



## WREKIN GOLF CLUB



WREKIN GOLF CLUB members are proud to be part of a competitive but social golf club; we will ensure you receive maximum pleasure and value from your membership.

This guide is intended for new and existing members to help them join in with the life of their club.

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## **1. for new members joining**

We currently do not have a waiting list for new members. On joining the membership application form will be displayed on the Club notice board for 28 days. If a potential member does not know members of the Club the Secretary will arrange for a proposer and seconder. On payment of the annual subscription and any joining fee in force, either in instalments or in a single payment, they will become members of the Club. New Member's Evenings are scheduled periodically.

## **2. Membership Gold Card**

On joining the Club you will be given a membership Gold card. The membership Gold card entitles full members to a 15% discount off drinks at the bar plus Corporate members and Trial members both receive a 10% discount; we price our drinks cheaper than local public houses (even without the discount) so drinks are a bargain. Please check your receipt, if the total isn't negative you have spent all the money on your Gold card and if it isn't topped up at the bar before the end of the day you need to ask the Secretary to top it up. Your Gold card can also be used to purchase food at the bar and can be 'topped-up' via our merchant terminal facility. Please note whilst you can pay for your food with the Gold card, you do not receive a discount off the food.

## **3. Bar & Catering hours**

Bar opening hours and catering hours are publicised within the Clubhouse and on the website. If you want to eat when food is not available, e.g. you are planning on returning to the club house after golf when food serving has finished you can ask the bar staff to arrange for sandwiches to be put aside for you. Please note, there is normally no catering available on Mondays.

## **4. Catering**

Catering is managed as a service to members. Members are encouraged to book meals or private parties (e.g. birthdays, anniversaries, etc) with other club members or guests. To help the Club to plan please complete a request form and return it to the Secretary with as much notice as possible (to enable any conflict with other events to be managed). Guests to the club (not playing golf) should be 'signed in' in the book at the top of the stairs.

## **5. Social Calendar**

Social events are publicised in the fixture book, on the social notice board at the top of the stairs and on the Club website. Our calendar includes Irish Night; St. George's Day; Caribbean Night; Fireworks Night; Annual Ball; Carols Evening; NYE Gala Dinner and monthly quizzes. They are excellent value for money and very popular so keep and eye out and if you are interested get your name down. You can reserve all the places on a table or book for one or two. The organisers will do their best to make sure that tables are well balanced.

## 6. Dress Code

On the Course - men should wear golf shoes, long trousers or tailored shorts and a golf shirt; shirts must be tucked into trousers.

Ladies may also wear shirts or skirt / shorts but do not need to tuck their shirts in.



For social events, dinners and prize giving - unless the notice advertising the event says differently men must wear a jacket and tie.

Denim jeans, combat trousers, replica shirts and trainers are not permitted at any time.

Golf spikes are not permitted within the Clubhouse.

## 7. Competition start sheet

We only have a start sheet for competitions, and even then we have a “dead time”, usually 11:30 until 13:00, when anyone can play either in the competition or a friendly game. Only those playing in a competition with their names on the start sheet have priority on the course.

## 8. Tee reservations

There is a white board outside the door leading to the course which shows when the tee is reserved, for example for competitions, matches and visiting parties. Those known when the fixture book went to press are shown on it; a more up to date calendar is available on the club website [www.wrekingolfclub.co.uk](http://www.wrekingolfclub.co.uk)

## 9. Competitions

The fixture book and the website show the competitions that have been planned for the year. There are competitions on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays. The majority are in the main golf season from April until September although there are competitions throughout the year.

For men's competitions there are start sheets in the corridor by the back door, where if you wish to play enter your name. If you become unable to play please delete your name and inform your playing partner(s) and notify Golf Reception. On competition day ensure you sign-in with Golf Reception pay the entry fee, collect a scorecard and enter the optional 2's comp (those who score a two or less on the two nominated holes share the fund via PT Golf vouchers). When you have completed the round both you and your marker sign the card, then enter the gross score on each hole on the

computer in the spike bar (on the first floor). NB You can use your membership card to locate your details on the computer. Please deposit your all cards incl NR's in the Competitions Box in the spike bar afterwards.

## **10.Handicaps**

If you have a handicap from your old club please tell the Competitions Chairman and it will be transferred. If you haven't got a current handicap you need to submit three cards to the Competitions Committee. Before each round please tell Golf Reception that the card is for handicap purposes. After completing all 3 rounds, over a minimum a 2 week period, ensure the cards are signed by your playing partner (s)(who must have a handicap) and give all 3 cards en bloc to Golf Reception. NB, the same person can't sign all three cards.

## **11.Reciprocal agreements with other clubs**

The Club has reciprocal agreements with Bridgnorth GC, Church Stretton GC, Kington GC and Ludlow GC and is seeking to extend the list. Wrekin members can play golf at each of these clubs for the same fee as a member's guest, typically £15.00 a round. To arrange to play contact the Professional direct at the club you plan to visit.

## **12.Friendly matches**

We play friendly matches, home and away, with other clubs and members are invited to play, enter your name on the Friendly match sheets posted in the corridor. If you play in the matches you are expected to dine but usually you only pay for the meal (no green fees).

## **13.Fiddles**

As we don't have start sheets except for competitions, the men have fiddles. These are when groups of members (and green fee paying guests) meet at a regular time and draw for partners. They are great way to meet a range of members in the club and new members are always welcome. Rules differ, for example some have seemingly arbitrary handicap cuts for doing well or when playing late in their season. Some of the most popular are:

- Wednesday Boys - 11:00 every Wednesday
- The Monkey - 11:30 on Saturdays
- Sunrisers - 08:00 every Saturday from October until April
- The Wickets - 09:00 every Sunday from November to March
- Winter tour - 12:00 every Sunday from October until April
- Sankey Boys - 12:00 Friday afternoons
- Friday Boys - 11:00 Friday mornings
- Sundowners - 12:30 Sunday afternoons

Just turn up and you'll be made welcome.

## **14.Ladies**

Each Tuesday throughout the year the Ladies section have the 1<sup>st</sup> tee reserved until 11:30 and have priority on the course for the rest of the day. The Ladies section has a full programme of competitions throughout the year and they also play matches with other clubs. Notices for Ladies competitions etc. are posted inside the Ladies locker room.

## **15.Seniors**

The Senior Men's section have regular competitions through the golf season and friendly matches with other clubs (normally on a Thursday when at 'home'). The Seniors have priority on the course for their competitions, normally held from 08:30 until 09:30 on a Monday. Any playing member aged over 60 is welcome to join the section on payment of a £3.00 annual fee. All competitions and matches are posted on the Senior Men's notice board in the ground floor corridor. The Senior men's section normally play their competitions (but not matches) over 15 holes (rather than 18) and have their own handicapping system.

## **16.Juniors**

We are keen to encourage Juniors to join the Club and enjoy their golf. Peter Buchanan is the Junior Liaison. The Juniors have a full programme of competitions and also play matches against other clubs.

## **17.GolfMark**

GolfMark is a national scheme that identifies and recognises junior and beginner friendly golf facilities. Wrekin was one of the first clubs in the county to be awarded Golfmark, and was successfully reassessed in 2010. The three key areas within the golf club which are assessed are:

- Coaching & Playing
- Club Environment (including sports equity & ethics)
- Child Protection & Duty of Care

Wrekin Golf Club also took the opportunity to use the GolfMark approach to review member contact processes.

## **18.Speed of play**

Nobody likes slow play and it can generally be avoided by, for example: placing clubs where you will leave the green, deciding line of putt or club while your partner plays and marking cards when your partner is teeing off. Generally a four ball can play a round at Wrekin in 3'30" or less. If there is a gap ahead of you and a group of players is behind please let them through. It doesn't matter whether they are on their own or in a 2, 3 or 4 ball, if they are playing faster than you please let them through.

## 19. Communications

Wrekin Golf Club is owned by the members and each year at the Annual General Meeting (held in January) they get the opportunity to elect the General Committee and examine how their Club is being run. There is normally a Captains Forum for a more informal discussion about issues interesting members, and special forums, to look at the implications of the Equality Act, for example. The Captain and the General Committee use a range of mechanisms to keep members informed, including weekly e-mails, monthly Club newsletters, the club website [www.wrekingolfclub.co.uk](http://www.wrekingolfclub.co.uk), a Twitter Feed “golfatwrekin”, Facebook pages “Wrekin Golf Club” and “Wrekin Golf Club Junior Section” and notice boards within the clubhouse.

Please register your email address, either by sending an email to the [secretary@wrekingolfclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wrekingolfclub.co.uk). The Club will only pass you email address on to PT Golf and no other parties; it will only be used to keep you updated with club news or to send papers from the club, for example Annual General Meeting paper work.

## 20. Captain and the General Committee

The Captain and General Committee are the Directors of Wrekin Golf Club Ltd and are responsible for setting policy. They are voted into office at the Annual General Meeting and are accountable to Club members. If you have any suggestions on improving the Club please contact them. There is a notice on the stairs with the names and photographs of the General Committee Members and the Captain’s, Ladies Captain’s, President’s and Lady President’s photographs are above the bar.

## 21. Club staff

Our Secretary (Richard Gallier) supported by Tanya May (Assistant Secretary) and Elaine Griffin (Accounts) manage the Club administration. They can be contacted by e-mail [secretary@wrekingolfclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@wrekingolfclub.co.uk) or on 01952 244032 ext 1.

Sharon Fowles (Bar & Catering Manager) manages the bar and catering facility.

Our Green staff; Harry Jones, Garry Turner, Ben Waters and Jack Allsop are responsible for the course.

Please do not address issues directly to our greens, bar or catering staff unless they are urgent. Please use the Members Comments book in the TV room.

## 22. PT Golf

PT Golf are the Club’s approved retailer; Golf Reception is stocked with the leading brands and PT Golf will match the price of any genuine quote. If they don’t have an item in stock they can usually source it.

## 23. Golf Reception

Our new Golf Reception suite is the main contact area for the Club. On joining please collect your Gold card, bag tag & year sticker which must be displayed when on the course plus your Club diary (mid March) and your National Card (mid April).