



Lakeside Lodge

Golf & Country Club

Members

**INFORMATION
BOOKLET
FOR LADY MEMBERS**

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WELCOME

Welcome to the 2023 golfing year at Lakeside Lodge Golf & Country 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 9-hole Stableford and 18-hole Medal and Stableford competitions on a monthly basis (see paragraphs 5.2 – 5.4), Club competitions, Inter-club and participate in County competitions.

We run a Ladies' weekly 'Twilight Season' on Tuesdays which starts 11th April until 15th August from 4:50pm onwards - do look at the Ladies' notice board and the website for the programmed details and watch out for the emails from the Vice-Captain, Margaret Berry. Twilight is a perfect opportunity for all abilities of golfers 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 find a fixture list with 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.

Judith Bendon
Ladies' Captain

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1. KEY CONTACTS

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Member's website	www.lakesidelodgegolfclub-members.co.uk	

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. 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 the 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 England Golf 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.

If you have paid your England Golf affiliation fee, this includes £10m Personal Liability Insurance. Look at the Members' website for more information. <https://www.lakesidelodgegolfclub-members.co.uk/about-us/england-golf-personal-liability-insurance/>

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 Stableford and Medal competitions are to be paid on the day to the Pro Shop and must be paid before commencing your round. The entry fee of £5 for the Stableford competition is mandatory, but the entry fee of £5 for the Medal competition is optional. If you choose not to pay the entry fee you will not be eligible for a prize, but your card will still count for handicap purposes. You can also play within these competitions the twos and the fee is £1.

The entry fee for the monthly 9-hole competitions is a mandatory £3

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. For a New Player

How to get a Handicap Index.

The player must return 54 holes worth of scores from any combination of 9 or 18 hole rounds.

Each card should be marked 'for handicap index' and should show your name and the date. You and your marker should remember to check and sign the card at the end of the round.

You may place the card in the Ladies' Scorecard box in the foyer of the Pro Shop. Alternatively, you may send a photo of the card to the Ladies' handicap secretary.

You will be contacted by the handicap secretary regarding your starting handicap index.

Competition results and up-to-date handicap indices are published on the howdidido website. To register for this facility please visit www.howdidido.com You may also wish to become a member of England Golf – it's free and you can register by accessing www.englandgolf.org/my-account/ . Once registered you will be able to track your handicap and you will be notified by email of any subsequent handicap changes.

4.2 Changes in Handicap

You will be able to find your current handicap index on the PSi unit at the club, on the HowDidiDo website and on your England Golf account. Should you require a handicap certificate you are able to print one from your Handicap page on HowDidiDo.

If you have played in a competition or submitted a general round score, which may alter your handicap, you will be advised by email around midnight after you have entered your score.

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

4.3 General Round scores

General Round scores allow a member the opportunity of submitting scores for handicapping purposes at a time of their choosing. Players must signify their intention to submit a General Round score by signing in via the PSi, MSi or the relevant register prior to playing.

There is no restriction on the number or frequency for the submission of General Round 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 an online club fixture list. 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 2023 season starts on Tuesday 11th April with a Waltzing Am Am (3 ball) competition. Margaret, the Vice-Captain will send out an email in March and if you are interested, please email her back.

The programme runs every Tuesday evening from April until the 15th August and the list of activities is displayed on the Ladies' notice board in the Pro Shop foyer. Margaret will email out each week the activity and if say you would like to come, she will email you back with a Tee time between 16:50 and 17:45. She 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 £2 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 18-Hole Medal competitions

<i>Month</i>	The third Sunday of the month and the preceding Thursday of each month.
<i>Eligibility</i>	All lady members who have a handicap index
<i>Format</i>	18-hole individual medal play
<i>Tees</i>	Red tees
<i>Stroke index and par</i>	As per card
<i>Handicap restrictions</i>	None
<i>Prizes</i>	See General Competition Rules paragraph 1.13
<i>Other prizes</i>	Optional 2's fund. If no winner then the prize fund rolls-over to the next Ladies' Stableford.
<i>Meal</i>	No
<i>Qualifying competition for handicap adjustment</i>	Yes
<i>Qualifying competition for King and Queen</i>	Yes - All prize winners
<i>Order of Merit</i>	Yes - April to October
<i>Specific conditions</i>	<p>Players must sign in before their round to register their intent to play and after their round to submit their scores by the following methods:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Via the PSi (Player Score Input) unit located in the foyer of the pro shop.Via the MSi (Mobile Score Input) function within the HowDidiDo app on the player's mobile phone.If you are unable to sign in by using either of the above methods please ask in the pro shop for your name to be entered on the list as you pay your entry fee. <p>The £5 optional <u>prize fund</u> entry fee must also be paid before commencing play. If you choose not to pay the entry fee you will not be eligible for a prize, but your card will still count for handicap purposes.</p>
<i>Booking of tee times</i>	For the purposes of the 18-hole monthly medals and stableford competitions <u>ONLY</u> , members may book

for the next monthly competition up to 4 weeks in advance.

Reserved tee times for the monthly weekend competitions are within a designated period. Members are encouraged to use these tee times wherever possible and any player without a playing partner can contact the Pro-Shop to ask about vacant slots within any other group. Members can, of course, play at other times on the designated days, but are encouraged to play with others in the same gender competition.

If, however, none of the above is possible, it is permissible to play at any time on the day and have your card marked by any club member . It is anticipated that this may happen on the odd occasion, but should not become the norm.

5.3 Monthly 18-Hole Stableford competitions

<i>Month</i>	The first Saturday of the month and the preceding Thursday of each month.
<i>Eligibility</i>	All lady members who have a handicap index
<i>Format</i>	18-hole individual stableford
<i>Tees</i>	Red tees.
<i>Stroke index and par</i>	As per card
<i>Handicap restrictions</i>	None
<i>Prizes</i>	See General Competition Rules paragraph 1.13
<i>Other prizes</i>	Optional 2's fund. If no winner then the prize fund rolls-over to the next Ladies' Medal.
<i>Meal</i>	No
<i>Qualifying competition for handicap adjustment</i>	Yes
<i>Qualifying competition for King and Queen</i>	Yes – all prize winners
<i>Order of Merit</i>	Yes - April to October
<i>Specific conditions</i>	<p>Players must sign in before their round to register their intent to play and after their round to submit their scores by the following methods:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">Via the PSi (Player Score Input) unit located in the foyer of the pro shop.Via the MSi (Mobile Score Input) function within the HowDidiDo app on the player's mobile phone.If you are unable to sign in by using either of the above methods please ask in the pro shop for your name to be entered on the list as you pay your entry fee. <p>The entry fee of £5 is mandatory and must also be paid to the pro shop before commencing play.</p>

Booking of tee times

For the purposes of the 18-hole monthly medals and stableford competitions ONLY, members may book for the next monthly competition up to 4 weeks in advance.

Reserved tee times for the monthly weekend competitions are within a designated period. Members are encouraged to use these tee times wherever possible and any player without a playing partner can contact the Pro-Shop to ask about vacant slots within any other group. Members can, of course, play at other times on the designated days, but are encouraged to play with others in the same gender competition.

If, however, none of the above is possible, it is permissible to play at any time on the day and have your card marked by any club member . It is anticipated that this may happen on the odd occasion, but should not become the norm.

5.4 Monthly 9-Hole competitions

<i>Month</i>	See Club Fixture Booklet or the Members' website
<i>Eligibility</i>	All club members who have a handicap index
<i>Format</i>	9-hole individual stableford
<i>Tees</i>	Ladies play off Red tees In winter, if mats are in use, play will be from the permanent tee markers unless otherwise directed.
<i>Stroke index and par</i>	As per card
<i>Handicap restrictions</i>	None
<i>Prizes</i>	See General Competition Rules paragraph 1.14
<i>Meal</i>	No
<i>Qualifying competition for handicap adjustment</i>	Yes
<i>Qualifying competition for King and Queen</i>	No
<i>Order of Merit</i>	Yes - April to October
<i>Specific conditions</i>	Players must sign in before their round to register their intent to play and after their round to submit their scores by the following methods: a) Via the PSi (Player Score Input) unit located in the foyer of the pro shop. b) Via the MSi (Mobile Score Input) function within the HowDidiDo app on the player's mobile phone c) If you are unable to sign in by using either of the above methods please ask in the pro shop for your name to be entered on the list as you pay your entry fee. The £3 entry fee is mandatory and must also be paid before commencing play.
<i>Additional points</i>	Members may book for the next 9-hole competition up to 4 weeks in advance. Members are encouraged to play with others in the same gender competition. However, it is permissible

to have your card marked by any club member. It is anticipated that this may happen on the odd occasion, but should not become the norm.

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 sent out by Webmaster 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. Team selection for these matches is generally based upon handicap and current performance and is mainly at the discretion of the Lady Captain. 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 on the fixture list 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.

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 and sent out by Keith the Webmaster. If you wish to play in a competition you should sign up on the list posted on the notice board or on the Howdidido app 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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