



Westgate and Birchington
Golf Club

Society
Package
2017



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WELCOME TO



Westgate and Birchington

Golf Club

Westgate and Birchington is a cliff top course of 4825 yards with stunning views over the sea. Located on the Isle of Thanet in Kent, there are many places to visit and stay.

The Club was formed in 1893 and the course has matured to the beautiful condition it is today. It is suitable for players of all ages. Golfers with or without a handicap are welcome.

The Club offers a very warm welcome to all visitors, whether it be green fees or societies.

A range of golf packages are available.

Our professionals, Mark and Ben, are on hand to provide any assistance required.

The club shop stocks a full range of golfing goods.



The Club is a [member of CASC](#) and, as such has a no discrimination policy.

On behalf of Westgate and Birchington Golf Club, we look forward to meeting you and hope 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 our course.

We will also be delighted to offer a package styled to suit your own requirements for your golf day.



Golf Society Rates



Package	Mon – Friday
A Tea / Coffee, Bacon Roll and unlimited golf	£21.00
B Tea / Coffee, Society Breakfast and unlimited golf	£24.00
C Tea / Coffee, Bacon Roll and unlimited golf with Lunch	£28.00**
D Tea / Coffee, Bacon Roll and unlimited golf with 2 Course Dinner	£33.00**
E Tea / Coffee, Bacon Roll and unlimited golf with 3 Course Dinner	£36.50**

** Depending on menu selections

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 price.
- All the above charges are inclusive of VAT.
- Prices are current at time of printing, the Club reserves the right to amend these prices prior to confirming the booking.

The Club reserve the right to:-

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

Tee Reservations

The society start point is the 1st tee using yellow markers.

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, but this is usually the 1st tee.

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 Telephones & Blackberry devices



Course

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

Clubhouse

Mobile devices ARE to be turned to "silent" or "off" when entering the clubhouse. In the event of needing to use a device for making and receiving calls, only the **car park area or within the locker room**, will be the permitted area for use.

Devices on silent mode cannot be answered or be operated until within these designated areas.

Use of mobile devices for making and receiving texts and emails is permitted, but members and guests should be aware of and take consideration of others when using these facilities.

Confirmation of Booking

Do please ensure that your booking form is accompanied by a cheque to the value of £5.00 per person as a deposit. Your booking cannot be accepted until the deposit is paid.



Golf Society Menu Selector

Breakfast

- Society Breakfast – 2 Bacon, Sausage, Egg, Beans, Tomato and Hash Brown served with Toast and Tea / Coffee

Lunch

- Traditional Homemade Pies served with vegetables and potatoes
- Cottage / Shepherd Pie and Vegetables
- Chilli Con Carne and Rice
- Curry and Rice
- Lasagne with Chips and Salad
- Fish of The Day, ask for selection
- Sausage with Mashed Potato and Caramelised Onion Gravy, served with vegetables
- Home Cooked Ham, Double Eggs, Chips and Peas
- Breaded Whole tail Scampi, Chips and Peas or Salad
- Pan Fried Chicken with a Mushroom Cream and Tarragon Sauce with vegetables & potatoes
- Ploughman's Lunch - Generous mixed salad, selection of pickles and Chunky Bread and Select from Home Cook Ham, Mature Cheddar, Stilton or Chefs Pate
- 8oz Rib Eye Steak served with Chips, Mushrooms and Grilled Tomato add a supplement of £3.00

N.B. Alternative lunch menu can be arranged and price agreed.



Golf Society Menu Selector

Dinner - Starters

- Homemade Soup of The Day served with Crusty Bread
- Deep-Fried Whitebait served with Lemon Mayonnaise
- Pan-Fried Button Mushroom finished with Cream and Stilton
- Chef's Pate served with a Plum & Apple Chutney on salad leaves and Toast
- Camembert Fritters served with Red Onion Marmalade

Dinner - Mains

- Homemade Pie with Roast Potatoes and Vegetables
- Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Potatoes and Vegetables
- Roast Chicken with Stuffing with Roast Potatoes and Vegetables
- Fish of The Day, ask for selection
- Sausage with Mashed Potato and Caramelised Onion Gravy, served with vegetables

or select from the lunch menu options

Dinner - Desserts

Choice of Desserts

- Lemon Tart
- Fresh Apple Tart
- Banoffee Pie
- Fruit Crumble
- Syrup Sponge & Custard
- Fresh Fruit Salad
- Cheese and Biscuits

Coffee is included with the Dinner Menu

If there are any dietary requirements please let the kitchen staff know at least 48 hours before the event.
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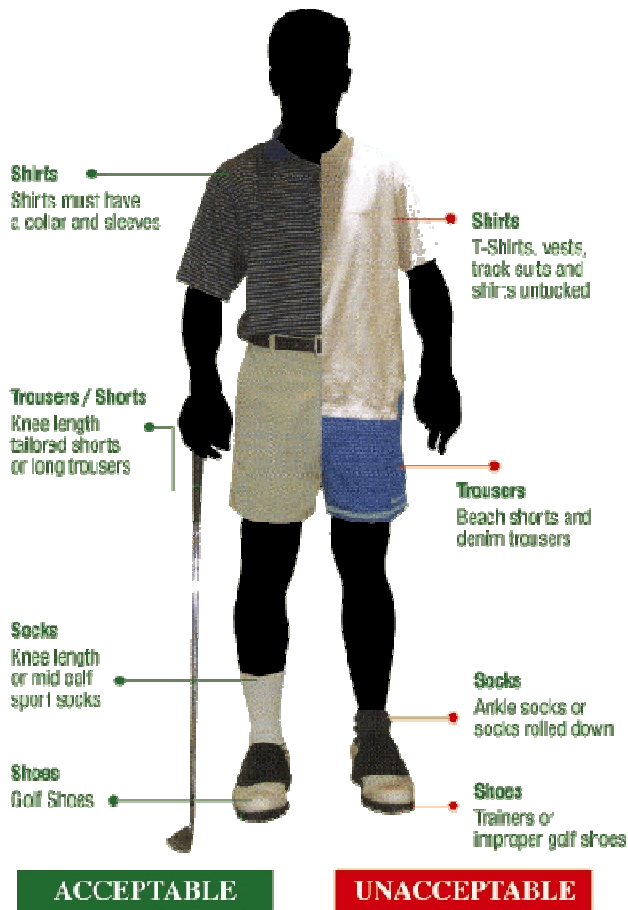


Dress Code

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We do ask that visitors respect our dress code.

- No Denims to be worn on the Course or in the Clubhouse.
- No golf shoes with studs and spikes to be worn in the Clubhouse (except for the locker room)
- No collarless or sleeveless shirts (except for ladies golf shirts), tracksuits, trainers or sports shorts to be worn on the Course or in the Clubhouse.
- Only tailored Shorts MAY BE worn with sports or trainer white socks.
- Golf shoes MUST BE worn on the Course at all times.
- Shirts MUST BE tucked in to trousers, shorts or skirts at all times on the Course and in the Clubhouse, unless shirt is box cut.
- Trousers MUST NOT be tucked into socks.
- Baseball caps should be worn correctly on the course, but MUST NOT be worn in the Clubhouse.



The Bar Area

Requirements:
Suitable lounge wear is deemed to be smart conventional golfing attire.
During the summer period shorts are permitted in the bar area to purchase drinks only. They must then be consumed in the dining area or outside.
This rule may be relaxed at the discretion of the Club Manager or Club Steward.

Lounge - Functions

When the lounge is officially occupied, access to the locker room will be via the side doors.
Non – participants are requested to use the main clubhouse entrance to the bar area.

Golf Equipment

Clubs, clothing, bags and equipment are not to be left in lounge, bar, or front porch area of the club house.



Golf Club Rules

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

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 net, 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 the teeing ground. **DO** fill them in with the divot mix 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 continue.
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 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 replacing the rake in the 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 greens surface.
Repair any pitch mark you made (always carry your pitch mark repair tool) & 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.

Golf Club Rules



Greens - continued

While attending the flagstick:

- a) make sure it is free in the hole & 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

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

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!

Society Booking Form



Society Details

Name of Society		
Name of Organiser		
Date of Visit		
Contact Address		
Telephone No.		Mobile No.
Email Address		
Number of People		
Package Choice Required –		Please Tick
A	Tea / Coffee, Bacon Roll and unlimited golf	<input type="checkbox"/>
B	Tea / Coffee, Society Breakfast and unlimited golf	<input type="checkbox"/>
C	Tea / Coffee, Bacon Roll and unlimited golf with Lunch	<input type="checkbox"/>
D	Tea / Coffee, Bacon Roll and unlimited golf with 2 Course Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>
E	Tea / Coffee, Bacon Roll and unlimited golf with 3 Course Dinner	<input type="checkbox"/>

Golf Requirements

					AM	PM
1 st Tee Times Preference					Time	Time
Format of Play (e.g. 4 ball, 3 ball, Foursomes, Greensomes)						
Nearest the Pin (If yes, which hole)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hole	Hole
Longest Drive (If yes, which hole)	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hole	Hole

Catering Requirements

Lunch Choice	
Dinner - Starter	
Dinner - Main	
Dinner - Dessert	
Any Special Requirements	

Please return this form to the Club Manager
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