



## ***Welcome to Knutsford Golf Club!***

This brief guide has been written to help you get to know more about the club and, we sincerely hope, will help you to enjoy your time as a fully participating member of Knutsford Golf Club.

Knutsford Golf Club has existed on its unique site next to Tatton Park since 1891 initially, as a nine-hole course and then with the 10<sup>th</sup> hole added in the 1980s. We like to think this makes us a little unique! Like many long-established clubs, we have our traditions and some may say, our foibles. Even though Knutsford has 130-year history, it is a modern and progressive club where a strong culture exists to create a relaxed and friendly environment. We have, over the years, gained the reputation as one of the friendliest and accommodating clubs in the area; a reputation we work hard to retain.

At your informal introductory meeting you will be given the means of access to the member's section of this website, Club V1 and a bag tag.

Joining any new golf club should be fun and we will certainly try to help you out as much as we can. Please just ask if there is anything you are unsure of, or require any assistance.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Knutsford Golf Club is owned and run by its members for the benefit of the members. An elected Council of members oversee the affairs of the club.

Members are entitled and encouraged to attend the AGM.

### **Who's Who at Knutsford**

The day-to-day business is run by:

**Honorary Secretary:** Peter Gough.

**Course Manager :** David Jones

**Clubhouse Manager:** Steve Barker.

## **TEE TIME BOOKINGS**

We operate an obligatory tee booking system via the Club V1 App. You can download this onto your phone and operate from an iPad or Laptop. It is very straightforward to use and also has contact numbers and details for all members and shows competition results, handicap data and a host of other information. It also holds details of your club card balance and expenditure



Our competitions committees will advise by email of various competitions which require a sign in.

## CLUB RULES

Like any good organisation Knutsford Golf Club is governed by a set of rules, these are detailed in the website members area. Hopefully you will find that our rules are not onerous but are there to ensure everyone's enjoyment and the smooth running of the Club.

The Tee of the Day for Men is the Yellow and for Ladies the Red. The White Tees are reserved for competitions only.

It is courteous to allow those playing in club competitions to have priority on the tee and to allow them to play through without hold-up.

Please at all times observe Golfing Etiquette – Remember to replace divots, repair pitch marks, rake bunkers, keep your trolley away from the Green and their surrounds and, if you lose sight of the ball or it is heading towards other players, call 'FORE'. Do not play your shot until players in front are safely out of range. Please avoid slow play. From time to time special playing conditions may be in operation, especially in winter, check notice boards or the web site.

### Dress Code for the Golf Course

We believe that appropriate behaviour both in the clubhouse and on the golf course, is far more important than dictating how an individual should be dressed.

On the golf course, we do accept that fashion changes very quickly. Our current guideline is simply that any recognised golfing apparel that can be purchased from a professional golf retail outlet is acceptable.

- Gentlemen's shirts these days are designed to be worn in or outside the waistband and matching socks are fine.
- Golf shorts should be tailored and cargo shorts are not deemed "golfing apparel".
- The way we dress should simply show respect for fellow players and the club.

### Dress Code for the Clubhouse & Terrace

We are a sociable club and love our clubhouse events.

As a guideline any smart casual clothing, excluding denim, is acceptable in the clubhouse although we do ask gentlemen to remove baseball caps.

- Please ensure mobile phones are switched to silent or vibrate mode, and are only used in the lobby, and for emergencies only on the course.



- Spikes (metal or Soft) are not permitted in the bar areas. Clean trainers and modern pimped golf shoes in the clubhouse are perfectly acceptable.
- For post-Competition Presentations, and events, e.g. Sunday Lunches, Party Nights and other functions, specific dress codes may apply

## GOLF

The Gents and Ladies Competition Committees organise formal competitions throughout the year. To enter competitions, you will need a handicap. If you do not have a valid handicap you will need to submit three scorecards signed by yourself and another member. Members are on hand to help you do this. Details of the Competition Calendar and knockout events are displayed on the notice boards and the club website.

**The Ladies Section** is a very enthusiastic community! It operates with full autonomy and equality within the club. Competitions are held across a number of days including Wednesdays, with well attended presentations afterwards, and Weekends to cater for as wide across section of members as possible.

There are also interclub matches in the form of East Cheshire League, Bell Cup, Bunty Booth Australian Spoons, Coronation and Daily Mail Foursomes. It's not all about competitive matches. Friendlies for higher handicappers are organised with other Cheshire Clubs and are very popular.

The Knockouts are very popular and all levels of golfers are catered for in different formats and handicap levels.

There is an annual Lady Captains day, a special day when everyone mucks in to provide on and off course fun and hospitality and there are also organised away days. .

Mixed golf, nine-hole comps and fun days make up the active and sociable lady's section calendar.

Above all, we encourage befriend and support new golfers, helping our new members get engaged and involved with all aspects of the club.

For the last five years, Knutsford Golf Club has been running an annual 'Get into Golf' programme, to attract and introduce new ladies to the sport. So far, we have had upwards of 50 ladies go through the programme, and transition into active and enthusiastic golfers, playing regularly in competitive and/or social golf.

Most recently and with the support of several members of the Ladies Section, a programme was introduced, which included Zoom sessions on Rules and Etiquette, how to fill in a scorecard, and how to find a partner to score your card for Handicap. Sunday morning and Tuesday evening play was introduced, with a 9 Hole Summer Stableford series which proved very popular. Huge improvements in handicaps and standard of play resulted, with reductions of more than 10 shots becoming increasingly frequent as the addiction of Golf took hold!



Knutsford Golf Club has also applied to become a recognised signatory to the R&A Women in Golf Charter. We fully support the stated aims of the Charter:

- Get more women and girls playing golf and joining clubs
- Inspire more families to enjoy golf as a leisure activity
- Encourage more opportunities for women to work in golf

The Ladies section is very friendly and caring and we consider ourselves very fortunate to have a great course, friendly clubhouse and enthusiastic membership.

The **Men's section of Knutsford Golf Club** runs a varied and packed calendar of competitions all year round. 18-hole competitions run every Saturday for full 7-day members and are played in a friendly, yet competitive spirit. There is a wide range of formats played at Knutsford including nine Annual Board Competitions, Monthly Medals, Individual Stablefords, and various Teams and Pairs competitions throughout the year (including 4BBB, Greensomes, AMAM, Bogey). Presentations follow every Saturday competition allowing members to socialise and congratulate the days' victors in the clubhouse (presentations currently not running due to club following Covid-Safe guidance).

There are also annual, single and pairs match play knock, out competitions, weekly 9 & 18 hole roll up competitions, Sunday Morning 'jolly's' with lunch included, Wednesday evening summer stableford competitions, 3 Club competitions, Par 3 competitions, nine & dine, an annual long drive competition, and many more. The Club also plays in home and away 'match-play' fixtures against the likes of Mere, Hale, Delamere and Wilmslow, which are often fiercely contested in great spirit!

As well as club competitions there are a number of less formal gatherings, which provide an excellent way for a new member to integrate such as the Tuesday Roll up

**The Gents Senior Section at Knutsford Golf Club** provides a great opportunity for gentlemen over the age of 55 to play both friendly and competitive golf on a regular basis, and equally as important, to enjoy the friendly camaraderie that exists amongst the 60 or so of our current members.

There is of course, a wide variety of choice on how to enjoy your golf at our club. In addition to the numerous other formal and informal roll-ups and competitions organised by the club, the Gents Seniors Section organise several of their own roll-ups and competitions each week - throughout the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the organisers if you require further information or better still, roll up and get stuck in!

**The Juniors Section** is run by our popular professional **Tim Maxwell** and his wife Suzie. Knutsford Golf Club is a safe and enjoyable environment for Junior golfers to flourish and we welcome new members. The section has grown over the years into a thriving community with their own competitions on Sundays, presentation evenings and specially designated



“blue tees”. The Juniors also play in adult competitions (subject to a few key criteria). We find that parents and juniors join the club at the same bringing a great family atmosphere.

**Chair of Ladies Comps: Kim Blake**

**Chair of Men’s Comps: Phil Welch**

**Chair of Seniors: John Waggett**

**Juniors Manager: Tim Maxwell**

**General Play** – Knutsford Golf Club prides itself on being a friendly club and we are committed to welcoming you as best we can. One of the problems some new members experience is walking to the 1st Tee not knowing a soul or even worse playing a round by yourself.

Please, if you are by yourself and you see another person by themselves ASK IF YOU MAY JOIN THEM! We all started this way and you will be amazed how much more you enjoy the round and the drink afterwards and, you never know, you may have found yourself a fourball partner or even a golfing partner for life. Lots of our members will be delighted to play with you in comps and social golf, please just ask.

Your membership allows you to invite guests. Members may introduce and play with up to three guests at any one time at a reduced green fee. The same guest may not be introduced more than six times in any one year.

Your Membership also allows you to obtain a "Cheshire Card" which gives you preferential green fee rates at other member clubs. Contact the office for further information.

## THE CLUB HOUSE

Steve Barker is our Clubhouse Manager, a local guy with a long family and business history in the area. He will give you a warm welcome and help you settle in if you need that. Steve’s bar snacks and meals are homely and delicious. They are available at most times and the opening times are displayed on the bar and emailed in Steve’s regular Clubhouse Newsletter.

The Social Committee organise various social events, Themed Dining, Live Music, Quizzes - through the year to which you and your guests are most welcome. Details will be posted on the notice board in the clubhouse, web site and emailed to you.

If you would like to arrange for an outside function of your own please speak with Steve. The Clubhouse is a popular venue for all sorts of members family occasions, wedding anniversaries, birthdays, christening parties and the like. Just speak with Steve who will be delighted to help.



## PROFFESIONAL

Knutsford is fortunate in having the services of Tim Maxwell as its PGA qualified Professional Golfer. You can be assured of friendly service and expert advice from Tim who, through his wide network of golfing contacts, can source virtually any club or item of clothing at great prices. If you would like to improve your game why not book a lesson with Tim.

Tim and his marvellous wife Suzy also run our growing **Juniors Section** and in recent years we have had Graham McDowell and Tommy Fleetwood come to the club to meet the Juniors.

If you have any questions or require any sort of assistance at any time, the Officers and the Staff of Knutsford Golf Club will do everything in their power to help.