medal and Stableford competitions.

5.1. Ladies' Twilight Season

The Ladies' Twilight Season is an ideal opportunity to meet new and existing lady members of the club.

For novice ladies it is a great way to learn more about the game of golf (different formats, etiquette and rules), but most of all it is about having fun, gaining confidence and finding other ladies to play golf with on a more regular basis.

The 2019 season starts on Tuesday 23rd April with a par 3 competition and an optional meal. You will need to sign up in advance for the meal, so please check the ladies' notice board.

The programme runs every Tuesday evening from April until the 20th August and the list of activities is displayed on the ladies' notice board in the Pro Shop foyer. All you need do is come along between 4:50pm and 5:45pm and we will arrange for you to play 9 holes of golf with at least two other ladies. If you work and are going to come late, please let us know so that we can accommodate you.

It costs £1.50 each week to play in the Twilight games (plus green fees) and the season ends with a meal and prize presentation.

The only thing we ask is that before coming along to Twilight, you should have played at least a few rounds of either 9 or 18 holes.

You do not need to have a handicap to join in.

If you want to find out more about the Twilight Season, please feel free to contact the Lady Vice Captain. Alternatively, you may contact any other lady member of the Committee (see page 4 for our contact details)

5.2. Monthly Medal competitions

18-Hole competition

When	The third Sunday of the month and the preceding Thursday of each month.
Eligibility	All lady members who have a <u>Competition CONGU</u> handicap
Format	18 hole individual medal play
Tees	Red tees. In winter, if mats are in use, play will be from the permanent red tee markers
Handicap restrictions	None
Prizes	Prizes awarded according to the prize structure – details in the competition book The results of both days' competitions are merged to determine the winners(s)
Other prizes	Optional 2's fund (£1 entry fee) If no winner then the prize fund rolls-over to the next Stableford
Qualifying competition for handicap adjustment	Yes
Order of Merit	Order of merit points are gained by all prize winners
Specific conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The entry book which is located by the Ladies' notice board in the Pro Shop foyer, <u>must be signed before commencing play.</u>• There is an entry fee of £3 if you wish to enter the <u>prize fund</u> and must be paid before commencing play. – i.e. If you choose not to pay the entry fee you will not be eligible for a prize, but your card still counts for handicapping purposes.
Completing and handing in marked cards	At the end of your round you should check your card with the marker to ensure it is accurate before signing it. All cards must be placed in the box in the foyer of the Clubhouse, even if they are incomplete. Incomplete cards should be marked 'non-return'.

5.3. Monthly Stableford competitions

18-Hole competition

When	The first Saturday of the month and the preceding Thursday of each month where the results will be merged to provide the winners and runners-up
Eligibility	All lady members who have either a <u>Competition or Non-Competition CONGU</u> handicap
Format	18 hole individual Stableford
Tees	Red tees. In winter, if mats are in use, play will be from the permanent red tee markers
Handicap restrictions	None
Prizes	Prizes awarded according to the prize structure – details in the competition book The results of both days' competitions are merged to determine the winners(s)
Other prizes	Optional 2's fund (£1 entry fee) If no winner then the prize fund rolls-over to the next Medal
Qualifying competition for handicap adjustment	Yes
Order of Merit	Order of merit points are gained by all prize winners
Specific conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The entry book must be signed before commencing play• The entry fee of £3 is mandatory and must be paid before commencing play
Completing and handing in marked cards	At the end of your round you should check your card with the marker to ensure it is accurate before signing it. All cards must be placed in the box in the foyer of the Clubhouse, even if they are incomplete. Incomplete cards should be marked 'non-return'.

5.4. 9-hole competitions

When	<p>Stablefords are normally held on the 2nd Thursday of the month with an alternate day on the following Monday. See fixture booklet or website for dates.</p> <p>Medal competitions are normally held on the 4th Thursday of the month.</p>
Eligibility	All lady members who have either a <u>Competition or Non-Competition CONGU</u> handicap
Format	9-hole individual stableford or medal, played on the front 9 holes of the Lodge Course
Tees	Red tees. In winter, if mats are in use, play will be from the permanent red tee markers
Handicap restrictions	No restrictions but the 9-hole shot allowance must be determined, before play, using the 9-hole conversion chart on the Ladies' notice board.
Prizes	<p>Prizes awarded according to the prize structure – details in the competition book</p> <p>The results of both days' competitions are merged to determine the winners(s)</p>
Qualifying competition for handicap adjustment	Yes
Specific conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The entry book must be signed before commencing play• The entry fee of £2 is mandatory and must be paid before commencing play
Completing and handing in marked cards	At the end of your round you should check your card with the marker to ensure it is accurate before signing it. All cards must be placed in the box in the foyer of the Clubhouse, even if they are incomplete. Incomplete cards should be marked 'non-return'.

5.5. Ladies' internal Club competitions and interclub friendly matches

The Ladies' section has a busy fixture list which includes a number of events that are linked to qualification for county or national competitions. We also play a range of friendly matches against other clubs in the County. Details of these fixtures are in your Fixtures booklet and on the website. We really hope you will join in competitions and matches. Whilst the Ladies Captain selects the teams for interclub matches, all ladies who wish to play in a match will be invited to do so.

5.6. Ladies' interclub County competitions

The Lakeside ladies compete in a number of County interclub competitions. Whilst team selection for these matches is generally based upon handicap and current performance and is mainly at the discretion of the Lad Captain, the intention is still to maximise participation. Details of County competitions can be found in the County 'Blue' book, copies of which are in the foyer to the Pro Shop.

5.7. Other internal club competitions

There are number of Club competitions open to all members - these will be listed in your fixture book and on the website, so please make a note in your diary.

The details of each event (format, entry criteria and specific rules) are detailed in the Club Competitions Book which is available in the Pro Shop foyer and on the members website www.lakesidelodgegolfclub-members.co.uk.

In order to be eligible to play in the majority of Club Competitions you **must have a Competition Handicap**. If you are unsure of your eligibility you should contact the Ladies' Handicap Secretary or check your profile on the 'Howdidido' website (if you are signed up to it - see 4.5).

Where a club competition includes a meal, we would encourage you to attend but it is not mandatory.

Competition details, including eligibility criteria, are displayed well in advance on the notice board outside the Pro Shop. If you wish to play in a competition you should sign up on the list posted on the notice board and pay the entry fee and cost of meal (if applicable) by the closing date.

If the competition is in a pairs format (either ladies or mixed) and you are unable to find a partner, but would still like to play, this is not a problem. You should sign up and we will pair you up with another member who is in a similar situation.

6. A FINAL MESSAGE

If you have any questions or are unsure of anything, all you need do is ask one of us.

The important thing is to enjoy your golf.

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