

# Course Risk Assessment Statement

Members, Guests and Visitors it is your responsibility as a golfer, caddie or spectator on the course to ensure that you adhere strictly to the following:

- Practicing is strictly limited to the Designated Practice Areas of the Club, which are the Putting Green & Chipping Area towards the back of the Clubhouse (currently closed until Spring 2012) Practice is expressly prohibited anywhere else on the course.
- In wet or bad weather, you should exercise extra care. Steps, mats, paths and slopes may be slippery, particularly in wet or frosty conditions. Ensure appropriate clothing and footwear are worn.
- You are advised to approach all trees on the course with caution, particularly during windy or other adverse weather conditions.
- You are advised to use caution when going down or up any incline on the course, particularly when using golf trolleys. It is not advisable to play a shot if any doubt exists as to your wellbeing as a result of playing that shot.
- Adherence to the instructions detailed on directional signage for trolleys is essential in respect of minimising risks to users of this type of equipment.
- Climbing over boundary ropes, fences, onto roads, bridle paths, into adjoining fields or the green-keeping premises is strictly prohibited. You are also advised not to climb into drainage ditches and caution is also advised when using the scoops provided to retrieve golf balls from these hazards. Extreme caution is advised when near the edge of the ditches and inclines. Care should be taken around roped off areas on the course, these should not be crossed.
- You are advised to avoid oral contact with anything that comes into contact with the golf course (including trees, sand, soil and grass), particularly when caution signs indicate that chemicals have recently been sprayed on the course.
- In the event that you come across any dead wildlife on the course, you should avoid coming into contact with it and requested to advise a member of Staff, who will ensure it is dealt with accordingly.
- You are advised to exercise caution at all times on the course in respect of identifying areas where you may be at potential risk of being hit by another golfer's ball. Particular care should be taken on the Par 3 holes, holes where the landing area is not clearly visible from the tee and on all holes that run in parallel or are adjacent to other holes or paths.
- You are advised to exercise caution when playing to avoid hitting anybody with your golf ball. Particular care should be taken on any where the landing area is not clearly visible or where golfers are present on parallel fairways. If in any doubt, a player should walk to a safe location where they may clearly see anyone not visible from the tee or the place where they are playing from.
- Never play a shot unless the players ahead are well out of range. If a miss-hit shot is heading in the direction of other golfers, you must shout "FORE!" in a loud voice to alert players of possible danger. If "FORE!" is heard when playing, please take evasive action immediately.
- Swimming, diving or retrieving of golf balls or clubs is strictly prohibited from any of the lakes on the course. Take care when hitting a shot that is near the lakes as the ground will be softer and prone to slipping.
- A life saving device is in place should anyone fall into the lake – please use if required and then alert a Member of Staff.
- The electricity pylons are completely out of bounds and must never be climbed or touched. Take care when hitting your ball if a pylon is in the line of play.
- All members of staff and customers must come off the course in the event of thunder and lightning. An air horn will be sounded to warn the golfers and staff off the course – if this is heard the course must be evacuated by everybody.
- The working area by the left hand side of the range is strictly out of bounds – this includes the Green keepers shed, the holding lakes and the irrigation pump.
- This area has heavy, dangerous machinery out and on display – these are completely prohibited to the general public and unauthorised persons.
- The Driving Range landing field is also strictly out of bounds.
- Golfers must always stand well back behind the player who is playing his shot, both on the tee and on all other areas of the Course. A swinging golf club can be dangerous and can cause serious injury.
- It is recommended that golfers are insured against the unlikely event of them being injured or causing injury as a result of an errant shot. Golfers are responsible for their own actions on and off the golf course.
- The green keepers are regularly working on the Course when play is in progress. Please be careful and courteous to them. In the interests of their health, safety and well-being, please ensure that they are aware of and have acknowledged your presence prior to playing in their proximity.
- All Members, Guests and Visitors are invited to bring to the attention of Judith Shemilt any hazards they feel have not been addressed. **Last updated January 2016.**