

**DUNSCAR GOLF CLUB
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MIXED SECTION ORGANISERS

Sports Committee

2020/21 DUNSCAR SOCIAL EVENTS

Friday 13 th March	Cheltenham Gold Cup Golf Day
Monday 23 rd March	Ladies' Coffee Morning
Saturday 28 th March	Opening Day Dance
Friday 10 th April	Masters Golf Day
Saturday 6 th June	Captains Day Dance
Saturday 11 th July	Presidents Day Dance
Friday 24 th July	Company Day
Thursday 30 th July	Ladies' Invitation Day & Annual Dinner
Friday 4 th to 6 th September	Beer Festival
Saturday 3 rd October	Gala Day
Saturday 24 th October	Closing Day Dance
Saturday 7 th November	Bonfire Night
Friday 13 th November	Junior Presentation Evening
Friday 20 th November	End of Season Presentation Evening
Sunday 6 th December	Children's Christmas Party
Monday 9 th December	Ladies' Christmas Coffee Morning?
Tuesday 10 th December	Ladies' Christmas Lunch?
Thursday 24 th December	Christmas Eve Dinner
Thursday 31 st December	New Year's Eve Dinner & Dance
Friday 29 th January 2021	Annual Gents Dinner
Saturday 5 th March 2021	Formal Mixed Dinner?

MEN'S PRESENTATION EVENINGS 2020

Presentations for competitions will take place on the following dates at approximately 9pm.

Dress Code for Prize winners: Smart Casual

Non-attendance at Presentations: - Prize winners who are unable to collect their prize at the appropriate presentation will have a second opportunity the following month.

WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL

WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE

WEDNESDAY 29TH JULY

WEDNESDAY 26TH AUGUST

WEDNESDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY 21ST OCTOBER

In addition, on Opening Day, Captain's Day, President's Day and Closing Day, prizes will be given out at the evening social function on the day of the competition at approximately 9pm. Invitation Day prizes are awarded on the day of the competition approximately 1 hour after the completion of the event. Open competitions, Company Day or other competitions prizes will be awarded as advised by the organizers of the competition.

B.G.A. FIXTURES 2020 TBA

Sat 18 th April	Fourball Betterball – 24 Hcap limit 90%	Harwood GC
Sat 26 th April	BGA Team v Lancashire	Bolton GC
Sat 9 th May	Past Presidents Trophy – 0-12 Hcap	Chorley GC
Sat 9 th May	2nd Division Golf Cot (4BBB Stableford)- 13-28 Hcap – 90%	Turton GC
Sat 30 th May	Higher Handicaps Trophy – Stableford – 13-28 Hcap	Hart Common GC
Sat 30 th May	1st Division Golf Cot (4BBB Stableford) - 0-12 Hcap – 90%	Brightmet GC
Sat 13 th June	BGA Championship – Qualifying	Horwich GC
Sun 14 th June	BGA Championship – Qualifying	Horwich GC
Tue 16 th June	Championship Quarter finals	Horwich GC
Wed 17 th June	Championship Semi-final	Horwich GC
Thurs 18 th June	Championship Final	Horwich GC
Sat 4 th July	John Salt Trophy – Junior Team Comp	Harwood GC
Sun 12 th July	Junior Championship	Horwich GC
Sun 12 th July	Mixed Golf Cot (4BBB)	Westthoughton GC
Thurs 16 th July	Seniors Championship – Age 55 +	GT Lever & Farnworth GC
Sun 2 nd Aug	Corser Trophy – Mixed Greensome(Hcap Men 24 Ladies 36)	Bolton GC
Sat 22 nd Aug	Preston Handicap Trophy – Medal – 0-24 Hcap	Deane GC
Sun 30 th Aug	BGA League Semi Finals	TBC
Sun 6 th Sept	BGA League Final	Regent Park

JACK TAYLOR TROPHY

1st Round by 4th Oct, 2nd Round by 25th Oct
Semi-final by 15th Nov, Final by 29th Nov

BGA DINNER – Friday 25th September @ Horwich GC

LADIES ADDITIONAL FIXTURES 2020

Lancashire Ladies (LLCGA)

Wed 6 th May	Interclub Handicap	Burnley
Fri 5 th June	Elsie Corlett	Formby Ladies
Thur 2nd July	4 Ball Team Event	Childwall
Wed 15th July	Interclub Bronze	Towneley
Mon 17th Aug	Divisional Shield Finals	Lytham Green Drive
Wed 19 th Aug	Lady Derby Qualifier	Bury
Mon 24th Aug	Frances Smith Final	Ellesmere
Mon 7 th & Tues 8 th Sept	Lady Derby Final	Stand
Fri 4 th Sept	Interclub Finals	Leigh
Mon 7th Sept	Bronze Shield Finals	Knott End
Fri 11th Sept	H/cap Shield Finals	Chorley

Lancashire Ladies Seniors (LCSLGA)

Tues/Thurs 21 st /23rd May	Senior Championship	Fairhaven
Mon 8 th June	Silver Slipper	Hutton & Prescott
Mon 22 nd June	Early Summer Mtg	Davyhulme
Mon 6th July	Edith Barlow	Pleasington
Wed 23rd July	Mid Summer Mtg	West Derby
Mon 3rd Aug	Ivy Hosker	Ashton & Lea
Mon 24 th Aug	Summer Team Event	Accrington
Mon 7th Sept.	Cecil Leitch Trophy	Whitefield
Mon 14 th Sept	9/18 Hole Autumn Team	Lytham Green Drive

Town Competitions

Mon 4 th May	Ladies' Golf Cot	Turton
W/c 14 th June (Sun)	Bolton Ladies' Championship	Westhoughton
Mon 3rd/Tues 4 th Aug	Bolton Challenge Bowl	Gt Lever & Farnworth

Bolton & District Past Captains Association

Mon 11 th May	Loxham & Baxendale	Turton
Mon 10 th Aug	Greensome	Westhoughton

East Lancashire Ladies (ELLGA and East Lancs Past Captains)

Tues 16 th June	Handicap Shield & Annie Chambers Trophy	Brightmet
Tues 23rd June	Scratch & Worsley	Burnley
Wed 29th July	Greensomes Stableford Team of 4	Clitheroe
Wed 5th Aug	Seniors Stableford	Nelson
Wed 12th Aug	Past Captain's Greensome	Rishton
Wed 9th Sept	Autumn Mtg	Bacup

Manchester & District

Fri 12th June	Bunty Booth Final	Worsley
Fri 26th	Challenge Cup	Pike Fold
Fri 7 th Aug	Team Event	Chorlton cum Hardy
Fri 11 th Sept	4BBB	Rosendale

GENTS COMPETITION RULES 2020

Competitors have priority on the course at all times.

Unless otherwise stated as a condition of entry to take part and win a prize in a competition, a Member must hold a valid 'active' handicap and be up to date with their agreed payment plan.

Members who have inactive handicaps may enter competitions in order to regain an active handicap but cannot win the entered competition until an active handicap has been granted.

Competition entry fees and prizes will be set by the Sports Committee.

Before the start of play in any competition, competitors must register their names with the professional.

All week-end club competitions Competition entry is only available up to midnight on the day before the competition. Therefore competitors are not allowed to enter a competition or change their tee time after this time. Competitors wishing to book a tee time outside the online tee reservations available may do so by contacting John Howard or Andy Green prior to the competition entry being closed as above.

Competitors must ensure they are on the 1st tee 5mins before their specified start time to avoid any delays. The player must start at (and not before) his starting time.

A start time of 9am means 9.00.00am, not anytime until 9.01am.

Penalty of the rule is Disqualification, **except** in these three cases.

Exception 1 – Player arrives at starting point, ready to play, no more than five minutes late: The player gets the *general penalty* applied to his first hole.

Exception 2 – Player starts no more than five minutes early: The player gets the *general penalty* applied to his first hole.

Exception 3 – Committee decides that exceptional circumstances prevented the player from starting on time: there is no breach of this rule and no penalty

If a Member withdraws from a competition before the competition commences they must inform their playing partners or the Professional at the earliest opportunity possible and remove their entry from the online booking system. Members who withdraw after commencement of the competition will be liable for the competition entrance fee.

The suspension of play, cancellation or postponement of any competition will be at the discretion of the Greens & Sports Committees. Please see full 'Suspension of Play' Policy in the clubhouse

All cards must be signed by both player (either partner in the case of four balls) and marker. These must be returned and placed in the box provided; failure to do so will result in the competitor incurring a one competition ban. This will be monitored and applied by the Sports Committee

Score cards MUST be entered into the computer on completion of the round, including no returns.

Tee reservations on a Saturday are strictly for competition entries. Non competitors must not reserve a tee time on the competition starting sheet and may not play during reserved competition tee times.

ANY SPORTS NOTICES POSTED IN THE CLUBHOUSE SUPERCEDE ANY HANDBOOK/WEBSITE CONTENT

RESOLVING TIES

Unless otherwise stated for the specific competition, all ties will be resolved by card play-off as follows:-

1 - the last nine holes

2 - last six holes

3 - last three holes

4 - last hole, if there is still a tie on individual holes starting from the first.

In 36 hole competitions the player with the lowest single round wins, and if tied then, over the second 18 holes with a card play-off as above.

KNOCK-OUT COMPETITIONS

Completion dates for all rounds of knock-out competitions will be strictly enforced.

Results of each match must be recorded on the competition sheet. If a match is unresolved by the due date, both competitors in the Singles and both teams in the Doubles and/ or Foursomes will be disqualified from the competition.

All Knockout matches must be resolved when stated. If a match is all square after 18 holes it must continue on a sudden death basis until a result has been achieved. It is the competitor's responsibility to start the match at a time when this can be achieved.

HANDICAPS DIVISIONS

Divisions will be equally split, determined by individual competition entry. In conjunction with competitions, the Professional will run an optional two's competition. An entrant returning a gross two (or one) on their card must mark the provided two's sheet with his name and the hole at which the two was obtained (hole in one counts as two two's)

Each two returned qualifies for an equal share of the entry money. In four balls it is possible for both partners to score a two at the same hole. If so, both two's qualify. A two scored on a no return card will qualify for the two's competition provided the holes are played in the correct sequence and the card is signed by both player and marker.

LADY MEMBERS ARE REFERRED TO THE CURRENT COMPETITION RULES POSTED ON THE NOTICE BOARD IN THE LOCKER ROOM

SUBMISSION OF SUPPLEMENTARY SCORES

It is expected that Dunscair Golf Club arranges enough qualifying competitions throughout the year to give members adequate opportunity to record sufficient qualifying scores to maintain a handicap reflective of their current playing ability. However in addition to returning qualifying scores in competitions, members have the option of returning Supplementary Scores which are deemed to be qualifying scores for handicap purposes.

Members are reminded that it is necessary to return a minimum of 3 qualifying scores per year 1st April to 31st October to maintain an active handicap.

In order to comply with CONGU rules, the conditions for the return of Supplementary Scores for handicapping purposes must comply with the following:

1. May only be returned at the players own club
2. Can be over 18 or 9 holes on a measured course
3. May be from either white or yellow tees (must be signified on the card) (red tees in the case of Ladies)
4. Format for 18 holes is either Medal or Stableford, 9 holes is Stableford

5. No restriction of Supplementary Scores from 1st January 2018 except for Category 1 players who may only return Supplementary Scores between 1st September and 31st December over 18 holes and only to the extent necessary to ensure that the minimum requirement for qualifying scores under Clause 25 (Congu)
6. A player is required to signify his intent to submit a Supplementary Score prior to the commencement of play by registering with the Professional and acquiring a competition score card from him
7. The card must be signed by a player who holds a handicap, either active or inactive, and has accompanied the player during the round
8. A player who registers for the return of a Supplementary Score must return that score. Failure to do so will result in an increase of 0.1 to their handicap
9. A "General Play" adjustment may be applied if "manipulation" is suspected
10. The completed card must be signed, dated and returned to the Professional
11. All returns will be recorded in the players handicap record
12. Full details of this and other handicapping matters are set out in the CONGU Unified Handicapping System. A copy of which is held in the office and an online version is available at www.congu.com

PRIZES (Unless otherwise stated)

MAJOR BOARD COMPETITIONS

Overall Winner. Divisional winners from remaining three divisions. Runners up from all four divisions. Best Gross score and Best Nett Senior (over 60)
Total 10 Prizes

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS

Winner, Runner Up, Semi Finalists, Quarter Finalists - Total 8 Prizes

SINGLE KNOCK-OUTS

Winner, Runner Up, Semi Finalist - Total 4 Prizes

DOUBLE KNOCK-OUTS

Winners, Runners Up, Semi Finalists - Total 8 Prizes

FOURSOMES KNOCK-OUTS

Winners, Runners Up – Total 4 Prizes

SENIORS TROPHY

Winner, Runner Up & 3rd - Total 3 Prizes

4BBB

Winners, Runners Up & 3rd - Total 6 Prizes

TEAM OF 3

Winners, Runners Up & 3rd - Total 9 Prizes

WEEKEND SINGLES COMPETITIONS

Winners & Runners up from each division - Total 8 Prizes.

End of Season Championships sponsored by PMD Business Finance will run from Opening Day to Closing Day:

PMD MEDALIST OF THE YEAR

PMD ECLECTIC CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

PMD BIRDIE KING



PRIORITY ON THE COURSE

The Captains and President of the Club must be given precedence on the first tee on all non-competition days.

No person shall play from the first tee at any time it is reserved or closed. On the first tee and throughout the course on non-competition days a club competition knockout match has priority over other play. This also applies to Ladies Knock-outs, Mixed competitions and Club matches. Except as stated above, two-ball matches have precedence and are entitled to pass any three or four-ball matches.

NB. Three-ball and Four-ball matches have equal standing on the course.

A single player has no standing on the course. Under no circumstances should players exceed a fourball.

SPEED OF COURSE

In all competitions, players must keep up with the matches in front. If a match fails to keep its place on the course and loses in distance more than one clear hole on those in front, it may be passed on request being made. Any match playing a whole round may claim the right to pass a match playing a shorter round. On non-competition Saturdays and Sundays the speed of the course is that of a Fourball.

IN-HOUSE CATERING

Only food purchased within the Club may be consumed on the premises. Full meals must be taken into the Centenary Lounge or Dining Room; however snacks may be consumed in other areas but no food is allowed in the locker rooms.

DRESS CODE

To maintain the standards within the club and act and dress appropriately, we respectfully request that members and visitors to our club observe our dress code for both the course and the clubhouse.

Items of clothing **NOT** permitted on course. Collarless Shirts, Team Colours, Denims, Shell Suits, Track Suits, Overalls. Only tailored shorts allowed. Ladies – same rules apply with the exception of collarless shirts.

Items of clothing **NOT** permitted in the clubhouse. Golf Shoes, Flip Flops, Collarless Shirts, Team Colours, Shell Suits, Track Suits, Overalls, hats of any description, Smart denim jeans are allowed. Only tailored shorts allowed. Ladies – Same rules apply with the exception of collarless shirts.

Function Dress Code Definition.
Formal Dress – Black Tie or Lounge Suit
Semi-Formal - Jacket and Tie
Smart Casual – No Jeans
Casual – Smart jeans allowed.

GUESTS, VISITORS AND SOCIETIES

GUESTS

Members with guests can play at any time with the exception of competitions.

VISITORS

Visitors are welcomed during the following periods:

Saturday – After 3pm

Sunday – 9.30am to 11.30am, after 2pm (Subject to any organised club competition)

Weekdays – 7am to 8am and 9.30am to 11.30am, after 2pm.

Tuesday is Ladies' Competition Day. Competitors have allocated tee times throughout the day and priority on the course.

Other times may be available, subject to prior agreement.

Visitors and Social Members may only play the course on six occasions in a year with or without a member.

SOCIETIES

Societies will be booked by the club. All efforts will be made to make such booking outside members' times, however this may not always be possible. All bookings will be shown on the Club's website and on the course noticeboard.

JUNIOR SECTION

Junior Organiser:

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CONDITIONS OF PLAY FOR JUNIORS

The Club requires a contact telephone number for each junior member in the event of any emergency. This should be returned to the Secretary as soon as possible

JUNIOR PLAYING ARRANGEMENTS

Juniors cannot play in 'Adult Medal' Competitions (special exemptions may apply).

Juniors can play in 'All Category' Competitions as defined by the Sports Committee but must play with at least 1 adult.

Competition Saturdays Summertime

Juniors are allowed to play after 3pm providing the competition starting sheet is complete by that time allowing full paying members full access to the course on Saturdays. The exception to this rule is where a Junior Member qualifies to play in the Saturday competition.

Non-competition Sundays Summertime

Juniors may play between 10.00am and 10.30am and after 2.00pm, subject to the tee reservation board unless accompanied by a Full Playing member.

Competition Saturdays/Sundays Wintertime

The course is closed to juniors until 2.00pm.

Non-competition Saturdays/Sundays Wintertime

Saturdays: Juniors may play between 10.30am and 11.30am and after 2.00pm.

Sundays: Juniors may play after 10.00am

JUNIOR VISITORS

Juniors are only allowed to bring one visitor on any one weekday. Juniors are not allowed to sign in adult visitors. Juniors may only play at their allotted times.

GREEN FEES FOR JUNIOR VISITORS

£5.00 per day playing with a Member. All junior visitors playing with a junior subscriber must be "bona-fide" subscribers of a recognised golf club. Players must not share clubs.

ETIQUETTE OF GOLF

1. White tees for competition use only
2. A single player has no standing and must always give way to a properly constituted match.
3. Do not move, talk, or stand close to or directly behind the ball, or the hole when a player is addressing the ball or making a stroke.
4. No player should play from the tee until the party in front have played their second stroke and are out of range, nor play up to the putting green until the party in front have holed out and moved away.
5. Players searching for a ball should allow other players coming up to pass them. They should signal players following them to pass, and should not continue their play until those players have passed and are out of range.
6. After leaving a bunker in which he has played a stroke, a player should carefully smooth over the marks made by his shot and footmarks with the rakes provided.
7. Players who have holed out should not try their putts again when other players are following them.
8. A player should ensure that any turf cut or displaced by him is replaced at once and pressed down, and that after the players have holed out, any damage to the putting green made by him or the ball is carefully repaired.
9. When on the greens, players should ensure that they do not drop bags or the flagstick thereby causing damage to the putting green and that neither they nor their caddy damage the hole by standing close to it or in the handling of the flag-stick. The flag-stick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the putting green.
10. No sharing of clubs. Do not throw clubs, serious injury can result whatever the circumstances and those found responsible will be disciplined by Council.

11. Play holes in the correct order, do not "dodge" around the course and make sure you are not cutting in on another match i.e. playing holes 1-8 followed by 16, 17 and 18. This is particularly important on competition days and you should observe the Fixtures Board before going out or speak to the Professional to ensure it is appropriate to go out (see Bye-Law 4.9).

12. Trolleys and buggies must not be taken on putting greens or fringes, teeing grounds or in bunkers.

13. The use of social networking web sites such as Facebook or Twitter in the manner which, in the reasonable opinion of Council, damages the name and reputation of the Club or any member or provider of service to the Club is not considered as acceptable conduct. Accordingly any Members found to breach this provision may be liable forthwith to a period of suspension or a disciplinary action for serious misconduct (see Conduct Bye-Law 8.4). The Bye-Laws are available in the club entrance foyer.

14. Do not remove balls from holes by using a putter head. Ball retrievers that fit onto a putter are available from the Professionals shop.

15. The use of mobile phones on the course is prohibited unless it is used for an emergency call.

Adherence to the above will be closely monitored and appropriate action taken against any person not observing these rules (see Conduct Bye-Law 8).

COURSE SAFETY POLICY

Golfers play the course at their own risk.

It is the duty of all golfers to consider personal insurance.

It is the duty of each player to ensure as far as practical their own safety and that of others on the course.

Etiquette of golf should be followed at all times.

DANGER OF WAYWARD GOLF BALLS

If the golfer cannot see the way ahead is clear to play their next shot, then they MUST NOT PLAY.

Areas of particular concern

- DO NOT drive off the 1st or 17th tees unless the roadway is clear of traffic or pedestrians.
- Beware when driving off the 3rd tee of golfers crossing to the 8th green.
- Do not drive off the 8th and 9th tees until you are sure that it is safe to do so (a bell is provided on the right hand side of the 8th and 9th fairways for this purpose).
- When driving off the 10th tee beware of golfers on the 9th and 11th holes.
- When driving off the 11th tee beware of golfers playing the 15th hole.
- Ensure that before driving off the 15th tee that all golfers are clear of danger and it is safe to drive from the tee.
- Ensure the 15th green is clear before playing to it (a bell is provided near to the 16th tee for this purpose).
- Ensure that it is safe to play from the 18th tee before travelling to the teeing area.

SAFETY OF GREENS STAFF

- Beware of Greens staff working on the course.
- DO NOT play a shot if Greens staff are within range.
- Give a verbal warning in the event of Greens staff being in danger of being struck by a golf ball.
- You must not play a hole which has been closed by the Greens staff.

PERSONAL SAFETY

Golfers must act responsibly whilst playing on the golf course. Do not play shots whilst the visibility is inadequate. Ensure that golf equipment i.e. shoes are kept properly maintained, especially during the winter and wet conditions. Do not travel down steep inclines. Plan your route to travel around them. If you need to travel on an incline to play your golf ball, be extra vigilant and careful, especially if carrying your golf clubs.

DANGER FROM SLIPPING

This may necessitate the closure of the course under extremely adverse conditions. Players should use paths (artificial walking surfaces where they are provided) and pay particular attention to the following recommendations:

- When the ground is wet or frosty, the player should not descend naturally steep slopes when there is an alternative route.
- On artificial slopes, use the steps/paths provided or walk round them and move onto the playing area from level ground.
- When recovering balls from water courses, the player should stand on firm ground and not try to recover balls that are beyond the reach of the scoops provided.
- Where water courses are roped off, players must not enter the roped off area.

COURSE CLOSURE PROCEDURE

This Procedure has been produced to ensure that Members are aware of the circumstances under which the course will be closed.

CLUB POLICY IS TO KEEP THE COURSE OPEN FOR PLAY WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

Council has the responsibility for protecting the course from short and long-term damage.

YOU CAN HELP BY:

- Keeping to surfaced paths where they are provided.
- Keeping to the outside of roped off areas.
- Keeping buggies and trolleys in the rough rather than on the fairway.
- Leaving the course by the correct exit.

The Council has delegated the responsibility for closing the course to the Greens Committee, the Head Greenkeeper having the ultimate decision. If necessary a Director of the Club or the Golf Professional has the delegated authority to also close the course

COMPLAINTS

All complaints or comments with regard to decisions to the above procedure should be made in writing to the Secretary. Members of the Greens Committee and Greens staff should NOT be addressed personally.

RIGHT OF WAY

Golfers MUST give way to walkers crossing the golf course from the 13th tee to the ravine on the 7th hole.

FOG ON THE COURSE

If because of poor visibility it is dangerous for golfers to play, a decision must be made to close the course until conditions improve.

Should fog develop whilst a competition is in progress the Officials in charge must decide whether to abandon or suspend play and sound a klaxon.

1. One blast on the klaxon to abandon the competition

2. Two blasts to suspend play until conditions improve

In the case of social golf, play must not be permitted unless there is enough visibility to ensure the safety of those playing and that of the public.

Decisions to abandon or suspend play may be made by:

Competitions - The Competition organisers

Social Golf - Head Greenkeeper or Professional

POLICY FOR THE USE OF PRIVATE BUGGIES, RIDE-ON BUGGIES, POWERED BUGGIES AND PEDESTRIAN TROLLEYS

Private Buggies (Large 4 wheel):

These will not be permitted at any time.

Ride on Buggies – Single Seater

Members must request permission, in writing, from Council before use on the course

Visitors: These may be permitted depending on the course conditions. Permission must be granted at least 2 days in advance of use on the course..

Powered Buggies and Pedestrian Trolleys:

In the interests of safety and the condition of the course, the Club operates a policy whereby the use may be restricted during winter months. The precise timing, details and duration of the ban will be decided on a weekly basis by the Chairman of Greens, and as far as possible, reasonable notice will be given.

Disabled Golfers

The Club will take every action possible to accommodate disabled golfers after prior consultation and the production of reasonable and satisfactory medical evidence.

All Buggy Owners

Members must ensure that the buggy is kept in full working order and well maintained.

The driver must have in force a policy of insurance covering all losses, injury or damage which may be sustained by themselves or third parties as a result of any accident or loss which may occur while the buggy is in use or stored in the buggy store building.

The driver must ensure that the appropriate route (along fairways and other designated ways only) is taken at all times and particular care and attention is paid at points of obvious danger on the golf course e.g.

- where the golf course is undulating presenting natural hazards
- pathway to the 1st hole
- gradient on 1st and 15th and 18th holes
- pathways to 2nd and 16th holes
- Steep incline to and from the 8th tee.