

FOLKE LORE

On Course Again!!

The course opened again on 29 March and the club members have been taking full advantage with twice weekly senior roll-ups and social golfing at weekends. If things go to plan in May the regular medal competitions and Tiger Trophy will be taking place once more.

FOLKE GOLF CENTRE

The clubhouse will remain closed for the time being but there will be an marquee with two open sides available shortly. Hot food will also be available courtesy of our own Lisa and Steve Furlong's Burger Van. See page 3 for more information.

FOLKE GOLF CLUB

The club calendar is beginning to become more intense as the regular monthly competitions are being scheduled and there is a club day away in June. We welcome some new members, the Knockouts get underway and we are starting to get more familiar with the World Handicap System - well - almost! Further info on the WHS on Page 4.

READ ON FOR ALL THE DETAILS FOR MAY 2021



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

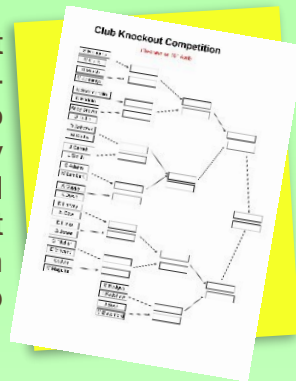
Roll-Ups, Medals and Tiger Trophy

The Tuesday and Thursday and weekend roll-ups will continue on Tuesdays and Thursdays through May. In addition, the Tiger Trophy will take place on Tuesday 4th, the Monthly Medal will be on Sunday 9th from 8:00 am and the Thursday Medal is on the 20th from 8:30 am. Breakfast baps will be available from 7:30 am on Sunday Medal days.



SUMMER KNOCKOUTS:

The draw for the three summer knockout competitions took place on 15 April. Unfortunately we had to do a re-draw due to technical issues with the web site entry forms but this has now been rectified and the re-draw can be seen on the Knockout Status page of the web site. The forms can now be used to input match results to keep the charts up to date



First round matches for the three events must be completed before **Wed 19 May**. The pairings are jointly responsible for arranging their match prior to the completion date. Completion date for the second round is Wednesday 23 June.

DAY AWAY

The 2021 Day Away will be held at Orchardleigh Golf Course on Friday 11th June. The cost is £50 and includes Coffee and Bacon Rolls on arrival, a nine hole competition, lunch, 18 hole match and a two course evening meal. Contact Derek Hinks to book your place.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note the following dates for your diary. Further details will follow when available.

Captain's Day - Saturday 21 August

Medal & DCGU Qualifier - Sunday 13 June

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING

Here are a few notes on things that have been happening during April:

Hole-In-One

No-one was more surprised than octogenarian Bill Heybourne when his tee shot disappeared into the cup on the first green during the senior roll-up competition on 15 April. Congratulations Bill - it just goes to show that it is never too late to get that elusive hole-in-one



CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS

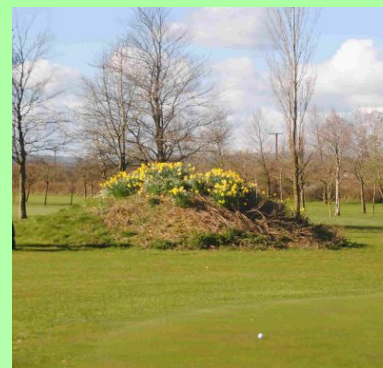
The normal Club Membership Fee is £65 pa (£30 Juniors) plus a (one time) joining fee of £30. Due to the reduction in golfing activities caused by the Covid restrictions, 2021 club membership fees have been reduced to a £30 (£10 for Juniors) renewal fee for members and £60 total for new members. The fees cover the period from 5th April onward to 31st December and will cover the day to day expenses, affiliation fees, competition prizes and any future external match subsidies. For existing members, the renewal fee should be paid by the end of April or prior to participation in the knockout tournaments.

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THE COMMITTEE

In spite of not having a formal AGM many 2020 committee members have continued to try and keep things moving. In particular, our captain Derek has been taking on secretarial duties in addition to being the captain and the handicap secretary. We are also grateful to Debbie for taking on the treasurer responsibilities. It is hoped that we will be able to hold a socially distanced committee meeting in May to sort out any outstanding issues but we would really appreciate any support that members could offer. If you would like to join the committee and help with the running of the club please contact Derek Hinks. (derekwhinks@aol.com)



NEW MEMBERS

We are very pleased to welcome some new members to our club. Dan Tuffin, Stuart Adams, Joe Boon, Colin Vaughan, Rodney Plowman, and Michael Courtney have joined our ranks so please watch out for them and give them any help required. We hope that their golfing activities at Folke will be a very happy and enjoyable experience.

THE CENTRE

CATERING FACILITIES

The Clubhouse "Seasons" restaurant will remain closed for the time being and on-site catering will be provided, courtesy of our chef Lisa and husband Steve Furlong, from their mobile catering van. A marquee and the catering facility will be opened on Saturday 1st May for on-site and take-away orders. The menu includes bacon baps, burgers, hot dogs, fish and chips, sandwiches and toasties. For more information see the web site ["Seasons" page](#).



Spring/Summer opening times will be:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:- 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Wednesday:- 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Saturday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sunday: Check times on the Board or call Lisa on 07949 629746



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THE WHS - A PRACTICAL GUIDE

There appears to be a lot of confusion about the application of the new WHS. It is easy to get bogged down with mathematical formulae without a true understanding of how the WHS is practically applied. This note is a simple guide as to what the numbers mean and how they are applied.

What the WHS Does

The WHS does 2 Things:

1. It works out how easy or difficult each golf course is to play with respect to a defined datum. This is worked out using the course and slope ratings. The course rating is the average score achieved by loads of scratch golfers. So a difficult course will have a course rating higher than 72 and vice versa. The slope rating is a measure of the average score for bogey golfers with respect to the course rating. It is called a "slope" because it reflects the way the bogey scores increase or decrease. The higher the slope the more difficult is the course and it will be in the range of 55 to 155.
2. It works out what each golfers level of capability is with respect to a common defined datum. This is your handicap index that you see when you look in howdidido. Your handicap index is worked out a bit like the rolling average of the Covid statistics you see on TV but in this case it uses the best 8 of the last 20 rounds.

The WHS then combines the two figures and works out what your playing handicap is: eg If you play a hard course your playing handicap will go up and you will get more shots than if you played an easy course.

You can try this out using the MyEG App. Once you have registered on MyEG open the App on your Dashboard page. You will see the best 8 scores used to calculate your Handicap index and the index will be shown at the top of the page.

Click the menu and select WHS Course Calculator. A list of nearby courses will appear. You can then select each course in turn and see your playing handicap. It will go up for the more difficult courses (eg Rushmore) and down for the easier ones (eg: Henstridge)

So it appears that all you need to do to see the handicap for the course you are playing is to open the MyEG golf App, select the course and see what your playing handicap is for the tees you are playing off.

One final adjustment that you then need to make is the **Handicap Allowance** which varies depending on the match format you are playing to arrive at your playing handicap?

We remember back in the day when for an individual Stableford competition you played off 7/8ths of your handicap. Well now regardless of whether it is a strokeplay (medal) event or a Stableford you will receive 95% of your handicap. So anyone over 10 handicap will lose at least one more stroke.

But don't worry - it will all become much easier when we are able to use the terminal in the clubhouse

