WELCOME

We are very pleased to welcome you as a new member of Lydd Golf Club and hope you will have a long association with the Club, enjoying quality golf and good company in pleasant surroundings. This welcome pack is intended to help you get the most out of your membership and to highlight the facilities and activities available to you as a member of the Club. We want to make all our members feel welcome. If you have any questions or any suggestions to make, please speak to a member of staff, the Captain/Competition Secretary or any member of the committee who will be happy to help.

CONTACTS

Our Staff will be pleased to help you with any issues or questions. Contact details are as follows:

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BOOKING TEE TIMES

Members may book a tee time up to 2 weeks in advance. Visitors may book up to one week in advance with no restrictions for societies.

Website - To obtain access to the members' book now section of the Club website as opposed to the visitor booking page, members must log in with their membership number and password provided by the pro shop.

App – Members can also download the 'BRS Golf' App to make bookings using the same log in detail.

RUNNING OF THE CLUB

The Club is a proprietary Club, the day-to-day running of the Club is the responsibility of the Manager with the Head Professional and Head Greenkeeper and their staff reporting to him. The Manager is responsible for business and administrative aspects of the Club and reports to the Directors at regular management meetings.

The Captain is the social focus of the Club with the Competition Secretary responsible for organising and running competitions.

The Committee are responsible for:

a. Organisation of Club golf competitions and matches.
b. General Rules and Procedures.
c. Rules for competitions.

The Committee holds regular meetings to discuss the latest developments at the club. Should you wish to raise a point to be discussed at these meetings, there is a members' suggestion book left in the porch of the clubhouse entrance for you to leave your suggestion or to contact any committee member.

An Annual General Meeting in September each year. Prior to the AGM members are invited to make nominations for posts of Treasurer, Committee Secretary, Competition Secretary and three ordinary Committee Members. Proposers, Seconders and Nominees must be full members of Lydd Golf Club. A form for nominations is posted on the Club noticeboard one month prior to the date of the AGM.

The Veterans Section has its own Officers, Committee and AGM.

ETIQUETTE

The R&A rules of golf sets out the etiquette and standards expected by all players of golf and details can be found at:

www.randa.org/rules/rules-hub

Lydd Golf Club is a friendly and welcoming Club. However, we do ask that members and visitors adhere to the guidelines below both on and off the course:

Course – Proper golfing attire is always required.

- Trousers. (No tracksuit / jogging bottoms, combat trousers or jeans)
- Shirts with collars and sleeves. (No football shirts / vests allowed)
- Golf shoes – not trainers
- Smart fitted shorts
- Golf shoes are allowed to be worn in the clubhouse and on the driving range. However please ensure you have firstly brushed off excess grass outside using the machine provided at the back of the pro shop.

Members and visitors are asked to follow the dress code applied by the Club and to advise their guests playing the course. The Club encourages a reasonable standard of dress in the Clubhouse and on the driving range, jeans are allowed. Staff may refuse admission to anyone dressed inappropriately.

Mobile Phones - Observe etiquette and don't let your mobile be a distraction for other players or customers.

SPIRIT OF THE GAME

Golf is played, for the most part, without supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, always demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.

SAFETY

General Safety Points

- Always consider your safety and that of your playing partners, fellow players, greens staff and members of the public.
- You are responsible personally for any injury or damage that you cause, and you should have personal liability insurance sufficient to cover any injuries to yourself, fellow players, members of the public and damage to property.
- DO NOT play a shot if fellow players are within range especially if visibility is impaired.
- DO NOT play a shot if greens staff are working ahead – wait until they have waved you on and stood clear.
- DO NOT tee off in foggy conditions if you cannot see the green on the 1st hole.
- Observe the safety instructions for Buggies on the course.

Safety on the Course

- Shout FORE should you hit your ball onto another hole especially when over the mounds or trees on the course and you are unable to see who is on the other side.
- Ensure players are out of reach on any dogleg holes such as the 9th before teeing off.
- Beware of stray balls from the driving range left of the 18th hole.

Pace of Play

Golfers, golf clubs and competition organisers have differing views on what constitutes acceptable pace of play, but they are all agreed that slow play detracts from the enjoyment of the game for far too many players. Few players complain about the game being too quick. There is a responsibility therefore on all players and administrators to ensure that golf is played at a good pace, and a pace appropriate to the course being played. Factors that may influence what is considered an appropriate pace may be the difficulty of the course, distances between tees, the weather and the range and ability of the players on the course. The guidelines below if adhered to will help ensure a reasonable pace of play:

On the Course

- All players must maintain their place in the field, which is immediately behind the group in front and not ahead of the group behind. This is a group responsibility and not an individual one. All members should be proactive in addressing the slow play problem.

- Should your group fall a clear hole behind (e.g., you are on the tee of a four or five par hole and the previous group has already left the green) and it is delaying the group behind please invite the group behind to play through (irrespective of the number of players in that group).

- If you hit a ball that you think may be hard to find, or it may be out of bounds, please hit a provisional ball to save having to walk back if the first ball can't be found.

- No more than **three** minutes is allowed to search for a ball. Be ready to call through if you can't find your ball within two minutes and proceed by enforcing the golf rules governing the conditions under which your ball was lost. If more than one ball needs to be found, split up and search for all the balls at the same time.

- Go to your ball and get ready to hit your next shot as soon as it is feasible, i.e., not impeding another player's shot or endangering yourself. Don't always wait for your playing partner to play before going to your ball (see Ready Golf below}.

- Short hitters to tee off first
- Walking briskly between shot
- Leaving your golf bag, buggy or cart strategically placed to side of the green nearest the next tee.

- Cart users should be particularly aware of the extra time taken in sharing a cart and look for ways to speed up play, for example, move ahead of walkers to look for possibly lost balls, try to position the cart for easy access when leaving the green to reduce the number of times that you must get in and out.

On the Green

- When you reach the green, move to your ball and repair any pitch marks. Where possible, line up your putt prior to your turn to putt.

- If your ball needs to be marked, then do it as quickly as you can. Anticipate the requirements of your fellow players. Move back and line up your putt.

- Except in match play, and where you will stand on someone else's lie, when you start putting, continue until you have holed out. If playing stableford competition and you can no longer score on that hole, pick up your ball and let others continue.

- The first player to finish putting should take control of the flag and be ready to replace it in the hole when the final player has completed the hole.

- Players should proceed to the next tee without delay. The following group should be waiting to play their approach shots, so the path taken to the next tee should be borne in mind. Think ahead; leave your clubs in a place where you won't be hindering the following players.

- Cards should be marked as quickly as possible after completing the hole, but it is best to mark the cards at the next tee. Please mark your card when it is not your turn to play and remember, at all times your place in the field is immediately behind the group in front and not in front of the group behind.

Ready Golf

With more members and guests keen to play it is important that we all address 'pace of play' issues. A simple change is to play 'Ready Golf' on the course and on the putting green. Allowing players to play when they are ready to do so, rather than adhering strictly to the "farthest from the hole plays first" stipulation should be encouraged, except during match play games. Examples of ready golf include playing when someone in your group is assessing a tricky shot, shorter hitters playing first if longer hitters must wait and hitting a shot before helping someone to look for a lost ball. Another is putting out if you are not on someone's line.

Pitch Marks & Divots

We pride ourselves on the condition of our greens throughout the year. However, such playing surfaces can only be maintained if all golfers repair their pitch marks on the green. We would ask you to not only repair your pitch marks but ensure that all players within your group adhere to this policy – and look for another one to repair. Golfers are also responsible for the repair of all divot marks. If you make a divot, please replace it in its original location. The tee box is the only exception in which it is the greenkeeper's responsibility to cover divot marks.

SUNDAY COMPETITIONS

Club Competitions

When: Sunday mornings First tee – 9/9.30am

Open to: All 7 day members with a WHS handicap or those wishing to hand in handicap cards, 5-day members may play but must pay a guest green fee.

Register: Via howdidido app, club psi machine or email Competition Secretary.

Entry: £6 or £8 for board comps includes 2's sweep and admin fee

See Competition Bible for further details

Pro Shop Stableford

When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, all day, book your own tee times

Open to: No restrictions. A junior wishing to play must play with an adult. All scorecards to be attested by playing partner with a WHS handicap.

Register: In pro shop before your round

Entry: £3 = £1.50 Daily winner £1.50 Monthly winner
*To be eligible to win the monthly prize pot you must have played 3 previous Club Competitions in the past 12 months.

The Club runs an Open week for members and visitors alike during August running over numerous days comprising of a different event each day.

Club Teams

East Kent League/Cup – Handicaps 10 and below, 1 scratch match, 4 handicap, played Saturdays 9-10am. Captain Lee Barret leeantonygolf@aol.com

East Kent Friday League – Handicaps 18 and below. Captain Alan Carter algi26@aol.com

East Kent Alliance – Second Thursday each month throughout winter, handicap limit 18. Captain Ed Johnson edwin647@btinternet.com

Vets KGVL – Over 60's Handicaps 20 and below, played Mondays and Fridays. Captain Gary Weller gary.weller47@gmail.com

Super Vets – Over 70's Handicaps 24 and below, played weekday afternoons. Captain

HANDICAPS

If you do not already have a handicap, you need to play three rounds and have your card signed by a WHS member with an "active handicap" and then submit them to the pro shop. Once you have been allocated a handicap you will be allocated a unique CDH (Central Database of Handicaps) number from England Golf. You will retain this throughout your amateur career and Lydd Golf Club will manage your handicap throughout. If you already have a handicap or have had a handicap at another club, you should provide us with details including your CDH number. If you wish your handicap to continue to be managed by your other club this can be done and you will be treated as an AWAY player at Lydd Golf. Your World Handicap System Index is automatically generated based on your best 8 scores from the last 20 games. If fewer than 20 scores are available to calculate a handicap Index, a sliding scale is used. For new golfers to gain their handicap Index, they must submit a minimum of 54 holes (using any combination of 9 and 18 holes on a measured course and by another player). For the purposes of the initial award of a Handicap Index two 9-hole scores are combined. The maximum hole score for new golfers is par +5 strokes, and holes not completed or scoring above this will be adjusted to par + 5.

During the months of October – March the Committee will conduct a handicap review of all home club players at the club. Adjustments may be made to players' handicaps based on results of reports from the WHS platform. The Committee advises players to have a maximum of 8 general plays in their last 20 handicap rounds. Players having more than 8 general play rounds in their last 20 rounds are are more open to handicap adjustments should their average general play round scores be higher than their average competition scores.

VETERANS

When: Tuesday – 7.30am – 9am Summer, 8.00am - 9.30am Winter, rollup
Thursday – 7.30am – 9am Summer, 8.00am - 9.30am Winter drawn

Open to: All members 60 years and above with a WHS handicap

Register: Via Vets noticeboard near driving range entrance or email Vets Competition Secretary.

LADIES SECTION

When: Sunday's as part of the main club competition. Wednesdays as a roll up Stableford.

Open to: All female members with a WHS handicap

Register: Via howdidido or email Competition Secretary.

JUNIORS

The Club has a thriving Junior section and Academy link with The Marsh Academy school. Weekly group lessons are available on Saturday mornings for juniors aged 4-16 years, with Head Professional Greg Holman covering all aspects of the game. The club enters junior teams into the East Kent League, Kent Foursomes Cup and Golf Foundations Golf Sixes competition.

PRACTICE AREAS

The Club boasts a 17 bay undercover, floodlit driving range with Toptracer installed in each bay to make Lydd Golf Club the perfect place to hone your skills and have fun.

Toptracer Range delivers the same ball-tracking technology that traces the shots of the game's best players on TV. Driving ranges equipped with Toptracer Range technology offer a fun, engaging, tech-driven experience that appeals to seasoned players, range rivals, friends, family members, and even first-time golfers. This comprehensive training mode allows guests to hone their skills by offering data such as distance (carry and total), ball speed, launch angle, height, side deviation, landing angle, hang time and distance to target.Tokens to be purchased from the pro shop.

There is a large putting green and small chipping area beside the 1st tee.

See Toptracer Range Page for further details and Pricing.

PROSHOP

Our professional shop is well stocked for all your golfing needs. We offer a wide range of brands including Taylormade, Ping, Callaway, FootJoy, Nike, Motocaddy, Srixon, US Kids and more. We have a range of demo clubs for you to try and provide a free fitting service as well as hosting fitting events throughout the year. We offer a price match and trade in service ensuring fantastic value for all.

If you are looking for something, we do not stock we can source everything available on www.foremostgolf.com.

Competition credit winnings will go onto a pro shop account. A monthly statement is sent to all.

COACHING

Our PGA professionals are available to book one-to-one including on-course sessions:

See lesson page for further information and pricing.

LOCKERS

The Club has lockers available to rent to hold your golf bags. These are available for £100 per year. The Club does not have storage for trollies.

BUGGIES

The Club has several buggies for hire at £25 per round for members or a buggy card of 10 rounds is available for £200. Personal buggies may be stored at the Club depending on availability and payment of £175 annual rental. The Manager's permission must be sought before bringing personal buggies onto the course. A buggy disclaimer must be signed by all. The club has its own buggy policy for club competitions and maybe applied for.

CATERING

The Bar and Catering
Catering is available 7 days a week. Members will receive 10% discount on all food and drinks. Opening hours are from 7.00am to 9.00pm weekdays and 7.00am to 6.00pm weekends, throughout the playing season these hours may be increased. A pool table is available, and sport will be screened at times.

Social Events
The XIX Club holds several social events throughout the year but they will only be a success if members come and support them. Details of all events will be emailed to members and advertised in the Clubhouse.

Functions, Conferences and Meeting Facilities
The Club can be hired for functions by both members and private individuals throughout the year. For more information, please contact the Manager/House Manager. Companies and organisations can make good use of our conference and meeting facilities – all fully catered for.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

There are many additional benefits to being a member of Lydd Golf Club:

- Affiliation with England Golf and Kent Union of Golf Clubs (KUGC).
- Provision of a County Card giving discount off rounds at golf clubs in Kent, visit https://www.kentgolf.org/county-card for further details.
- Provision of Personal Liability and 3rd Party Damage insurance at Lydd and other UK courses.
- Access to and management of an official WHS handicap.
- Access to play in open competitions, club competitions, regional leagues, and alliances.