

PORTADOWN GOLF CLUB



Welcome from the 2022/23 Presidents and Captains of Portadown Golf Club:

President	Mr. Henry White
Lady President	Mrs. Carol Burrows
Captain	Mr. Edwin Wray
Lady Captain	Mrs. Judith Spence

On behalf of Portadown Golf Club and the 2022/2023 Presidents and Captains, we are delighted that you have chosen to join our golf club and hope that you will enjoy your membership both on and off the Course.

Over the last number of years, our club has worked extremely hard to develop new and exciting initiatives for both new and existing Members. We are pleased to report that we have had an increase in members actively participating in Club activity. Both the Men's and Ladies branches are very active in encouraging social golf but also the competitive side with Inter-Club competitions for those that want to test their game against golfers from other Clubs.

The enclosed information has been prepared to help you get the most out of your membership by highlighting the facilities and activities available to you as a Member of the Club. We hope that you enjoy your time as a member of Portadown Golf Club and develop many new friendships.

If you have any queries or questions throughout the year please do not hesitate to get in contact with a member of Council or alternatively you can contact the office on 028 3835 5356.

Office hours

Monday – CLOSED

Tuesday – 9am to 5pm

Wednesday – 9am to 5pm

Thursday – 9am to 1pm

Friday – 9am to 1pm

*Office hours vary throughout the year however any updates will be sent via email.

Best Wishes for the 2022 Season.

Portadown Golf Clubs Vision & Mission Statement and Club Values

Our Vision is:

- To provide a high quality, value for money, golfing and social experience for Members and Guests.

Our Vision will be achieved by having:

- An efficiently managed Club that has sound financial foundations.
- A Golf Course that is maintained to a high standard.
- High quality dining and hospitality and a variety of social events.

The Club Values are;

- To be member led and responsive to Member needs.
- To encourage equality and diversity are part of our Club values.
- To be welcoming, friendly and inclusive.
- To be open, transparent and accountable decision-making.
- To have honesty, integrity and professionalism in dealing with Members and Visitors.
- To commitment to a safe and healthy environment.

The Club Structure

Portadown Golf Club is managed by the Council. This consists officers and the Convenors with representatives for both ladies and men. They are responsible for the day to day running of the Club and upholding the Club's Constitution.

Club officers and convenors;

Officers	Convenors
Captain – Mr Edwin Wray	Match & Handicap – Mr. Michael Connolly
Lady Captain – Mrs Judith Spence	Bar – Mr. Nigel Gilliland
President – Mr Henry White	House – Mr. Ronnie McReynolds
Vice Captain –Mr Ronnie McReynolds	Social – Mr. Mark Jones
Lady Vice Captain – Mrs Kim Spragg	Catering – Mrs. Anne Fox
Honorary Secretary – Mr Nigel Gilliland	Sponsorship – Mr David Gilmore
Honorary Treasurer – Mr Bryan Friar	Greens – Mr. Keith Walker
Immediate Past Captain – Mr Nigel Gilliland	Juvenile Chair- Judith Connolly
Council member Mr Chris Sloan	Membership – Lex Girvan

All Officers and Convenors are listed on the Membership Board.

Should you have any issues you would like Council members to address please contact any of the above. Alternatively, issues can be made in writing to the club where the Council will then discuss at the monthly Council meeting.

If you are a full member of the club you can put your name forward to be nominated onto Council at the annual AGM or, if you wish to sit on a committee you can approach a convenor and volunteer to help them. You do not need to be a full member to participate on committee.

Portadown Golf Club was established in 1900 and has moved its location several times before settling in Carrickblacker in 1934. We have a tradition of being a friendly, welcoming club and we hope you find this true for your time as a member in Portadown.

Dress Code

A strict Dress Code is in operation in this Club. Staff have been instructed by Council **NOT TO SERVE** members/visitors who do not conform with the Clubs Dress Code as set out below.

On the Course

- No denims.
- No track suits.
- No collarless shirts, except polo necks & turtle necks.
- No shirts displaying slogans.
- No shorts, other than tailored shorts.
- When representing the Club in competition, Club Colours **MUST** be worn (see Pro Shop for details).

In the Clubhouse

- All of the above.
- Smart denims **ONLY** are acceptable.
- Shoes that have been worn on the course must be cleaned before entering the Clubhouse.
- No hats or caps to be worn.

Anyone found breaching the Code will be asked to leave the Course/Clubhouse.

The Pro Shop

Our resident PGA Professional, Paul Stevenson joined the club back in 1987 becoming the youngest ever club professional in the history of the PGA.

With his wealth of knowledge and experience of the Golfing world, Paul is on hand to offer his expert advice with purchasing equipment to suit your game. As a Level 3 Coach, Paul can enhance your game no matter what level of ability. Lessons can be booked through Paul by contacting him directly on 028 3833 4655.

Paul and his staff have a great deal of knowledge and experience and will be more than happy to assist in any request you may have. The Pro Shop is adjacent to the first tee box and provides a warm, friendly meeting point for golfers checking in to the Club. PGC branded golf clothing can be purchased from the Pro-Shop.

The Clubhouse

The Clubhouse can be used by all Members and their guests.

The Clubhouse can be booked for weddings, birthdays, anniversaries etc., by applying to Council for permission. Special menus are available for functions from the caterer.

We also have: a Bridge Club, Indoor Bowls, a Snooker Table, and Darts board available for our members to use.

Portadown Male Voice Choir and the University of the Third Age also hold events at the Clubhouse.

Portadown Golf Club can be found on Facebook (@Portadowngolf) and Instagram (@portadowngc) where you will find up-coming events, results and club news. We would encourage all members to engage with us on social media and tag us in any photos you may take out on the course or in the clubhouse so that we can share these with our other members.

As part of your membership you will have been issued with a Golf Ireland card. This will have your membership number, which is used for accessing the website, Golf Ireland and the Howdidido app. You will need your membership number for entering competitions and opens at other courses.

The Bar

Bar opening times are on the membership board in the clubhouse as well as any updates to opening times. These will also be sent to you via email.

The Bar price list is available in the bar area. As a member you are entitled to a bar card which you can request at any time. This bar card will entitle you to discount off your drinks.

Bar Manager: Derek Cloughley.

The Restaurant

Stephen has been with Portadown Golf Club since 2004 and has steadily built the business up to a successfully run restaurant catering for Intimate Dinners, Christening Lunches, Wedding Receptions to functions for over 200 people.

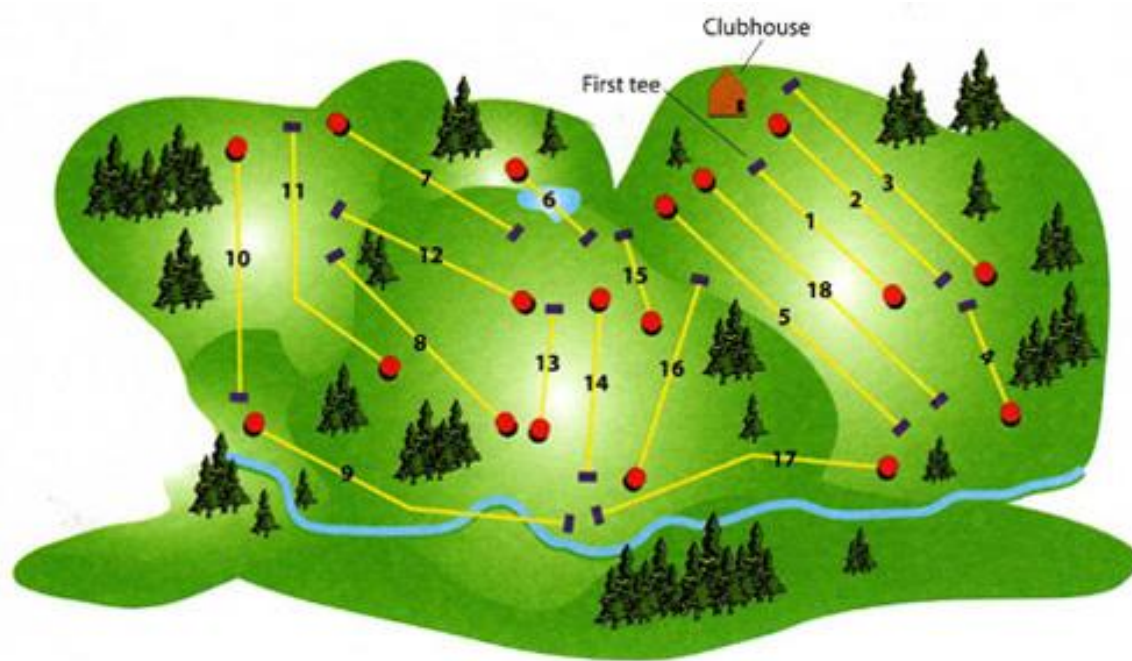
Stephen's menus cater for all and he can create a special menu to suit your needs and/or occasion.

Weekly specials are emailed to members as well as posted on our social media platforms and on Stephen's own Facebook page (@TheRiversideRestaurant).

Opening times vary throughout the year however these will be posted on social media to keep you up to date.

To book a table or a function you can contact Stephen on 028 3835 2214.

The Course



The above is a drawing of the course. A card version of this map is available from the Pro Shop.

Tee Time Reservations

Our Course can be busy and for that reason, as well as due to restrictions and guidelines around COVID-19 you **MUST** book your tee time via BRS. The names of **ALL** members and their guests must be recorded as well as a telephone number so that we can contact you with regards to track and trace. You are required to check in to the Pro Shop before going out on the Course.

Remember, your tee time is the time you are expected on the first tee not the time you arrive, so please arrive at least 10 minutes before your designated tee time.

Details of all competitions are posted on the Notice Boards throughout the Club as well as on the website, posted on our social media platforms and published as a fixture booklet.

Competitions

The Fixture Booklet outlines when the different competitions are being run. To enter competitions you should adhere to the following steps:

- Enter your Name on BRS via the website or by using the app.
- On the day check in at the Pro Shop and pay your entrance fee.
- If you are a Prize Winner, it is required that you attend the prize giving in the clubhouse.

Competition Timetable

Monday – All Gender Seniors 50+ (Book via BRS).

Tuesday – Ladies day (Enter via email to competition secretary).

Wednesday – All Gender Sweep (Enter via BRS).

Thursday – All gender Open (Book via BRS).

Friday – No set competitions

Saturday – Men's day (Book via BRS).

Sunday – No set competitions.

On the Course

Rule books are available from the office and other useful information on the rules of golf are available on the R&A website.

It is important that when you go onto the golf course, that you are safe and are following the course etiquette. As well as this, for you to enjoy your game remember the following:

- To **ALWAYS** arrive at least 10 minutes before your designated tee time.
- To replace divots on fairways and repair pitch marks on greens.
- Trolleys should not be on tee boxes or greens or wheeled between bunkers and greens.
- To switch mobile phones to silent.
- To be ready to play your shot when it is your turn.
- To always wait until the players in front are at a safe distance before hitting.

Local Rules

Local Rules are specific to each Club and it is important you make yourself aware of them as they may have an influence on the interpretation of the Rules of Golf. They are usually in place for local features such as young trees that may be staked and therefore you might be entitled to a free drop. These can be found on the back of the Playing Card or on the Notice Board at the first tee.

Handicapping Information

If you are new to golf and have never held a Handicap, please speak to the Handicap Secretary in your Section about obtaining one. If you are a previous member from another club your handicap will be taken from Golf Ireland under the new World Handicap System. Let the office know your handicap when you join.

Conclusion

We hope you enjoy your Membership at Portadown Golf Club for many years to come and embrace the many benefits that Golf has to offer. If you have any questions as a result of reading this introductory document, please contact the Office or any of the Officers of the Club. **Please ensure you read appendix 1.**

Appendix 1

Members should note that membership subscriptions are to re-imburse the club for its annual expenditure as defined in the annual accounts.