



Welcome Booklet

For New Golfers & Club Members

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Welcome to the Wessex Golf Centre, this welcome booklet will provide you with all the essential information you will need to help you along your journey in golf at the Wessex Golf Centre, as well as providing some insight into the golf centre.

Key Club Personnel Contact Details: all can be contacted and left messages on 01305 784737

Director & Head PGA Professional: Fern Grimshaw

Fern oversees the facility as a whole and is in charge of our junior section and coaching also. Fern can be contacted at fernpgapro@hotmail.co.uk

Director of Golf & PGA Coaching Professional: Luke Shaw

Luke is responsible for the day to day running of the Centre and all things golf including the club membership. Luke also teaches on top of this role. If you have any questions or queries either pop in to the shop to see him or email him at wessexgolfcentre@gmail.com

Handicap Secretary & Trainee Assistant PGA Professional: David Drage

David is responsible for managing the competitions and handicaps for the members. Please feel free to ask Dave any questions you have on handicaps and how to get / maintain it.

Contact David at FAO- David (H'cap Sec) wessexgolfcentre@gmail.com

Course Manager: Paul Hedges

Paul is the longest serving employee at Wessex Golf Centre, he been here just under two decades. He is responsible for all course maintenance and changes. Any proposal or thoughts/praise on the course. Feel free to pass it on to Luke at wessexgolfcentre@gmail.com so he can discuss with Paul.

PGA Professionals & Shop Staff

All of our staff and team of PGA Professionals are on hand to help you with any query or question you may have. Their roles are to help you to enjoy the experience of Wessex Golf Centre and its facility to get the most from your visit and membership.

Golf Buddies

This system is a volunteer from the Centre who is happy to pair up with new golfers and provide support to help them get started. They will get out on the golf course with you to help you find your feet and meet new people. If you are interested in becoming a golf buddy or wish to use this system, then please email Luke at wessexgolfcentre@gmail.com or pop in to the shop to express interest.

Greens Staff

Our small greens team are responsible for the upkeep of the course; they normally work during the early part of the day to avoid the busy playing times. The green staff takes priority on the course at

any time, so please be patient and courteous to the greens staff if they are working on a hole or nearby where you are playing. The team is headed by Paul Hedges.

Junior Organiser

The junior Section was started by head coach Fern Grimshaw, Luke Shaw now works alongside Fern with this. Together they arrange and lead Junior Sessions on Wednesdays after school and Academy sessions on alternate Saturday's, they also do half term camps and individual lessons. The Centre has a thriving Junior Winter League, to keep juniors competitive throughout the year. The Junior section is open for all and not just for members. For more info contact landfgolf@outlook.com.

Ladies Academy

We have a very active Ladies academy run by Luke and Fern, open to new and existing golfers of all abilities. The ladies even run their own monthly competitions. We welcome new players, are you interested? Come and join us. For more details and joining details contact Fern and Luke

Our Golf Centre Facilities

Here at the Wessex Golf Centre, we want to make golf as accessible for all as possible and offer a variety of facilities to cater for our members and all users of the Wessex Golf Centre.

Golf Course

- 9 Hole Golf Course, open all year
- All weather tee boxes, top quality surfaces
- Par 4s and Par 3 combination course.
- World Handicap Rated course, EGU registered

Driving Range

- 14 covered bays, quality surfaces, evening floodlighting
- 8 Open practice stations
- Top Tracer, state of the art driving range launch monitors, free to all range users, whether you are a tour player or parents and your kids, the Top Tracer has functions to suit your requirements. Continually updated with latest features.

Short Game Practice Area

- 4,000 sq ft Practice, warm up putting green, floodlit for after work practice
- Pitching area Chipping Green / Practice Bunker

Club Information

All of our Centre information can be found on our website which is updated as regularly as possible with news and important messages but please see additional places below where information can be viewed.

Tee Times & Reservations: Members can book their tee time up to 21 days in advance (non-members 14 days), this can be done online (preferred option) or in the golf shop. Members must be aware that non-members (pay and play / societies) are just as important and are a necessary income for the Golf Centre, and need to be made welcome, as it subsidises yearly membership subscriptions. Here at the Golf Centre, we operate a booking system where you book your tee time in advance where you turn up on the designated day and time. You can just turn up and see what availability there is, but there is no guarantee we can get you out. But will do our best to do so where possible.

Email Newsletter: The Centre send out regular newsletters keeping you up to date with golf news, local and global, golf tips and improvement ideas, offers and any upcoming events. To receive these emails, contact us and we'll get you signed up. provide your details to us and we can add you immediately.

Noticeboards: Notices will be located either in the shop or by the driving range machine. Some notices are their for-information others for promotions.

What do you need to play Golf?

Clothing: We don't have a strict dress code here as we aim to stay as inclusive as possible. The only requirement is flat shoes and clothes to be worn! No high heels or studded shoes etc which could damage the course. However if playing in a club competition we would encourage a slightly smarter 'golfing attire' but again not a must. Golf shoes are preferred as they offer you better grip and can be waterproof.

What should be in your golf bag?

Here is a selection of equipment you may benefit from having in your bag:

Up to 14 clubs – We prefer every golfer to have their own set as it makes the round flow better, although it is not a must have requirement. Hire clubs available also from the shop.

Towel to clean the club / club cleaner

Umbrella / waterproofs / hat / gloves

Ball marker and pitch repair tools – Repairing pitch marks is essential to **help** keep green quality

Golf balls and golf tees – enough to complete your round!

Scorecard and pencil – some apps on your phone can now do this.

Water and snacks to stay hydrated and focused.

A mobile phone only to be used for medical emergencies or to contact the golf shop.

Benefits of Being a Club Member

UNLIMITED GOLF – If you are a GOLD member then you can play as much golf as you wish (subject to tee time availability)

Good for your health – A round of golf typically works off just over 1000 calories (18 holes) and social interaction is proven to increase life expectancy.

Discounted Lessons – By becoming a member you get discount for yourself on lesson packages.

Sense of belonging- We actively encourage and create opportunities for you to play with new people. Find social groups who meet your needs and demands and feel part of a club which supports you. We hope all our members and users of Wessex Golf Centre are proud of the facility then enjoy coming to, to do the sport we all love.

Handicaps. Wessex is a World Handicap System registered course, affiliated to both England and Dorset Golf Unions.

If you already have a handicap, your round at the Wessex can be submitted.

If you are work to get a handicap, Wessex is the ideal place, contact us and find out how you can join the most suitable scheme for you

Benefit of getting your official handicap, it enables you to play in 'Open' competitions, club comps, leagues and alliances. When playing other courses, you may be required to show proof of an official handicap.

It is not essential to have a handicap at the Wessex.

Golf Lessons

Wanting to improve or want to understand something better in your game? Then we have four PGA Professional's ready to help you with that! 30-minute lessons start from £25 and there are plenty of package deals to tempt you. Come in the golf shop to discuss what might be best for you, we are always happy to help.

TopTracer Driving Range

Don't feel like you're getting the best out of the driving ranges state of the art technology? TopTracer is always developing with new modes to try, if you're unsure on what to do or want to know which game mode may suit you best. Then speak to a member of our staff who will be happy to assist and give you a little demonstration on how best to maximise your range sessions.

Golf Shop

In our golf shop we stock everything you need to get you started on your golfing journey and all those nice little extras you desire along the way. Anything we don't have we can most likely get for you from our e-commerce website! So, if you don't see it in store, just ask a member of the team who will then check for you.

HAPPY GOLFING! 😊