



BRIDPORT & WEST DORSET GOLF CLUB

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Society Pack 2010

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**Dear
of
Number in Party
1st tee booked for**

On Date

**Golf Society
Playing in**

Deposit required: minimum 10% or **£50** whichever is less, non refundable.
Balance to be paid before play on the day.

We look forward to your visit to Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club, to ensure it will be an enjoyable day, we would appreciate you taking the time to read the following items and ensure your party are aware of them.

On arrival please report to the Professional shop.

Green Fees

Green Fees are payable on arrival at the Professional shop for all your members, there will be no green fee charge for: -

Current Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club Members, current & immediate past Captains of Golf Clubs, Golf Club Secretaries or PGA Professionals
Please advise us in advance of any members of your society in these categories.



The Professional staff will issue the required number of Green Fee tickets (1 each for every member of your society) please ensure that all your members attach these to their golf bags. Our green staff and course wardens have instructions to challenge anyone playing the Course who are not displaying current tickets.



We do have a Driving Range facility within easy reach of the 1st Tee, which is not included in the green fee, tokens for this are available from the professional shop.

We also have 4 buggies for hire at £20 per round.
Please contact the pro shop to add them to your booking



The professional staff should also advise you of the current Security Code to the Locker Rooms. The locker rooms are located in the clubhouse where you may leave your change of clothes, coin operated valuables lockers are also available

Catering



If you have any specific catering requirements, (vegetarian meals, etc) we would appreciate you contacting the Caterers 1 week in advance of your visit to discuss them. If numbers vary from those originally booked, would you please advise the Caterer not later than 48 hours before your visit, or unfortunately we will have to charge for the number of meals originally booked.

A copy of the menu choices is enclosed.

Starting Times & Tees

These must be previously arranged and agreed with the Club Secretary and must **be strictly adhered to!**

Starting will normally be from the 1st tee, starting from any other tee will only be permitted in special circumstances and will be notified to you prior to your first tee time allocation.

The teeing area for the day is indicated by **Yellow Markers** for Men and **Red** for Ladies.

Society or Group Competitions

If you need a visual hole for nearest the pin we suggest the 4th, 6th, or alternatively the 18th. Longest drive alternatives are the 5th, 11th, or 15th holes.

Nearest the Pin and Longest Drive markers are available on payment of a £10 returnable deposit.

For society organisers, we can take some of the stress out of the day for you. We would be happy to provide assistance in running your competition for you. Scorecards prepared before you start, scores calculated and a leader board set up etc, all for a small fee and advance warning

We do hope that your visit will be successful in every way, please ask if you have any questions!

Roy Wilson
Club Secretary

DRESS GUIDANCE FOR THE COURSE, CLUBHOUSE & SURROUNDS

We are a very welcoming club and do appreciate fashion trends change, however we also feel that a minimum acceptable standard of dress should be maintained.

In the Club House and surrounds:

Minimum requirement:

SMART, CASUAL & APPROPRIATE

(As would be defined by a majority of reasonably minded people)

Golf Shoes are only allowed in the Spikes Bar and access to it



On the Course:

If the style of clothing can be bought in our Pro shop then it may be worn on the course. Golf shoes are mandatory on the course.

Whilst we wish to encourage everyone to enjoy the course, clubhouse and facilities. Anyone considered to be inappropriately dressed, within the spirit of this guidance, by the Professional Staff or Club Officials, may be refused permission to use the facilities and may be also be asked to leave the course.

Thank you for your understanding & co-operation.



NON-SMOKING POLICY

As with all public places the club operates a **NO SMOKING** policy throughout any enclosed areas of the premises including the Club House and Driving Range.

We do have a patio area where smoking is allowed.

Course Etiquette

Although it is not the Club's policy to ask for proof of Golf Club Membership, it is expected that your players are competent golfers. If any players are judged not to be of a reasonable standard, handicap certificates may be requested and or the player/s asked to leave the Course!

We would ask you to please ensure that your Players conform in all respects to section 1 of the R & A rules of golf, particularly regarding Priority on the Course. Please remind your members to observe the following and it will add to the enjoyment of everyone on the course: -

Three-ball and four-ball matches **must** invite Single (two-ball) and Foursomes games to pass. **A Single Player** has no standing. Any match that has lost a clear hole **must** invite the following match through. *Please keep just behind the match in front **not** just in front of the match behind.*

No player should play until the players in front are out of range.

Care of the Course

Once again we would ask your members to observe the following etiquette.

- **Please Do** Replace all divots on Fairways and repair all pitch marks on the greens. Sand boxes are provided to repair divots on tees.
- Before leaving a bunker a player should carefully fill up and smooth over **all** holes in sight.
- **Please do not** take practice swings on the tees.
- **Please do** use access steps to tees, where provided.
- **Please do** keep to paths and walkways; do not walk across playing surfaces unless necessary.
- If trolleys or buggies are allowed and being used, please use wide wheel trolleys only and: -
- **Please do** not take onto tees.
- **Please do** not take onto aprons of greens or greens themselves.
- **Please do** not take across white lines on aprons of greens.
- **Please do** follow trolley direction signs.
- **Please do not** drop litter on the course.

We would appreciate you bringing the following notes relating to Health and Safety and club policies to your members attention, thank you.

Health & Safety Notes

The Club holds all the documentation including Risk Assessment to comply with the Health & Safety at Work Act, available for perusal from the office. **All** persons using the Course and facilities of Bridport & West Dorset Golf Club have a duty of care to ensure their own safety and **not** to go against the rules laid down for safety under the risk assessment. **All** Golf related activities can be dangerous. Players are reminded of the need for care and vigilance before striking a golf ball, which applies at all times. Particular care must be taken to look out for and give way to walkers on both the public and coastal footpaths as outlined below.

Public footpath No 17

Players are reminded that this Public Footpath from Freshwater to West Bay, crosses the Golf course and walkers have every right to use it

At present, the path runs from the 1st Green along the track to the Greenkeepers Sheds where it enters the Golf course and proceeds through the gap in the wall in front of the 11th tee where it then continues West to the right of the 12th green and across the top of the 16th fairway then through the fence into the field on the left of the 16th fairway.

Extreme Care should be exercised when walkers are in range and **must** be given the right of way before playing.

Special Care should be exercised when teeing off from the 9th, 10th, 11th & 16th Tees; also when approaching the 16th fairway plus playing approach shots to the 9th and 12th greens.

Coastal (cliff top) footpath

Players are also reminded that this Public Footpath from Freshwater to West Bay runs along the seaward side of the Golf Course on the club's land and walkers have every right to use it.

Extreme Care should be exercised at all times when walkers are in range and **must** be given the right of way before playing, especially when teeing off from the 3rd, 6th & 15th tees.

Green Staff & Contractors

Playing the course, players will occasionally encounter Green Staff/Contractors carrying out their maintenance work, and they **must** be given sufficient time to stop their work before waving the players on.

Poor visibility, Thunder & Lightning

To prevent possible injuries in the event of playing in poor visibility and/or thunder/lightning, the Head Greenkeeper or his Deputy, liaising with the Secretary, will close the course if in his opinion the conditions are unsafe for play. If the warning/fog-horn is sounded players **are to leave the course!** In the event of an executive decision not being made, players are warned **not** to start playing or if on the course continue to play in poor visibility and/or thunder/lightning conditions **and must leave the course!** (See Personal Insurance).

Personal Insurance

Players are **strongly advised**, in their own interests, to ensure that they are adequately insured not only to cover their **personal liability** whilst playing golf but also their equipment whilst at the clubhouse, Bridport and West Dorset Golf Club accept no responsibility for injury or loss or damage to equipment.

In the event of a fire in the club house

If whilst in the Clubhouse, the repeating fire alarm claxon is sounded, you are to leave the building by the nearest fire exit and muster in the car park below the clubhouse. Do Not use the lift!

Mobile Phones

Whilst it is appreciated that some people may be needed to be contacted quickly, mobile phones must be in the silent (vibrate) mode both in the clubhouse and on the course. Calls are only to be taken or made **outside** the Lounge/Dining Room areas.

TIME SAVING TIPS TO AVOID SLOW PLAY

A few time saving tips to help you avoid slow play appear below, we hope they will help you to enjoy your game as well as making sure that others will enjoy theirs!

1. There is no need to rush your shot, but do walk quickly between shots, be ready to play at all times and avoid time wasting conversation on tee and green
2. It is not necessary to have a practice swing before every shot.
3. The player who has holed out first should be ready to replace the flagstick as soon as the others have holed out. Players who cannot score at a hole should pick up their ball and walk on so the object is to vacate the green as soon as reasonably possible.
4. Scores should be checked during the walk to the next tee and the player who has the honour should tee off straight away, if the way is clear, and mark the score card afterward.
5. Trolleys & Bags should be positioned so that the minimum time is spent collecting them after putting out. Generally speaking, wherever your ball is on the green, leaving the trolley or bag clear of the green in a pin high position is the quickest in the end, and try to leave it on the side nearest to the next tee.
6. In Foursomes play, the partner not teeing off should be in a position to mark the ball and be ready to walk forward to play the next shot.
7. IF you have lost a hole from the preceding players and the players behind are catching you up, you MUST invite them through
8. IF players behind are playing faster than you, and are being kept waiting you SHOULD invite them through.
9. IF you are unsure where your ball has landed after any shot you should play a provisional.
10. IF you are searching for a ball, then invite the players behind you through; do not wait 5 minutes before doing so. A player is, however, allowed 5 minutes to find a lost ball even if they have to stand aside whilst others are coming through.
11. IF you are searching for a ball, do not wait until the players behind are on the tee and then abandon the search and move on.
12. IF in four-ball play, a ball is lost, only the owner of the ball should search for it.

NOTE: Time spent in replacing divots, repairing pitch marks, raking bunkers after playing from them, is both encouraged and appreciated.