

Craigie Hill Golf Club Men's Section



General Information Pack of Club Activities for New Members

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New Members

This letter and information pack is provided for the benefit of new members, and provides details of activities available, events and competitions that take place during the year.

The pack contains some information that I hope you will find helpful and if you have any questions or queries myself, or indeed any other members of the board, will be very happy to answer.

I would also ask you to look at the information provided in the Fixture List for the coming season. The Fixture List is normally issued on receipt, or first installment of, the annual subscription. The fixture list may, on occasion, be rearranged due to team matches or slotting in other previously postponed competitions.

Craigie Hill's own Internet Web Site can be viewed at:

<http://www.craigiehill.co.uk>

The Club introduced a new category of Membership last year. Spouses and recognised partners are now able to use the Club facilities (other than use of the course!) in their own right and can introduce friends plus attend any function without the playing member being present.

I am sure you will enjoy becoming part of the "Hill" and I look forward to seeing you becoming one of the regulars for both golfing and social activities.

Alan Davidson
Club Captain

Golfing Activities

Competitions (summer)

There are several different types of competitions during the summer season which commences around the start of April, finishing towards the end of October. These are listed below along with details of how Members can enter. Competition entry sheets can be found on the notice-boards in the Gents Locker room.

Competitions (winter)

There are no Saturday competitions during the months of November to approximately the end of March. There is, however, a Winter League, which operates in much the same way as the Summer League i.e. the best 8 scores and ecclectics (in two handicap sections)

Winter League is normally played on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. In the event of play being cancelled on Wednesday's, play is then allowed on the Thursday.

One of the joys of playing winter golf is using small mats to play off, if on the fairway!! The mats must be used at all times during the winter season and can be purchased from the Pro-shop.

Saturday Competitions

The Saturday competition can be entered via the Craigie Hill online booking system which can be accessed via the club web site. Booking "slots" are in ½ hour sections and you can select the block in which you would like to play. These entries are then entered into a random draw within each time slot. Bookings can be made 10 days in advance.

The final draw sheet for each Saturday competition normally goes on the board in the Gents Locker room by Thursday afternoon each week. Partners are grouped in two's or three's at 8-minute intervals. Attempts are made to vary partners in each block to prevent competitors playing with the same people each week.

The draw will be displayed on the Locker Room notice board and a copy will be with the Professional by Thursday afternoon. Scorecards are prepared and issued by the Professional immediately prior to teeing-off.

Normal entry costs to a Saturday Medal	-	£1.50
Sweep (optional)	-	£0.50
2's sweep (optional)	-	£0.50
Total	=	£2.50

Sweep will be paid to the top four best scores (and ties) on a 40% ; 30% ; 20% ; 10% basis

The 2's sweep only applies at holes 8th - 13th - 17th. A hole in one at any of the qualifying holes will be deemed to be a two for the purposes of the 2s sweep.

Members ***must, without fail*** notify the Professional if they are unable to turn up on the day.

Summer League

This is a handicap competition, split into two handicap sections of 0-12 and 13-24 and starts at the beginning of May each year. Your handicap at the commencement of the competition determines the section in which you compete.

Players can play up to three times each week, Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Adult members can take part by booking a time using the club online booking system accessed via the club web site. It is left to each player to arrange a playing partner, but if someone wishes to play and has no partner the Professional will try and arrange a partner or join another group.

The Summer League competition has 2 separate events running over the season:

- Eclectic competition - the best score achieved at each hole
- Best 8 scores – cumulative across the season

Summer League Sweep and 2's Sweep – as Saturday Competitions above.

Completed Score Cards

All competition score-cards must be returned. Please ensure that scorecards are signed by player and marker. Any alterations to the scorecard must be countersigned by the marker. It is the player's responsibility to ensure that the scorecard is completed, and submitted correctly.

Except on very few occasions e.g. Texas scrambles, two- balls, etc., players are obliged to enter scores (hole by hole) into the computer located in the lounge. The normal procedure to follow is for each player to enter his playing partners score not their own. The Match Secretary is empowered to make "spot checks" on any scores returned to ensure accuracy.

No Returns (NR's) should be signed and entered as normal – i.e. NR at hole 14. Scores for 1-13 entered as normal – Hole 14 NR – scores for holes 15-18 entered as normal.

Knockout Singles – Norie Miller (matchplay)

Sheets for names are on the notice boards for 3-4 weeks, from March to early April. A draw is then made and displayed. Matches must be played by the specified closing date of each round. Rules of challenges and closing dates are displayed on the notice board.

Knockout Foursomes (matchplay)

Sheets and draw are as for the Norie Miller matchplay above. Normally Members choose their own partner, but if there is a Member without a partner the Match Secretary will attempt to arrange one.

Senior (over 55) Competitions

There are separate Club competitions for members of 55 years and over. These consist of knockout events and medals. Details are advertised on the main notice boards in the Locker rooms.

Team Matches

There are several team matches each season, both home and away. Teams are normally selected on a voluntary basis, but if there are too many entrants for a particular match normally the team is chosen by ballot.

Opens at other Courses

There are folders in the main Lounge that holds posters and entry forms from to competitions at other clubs. It is left to each Member to send off the entry form.

Handicaps

Members can not take part in normal Club competitions until they receive confirmation of an official Scottish Golf Union handicap, and that the computer has a record of the player and their playing and exact handicap.

New Handicaps

Handicaps are initially allocated by returning 3 cards, signed by an existing member who has an official handicap. Completed cards should be signed by both player and partner, highlighting that it is a **new member's merit card** and post it in the scorecard box in the lounge. The Match Secretary can then allocate the handicap as per Scottish Golf Union guidelines.

Transfer from another Club

If a member has an existing handicap he should ensure a current Handicap Certificate is produced for the attention of the Match Secretary.

Handicap Certificates

If a member requires a certificate for proof of handicap when playing away from Craigie Hill he can request one to be produced from the Match Secretary.

Dress Code

Members and guests must abide by the Dress Code which is displayed on the notice-boards in the entrance hallway and is included in the Membership Card / Fixture List

Use of the Clubhouse - Facilities

Members and their Guests can use any of the facilities available. All guests introduced must sign the Visitors Book located at the top of the staircase.

The Membership & Fixture list booklet provides details of times when Children and Junior members can use the Clubhouse main lounge and junior lounge areas. Snacks and food can only be taken into those areas if bought on the premises - snacks are usually readily available, however it is always advisable to check with the Steward before playing an evening round.

Use of the Clubhouse - Private Functions

Members and their Guests can request the use of the Clubhouse for private functions;

- special birthday parties
- christening parties
- small wedding receptions
- afternoon teas etc. after funeral services
- conferences facilities (there may be a small fee charged)
- seminars (there may be a small fee charged)

All requests for private functions will be assessed by the Directors to ensure there are no "date clashes", there will not be a "conflict" of interest with the Golf Professional, and that the Clubhouse is suitable for the requested function. Normally the Dining room will be made available for any private functions, but it may be possible on occasion to provide use of the lounge for some functions.

Gaming Machines

Gaming Machines are provided for members and their Guests and you are asked to ensure that all members have an equal chance to play.

At no time must Children (except those 18 or over) play or gather around the gaming machines.

Golfing Equipment and Clothing

Adults are advised to make sure all clothing and personal belongings are removed from the Locker rooms. There is a "lost property" bin in the main locker room that is cleaned out weekly.

Golf Clubs which may be left unattended at any time should be placed in the locker rooms as unobtrusively as possible. Golf trolleys must not be left lying or stored in the locker rooms other than in lockers.

Note: The club accepts no responsibility for any lost or stolen Golf equipment or personal belongings.

Club Emblems on Clothing and other Franchise

There is a wide variety of goods which have the Club emblem or logo incorporated. These goods can be obtained from the Professional. Club ties can also be obtained on request.

Lockers

Lockers may be available on request, although there is normally a waiting list. Applications should be passed *in writing* to the Secretary. An annual locker fee is charged, which will vary depending upon the size of locker.

Any lost keys should be reported to the club. They will be replaced with the cost passed on to the Member. There may be occasions where it may be necessary to replace the complete lock.

Warning: under no circumstances should Members attempt to "force" open a locker if the key has been lost - this has happened quite recently and resulted in considerable damage and repair costs

Clubhouse Access System

An access entry system has been installed to increase the security of the Clubhouse, its Staff and also reduce the risk of golfing equipment and other personal belongings being stolen. All members will be advised of the security code number at the start of each season. Please ensure that doors are closed at all times.

Members will normally be advised of the pass code when they receive their payment of subscription receipt.

Contact Points.

The normal contact points for Members are:

Professional: 01738 622644

Clubhouse: 01738 624377

Office: 01738 620829

The Steward will normally answer calls on this phone and will either pass on messages or locate the member if possible.

Note: It is not the responsibility of the Steward to "cover" for errant members if an aggrieved wife phones trying to locate her husband!!

Golf Coaching/Lessons

The professional is always available and happy to provide individual coaching session. Members can make their own arrangements via the Pro-shop.

Final Comments

Craigie Hill has always been very fortunate over the years to have Members who have been keen golfers and at the same time have proved to be excellent club ambassadors.

We at Craigie Hill are extremely keen for you to enjoy your membership and that you make the most of Craigie Hill Golf Club. We remain one of the most active and respected in the County.