

TRADLADS WELCOME PACK



If you are reading this I assume that you have started playing with, or have shown an interest in playing with Tradlads Golf Society.

First up, welcome.

We are a friendly society with a group of players from a variety of professions who meet weekly on a Saturday morning at Traditions Golf Club in Pyrford, near Woking in Surrey.

We try to maintain an informality about our golf as far as possible although there are certain rules and requirements that help things operate more smoothly.

A brief guide is listed here but our full constitution can be found on our website www.tradlads.co.uk which will also give you a far better clue about us and is where results are posted each week.

It contains tour reports, annual reports, photos, Honour Boards etc.

There is a ten pound weekly fee which provides for weekly prizes, nearest the pins etc. and if turnout is high enough a contribution to society funds.

We also try to have an annual tour and also a weekend away where the annual prizes are awarded. If there are sufficient funds a contribution will be made from society funds to the weekender.

As mentioned, we are attached to Traditions Golf Club and we have an informal arrangement for reduced green fees.

To obtain these you are expected to take out a membership with the club which is currently £50 per year. You will save this amount once you have played 12 times so it provides value over a full year.

The club does ask us for up to date lists of players so they will catch up with you but it is only fair on the rest of us that do pay the membership that you pay your annual fee as soon as possible.

Membership of the club will also entitle you to a handicap certificate issued by Traditions if you are playing abroad or in a competition at another club requiring a recognized handicap certificate..

The handicaps issued are based on your Tradlads handicap and the calculation of this is detailed in the constitution link below.

<http://www.tradlads.co.uk/constitution.html>

This constitution may seem a bit formal but we had to put it in place when the EGU operated their Society scheme and we have since retained and updated it as a point of reference and to ensure fairness to all.

Apart from that the only requirement is around notifying your intention to play.

The main contact for this is Penny Clarke with alternates of Jerry Dyer or Neil Smyth.

Contact details are below.

You can notify intention to play by telling Penny on the previous Saturday or up to 5pm on the Wednesday before you're the Saturday. We can normally arrange additional tee times with the club up to that point if required.

We have 4 tee times (16 players) provisionally booked for each Saturday at 9am November to March and 8am for the rest of the year.

If we do not fill all of these times we give tee times back to the club on the Thursday.

If you decide you want to play on a Saturday and have missed the Wednesday deadline we will attempt to get you a game but additional tee times will be at the discretion of the club and may not be available if they are fully booked. That is a chance you take.

If you indicate an intention to play and then do not turn up without notifying a valid reason to Penny, Jerry or Neil you will be "fined" a one shot penalty on your handicap. This is permanent.

If you are unable to play for an extended period (4 weeks or more) please let Penny or Neil know.

Failure to do this will mean you cannot take winners money the next time you play.

Valid reasons are work/family commitments, holidays, injury.

If you are running late please ensure you call Penny, Neil or Jerry to let them know so that you can be included in the draw and put in a later group. Do not rely on text messages as these are sometimes delayed.

Players who just turn up on a Saturday without notification risk having a wasted journey.

There are plenty of communication methods available and things go far more smoothly with a phone call.

Finally, please ensure you turn up at least 30 minutes before the first tee time on a Saturday so that we can do the administration and playing draw and allow enough time for everyone to have a warm up.

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