

# NEW MEMBERS HANDBOOK



Portadown Golf Club



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# WELCOME

Welcome from the 2024-25 Presidents and Captains of the Club.

Mr Colum McKeever - President

Mrs Doreen Johnston - Lady President

Mr Lex Girvan - Captain

Mrs Moira Irwin - Lady Captain

On behalf of Portadown Golf Club and the 2024-2025 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.

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# PORTADOWN GOLF CLUBS VISION & MISSION STATEMENT AND CLUB VALUES



## OUR VISION

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

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 of 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.

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.

All playing members over the age of 18 can put their 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.

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## Portadown Golf Club

### Council Officers

<i>President</i>	<i>Mr Colum McKeever</i>
<i>Lady President</i>	<i>Mrs Doreen Johnston</i>
<i>Captain</i>	<i>Mr Lex Girvan</i>
<i>Vice-Captain</i>	<i>Mr Mark Jones</i>
<i>Lady Captain</i>	<i>Mrs Moira Irwin</i>
<i>Lady Vice-Captain</i>	<i>Mrs Sharon Horsfall</i>
<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	<i>Mr Dennis Thornbury</i>
<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>	<i>Mr Bryan Friar</i>
<i>Immediate Past Captain</i>	<i>Mr Ronnie McReynolds</i>
<i>Ladies Immediate Past Captain</i>	<i>Mrs Kim Spragg</i>

### Council Members

<i>Membership Convenor</i>	<i>Mrs Mia McKeown</i>
<i>Match &amp; Handicap Convenor</i>	<i>Mr Michael Connolly</i>
<i>Catering Convenor</i>	<i>Mr Stuart Hunter</i>
<i>Bar Convenor</i>	<i>Mr John Hanna</i>
<i>Social Convenor</i>	<i>Mr Chris Sloan</i>
<i>Sponsorship Convenor</i>	<i>Mr Craig Black</i>
<i>Greens Convenor</i>	<i>Mr Keith Walker</i>
<i>Juniors Convenor</i>	<i>Miss Judith Connolly</i>

*These lists are by Resolution of Council and must be displayed at all times (Club Constitution 10.6)*

# 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.





# 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.



# 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, the Howdidido app and ClubV1 members hub 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.

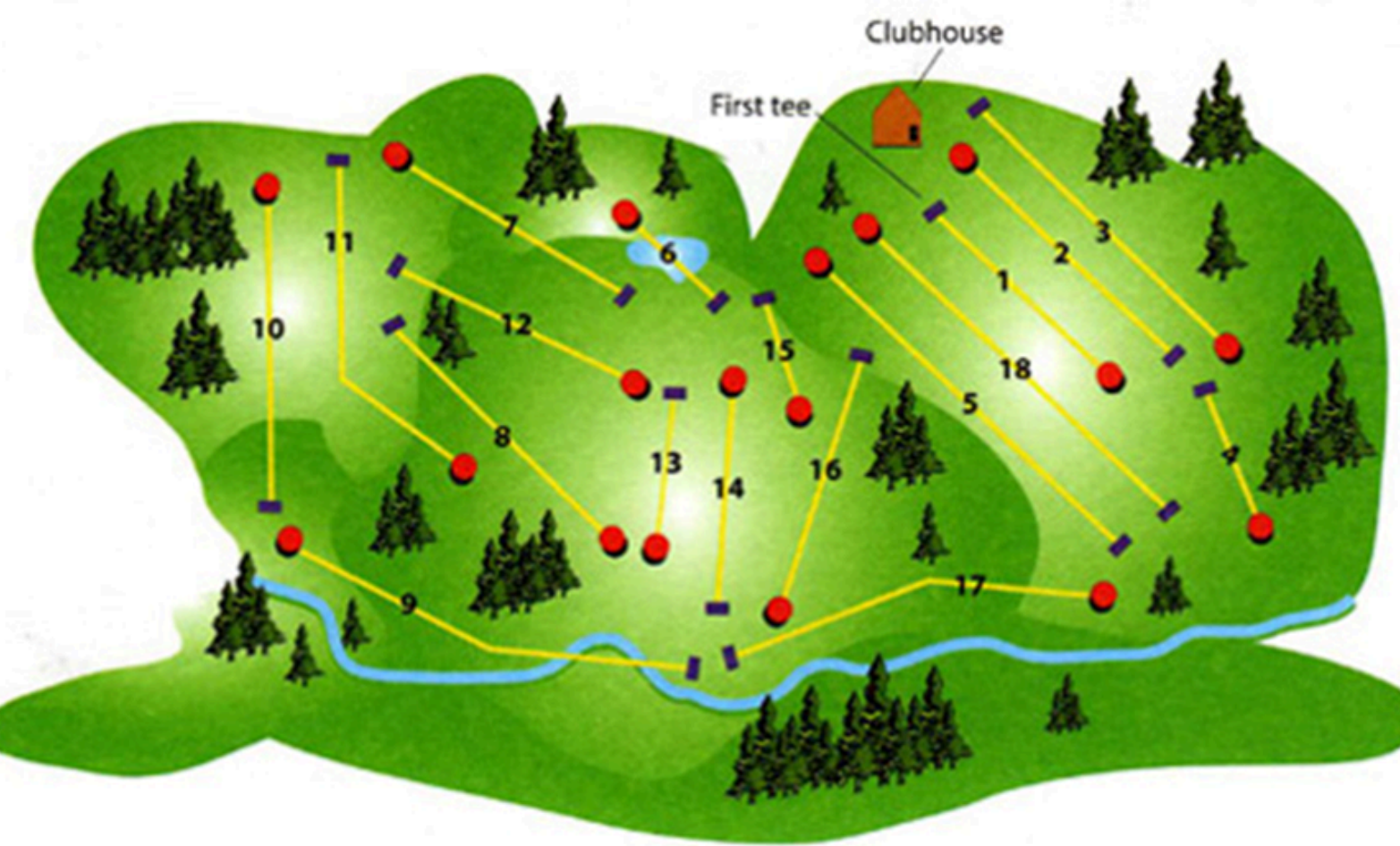
Bar Manager: Derek Cloughley.

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

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

## Tee Time Reservations

Our Course can be busy and for that reason, 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.

# RULES

## On the Course

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 a previous member of a Golf Club your handicap will be transferred through Golf Ireland. If you have never been a member before you will need to put in three 18 hole cards or 6 9 hole cards. Please hand these to the Pro Shop and mark them for handicap purposes.



# GOOD LUCK



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