



**New Member Welcome
And
Guidance Pack**

Ravenmeadow & Perdiswell Park Golf Club

Welcome to R&PPGC Golf Club. This document is aimed at helping you to integrate into our friendly Golf Club here at Ravenmeadow Golf Centre. The Golf Club would like to invite you to join in with our very impressive schedule of competitive golf and below you will read about how we operate and what you should do if you are interested in becoming an active Member, meeting new golfing friends and perhaps getting your name on some of our Silverware. Of course, you are not obliged to participate but we would not be doing our duty if we failed to introduce ourselves and welcome you into our fold.

Getting the most out of your round and membership...

FAQ

How do I get a handicap?

To play in the club competitions you will need a competitive (suffixed (c)) handicap. If you haven't already got a handicap, it's a simple process to get your initial handicap. Simply submit 3 completed scorecards, each signed by a club member currently holding a competition handicap (suffixed with C), and the handicap secretary will arrange to allocate your initial handicap. (please note - the Handicap Secretary and/or Committee reserve the right to make any minor adjustments, based on proffered handicap cards, at the time of issue. This initial handicap (IH) will be reviewed after 3 months just to ensure that it was set at the appropriate level.

To maintain your handicap as "competitive" you will need to play in a minimum 3 qualifying competitions during the year or alternatively you can submit 3 supplementary scorecards (you can submit as many supplementary cards as you wish during the season).

Playing regularly in competitions will ensure your handicap is current but the club are required to undertake an annual review of all handicaps to ensure they are accurate and reflect current playing ability of members.

If you haven't already got one, the club will issue you with a unique and personal CDH Number (Central Database of Handicaps) which also allows you to play in competitions at any other club.

What competitions can I play in?

There is an extensive fixture list offering a range of playing opportunities for all members involving formal qualifying events through to more informal events as well as a social Seniors "roll-up" on a most Tuesday mornings; simply turn up and play.

Most formal competitions involve a random draw which ensures that members get to play with a wide variety of playing companions. Unless specifically mentioned, all competitions are open to all members both home and away. Generally, all competitions involve 'three balls' except for some team events.

When are the Competitions played?

- Every Wednesday and Saturday. Tee times from 8.00 – 10.00 (8.15 – 10.00 during the winter months).
- Wednesday monthly – Ladies Competition (generally 9 hole events during the winter months and 18 hole during summer months).
- 1st Tuesday of the month – Senior only events (55 yrs and over)
- 1st Sunday of the month – Monthly Medal. Tee times 8.00 – 10.00

See the detailed fixture list for full details (posted in the Clubhouse and on our Website).

How do I book into competitions?

All members are encouraged to register with HowDidIDo which enables you to book into competitions online. Alternatively, you can book into available competitions via the computer terminal in the pro shop.

Booking for competitions opens 4 weeks prior to the event date and closes 2 full working days before the event date to allow the draw to be made and start sheet publicised e.g. Saturday comps: booking closes and draw made 6.00pm Wednesday.

Once the draw has been made, players will be unable to change their tee times. Only enforced changes due to withdrawals will be made by the competition organiser.

Can I book into a competition after the booking window has closed?

Yes, but only if there are spaces available in the field. Simply contact the pro shop and you can be added to the earliest available slot.

Can I select my playing partners and the time I tee off?

No. Apart from some team events where you can choose your team, the draw is always random and players will be allotted a tee time and playing group. However, the booking process does provide an option for you to specify a preference for an early or a later time zone.

What if I am unable to make my allotted tee time?

If you are unable to make your allotted tee time please advise the club at the earliest opportunity (pro shop on 01905 757525). This small courtesy will help to minimise the inevitable disruption that “no shows” create on the day.

What is the process on the day of a competition?

If you are already booked in to the competition, just “sign in” to the competition via the terminal in the pro shop, pay your £3 entry fee and collect your scorecard.

To assist the management of the start sheet, you should report to the 1st tee at least 10 minutes prior to your allotted tee time. This allows some leeway if last minute changes to the starting groups need to be made due to “no shows” or start time’ slippage’.

If you have not booked in but wish to play in the day’s competition, you can speak with the pro shop and, if spaces are available, then you can be added to the end of the field. To avoid disappointment make sure you arrive early to allow any possible changes to the starting groups to be made. There is however a Tee Start Protocol which aims to maintain start sheet integrity and etiquette.

After completion of your round, make sure you and your marker sign your scorecard to confirm your score (as a minimum you must complete the gross score for each hole) and then enter your scores into the terminal in the pro shop. Once entered, place your scorecard in the wooden box next to the PSI machine in the pro shop. Once placed in the box it is considered as having been returned to the Committee and no further changes to the scorecard are allowed.

Results are normally posted within a day or two via the club email newsletter and any winnings will be credited to your membership card.

What prizes are available for winners?

The competition entry fee for all Club competitions is £3.

(Of course, as amateurs we are not allowed to win money so all competition winnings are credited to your Member account within the Golf Centre. These funds can then be used for or toward purchases in the bar/restaurant and Pro Shop.)

50% of the competition fees collected are always awarded as prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th places (singles competitions – team competitions vary).

You also have a chance to win the associated trophy for some of the more important competitions, trophy and a keepsake then awarded at our prestigious annual Presentation Evening.

There is also an optional “2s” sweep running alongside some of the main Saturday competitions. Players enter by paying £2 and all players who score at least one 2 share the prize pot for the day.

It is the aim of R&PPGC to provide friendly ‘inclusive’ competitive golf no matter what gender or age category you fall into. We strive to offer a wide range of golfing challenges for players of all abilities and we enjoy a friendly ‘family’ atmosphere both on and off the golf course.

Useful Information :

You will find all of our Committee members very approachable and helpful. If you wish to speak with a Committee Member please refer below :

Current Committee :

Club Captain : Mark Purser

Vice Captain : Jamie Newton

Immediate Club Captain : Stephen Griffiths 07939096052

Club Treasurer : Stephen Baylis 07816070506

Senior's Captain : Martin Hucker 07980878884

Lady Captain : Sue Price 07739397345

Club Secretary : Richard Adcock 07976719056

Handicap Secretary : Malcolm Shepherd 07918735115

Competition Organiser : Geoff Edge

Communications / Media : Peter Brown 07709039369

Without Portfolio : Barrie Hope

Golf Centre Information :

Pro Shop Phone : 01905 757525

Email : Golf Centre – info@ravenmeadowgolf.co.uk

Golf Centre Website : www.ravenmeadowgolf.co.uk (members area accessible via secure password)

FB : Golf Centre - www.facebook.com/RavenmeadowGolfCentre

Members - www.facebook.com/ravenmeadowandperdiswellparkgolfclub

Personnel :

PGA Professional : Adam Whiting

Assistant to Golf Professional : Richard Higgs

Golf Centre Management : James Leaver (PGA Professional) – Director Of Golf

Bar/Restaurant Management : Angela Leaver

A Few Notes On Conduct:

PACE OF PLAY :

- Always try to keep up with the group in front. If your group loses a clear hole on the group in front and is delaying the group behind, always invite the faster group behind to play through.
- If there is any chance that your ball may be lost or difficult to find, always play a provisional ball to speed up the pace of play. Remember to declare it as a “provisional”.
- Where line of sight is difficult e.g. over trees, extreme sunlight, ask your playing partners to help track your ball to assist in locating it.
- decide on yardages, club selection, line of play, pre shot routine etc in a timely manner so that you are always ready to play when it is your turn. Unless it is matchplay, there is no issue for playing out of turn.

ON THE TEE :

- Complete your scorecard. As a minimum you must record your name, date and name of the competition, and your current handicap. Not doing so could lead to disqualification.
- Personalise your golf balls to ensure you are able to identify a ball as your own. Many players play the same brand and type of ball and if you are unable to identify a ball as yours then it is deemed to be lost (rule 15).

GENERAL PLAY :

- Ensure you understand the rules of golf and any local rules in force to avoid any issues arising during your round.
- Other than on the green, if you need to move your ball in order to identify it, ensure you advise your playing partners of your intention to do so before you move it.
- Ensure that you know your precise score for each hole and it is recorded correctly on the scorecard. As Marker, for clarity always ask the player to confirm their score before playing the next hole.
- Unless the rules of golf/local rules allows or requires you to take relief, always play your ball as it lies.

ETIQUETTE :

- Always be mindful of and consider other players on the course and avoid disturbing or delaying their play by excessive moving, talking or making unnecessary noise.

CARE OF THE COURSE :

- Ensure ANY pitchmark that you see on the greens is repaired even if it is not your own. If left, unrepaired pitchmarks can seriously affect the quality of the putting surface over time.
- Around the greens avoid pushing trollies between the greenside bunkers and the edge of the greens to avoid unnecessary 'wear and tear'.
- After playing from a bunker, ensure you rake the bunker surface. If you see other bunkers that have been left unraked or have animal damage, without delaying the pace of play, try to rake the surface to leave the bunker as you would want to find it.

DRESS CODE :

- The Golf Centre generally has a fairly relaxed policy on player dress code as far as Pay and Play visitors are concerned (to encourage rather than penalise regular Golf Centre usage and income).
- The Golf Club Committee however request that, when playing in Competitions, members should wear, what is generally recognised as, normal golfing attire (no tee shirts, football shirts etc., track suits, jeans etc., beach shorts) and reserve the right to remove an offender from any competition for breach of Club dress code etiquette.

Happy Golfing – enjoy and make the most of your membership at Ravenmeadow & Perdiswell Park Golf Club based at Ravenmeadow Golf Centre.

Note: Competitions and social events are scheduled, operated and monitored by a volunteer Committee whose job it is to ensure everything is conducted in accordance with any Governing bodies.

The Committee

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