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# NEW MEMBERS

# INFORMATION

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## PROCEDURE FOR MEMBERSHIP

On receipt of an enquiry for membership, the Secretary will send out a Membership Application Pack. When the completed Membership Application Form enclosed is returned, the Secretary will pass the form to the Membership Committee for consideration.

If successful: -

### **STAGE 1**

The membership Committee will ask the Secretary to invite the applicant to attend for an informal interview.

### **STAGE 2**

Following interview, the Secretary will display on the Club Notice Board, for a period of three days the name of the prospective new member and his/her Proposer and Seconder. This gives existing members the opportunity to raise any objections they may have about the applicant.

Once the application has been displayed for three days it will be put before the next available Council Meeting

The Council meeting is held once a month on the first Wednesday of the month.

The Council will decide on whether or not the applicant will be offered membership of the Club.

### **STAGE 3**

The Secretary will write to the applicant offering membership and enclosing the appropriate subscription notice. Once the subscription is paid, the applicant will be formally accepted as a member.

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## Birchwood Golf Course

Birchwood is an 18 hole championship course designed and built on 240 acres of rolling parkland. Built in the 1970's unlike other golf courses of an earlier design Birchwood offers a challenge to all levels of golfing capability

The layout provides the player with a variety of shot making which will test the expertise of all fourteen clubs in the bag. Many holes have been designed with water features which became an integral part of play. Other holes are tree lined with features involving sand bunkers and grass banking.

Birchwood provides a fair test of golf using the most modern equipment available and rewards good shot making.

The card for the course detailed below illustrates the variety of holes available and their respective stroke indices.

Hole	Stroke Index 3.8	Par 6.5	Yardage 9.4
No. 1	15	4	353
No. 2	9	5	557
No. 3	4	4	461
No. 4	10	3	191
No. 5	8	4	378
No. 6	14	4	355
No. 7	18	3	141
No. 8	6	5	532
No. 9	1	4	433
No.10	13	3	179
No.11	3	5	521
No.12	16	3	163
No.13	17	4	293
No.14	5	4	415
No.15	2	4	461
No.16	7	4	457
No.17	11	3	211
No.18	12	5	495

## **Membership**

The Club has a membership divided into several categories. The full playing membership comprises of a men's and a ladies' section and naturally these form the main part of the Club. In addition we have five day members, a senior section, social for golf section, intermediate section for people who have graduated from the junior section and also a social membership for those wishing not to play golf.

## **Golf**

### **Competitions and handicaps**

1. Generally the competition entry sheet is available 9 days ahead of the Competition.
2. Full male members with an official club handicap are entitled to enter weekend Competitions.
3. The procedure to obtain a starting time for competitions is as follows:-
  - (a) The competitions committee will be in attendance every Friday evening between 20.00 – 20.30 hours. Members will be able to obtain a ticket for entry into a draw for tee times.
  - (b) From 20.30 the tickets are drawn at random. Members who have a ticket Are then permitted to enter their name plus one other at an available time on the starting sheet for the competition in question. If you have a ticket and your name has been entered by another member, You may not use your ticket to enter other names.
  - (c) Members must be aware that if another member acting on their behalf enters their name, they are responsible for attending at the correct time or cancelling their starting time.
  - (d) If the starting sheet is full a reserve list is available on the members' notice board, housed in the gentleman's changing rooms, members may enter their names stating the preferred start time being sought; it is then the member's responsibility to check the start sheet 24 hours before the competition date.
4. Before playing in any official competition, members MUST book in and sign the Entry book in the professional's shop. Members are responsible for ensuring that a Scorecard is correctly marked with Name, Date, and Competition, start and finish time.

## **Social Events**

The Golf Club stages a variety of events each year ranging from Dinner Dances to Quizzes and from Cabarets to Barbecues. In addition the Club arranges the Captain's Dinner and annual Dinner Dances. All of which are most enjoyable and well worth coming along to.

## **Security**

All members are issued with a swipe card for purchases at the bar, providing members with a discount on the bar cash prices. The card carries a membership identification number. Security barriers are in operation at the entrance of car park areas.

## **PROFFESIONAL STAFF**

### **CARL EDWARDS**

Carl Edwards is the Head Professional at Birchwood Golf Club. Carl joined Birchwood Golf Club in September 2007 originating from North Wales. A professional service is available at Birchwood's Professional Shop. An authorised custom fit centre for Cobra, Mizuno and Callaway, you will get the right advice for your individual needs. A full range of stock is available in store, with a complete range of golf lesson packages to improve every game.

### **DERRICK COOPER.**

Derrick now an Honorary Member of Birchwood Golf Club, has been a professional golfer for over a quarter of a century, 'Coops' enjoyed a long and fruitful career on the European Tour before becoming a Tournament Director on the European Seniors Tour in 2000.

Derrick on two occasions in 2005 was invited to play in the Seniors Tour, playing in the Ryder Cup Seniors Open and the Senior British Open Championship at Royal Aberdeen Golf Club he made headlines in Scotland when he set a new course record for the newly lengthened Balgownie Links with a third round of seven under par 64, a score equalled by the eventual winner Tom Watson.

Derrick won on the European Tour in the 1988 Cepsa Madrid Open, and kept his card for 16 years from 1984.

Derrick had his most successful season in 1989 when he finished 19<sup>th</sup> in the Order of Merit. He served on the PGA European Tour's Board of Directors for 7 years from 1998 and was part of the backroom team for the Ryder Cup matches in 1999 and 2002.

Derrick qualified as a PGA Professional in 1974 and has broken 60 twice in his career. He holds many course records throughout the United Kingdom.

### **PHILLIP ARCHER.**

Began playing golf as a Junior Member at the age of 9 years at Birchwood Golf Club where his Father Derek was a founder member. Entered the Qualifying School each year between 1994 and 2003, gaining his card in both 1999 and 2002.

Phillip also found his way onto The European Tour through the Challenge Tour in 2004 Thanks to a victory that season in the Rolex Trophy. He made the cut in his last six tournaments in 2005 to keep his card before producing a career high Order of Merit finish 41<sup>st</sup> in 2006.

Phillip finished in the top six three times in six weeks in mid-summer 2006, including in The Celtic Manor Wales Open where he had the opportunity to card the first 59 in official European Tour competition.

## **DRESS CODE - COURSE**

A reasonable standard of dress is expected on the golf course. Collared Shirts, with or without sleeves. Trousers, tailored shorts, cropped trousers. Recognised golfing footwear must be worn.

NOT PERMITTED: Trousers tucked into socks: Denim jeans or shirts: Track or shell suits: Football, Tennis, Beach or Cycling shorts: Training shoes: Collarless T shirts.

## **DRESS CODE - CLUBHOUSE**

Smart clean casual dress is permitted at all times.

Definition of casual dress is: Leisure shirts with or without a sweater: Smart trousers. Please note shirts must be worn tucked into trousers. Tailored shorts may be worn.

## **NOT PERMITTED**

Soiled golf wear: Track or shell suits: Training shoes: Golf shoes: or collarless T-shirts.

Members and visitors are responsible for their children's dress at all times.

## **Applying for Membership**

If you are reading this you must have made an initial enquiry about becoming a member of Birchwood Golf Club, so if you are still interested, please complete the enclosed application form. You will then be invited to attend an informal interview.

If there are membership vacancies, you will be offered membership. If not then we will place you on our waiting list ready to be informed once we have a vacancy for the appropriate membership category you require.

APPLICATION FOR GOLF MEMBERSHIP.  
(PLEASE USE BLOCK CAPITALS)

To the Council of Birchwood Golf Club Ltd.

Gentlemen,

I wish to apply for \_\_\_\_\_ (Full Male / 5 Day Male / Lady / Other).  
Membership of Birchwood Golf Club.

(Applicants will be offered social for golf membership until a vacancy occurs) and hereby agree, if elected to become a member to abide by the rules.

SURNAME \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONALITY \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B \_\_\_\_\_

CHRISTIAN NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

PRIVATE ADDRESS (in full) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E:MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER (DAY) \_\_\_\_\_ (EVENING) \_\_\_\_\_

OCCUPATION \_\_\_\_\_

NAME/ ADDRESS OF COMPANY \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL CURRENT CLUB & HANDICAP \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

A proposer and seconder who are members of Birchwood Golf Club must write separate letters to the Captain stating that they are personally acquainted with the candidate and vouching for his/her qualifications and desirability as a member. Any applicant unable to comply with the rule must apply to the Captain.

PROPOSED BY (Sign) \_\_\_\_\_ SECONED BY (Sign) \_\_\_\_\_

NAME (Block letters) \_\_\_\_\_ NAME (Block letters) \_\_\_\_\_

Applications for golfing membership must be proposed and seconded by either Full Male Members or Members of the category being applied for.