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WELCOME TO



HARBORNE GOLF CLUB

Harborne is a delightful parkland course that was founded in 1893. It is just 3 miles south west of Birmingham City Centre and is less than 5 miles from either junction 2 or junction 3 of the M5.

Harborne is a 6210 yard course, par 70, whose landscape offers a challenge to both high and low handicap golfers. Visitors, members and prospective members are all welcome.

Having a membership of less than 600 means that, in the main, the course is readily available from Monday to Friday.



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GOLF SOCIETY RATES



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Winter 2011/2012 Numbers of 16 or more	Mon-Thurs	Friday
A Tea/Coffee, Bacon Roll and 18 Holes	£30.00	£40.00
B Tea/Coffee, Bacon Roll, 18 Holes, 3-Course Meal	£40.00	£50.00
C Tea/Coffee, Bacon Roll, 9 Holes, Snack Lunch, 18 Holes, 3-Course Dinner	£50.00	£60.00

Summer 2011/2012 Numbers of 16 or more	Mon-Thurs	Friday
D Tea/Coffee, Bacon Roll and 18 Holes	£40.00	£55.00
E Tea/Coffee, Bacon Roll, 18 Holes, 2-Course Meal	£55.00	£65.00
F Tea/Coffee, Bacon Roll, 9 Holes, Snack Lunch, 18 Holes, 2-Course Dinner	£65.00	£75.00

Please Note:

- All the above packages are based on Societies of 16 people or more. We can accommodate smaller groups – please contact the office for a quotation of current rates.
- No discounts for 9 holes.
- All the above charges are inclusive of VAT.

Meal-only rates are available on request.

- No refund will be given for places booked but not taken. A deposit of £100.00 is non-refundable.
- Access to the changing rooms is by security number which must be collected from the Professional Shop by your party members on arrival.

The Club reserve the right to:-

- Change the tee times
- Stipulate the starting tee
- In very exceptional circumstances, offer an alternative date.



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COURSE INFORMATION



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On behalf of Harborne Golf Club, we look forward to meeting you and hope that you have a most enjoyable visit. This aide memoire is designed to assist the organisers of society golf days and, while not an exhaustive check list, will help in covering the important aspects for your day at Harborne Golf Club.

COURSE CONDITION

The course condition answer phone is available to organisers and members of your party who are advised to telephone on the morning of your reservation to check the condition of the course and if trolleys and single person buggies are allowed.

Telephone number: 0121 426 0056

TEE RESERVATIONS

The society start point is the 1st tee using yellow markers (gentlemen) and red markers (ladies). Friday tee times are as follows:-

9.30 am – 10.30 am

2.15 pm – 3.15 pm

Whilst every effort will be made to ensure that societies tee off at the requested time, from the appropriate tee, this cannot always be guaranteed. The actual starting tee will be specified by the Club.

As a planning guide organisers are advised to plan their tee intervals as follows:-

2-ball - 7 minutes

3-ball - 7/8 minutes

4-ball - 10 minutes

USE OF MOBILE DEVICES

Mobile phones and Blackberry devices



The use of mobile devices on the course is strictly prohibited. Phones may be carried in golf bags on the course, but devices must be switched off, and may be used for golf-related emergencies only.

Use of mobile devices is discouraged at all times, but in the event of needing to use a device for making and receiving calls, (including texts), **use is restricted to the upper car park area or within the locker room.**

Mobile devices are not allowed to be used in any other part of the clubhouse, any part of the rear of the building, patio areas/terraces, putting area, ramped pathways including front car park and entrance porch. Devices on 'silent mode' cannot be answered or operated until within these afore-mentioned designated areas.

CONFIRMATION OF BOOKINGS

Do please ensure that your booking form is accompanied by a £100.00 cheque deposit. Your booking cannot be accepted until the deposit is paid.

SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Before play can commence the basic, complete package per person is required to be settled. Any extra facilities required on the day must be paid before leaving the Clubhouse.

HANDICAPS

Society organisers are asked to ensure that their group have up-to-date, recognised handicap certificates



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DRESS CODE



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We do ask that visitors respect our dress code. Please refer to the Dress Code document to the right.

DRESS CODE - WITHIN CLUBHOUSE

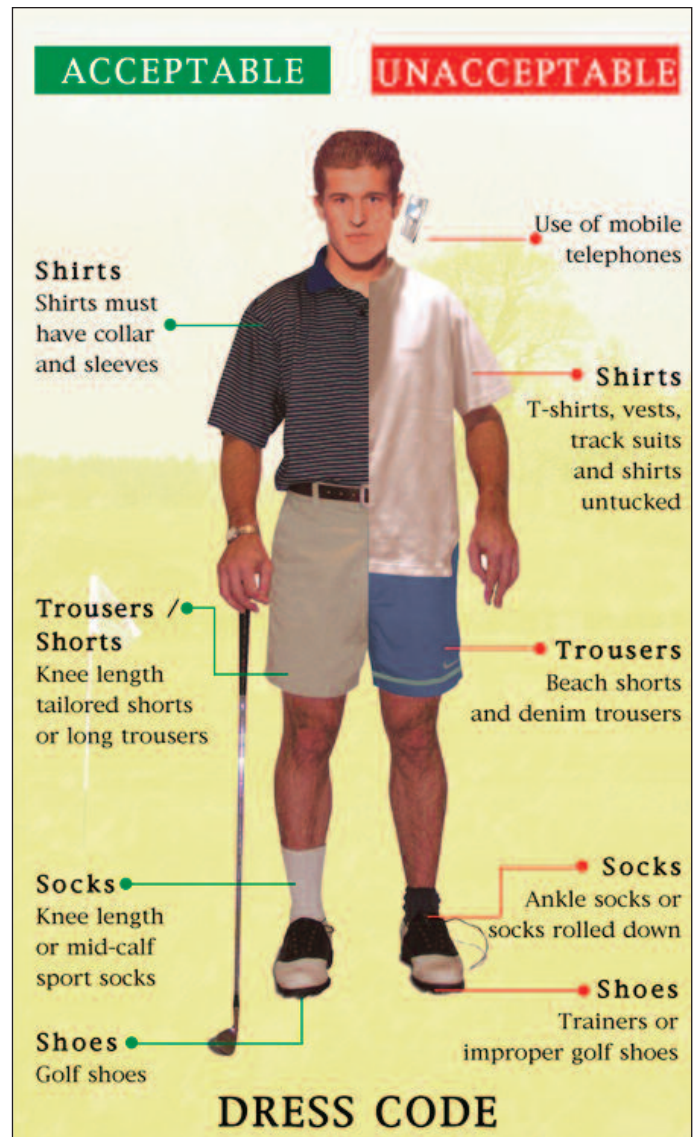
Acceptable

As above with the addition of:

- Men's shorts may be worn in the Lounge or Dining room until 7.00 pm. After this time, shorts will only be permitted in the members' bar area. In exceptional circumstances, the President, Captain, General Manager or Chairman of House may extend this time period.
- Men's shirts must always be worn tucked in.
- Golf shoes may only be worn in the locker room or in the members' spike bar area.

Not Acceptable

- At no time are players permitted to wear within the clubhouse bar and lounge areas, Overcoats, Anoraks or any other kind of Waterproof golfing attire. These include golfing slip-over or wind cheaters.
- No golf shoes are to be left in either the members' lounge or dining area; these must always be left in the locker room.
- Hats of any description must not be worn in the clubhouse.



GOLF CLUB RULES



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Etiquette

- Etiquette has to do with manners. It is through the courtesy that we show to other people that we show our respect for them and that we show how important we think they are. The golf etiquette (or lack of it!) that you display will say more about you as a golfer than anything you ever do with your club. In a golfing context it also means respecting the traditions of the game, the course, practice and other facilities and leaving them in the good condition in which you would like to find them. One of the traditions of the game is the high standard of etiquette between golfers. **EVERYONE CAN BE GOOD AT ETIQUETTE.**
- Plan ahead. Check the golf club's events diary to make sure that play will be possible at the time you next want to play. Occasionally both the 1st and 10th tee starting points may be booked for a short period of time. Not only is it **NOT** good etiquette to attempt to tee off at such a time, it is simply against club rules.

Arrival

- Car park: Park at either parking area, by the stone walling or at top car park area, following the one way traffic flow for vehicles from the upper parking area. Music systems off to all vehicles, only park within designated areas. Changing shoes or clothes in the car park is not permitted and changing rooms really are more comfortable.
- Parking in the access road to Veterinary surgery, off Northfield Road will be permitted on Shot gun events only. Vehicles will always be parked at owner's risk. Visitors should always report to the Pro shop first before entering the Club and be given course information and key codes for security gates on the course.
- Mobile phones are not to be used anywhere within or outside the front covered entrance area of the clubhouse and the rear patio areas, the only exception to this will be within the locker rooms and the upper car park areas. Phones may be carried in golf bags on the course but must be switched off at all times, and can only be used in golf related emergency situations.
- Observe a good standard of dress on and around the golf course and in the clubhouse.
- Green Fees should be paid on arrival and definitely before going out. In the event of a very early tee off (and also at any other time), precedence must always be given to any greens staff still working on the course. They will normally try to let you pass as soon as practicable. Allowing them to finish cutting a green you are approaching will significantly help them to cut all 18 greens before mainstream play begins.
- No golf bags are allowed into the clubhouse, **UNLESS** they are to be stored in a member's locker.
- No kit bags are allowed in any of the main club lounges.

Tee Player

- Don't play until all players ahead are out of range. If in doubt **WAIT**.
- Do not risk causing damage to teeing grounds, fairways or your partners' patience with excessive practice swings. Loosen up on the practice area or practice shed, not on the tee.
- If you think your ball might hit someone, warn them by shouting **FORE, LOUDLY!**
- Never attempt to Drive unless you are 100% sure that the fairway has been cleared by the preceding group.
- Do **NOT** replace your divots on teeing grounds. **DO** fill them in with

the soil/seed mixtures in the tee boxes.

- Clearing the teeing area of your broken tees is expected.

Lost Ball

- If a ball is proving difficult to find and the following group are waiting to play, wave them through before continuing your search. This helps to keep play flowing and reduces the pressure to immediately find your ball.
- Occasionally, having just waved someone through, you will immediately find the offending ball. You should still let the following group play their shots and then consider whether you/your group could play on to minimise a delay. If the following group have hit their balls into places where they may be difficult to find, a total course hold up could ensue if you do not play on. You will need to judge a situation to the best of your ability. Generally, having called a group through you should then let them through. Remember the rules permit a maximum of 5 minutes to look for a ball after which it is deemed lost. If you are not playing in a competition, you may wish to take less than this. If you are playing in a competition and you realise having played your shot that the ball may be difficult to find, before going forward and after the others in your group have played, **DO** play a provisional ball to potentially save time walking back to play a replacement ball.

Speed

- Play without delay. Do not spoil the enjoyment of others by holding them up.
- Plan your shot before it's your turn.
- Focus on staying a reasonable distance from the group ahead.
- Avoid unnecessarily 'pressing' the group ahead. Standing on a teeing ground whilst the group ahead are legitimately playing their next strokes could be classed as discourteous.
- It is understandable that golfers can become impatient if the group ahead has lost ground on the group ahead of them and seem to be playing slowly; however, it is dangerous and never acceptable to send a message by hitting a ball at them. If you are tired of waiting, by all means walk ahead to their group and politely ask them to speed up play or to let you play through if they have clearly lost a complete hole on the group in front of them.
- Be additionally patient if you identify that the group ahead are visitors who may not know their way around the course. Do offer help if appropriate.

Playing through

- Playing through another group is one of the most difficult and contentious parts of golf. It is difficult because, often, there is an implication that the group who is "being played through" is guilty of slow play and they typically resent that implication — even if it's true. So if you are going to ask another group to allow you to play through them, do so in a courteous manner and at a convenient time in the round.
- Be sure there is room for you to properly play through before you ask permission. If there is another group immediately ahead of the group you are asking, they will naturally decline to let you through and they will be annoyed that you bothered them.
- Be courteous as you hit your shots in playing through.
- If you are playing slowly (more than a hole between you and the group ahead of you) and you think the group behind might want to play



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through, invite them to do so. It might be convenient when you are on a green (par 3 holes are particularly good places). Wave them up, stand aside and let them hit up to the green. As they are walking up to the green you can putt out. Then allow them to tee off before you on the next tee.

- Always thank a group who have allowed you to play through.

Precedence

- Playing through is a courtesy extended and not a right assumed. However, some groups should be given precedence in certain circumstances.
- Players representing the club in a team match have precedence over those playing in a club competition who in turn have precedence over those pursuing General Play. Players in a County match have precedence over all these groups. More generally, a 2 ball (and foursomes over a straight two ball) should be given precedence over a 3 or 4 ball, and a 3 ball over a 4 ball (though a 4 Ball Better Ball could be given precedence as they may be playing more quickly than a 3 ball). The general principle to bear in mind is that of allowing faster groups to play through.

Bunkers

- Enter a bunker from the low side of the bunker nearest your ball. Maintaining the high edge of bunkers is difficult and climbing down them is likely to cause damage both to the bunker and to yourself should you slip.
- When you have finished your bunker shot, use the rake to smooth out all evidence of your ball, shot and footprints, finally returning the rake to the rake holder provided in each bunker.
- In raking a bunker, do make sure that some sand is pushed back towards the face of a bunker to avoid the 'No sand/Lots of sand' unevenness which can result from a combination of bunker shot execution and simply dragging sand towards the back of a bunker on exit.

Greens

- Before you reach the green, determine in which direction the next tee is located. Leave bags and trolleys on the side of the green in that direction, so that after putting, you will not delay following players.
- Only walk to greens via clearly defined routes, do not walk up embankments, which may be too steep, always use wooden steps.
- Never attempt to pull trolleys up wooded steps, e.g. 14th tee area.
- Keep bags, trolleys and buggies off all greens and their immediate surrounds.
- Do not take trolleys (or buggies!) between greenside bunkers and the greens.
- Be aware of the location of all the balls on the green to avoid stepping on the line of a fellow players putt. Try to walk outside of their putt rather than over it, especially where their putting line is not obvious. Large steps can also put damaging pressure on the green's surface.
- Repair any pitch mark you made (always carry your pitch mark repair tool) and also any others that may have gone unrepaired. Remember to repair the mark by working the edges to the centre (**NOT** by levering soil upwards - this creates fungus breeding air pockets).
- Mark your ball with an acceptable ball marker if the ball is anywhere near a partner's putting line.
- Be careful where you stand so as not to distract a player. Many putting stances give players peripheral vision which extends behind them to their left and right.
- Do not lean on your putter on the green at any time.

- Wait for all players to hit their balls onto the green before removing the flag.
- Be careful not to damage the hole or putting green when attending or when removing or replacing the flagstick **DO NOT DROP** the flagstick on to the green.
- Generally, the player closest to the hole will attend the flagstick.
- While attending the flagstick:
 - a) make sure it is free in the hole and that it will not stick when you try to pull it out.
 - b) stand as far away from the hole as reasonably possible (arm's length).
 - c) stand to the side of the cup which ensures your shadow does not fall across the line of the players putt.
 - d) avoid standing on any other player's putting line.
 - e) hold the flag still (assuming you can reach it!).
 - f) keep still and quiet.
 - g) don't forget to remove the flagstick when the ball is rolling towards the hole.
- All players should remain on or around the green until the last putt has dropped.
- **NEVER** attempt to take the ball out of the hole with your putter head (Hole edge damage risk).
Note: it is not always necessary to hole out. Doing so when your score does not count can hold up play on a busy course.
- When all players have holed out the flagstick should be replaced correctly, ensuring the flag is left unfurled.

General

- Do not lose your temper or throw your clubs in anger!
- Do not leave golf bags in front of the main lounge windows, and keep clear from the doors leading from the spike bar.
- Never drop your golf bag or throw clubs especially on or around greens where irreparable damage may be caused.
- Never sit on any timber guard rails or Sand boxes around tees
- Care must always be taken adjacent to the brook which runs through the course at all times. At no point should individuals attempt to climb into the brook to retrieve balls. Only propriety ball retrievers should be used. Care must taken when crossing any of the bridges spanning the brook.
- At the end of a round, whether you win lose or finish all square, you should shake hands with your fellow players in a spirit of good sportsmanship and fellowship. It is also a mark of courtesy to remove headgear before doing so.

Complaints

- Politely ask for the offenders name(s) and report any incident to the secretary on your return to the clubhouse.

Finally

- There are public rights of way through the golf course. Look out for non golfing individuals or groups as they may be unaware of the sources of danger to them.
- Remember, it is not possible to cover every eventuality in the above notes, try to make your decisions within the spirit of the game to mutually help each other and preserve the course.

Last but not least enjoy your game. Good luck!



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SOCIETY BOOKING FORM



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Name of Organiser	
Name of Society	
Date of Visit	
Address	
Telephone No.	
Number of People	
Package Choice Please circle one only	A B C D E F

GOLF REQUIREMENTS

1st Tee Times Preference	AM	PM
Format of Play (e.g. 4 ball, 3 ball)		
Nearest the Pin Y/N (If yes, which holes)	AM	PM
Longest Drive Y/N (If yes, which holes)	AM Hole No.	PM

Signature



CATERING REQUIREMENTS



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Light Lunch Choice	
Dinner - Starter	
Dinner - Main	
Dessert	
Full English Breakfast (Premium £4 per person)	

Any special requirements:

Please ensure that you have attached the necessary deposit.



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SOCIETY MENU SELECTOR



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Breakfasts

Bacon or sausage bap
Full English breakfast
(premium of £4.00 per person)

Snack/Light Lunches

Soup and sandwiches
Sandwiches and chips

Dinner - Starters

Leek and potato soup
Seasonal vegetable soup
Carrot and coriander soup
Tomato and basil soup
Paté served on a bed of mixed leaves served with croutons and basil dressing
Prawn cocktail
Goujons of plaice served with mixed leaves, lemon and a citrus and dill dressing
Mediterranean pasta with feta cheese
Tomato and mozzarella salad, crisp mixed leaves and herb oil dressing
Tian of melon topped with fresh strawberries

Dinner - Mains

Chicken with a white wine sauce
Roast of the day with all the trimmings
Steak and ale pie with chips, peas and gravy
Fish chips and peas
Lamb shanks with mustard mash and mint and rosemary jus
Cottage pie with vegetables and gravy
Beef stew with dumplings
Curry and rice (either chicken, beef or lamb)
Chicken stroganoff and rice
Lasagne, salad, chips and garlic bread

Dinner - Desserts

Glazed lemon tart with fresh cream
Deep-dish apple pie served with lashings of custard
Sticky toffee pudding and custard
Bread and butter pudding with custard
Cheesecake served with cream and coulis
Gateaux and cream
Profiteroles with chocolate sauce
Baked rice pudding
Fruit crumble with custard

Coffee and mints are included with every menu.

If there are any dietary requirements please let the kitchen staff know at least 24 hours before event. Telephone: 0121 426 0042



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