



Bangor Golf Club

This booklet has been prepared to help you get the most out of your club membership.

It provides useful information about how the club is managed and what your obligations are as a member.

We trust you will find the content helpful.

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This booklet has been designed to inform new members and players on the Basics of golf and the golf club environment. The information will help you get the most out of the game and enjoy the experience of being a member of Bangor Golf Club.

Bangor Golf Club officers:-

Honorary Secretary:	David Drury
Honorary Treasurer:	John Lowdon
Captain 2016-17:	Seamus Bowler
Vice Captain 2016-17:	Graham Yarr
Lady Captain 2016-17:	Mrs Grace Cuming
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Staff Contact Details

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PGA Teaching Professional: Stephen Gordon

Who's who?

The Captain is the recognised head of the Club. The Captain and Lady Captain serve for one year. The Captain chairs meetings of the Council.

The Honorary Secretary of the club is in overall administrative charge. He looks after membership and is responsible for ensuring club rules are adhered to.

The Honorary Treasurer is responsible for the financial management of the Golf Club.

The Council comprises a group of members who oversee the management of the club. Council members serve for two years and between them look after different areas of club life, such as membership, golf, social activities etc.

The Secretary Manager is responsible for the day to day running of the golf club. If you have any general queries, then this person is always a good starting point.

The Course Convenor is responsible for conveying all Council decisions to the Course Manager.

The Greens staff are employees of the golf club and are responsible for the upkeep of the course.

The Golf Convenor and his committee are responsible for the administration of handicaps and all golf competitions.

The House Convenor in conjunction with the House Manager is responsible for the upkeep of the Clubhouse.

The Social Convenor organizes social events in the Clubhouse.

The Junior Organizer coordinates and arranges coaching and competitive activities for junior and juvenile members. Junior/Juvenile competitions are held on Monday and Thursday mornings during July and August.

The Teaching Professional delivers coaching to team members and individuals. He may also offer golfing advice to members on rules and competitions.

The Shop Manager is responsible for the day to day running of the golf shop. He collects competition entry fees, "2's" club money as well as green fees. He is also responsible for hire of buggies and trolleys etc.

The Ladies Committee looks after the organization of the ladies' competitions and is responsible for the handicap records of all female playing members.

Golf Club Facilities

The following facilities are available at Bangor Golf Club.

- **Golf Course** - an 18 hole par 71 course; Ladies par 72
- **Clubhouse**- comprising changing rooms, golf shop, office, bar and restaurant.
- **Putting/chipping green**, practice nets and practice area are available for practice.
- **Lockers** – found in the changing rooms. The office staff will explain how to obtain one. (There may be a waiting list in place).
- **Trolleys and buggies** are available for hire weather permitting. Please be aware of the buggy policy
- **The Golf Shop** sells clothing, footwear, golf accessories, hot drinks, minerals and snacks.

In addition, we offer indoor activities such as Bowling, Snooker, Bridge and Pilates. The Golf Professional also offers an indoor coaching facility using Trackman technology.

General Club Information

Like all other clubs, Bangor Golf Club has a set of rules to ensure the smooth running of the club. It is important that you abide by the rules. They are there to make the game more enjoyable for everyone.

Etiquette

In golf the way you behave on and off the course is called etiquette. Adhering to Golf etiquette will keep you safe, help you look after the course and encourage you to give consideration to your fellow players. Please read the section on etiquette in the R&A Rules of Golf booklet. Further details are available from www.randa.org

Please follow these basic good conduct rules:

- **Respect your fellow golfers;**
- **Be courteous at all times;**
- **Play fair and honest;**
- **Listen, learn and try to improve;**
- **Replace all divots and pitch marks;**
- **Look smart and be polite;**
- **Treat others as you expect to be treated yourself;**
- **Be a role model to juniors.**

Please remember that the Captain has privilege on the 1st tee and in the bar.

Dress Code

Players must at all times be appropriately dressed on the golf course and in the clubhouse.

Course - Smart dress is expected to be worn at all times by anyone on the course. Shirts must not be worn outside trousers. If shorts are worn by men or boys, they must be tailored and worn with knee-length stockings or sports socks. The following items are prohibited:

- **Blue denims Collarless T-shirts**
- **T-shirts or sweatshirts with inappropriate logos or slogans**
- **Track-suits or leisure suits – in whole or part**
- **Bomber jackets**
- **Football, running, or beach shorts**
- **Shirts must not be worn outside trousers**

Clubhouse - Smart casual clothing, including denim, is accepted at any time. Any footwear worn on the course is not acceptable in the Clubhouse outside locker rooms.

Handicaps

The purpose of the Council of National Golf Union (CONGU) Unified Handicapping System is to enable all golfers to be able to compete on a fair and equitable level, regardless of skill. Affiliated golf club members can obtain an official CONGU handicap, which allows entry into club competitions and 5 access onto other courses. Depending on the handicap, allocated golfers are divided into one of five categories as follows:

Category 1 – handicaps of 5 or less

Category 2 – handicaps of 6 to 12

Category 3 – handicaps of 13 to 20

Category 4 – handicaps of 21 to 28

Category 5 – handicaps of 29 to 36 (ladies only)

Getting a handicap

New members will as a rule fall into one of the following categories:

- **If this is your first time as a member of a golf club, you will be required to submit 3 score cards (signed by a member). Please also indicate if you played off white, yellow or red markers (ladies only). The Handicap**

Secretary will issue a handicap which reflects your scores and your potential to improve.

You may not enter a competition until a handicap has been issued to you. However, you may book a tee time on the competition sheet if you intend to submit the score to obtain a handicap. In these circumstances please ensure you mark the card "FOR HANDICAP".

- **If you are a member of more than one golf club, you must designate one club as your "Home Club". You must advise us which club this is. You are not allowed to have a handicap from more than one club. If Bangor Golf Club is taking over the administration of your handicap, we will require your playing records and you must inform the other club(s) of our new status as your "Home Club".**
- **If Bangor Golf Club is to be your only club, you must provide handicap details from your previous club before a handicap can be issued. If a period of 6 months has elapsed since you left your previous club, you will be requested to submit 3 scorecards. Discuss this with our Golf Convenor.**

Further information on handicaps can be found at www.congu.com.

Entering a competition (Men's)

Tee booking

For the majority of club competitions Tee booking should be done online through the club's website at www.bangorgolfclubni.co.uk or by phoning the Golf Shop.

The time sheet for weekend competitions is available to members for online booking from 7.30pm on the Thursday 9 days before the competition date. Booking is only available through the Golf Shop the following day.

Once entered, you may amend or remove your booking in one of two ways. You can do this online, or through the Golf Shop or Office.

Members who are not on the competition timesheet have the option of simply showing up on the day and slotting in to an available tee time.

How to register for online Booking Men and Ladies:

**To book online you must first register on the club website:
www.bangorgolfclubni.co.uk**

On the homepage, click *Tee Booking*. A new window will open and you should then select *Members Click Here*. On the following page you will be invited to *click here to Register*. Complete the short Registration Form and submit. An email will be issued to you to confirm that your online account has been set up.

Competitions:

During the year we run competitions on a number of days:

Tuesday is Ladies' Day (members' hour 1 – 2pm;

Men may play in available slots; Ladies' alternate days –

Saturdays after 2pm; (Book online); Sunday 9am– 10am (draw)

Wednesday – Hat competition (no booking required)

Friday 8.30 – 11.30 gents' competition (booking required);

often there are two competitions in the one day i.e. one from yellow and one from the white tees; details on website

Saturday – Competition (booking required)

Other competitions run throughout the season (watch notice boards for further information) such as Tourism Week which is held in August each year.

Ladies run several open days during the year.

Male members must play in a minimum of 3 qualifying competitions in any year to participate in Captain's Day otherwise you will not be considered eligible to play for the Captain's prize.

Ladies must enter a minimum of 2 qualifying competitions to win any prize on Lady Captain's Day.

GUI Swipe Card

All members are provided with a Golfing Union of Ireland (GUI) swipe card. It is used for entering competitions and ensuring your scores are returned to the correct club/ player. It is essential that you have your swipe card with you at all times (playing at home or away) and provide it on request. If you lose your card, you may order a replacement through the office staff; there is a charge of £6 for this and they generally take a week to arrive.

Competition Entry Fee

This varies from competition to competition and must be paid in the Club Shop before play.

Returning a score card

On completion of your round you MUST return all scores into the computer irrespective of whether your score is good or bad. You should:

**Ensure the score card is fully completed and signed.
Swipe your card and enter your scores into the computer;
Post the score card in the Competition Box.**

Make sure that competitive away scores are returned to the club.

Presentations:

On Captain's Day there will be an official prize-giving in the evening. On such nights if you are a prize winner you will be expected to attend. Presentations are normally held between 10.00 to 10.30pm. Please note that the Golf Committee will endeavour to contact you if you have won a prize, if you have scored more than 38 points in the competition, you should write your contact details on the scorecard before posting it in the competition box.

On both Lady Captain's Day and Lady President's Day, prize-givings take place after the dinner (approximately 9.30pm). The Ladies' Committee will contact you if you are not in attendance at the dinner.

Teams

Each year the club will enter a number of Inter-Club competitions for all handicap categories. If you meet the criteria and wish to be considered, contact the Team Captain who shall be identified at the start of the year.

Reservations for visiting parties and societies

From time to time visiting parties and societies make a block booking of the course. Members cannot play during this reserved time but are free to do so outside of these times. Members need to be aware that visiting parties and societies are an important source of income for the club. They should be made welcome as they help subsidise the annual subscription of members.

There is a daily "members' hour" from 1 – 2pm Monday to Friday. Members may also sign in a guest during this time; a green fee will be payable at playing with a member rate.

Paying your Annual fees

Bangor Golf Club's financial year runs from the 1 January and ends on 31 December. Annual membership fees are due on the 1 January. If payment is not received by the end of January, all membership rights may be withdrawn. If you do not wish to renew your membership for the following year, please speak to the Honorary Secretary, David Drury or the Secretary Manager.

Your fees can be paid in a number of ways including by single payment or monthly by direct debit or through the Premium Credit scheme. You are not permitted to play golf unless your fees have been paid. For further information on paying your fees contact the Secretary Manager.

Finally, remember to keep your contact details up to date. You can update your personal details through BRS on line booking system.