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## Folke Golf Centre and Golf Club

# NEW MEMBER'S WELCOME PACK



This Welcome Pack has been produced as a guide for prospective members of Folke Golf Centre and Folke Golf Club and contains all the information required to become an active participant in the Folke golfing world – where golf is supposed to be fun!.

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## **Section 1 – Welcome and Introduction**

On behalf of Folke Golf Centre and Folke Golf Club we would like to offer you a warm welcome and hope that your golfing experience here will surpass all your expectations. This Welcome Pack explains all the options available for membership of the Centre and the Club and what you have to do to get the membership option that you choose.

It also provides information about the facilities available, the contact points for further information, and identifies the staff and club officials that are involved in the day to day activities.

**Section 2** of the Welcome Pack gives an overview of the membership options and the procedure to become a Centre and Club member.

**Sections 3 and 4** provide more details about the Centre and the Club respectively and **Section 5** contains the Application Forms you will need to complete and submit to become a member.

**Section 6** contains some additional reference material to get you up to speed with events at Folke.

All the contacts you will need are shown in the following Sections but in the event of any problems or need for further information please contact;

- Centre Manager Steve Harris  
Tel. 01963 23330  
email:info@folkegolfcentre.co.uk or

## Section 2 – Overview of Membership Options

To determine the membership package that is right for you the first thing you will need to decide is:

Do you want to just play **social golf** with friends and other centre members or do you want to get a handicap (or maintain an existing handicap) and get involved in competitive **club** competitions and team events?

### 2.1 Social Golf

For social golf, all you need is the annual or multi-year Centre Membership that covers 7 days a week green fees. The details are shown in Section 3.

### 2.2 Competitive Club Golf

For competitive golf, you will need to take up **Folke Golf Club** membership and:-

Either sign up for the annual Centre Membership to cover your green fees, or pay the Centre 'Pay and Play' green fees whenever you play in a club event.

When you join the club, if you decide to take up Centre membership you will get 54 holes of golf free of charge for handicap assessment courtesy of the Centre.

The Club Membership prices and membership details are shown in Section 4.

## Section 3 – Folke Golf Centre Information

### 3.1 Centre Fees and Membership Details

- For the detailed pricing for adult or junior Centre membership please contact Steve Harris at Folke Golf Centre (Tel: 01963 23330). The annual membership for the golf Centre is payable in a single payment or by a monthly direct debit. (Occasionally, a multi-year deal may be offered by the Centre Manager for long term members when the annual renewal is due).
- For the annual or multi year payment options there is a discount on Spike Bar and Golf Shop purchases and a Discount Card is also included in the package.
- To apply for Centre Membership, fill in the **Centre Application Form** in Section 5.1, cut out the form and hand it (or post it) to Steve Harris at Folke Golf Centre.

### 3.2 Folke Golf Centre General Information

At Folke Golf Centre, we believe that golfing should be a relaxing, friendly, and enjoyable experience enjoyed by all ages and golfing abilities. We are a privately run business where the Centre Manager, staff and the Greenkeeper are mostly family members dedicated to providing a friendly service and continuously improving the course and facilities.

The nine hole course with alternate tees form a 18 hole, over 6000 yard, course with water features, trees, doglegs and tricky greens. It is set in the beautiful Dorset countryside away from the hustle and bustle and noise of everyday life. The standard scratch score is 71. Practise facilities include a Putting Green, Sand Bunker a short 5 hole course, and driving nets.

The course provides a challenge for golfers of all abilities. With 3 par 5, 4 par 3, and 11 par 4 holes, every club in the bag will come into play at some stage in the round. The twelfth dog-leg hole with 'Out Of Bounds' on each side is a particularly tricky hole that requires accurate distance and direction with each shot. Excellent greens all year round, several water features and an abundance of wild life will make your visits very special.

The Club House includes a Spike Bar, "Seasons" Restaurant, and Golf Shop. There is an extensive menu available in the bar and restaurant at very competitive prices and a regular Sunday carvery and special theme nights can be enjoyed by all. The modern changing room facilities include lockers and showers. For more information checkout our Web Site [www.folkegolfcentre.co.uk](http://www.folkegolfcentre.co.uk) and follow us on Facebook.

## Section 4 – Folke Golf Club Information

### 4.1 Golf Club Fees and Membership Details

- The annual membership for Folke Golf Club is £65 (£30 for juniors up to age 15) plus a one time only joining fee of £30. Annual club membership (and annual membership renewal) commences in January and the fee is applied for the full or part year up to September when the membership fees for new members for the period to the end of December is reduced to £30 plus the £30 joining fee.
- Club Membership allows you to get a new (or maintain your existing) handicap and to take part in club competitions and play in league matches against local clubs. Members aged 55 or over can also take part in friendly senior matches against other senior local clubs.
- Club Membership also includes:
  - Third party golf insurance.
  - A County Card that provides discounted green fees at golf clubs throughout the South West and other English counties.
  - English Golf Union (EGU) and Dorset County Golf Union (DCGU) affiliation fees.
- To apply for Club Membership, fill in the **Club Member Application Form** in Section 5.2, cut out the form and hand it (or post it) to Steve Harris, or deposit it in the Club Letter Box adjacent to the Notice Board in the clubhouse.

### 4.2 How to Get Your Handicap

Your Handicap has to be submitted and registered with the Council of National Golf Unions (CONGU) who are responsible for producing a Unified Handicapping System (UHS).

Folke Golf Club will arrange this on your behalf so all you have to do is submit a number of cards, completing 54 holes. The cards can be a mix of 9 and 18-hole rounds, but 3 x 18 holes is the preferred option. The cards must be marked and signed by a Club Member or another player that has an official handicap. The Handicap Secretary will then allot you a handicap based on the submitted cards. The World Handicap System was launched by EnglandGolf in 2020 and a computer station in the clubhouse can be used to check your handicap and input your scores.

#### Notes:

- a) When you submit your club membership application form a club member will contact you to welcome you and to check if you need any help to arrange your qualifying rounds.

- b) The information that you provide to the club will only be used for club purposes in accordance with the General Data Protection Requirements (GDPR). The purposes will be defined and formal permission for such use of the information will be requested via a club GDPR form. (Please note that to obtain or maintain an official World Handicap System handicap, EnglandGolf require your email address and Date of Birth information)

### **4.3 Folke Golf Club General Information**

Folke Golf Club is a friendly and successful golf club that competes in many of the local golf leagues and has an active schedule of competitions. Our club has about 100 members and the intra-club and external team competitions take place throughout the year. The intra-club competitions include Sunday and weekday medal competitions once a month for all club members and regular roll-ups on other weekends, plus day and weekends away, Summer and Winter knock-outs, and club and senior championship events.

The club takes part in four different league and friendly team events against other local clubs as shown below. Hardy A, Hardy B, and Three Counties matches all take place at weekends. Senior events invariably take place on weekdays. The Entry Sheets are put on the Notice Board several days prior to the event and the team captains ensure that everyone who enters will get a chance to play in the team. Golfers with handicaps higher than those shown below are eligible to play in the teams but must play off the highest level of handicap shown.

- **Hardy A**  
The Hardy A Team is singles match play for players with handicaps of 10 or less.
- **Hardy B,**  
The Hardy B league matches are 5 x 4 balls for handicaps of 11 to 18.
- **Three Counties League**  
The Three Counties league matches are 6 x 4 balls for handicaps of up to 28.
- **The Senior Section**  
The seniors meet about 8:00 am (for 8:30 tee off) most Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The score cards are compiled on arrival and drawn randomly so that everyone gets to know, and play with, other members. There is also a comprehensive series of home and away friendly matches with many of the local clubs including Wincanton, Charminster, Sturminster Marshall, Parley Court, Cannington, Henstridge, Westbury, Fosse Way and Christchurch. These matches are open to all senior players (age 55 and over) and all levels of handicap and all seniors are encouraged to take part and experience the fun of meeting other clubs members and playing in the many different venues.

Further information on all the teams and the calendar of events can be seen on our web site and Facebook page.

#### **4.4 Club Organisation**

The club is run by a committee of officials elected at an Annual General Meeting and there are monthly committee meetings to review club activities and any ongoing issues that need to be addressed. All club members are encouraged to take an active part in the meetings. The current club captain and the elected officials can be seen on the club Admin page of the web site. ([www.folkegolfcentre.co.uk/page15.html#header1-5](http://www.folkegolfcentre.co.uk/page15.html#header1-5))

For more information check out the Folke Golf Club web pages which are incorporated into the Centre Web Site [www.folkegolfcentre.co.uk](http://www.folkegolfcentre.co.uk) and follow us on Facebook.



## Section 5 - Membership Application Forms

### 5.1 Centre and Club Membership Application Forms

To apply for Centre and Club membership please fill in the appropriate form(s) below, cut them out and hand them into the Clubhouse or post to

Mr Steve Harris  
Folke Golf Centre  
Folke Lane  
Alweston  
Sherborne  
Dorset DT9 5HR

Cut here

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### 5.1 Folke Golf Centre Application Form

FOLKE GOLF CENTRE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM			
Name		Junior <input type="radio"/> 15 – 55 <input type="radio"/> Over 55 <input type="radio"/>	
Address		Post Code	
Home Phone	Mobile	email	
Membership Option Required (X)	Multi Year <input type="radio"/>	12 Months <input type="radio"/> Single Payment	12 Months <input type="radio"/> Direct Debit
Signature		Required Start Date	
		Date	

## 5.2 Folke Golf Club Membership Application Form

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FOLKE GOLF CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM			
Name		Date of Birth	
Address		Post Code	
Home Phone	Mobile	email	
Do you have a Current Handicap? <b>YES/NO</b>  <b>If Yes:</b> CDH No. _____ H/Cap _____ Prev Club _____		Are you applying for or have Centre Membership?  <b>YES/NO</b>	Required Start Date
Signature		Date	

## Section 6 - Additional Information

Detailed information about the Centre and the Club can be found on the web site ( <http://www.folkegolfcentre.co.uk> ) and Folke Golf Centre and Folke Golf Club Facebook pages.

For reference, the latest specific information on aspects of the centre and club can be seen by browsing the following links:

- **Course information including the scorecard, Score Card, course layout and a hole-by-hole flyby;**  
[www.folkegolfcentre.co.uk/course\\_info.html#header1-2h](http://www.folkegolfcentre.co.uk/course_info.html#header1-2h)
- **Spike Bar and “Seasons” Restaurant including Menus, Meal Deals and opening times/dates;**  
[www.folkegolfcentre.co.uk/seasons.html#header1-1g](http://www.folkegolfcentre.co.uk/seasons.html#header1-1g)
- **Club Home Page and Monthly Newsletter with details of latest activities and events;**  
[www.folkegolfcentre.co.uk/page7.html#header1-3b](http://www.folkegolfcentre.co.uk/page7.html#header1-3b)
- **Club Annual Calendar of events;**  
[www.folkegolfcentre.co.uk/page8.html#footer2-3m](http://www.folkegolfcentre.co.uk/page8.html#footer2-3m)