



Highcliffe Castle
Golf Club

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Welcome Pack

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1 Welcome to Highcliffe Castle Golf Club

The Captain and the Committees of Highcliffe Castle Golf Club (HCGC) would like to welcome you to our Club and hope you will have a long and enjoyable time as a member. This booklet is designed to guide you through your entry into our Club and ensure you enjoy your membership from the outset.

Within the main lobby you will find several notice boards which you should take your time to peruse. All social events, Club matches and Club rules are listed there. We would also recommend you register on the Club's website where you will find further information on all events; regular emails are sent from the Club Manager(s) to up to date you on any changes which may have taken place to competitions or events.

When you join the Club you will be given a membership card which can be used to entry the locker rooms using the swipe device by each entrance. It can also be used to purchase beverages at the bar and food, you will receive a discount on the bar prices but not for food purchases. Your card will need to be topped up at the bar either using a debit card or by cash in order to take advantage of the discounted prices. The card is also used for entry into competitions through the PSI computer terminal in the locker rooms. The card has a unique number which you should make a note of in case of loss or theft.

Full information for the Men's and Ladies competitions can be found within each locker room. The Club diary is also on the website. The Club is part of the 'How Did I Do' golf club system and all Club handicap and competition results are listed within the 'How Did I Do' website. However, you will need to register on this site if you wish to receive email alerts with details of your score and any handicap adjustments for each competition you enter. Entry to most singles competitions is just a few pounds.

2 Highcliffe Castle Golf Club

2.1 History

As with many organisations in Highcliffe the Golf Club has a close association with Highcliffe Castle.

The person responsible for the first Highcliffe Mansion was a former Prime Minister, John Stuart, the Third Earl of Bute. He commissioned Robert Adam to build him a house that would "command the fairest outlook in England" and he called it High Cliff. Later, Lord Bute's son, Sir Charles Stuart, found the expense and annoyance of landslips so intolerable that he sold the mansion.

When Sir Charles Stuart's son returned from his first appointment as Ambassador in Paris in 1824 he adapted the old High Cliff House, which had been virtually demolished, into what is now known as Highcliffe Castle.

Having been impressed by the beauty of french chateaux, he bought one Les and elys in Normandy, which had been built in the 16th Century for the Bourbon family. He then had it taken down, transferred in barges across the channel, hauled up the cliff and re-erected (to adapt the existing building).

The carved panelling and the great stained glass windows were very beautiful and the tall elegantly sculpted spires made it look like a fairy castle.



Many famous people have visited and stayed at the Castle, among them King Edward VII, Queen Mary, Kaiser Wilhelm II and Mrs. Gladstone. Queen Mary had tea in the Club House in 1928 and she graciously signed a photograph to commemorate the occasion and presented it to The Club where it now occupies a prominent place – a unique and proud possession of The Club.

Another memento which The Club is proud to own, is The Putter which Alfred Perry, an Honorary Member of The Club, used when winning The Open Championship at Muirfield in 1935 with a total score of 283. He received £100 first prize and said “Half Going to My Caddy, The Other Half on A Few Drinks for Myself and Friends.”

Par for the course is 64 (Men) and 67 (Ladies). The Mens Amateur Record is 58 achieved in 1986 by Simon Jenkins (who is still a Member of the Club) and The Professional Record is 60 by Doug Sewell (Ferndown) in 1978. The Ladies Record is held by Mrs. Joyce Croker with a score of 69 in 1954.

The course was originally laid out as a Nine-Hole Course on land to the east of the

Public Footpath, which crosses the course, at the instigation of the Hon. Stuart Wortley by a Mr. Green and opened officially by Princess Christian and her daughter Princess Victoria on 26th July, 1913. The Account reads:-

“Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, together with her daughter

Princess Victoria, were the guests during the weekend of General The Hon. Edward and Mrs. Stuart Wortley at Highcliffe Castle. On Saturday, they opened the new golf links at The Castle. In the afternoon Mixed Foursomes were played: Princess Victoria honouring Sir Evelyn Ruggles-Brise as partner against Captain Hankey and The Countess of Malmesbury.” The result is not recorded!

H.R.H. Princess Helene Augusta Victoria, the daughter of Queen Victoria, became Princess Christian when she married General H.R.H. Prince Christian of Scheswig-Holstein, her daughter was Helena Victoria Princess of Schleswig-Holsten-Bonderburg-Augustenburg, who became H.H. The Princess Helena Victoria.

The first Club House was built in 1916 at the north-east corner of the course and was of timber frame including the original cowsheds with thatched roof. Apart from replacing the thatched roof with wooden tiling, and later the construction of an adjoining bungalow for the Steward, that rustic building remained largely unchanged and in the words of a subsequent description “was quaint”. Thus, it continued to provide facilities for members for nearly 70 years until 1985 when a new construction took place on the same site, the old building, except for the Steward’s bungalow, having been totally demolished. In 1949 the members purchased the course and Club House for £5,500 and to date The Club remains a Members Club i.e. the members own all the assets including the freehold property and it is run by a Management Committee, elected annually by members. By the 1970’s it had become apparent that the old Club House would have to be replaced sooner rather than later and steps were taken to start accumulating the necessary funds for its future development. At that time £2 of each member’s subscription and entrance fees were allocated to a building fund.

During the following years much consideration was given to proposals and designs and in 1979 outline planning permission was obtained for a two storey building not significantly different from the one eventually adopted and which is the one we have today. In 1982 members gave the go-



ahead for architects to be appointed and for the re-development project to be commenced in earnest.

In February, 1984 club members at an Extra-ordinary General Meeting approved the building design and a few months later the builders started demolition and re-building. The cost of the building and ancillary works, fixtures and fittings etc., was approximately £250,000 towards which the Club over the preceding years had accumulated £175,000 - the balance of £75,000 was forthcoming from members by means of interest-free loans and life membership and was raised within a few weeks. Thus no "outside" money or borrowing was necessary and as a matter of further interest the members loans have long since been repaid. A remarkable tribute to the confident willingness of members to invest in their club.

During the period of re-development, The Club operated from temporary caravans – the present Trolley Shed becoming for that time the Bar. The new building was completed in May 1985 and the official opening took place on 29th June, 1985 when John Jacobs, former British Golf International and Ryder Cup Team Captain performed the ceremony. A suitably inscribed plaque situated in the Hall commemorates this occasion.

Successive Management Committees continue to improve the playing facilities and in furtherance of this policy an irrigation system was installed on the course in 1994/95 at a cost of £59,000.

In the early 80's The Club bought a few acres of land, on the south and west perimeters of the course, from The Ministry of Defence when land in its ownership at Steamer Point became surplus to requirement and was disposed of – mostly for housing development. It was hoped that this acquisition would enable one or two holes to be lengthened and/or re-aligned.

A few years after the re-building of The Club House, certain proposals were formulated and put to members that the course should be sold to a developer and The Club re-located to a site next to The Chewton Glen Hotel – about two miles to the east – a much larger area of land than then presently occupied on which a much longer Eighteen Hole course would be constructed together with a larger Club House and additional facilities, both social and golf. Two other sites were investigated for re-location – at Poors Common, Bransgore, a few miles inland, and at Ossemsley Manor, Bashley, in the New Forest, also a few miles inland.

After the prospective developers had made their respective presentations, club members elected for the Chewton Glen Site, McCarthy & Stone – a locally based company specialising nationally in the construction and running of retirement homes – being the developers. It is interesting to note here, that the new course would be partly in Dorset and partly in Hampshire, for the county boundary in the form of The Chewton Bunny ran through the area.

It was certainly an exciting project for members and all the necessary complicated measures had been put in place over two or three years for the proceedings to commence, when it became apparent that due to the land and building recession which was then taking place – and which was destined to last some years, during which land lost much of its value – the proposal to re-locate would not go ahead and indeed a short time later the whole project was formally abandoned.

In 1990 the Christchurch Borough Council in its review of policies regarding Highcliffe Castle, included in one of the options the additional development of the course land (additional that is, to



the permission sought by McCarthy & Stone) which would generate funds for the Council in connection with the restoration of The Castle which by now had fallen into a grievous state of disrepair. Such an option disappeared with the abandonment of the re-location proposals.

Thus, The Club's association with The Castle – as mentioned in the opening remarks – was emphasised and it was further re-enforced when, about the time of The Club's land acquisition from The Ministry of Defence, it was suggested that The Club took over the whole of the land released by The Ministry and the course extended thereon and also took over The Castle itself as its Club House – such a proposal being far beyond The Club's finances and resources, both actual and potential.

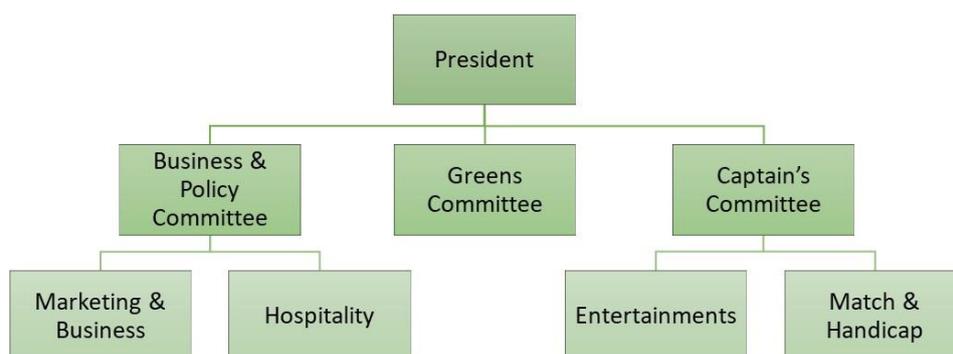
2.2 Rules of Highcliffe Castle Golf Club (2020)

The Rules of Highcliffe Castle Golf Club can be located on the ClubV1 HCGC members hub (<https://highcliffecastle.hub.clubv1.com>) under Club / Documents.

2.3 Bye Laws

The Bye Laws of Highcliffe Castle Golf Club can be located on the ClubV1 HCGC Members hub (<https://highcliffecastle.hub.clubv1.com>) under Club / Documents.

2.4 Club Structure



2.5 Committee overview

The activities and affairs of the Club are under the control and management of its Committees operating in partnership. The Committees, the Business and Policy Committee, the Captain's Committee and Green's Committee have clearly defined and separate responsibilities but shall at all times work together for the benefit of the Club and its Members. Full details of which members sit on which committee can be located on the ClubV1 HCGC Members hub (<https://highcliffecastle.hub.clubv1.com>) under Club / Documents / Club Structure.

2.5.1 Business & Policy Committee

The Business and Policy Committee is responsible for the business and financial affairs of the Club, the establishment and maintenance of policy directives and standards for both the Golf Course and the Clubhouse.

2.5.2 Captains Committee

The Captain's Committee is responsible for the governance of competitions, handicaps and adherence to the Rules of Golf, the Clubs golfing and social calendars, the selection, governance and welfare of members, the guardian of standards and demeanour of the Club.

2.5.3 Greens Committee

The Green's Responsible for ensuring that the course is set up in accordance with the Highcliffe Castle Golf Club's Course Policy Document.

3 Golf

3.1 Rules of Golf and HCGC local rules

The rules of golf consist of a standard set of regulations and procedures by which the sport of golf should be played and prescribe penalties for rule infractions. They are jointly written and administered by the R&A (spun off from The Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews) the governing body of golf worldwide except in the United States and Mexico, which are the responsibility of the United States Golf Association (USGA). The rule book, entitled Rules of Golf, is published on a regular basis and also includes rules governing amateur status. Please remember you as an individual are responsible for applying your own penalties if you breach a **Rule**, so that you cannot gain any potential advantage over your opponent in match play or other players in stroke play. A copy of the Players Edition of the Rules of Golf will be issued with your membership pack and the "Full Rules" can be found on line via the R & A website.

Any local rules appertaining to HCGC can be found in HCGC Rules of Play and on the back of the score card.

3.2 HCGC Rules of Play

HCGC Rules of Play can be located on the notice board in the foyer and on the ClubV1 HCGC Members hub (<https://highcliffecastle.hub.clubv1.com>) under Club / Documents.

3.3 How to obtain a Handicap

The World Handicap System (WHS) launched in 2020. It is designed to welcome more players, to make golf easier to understand and to give all golfers a handicap which is portable all around the globe.

In order for the WHS to work golfers will need to obtain a handicap index.

- For regular golfers, this will be done by calculating the best eight scores from the previous 20 rounds
- For new golfers, this will be done by submitting scorecards of 54 holes (3 x 18 holes, 6 x 9 holes or any combination of 9 and 18 holes) to the Match & Handicap Committee.

The Rules of Handicapping Player Reference Guide (via [England Golf Website](#)) is now available to download for golf club members.

A Handicap Index is designed to reflect a player's potential ability. Its function is to give players of all standards an equal chance of victory. You will need a handicap to participate in Club competitions and matches.

Once you are comfortable with your game you will need to submit scorecards of 54 holes (3 x 18 holes, 6 x 9 holes or any combination of 9 and 18 holes), using Strokeplay format. Your cards will need to be marked and signed by a member who has a current handicap.

Once you have submitted these scores the Match & Handicap Committee will allot you a Handicap Index.

We acknowledge that obtaining a handicap can be a challenging hurdle for new members, specifically finding someone to mark a card. Rest assured you will be supported through this process with any help or guidance you may require. Any queries regarding what to do, how to do it or just assistance to find someone to mark your card should be directed towards the Club Professional, Club Manager, Club Captain or Lady Captain who will be able to provide any help necessary.

3.4 Course Etiquette

3.4.1 Course Dress Code

We ask all members to make sure they make any guests to the club adherer to the dress code.

We ask that all golfers to wear appropriate golf attire while on the course.

For Gentleman shirts should be tucked into trousers or shorts. Caps, if used, must be worn peak front as designed.

The following items are examples of dress considered appropriate on the course:

- A. Shirts: Golf Shirts with long or shorts sleeves and turtle necked tops.
- B. Trousers: Tailored trousers appropriate for golf.
- C. Shorts: Tailored shorts (if wearing shorts, predominately white sport/trainer socks or long hose style must be worn).
- D. Shoes: Golf shoes.
- E. Ladies: Collarless shirts/tops must have sleeves and sleeveless shirts/tops must have collars and must have a modest neckline. Trousers, cut offs, tailored 'Bermuda' shorts, golf skirts/culottes.

The following are examples of dress **NOT** considered appropriate on the course:

- F. Shirts: Rugby or Football style tops.
- G. Trousers: All types of denim, military style or camouflage style trousers, combat trousers (multiple pockets), cut-offs or tracksuits.
- H. Shorts: Running, military style, cargo, beach or combat shorts (multiple pockets).
- I. Shoes: running shoes and shoes without hard, soft or moulded spikes.

3.4.2 Bunkers

Before leaving a bunker, players should carefully fill up and smooth over all holes and footprints made by them and any nearby made by others. If a rake is within reasonable proximity of the bunker, the rake should be used for this purpose and then left in the middle of the bunker.

3.4.3 Repair of divots, Ball-Marks and damage by Shoes

Players should carefully repair any divot holes made by them and any damage to the putting green made by the impact of a ball (whether or not made by the player). On completion of the hole by all players in the group, damage to the putting green caused by golf shoes should also be repaired.

3.4.4 Preventing Unnecessary Damage

Players should avoid causing damage to the course by removing divots when taking practice swings or by hitting the head of a club into the ground, whether in frustration or for any other reason.

Replace all divots before moving on. Players should ensure that no damage is done to the putting green when putting down bags or the flagstick. In order to avoid damaging the hole, players and caddies should not stand too close to the hole and should take care during the handling of the flagstick and the removal of the ball from the hole. Players should not lean on their clubs when on the putting green, particularly when removing the ball from the hole. The flagstick should be properly replaced in the hole before the players leave the green. Local notices regulating the movement of golf trolleys and buggies should be strictly observed.

3.4.5 Play at a Good Pace and Keep Up

You should always play at a good pace. The committee may establish pace of play guidelines that all players should follow. It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. If they lose a clear hole and delay the group behind, they should invite the group behind to play through, irrespective of the number of players in that group. Where a group has lost a clear hole, they should invite the faster group to overtake them.

3.4.6 Be Ready to Play

You should be ready to play as soon as it's your turn. When on or near the green, leave your bags or carts just off the green on the way to the next tee (**on the side of the green where you will depart the green for the next hole**). When the play of a hole has been completed, leave the putting green quickly to ensure smooth game play for all. Do not mark your card on the green wait until you get to the next tee box)

3.4.7 Lost Ball

If you think your ball may be lost outside a water hazard or is out of bounds, to save time, play a provisional ball. Players searching for a ball should signal the players in the group behind them to play through as soon as it becomes apparent that the ball will not easily be found. They shouldn't search for five minutes before doing so. Having allowed the group behind to play through, they shouldn't continue play until the group coming through has passed and is out of range.

3.4.8 No Disturbance or Distraction

You should always show consideration for other players on the course and take care not to disturb their play by moving, talking or making unnecessary noise.

You should also ensure that any electronic devices taken onto the course do not distract other players. Only tee your ball up when it's your turn to play and remember not to stand close to the ball, directly behind it, or directly behind the hole, when a player is about to swing.

3.4.9 On the Putting Green

On the putting green, you should be careful not to stand on another player's line of putt or, when they are putting, cast a shadow over their line. And you should remain on or close to the putting green until all other players in the group have holed out.

3.4.10 Scoring

If you're acting as a marker, on the way to the next tee you should, if necessary, check the score with the player concerned and record it.

3.5 Playing Golf

The Club provides many opportunities for members to play both with other members and against other golf clubs.

There is a list of competitions run by other golf clubs kept in folders in the bookcase within the restaurant area. Should you wish to enter any of these competitions, the form should be requested from the Club Manager(s) or Club Professional, completed and sent to the organising club.

All players are encouraged to enter club competitions to ensure they meet the handicap qualifying rules and to support the club

3.5.1 Tee Times

In order to play you will need to book a tee time which can be booked online via the [ClubV1 Members Hub](#) Booking menu.

3.5.2 Men's section

The Men's section plays Stablefords and medals throughout the year. There is a minimum of one stableford and one medal each month. The Club enter several interclub competitions, e.g. Beckford Bowl, Hardy A and B Leagues, Bridport Bowl Over 50's, Gales Hockley Over 50's to name a few.

There is also a variety of shotgun and scramble competitions throughout the year (usually on a Sunday morning) as well as other cup or trophy competitions.

3.5.3 Seniors Section

The Seniors' section (55 and over) has many fixtures against other senior sections of local clubs, as well as a winter league and a winter knock out competition.

3.5.4 Ladies Section

The Ladies section also plays a series of league matches and friendly matches against other local clubs, as well as some knockout competitions. Ladies have courtesy of the course on Thursday mornings. There is at least one medal and one stableford every month.

3.6 Role-Up Groups

Highcliffe has a number of excellent and welcoming roll-up groups who offer fantastic opportunities for social and competitive golf at different times. There is no commitment to play every week, just join in when you can or when you are without someone to play with. Roll-up groups are ideal for new members who wish to get a game, obtain a Club handicap and to meet fellow members.

Any queries regarding Roll-up groups be directed towards the Club Professional or Club Captain who will be able to provide any help necessary.

Below are the times that the Roll-up groups play, all groups tend to gather in front of the putting green 15 minutes before teeing off.

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 0900, known as the 'Rat Pack'. Playing Partners are drawn from the bag, depending on numbers, we play in three or four ball Stableford.
- Sunday mornings at 0800, known as the 'Sunday Morning Six'. Handicaps range from 6 to 32. Playing partners are drawn from a hat and play is in three or fourball stableford.



- Saturdays at 1200. Majority of players have handicap of 18 or lower. Playing partners are drawn from a hat and play is in three or fourball stableford.
- Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 1100 and Saturday at 1000. Playing partners are drawn from a hat and play is in three or fourball stableford.

3.7 Golf Competition Formats

3.7.1 Strokeplay:

Strokeplay, also known as medal, is the most common form of competition at most professional tournaments. In stroke play, every player (or team) competes all 18 holes and counts the total number of strokes and the party with the lower total nett score (gross score minus handicap) wins.

Players normally go out in threes or sometimes in twos, for example at professional events.

3.7.2 Stableford

Form of Strokeplay where the scoring is made by points awarded in relation to a fixed score at each hole as follows (Including Handicap allowance):

Hole Played in Points:

Score	Points Scored
1 over par of hole	1
Par of hole scored	2
1 under par of hole	3
2 under par of hole	4
3 under par of hole	5

The winner is the player who scores the highest number of points.

3.7.3 Match play:

In match play, two players (or two teams) play every hole as a separate contest against each other. The party with the lower score wins that hole, regardless of how many shots he won the hole by. If the scores of both players or teams are equal the hole is “halved” (drawn). The game is won by that party that wins more holes than the other. Matchplay is a very popular form of competition at club level.

3.7.4 Foursome:

A foursome (defined in Rule 29 of the “Rules of Golf”) is played between two players in partnership, playing one ball which they hit alternately. One player tees off on the odd numbered holes, the other on the even holes, regardless of who played the last putt on the first hole. The other shots are played in turns until the hole is finished. Penalty shots do not affect the order of play. Foursomes can be played under match play or stroke play rules.

Variations on foursome are Greensome and Mixed Foursome, in which two teams of a male and female golfer playing alternate shots.

3.7.5 Four ball:

The same as foursomes but each player plays with his own ball and the better score of the team counts. Four-balls can be played as match play or stroke play. (Defined by rules 30 and 31).

3.7.6 Greensomes

A variation of Foursome where both teammates of each team make a tee shot and each team selects which one they prefer. The player, whose ball was not selected, then plays the second shot and all future even-numbered shots on this hole, the other teammate playing all further odd-numbered shots.

3.7.7 Texas Scramble:

Each player in a team (of two, three or four players) tees off on each hole and the players decide which shot was best. Other players then pick up their ball and play their second shot from that position and the procedure is repeated until the hole is finished. The lifted balls must be placed within one club length of the selected position. When on the green, the first ball down counts, so do not tap in if other players are to follow and may get a better score e.g. a tap in gives a 4 when the next player may sink the putt to gain a 3. It is normal for a 4 person team each team player must have used at least 3 drives from each player. The handicap of the team is the total of all players handicaps x 10% e.g. total handicap of each player adds up to 45, team handicap is 4.5. In Texas Scramble handicaps are taken as exact and not rounded up or down.

3.7.8 Bowmaker:

A team game of 3 or 4 where the best score is taken from two or three players from the teams, it is normally in stableford scoring format with either full handicap or reduced handicap as a percentage e.g. 75% of the individual team players.

3.7.9 Bogey and Par Competitions:

The scoring for bogey and par competitions is made as in match play. Any hole for which a player makes no return is regarded as a loss. The winner is the player who is most successful in the aggregate of holes.

3.8 Club Competitions

All players are encouraged to enter club competitions to ensure they meet the handicap qualifying rules and to support the club.

To enter a competition you need to have a handicap (see section 3.3: How to obtain a handicap) and sign in before playing. You can sign in for a competition via Today's Golf on the HowDidiDo App.

On completion of your round scores can also be entered via Today's Golf on the HowDidiDo App.

3.8.1 Shotguns

A shotgun competition is where all competitors tee off at the same time, this form of starting a competition is normally reserved for "team" format golf, e.g. pairs, 3 "man" teams & 4 "man" teams. The format of play can be anything from 4bbb bowmakers or Texas scramble.

Shotguns are run on Sunday mornings (0830 start), one per month. Entry sheets are displayed in the Mens locker room.



3.8.2 Medal & Stablefords

Held throughout the year on a once (winter) or twice monthly format normally on a Saturday or Wednesday (once a month stableford on a Sunday). These can be held in conjunction with medal or stableford Cup competitions. Tee times (1st & 9th tee) for the medal and stableford competitions are reserved, one slot on a Wednesday 07.30 – 10.30 (1st tee) 07.30 – 12.00 (9th tee) & two slots on Saturdays 07.30 – 10.30 and 12.30 – 13.30 (1st tee) & 07.30 – 12.00 & 13.45 – 15.00 (9th tee). During the reserved tee times only members playing in competition may tee off during this period, it should also be noted that the 07.30 10.30 slots members may only tee off in a maximum of 3's.

3.8.3 Matchplay Knock Out

Entry sheets are displayed on the Competition notice boards in the foyer at the start of the year.

There are 4 major Men knock out competitions which are held over the main golfing season (April-September) are as follows:

- A. **Sargent Cup:** Singles matchplay knock out played off scratch.
- B. **Club Cup:** Handicap match play knockout for players between 0 – 18 handicap (members above 18 may play in competition but must play off 18) The match is played of full handicap difference e.g. Player A is off 10, Player B is off 18 then the player B receives 8 shots from player A, he receives 1 shot off holes stroke index 1 – 8.
- C. **Bailey Trophy:** Handicap match play knockout for players between 19 – 36 handicap (members above 36 may play in competition but must play off 36) The match is played of full handicap difference e.g. Player A is off 19, Player B is off 27 then the player B receives 8 shots from player A, he receives 1 shot off holes stroke index 1 – 8.
- D. **Mens Foursomes:** 50% difference between combined handicaps of each side Maximum handicap is 20.

3.9 Club Matches

3.9.1 Team Squads

The club has a number of team squads which represent both Gents, Ladies and Seniors in competitive leagues and knockouts.

Our team squads provide a great opportunity to play competitive golf and different courses in Dorset, Hampshire or Wiltshire. Although competitive the primary aim is to have an enjoyable time in a team environment.

3.9.2 Match Format

This varies from either singles or doubles match play dependant on the competition.

3.9.3 Squad Entry

Gents - At the beginning of the year notices will be displayed on the competitions notice board in the foyer asking for members to put their names down should they be interested in joining a squad. The format and competition rules are displayed with each competition squad sheet. The teams to play specific fixtures are selected by the Team Captains, from the appropriate squad depending on an individual's availability.

You can join as many squads as you like.



3.9.4 Gales Hockley Knock out

A team consisting of 9 players per side, with a maximum individual handicap allowance of 18, in addition the total team 'Aggregate Handicap' limit must be 90 for the 9 players. Players must have attained the age of 50 by the date of the draw.

Different clubs in Dorset, Hampshire & Wiltshire

3.9.5 Bridport Bowl

The Bridport Bowl is for golf clubs in Dorset and Hampshire. The format is five four-ball better-ball games with players off maximum handicap of up to 20. Players must be aged 50 years or more

Great opportunity to enjoy a competitive knock out competition with different clubs in Dorset and Hampshire.

3.9.6 Hardy 'A' League

Dorset golf clubs an 8 man team, playing 18 holes singles match play golf off maximum handicap of 10.

3.9.7 Hardy 'B' League

The format is five four-ball better-ball games for handicaps 11-18. Played Saturdays occasionally Sundays.

3.9.8 Seniors

The Seniors have a whole series of home/away matches during the playing season against local Clubs. Information and sign-up sheets to participate in these matches can be found on the Seniors Notice board in the mens changing room.

3.9.9 Where to find the information

Information (entry requirements, format, dates) and availability for Club Matches can be found in the following areas.

- Notice board club matches main foyer
- <https://www.clubv1.com> under Club / Club Teams.

3.10 Practice Areas

Highcliffe Castle Golf Club maintains three areas for practice the practice green, nets and mats (to the left of the 1st tee).

3.11 Reciprocals

We have a fantastic number of reciprocal's with other clubs. The list of participating Clubs and booking details can be found on the club website (www.highcliffecastle golfclub.com) under why Highcliffe castle golf club /reciprocals.

4 Club House

4.1 Club Office

This found as you turn left out of the main foyer, the Club Manager(s) and the Club Adminstrant/Accounts clerk can be found in the office.

The office opening times are 0800 – 1700 (Monday – Friday).

4.2 Club House Dress Code

We ask all members to make sure any guests to the club adhere to the dress code.

We operate a relaxed dress code in and around the clubhouse and good standard of dress should be worn in all areas of the Clubhouse, 'smart casual' clothing or golf attire is expected unless a particular dress code is specified for a Club event.

Most are aware of what is generally considered as 'Smart Casual' and members, guests and visitors are asked to both conform and respect the majority of the members by complying with this.

The following items are **NOT** considered to be acceptable in the Clubhouse...

- A. Faded, ripped or work clothing.
- B. Military style or cargo (multiple pockets) trousers or shorts.
- C. Tracksuits.
- D. T Shirts.
- E. Golf Shoes.
- F. Training/running shoes, beach sandals or flip-flops (unless in the Cecil Sargent bar).
- G. Hats or caps (unless on a balcony).

4.3 Bar & Bunker Kitchen

4.3.1 Opening Times

The Bar, Restaurant and lounge area can be found on the first floor of the club house. There are two bars, one in the restaurant area and the 19th bar. Bar opening times for both the bar and Bunker Kitchen vary from Summer to winter and also depend on the number of members using the facility. The bar staff have the discretion to remain open, or close early, depending on the use of the facility by members. The stated bar opening times can be found on notices in the main foyer and both restaurant and 19th bar areas.

In addition, at dusk, the course will be closed and the main entrance doors to the clubhouse will be locked players are asked to clear the course before dusk. Should any member be leaving a vehicle in the car park overnight please inform a member of the Bar Staff.

4.3.2 Bunker Kitchen

The Bunker Kitchen is operated by Kate and Amanda who are keen to create a warm and welcoming atmosphere within the club and will operate full table service to the members.

Their ethos is to offer freshly prepared home-style food in a warm and welcoming environment. They engage fully with their customers and will in time seek to provide the service and menus that best suits our members.

Please feel free to contact Amanda & Kate with any questions you may have as they will be pleased to hear from you. email bunkerkitchen@highcliffecastlegolfclub.co.uk

4.3.3 Club Card

The Gold Club Card can be used to purchase drinks in the club house however 25% discount is only applicable to drinks served over the bar (not tea or coffee). The card can only be "topped" with a card.

* Please note that the Club (except Bunker Kitchen & Professional shop) operate a cashless system *.

4.4 Club Website & Club V1

- www.highcliffecastlehighcliff.com
- <https://www.clubv1.com>

4.5 Club WiFi

There is free WiFi in the club, the user name and password can be found on the notice board in the 19th Bar.

4.6 Health & Safety

4.6.1 Accidents

Accidents either sustained on the course or in the club house should be reported to either the Administration Office or the duty bar staff. An accident report book can be found behind the bar and should be filled out should an accident occur. First aid kits are also available to the right in the area at the bottom of the stairs, in the Kitchen, the greenkeepers sheds and behind the bar.

4.6.2 Defibrillator

This can be found to the right in the area at the bottom of the stairs, it verbally assisted machine (gives instructions for use)

4.6.3 Safety on the Course.

It is paramount that all members take extreme care when playing on the course, a shout of “Fore” for errant golf balls should always be employed. There is a public footpath running through the centre of the course, pedestrians on the footpath have the “right of way” a ball should not be struck if there is any doubt whatsoever regarding danger. Clear notices are posted throughout the course should be adhered to.

4.6.4 Risk Assessments.

Risk assessments have been conducted on course, the club house, and the immediate surrounding areas. A copy of the risk assessments are held in the Administration Office.

4.7 Club Diary & Key Events

The Club diary is held electronically and can be accessed through 2 sources.

- www.highcliffecastlehighcliff.com under Golf / Tee Times (Calendar).
- <https://www.clubv1.com> under Club / Diary.

The following are the key events to keep an eye out for. All members are encouraged to support all or as many as these events as possible. The format of the golfing events will be displayed on various notices boards in the club house, also on the club website (www.highcliffecastlehighcliff.com) diary and Club V1 app (<https://www.clubv1.com>).

- **AGM** - held every year in October, notices regarding the AGM requesting proposals and business to be concluded are displayed well in advance as per the club rules.
- **Captains Drive In** - takes place on the first Sunday after the AGM.
- **Mens Club Championship** – takes place on a Saturday in June.
- **Club Opens** – take place over a weekend in August.
- **Captains Charity Day** – takes place on a Saturday in July.

- **Captains Weekend** – takes place over a weekend in September.
- **Reg Skeldon Trophy** – takes place on a Tuesday evening in June.
- **Invitation day** – takes place on a Saturday in July.

4.8 Locker Rooms

4.8.1 Access & Key code

The locker rooms for both Gents and Ladies are accessed either through the main entrance foyer or via the back-door entrance when in golf shoes. Access is gained either by using your gold card using it as a “swipe Card” or via the key code, the key code can be obtained from the bar or the administration office. The code is change on a regular basis for security reasons.

4.8.2 Lockers.

The annual hire of lockers is available to members however due to the demand, especially gents there is normally a waiting period, details of lockers and the costs can be obtained via the Administration Office. Should a member lose a key for the locker then the cost of replacement is approximately £15

4.9 Trolley Room.

The trolley room/shed is located at the side of the club house at the back of the first tee again due to the demand, there is normally a waiting period, details of trolley spaces and the costs can be obtained via the Administration Office.

5 Club Professional: Kevin Saunders

Our Club Professional is Kevin Saunders, who joined us here at Highcliffe Castle Golf Club in March 2020. Kevin is vastly experienced in many areas with nearly 30 years spent working within the game as a fully qualified PGA Professional. His impressive CV includes a formidable playing career, where he has competed at the very top level of Professional Golf with playing and competing on the European Tour and Challenge Tour. He has amassed over 100 Professional wins throughout his career and has set over 30 Course Records!

He has worked with the Hampshire County Golf Union for many years including being lead coach for the Men’s Elite squad and he is currently enjoying coaching the Hampshire County U 18’s and U 16’s Elite Junior Squads as the lead coach.

He was proudly elected Captain of the PGA in Hampshire in 2007, where he was an active committee member for 10 years. He has won the PGA in Hampshire Order of Merit Award no fewer than 6 times and was the PGA Southern Professional Champion in 2001.

He has built up a wealth of knowledge gained at working at various golf clubs including private members clubs and pay and play establishments, all of which have been in the local area.

Since his arrival, Kevin has been fully committed to enhancing what HCGC currently offer. He takes pride in always giving both members and visitors a first class customer experience that all will enjoy, coupled with a very friendly and relaxed nature he is determined to grow the brand which is HCGC.

He offers a full array of tuition packages will are advertised both in the Proshop, around the clubhouse and on the club’s website. He is on hand to help with any golfing matter you may have.



Kevin keeps a well stocked shop with many leading brands in both hardware and soft goods, including Ping, Callaway, Taylormade, Srixon and Cleveland. He will match or even beat online prices where he can, so please speak to Kevin when you are thinking of any golfing purchase, no matter how big or small, he can even source your golfing need even if it's not in stock. In these uncertain times we all face, as an independent retailer, we need to be all working together, with your support and commitment we can succeed in this modern competitive market.

Kevin can be contacted at anytime at the club or on his email kev@saundersgolfpro.co.uk or on his mob number which is 07970325812.

6 Suggestions

The Captain and the committees encourage members to put forward constructive suggestions.

A suggestion Book can be found in the book shelf in the lounge area of the Club House, alternatively suggestions can be emailed to the appropriate person(s) (email addresses are shown in section 7.2).

7 Contact Information

7.1 Telephone Numbers

Contact telephone numbers from members can be obtained via the Club V1 app, however this is only available if the member has enabled the facility. Due to GDPR restrictions there is no displayed contact list.

7.2 email address

Email address for members can be obtained via the Club V1 app, however this is only available if the member has enabled the facility. Due to GDPR restrictions there is no displayed contact list.

Club email addresses are as follows:

Club Manager: secretary@highcliffecastlegolfclub.co.uk

Business & Policy Committee: BPC@highcliffecastlegolfclub.co.uk

Captain's Committee: Captain@highcliffecastlegolfclub.co.uk

Greens: course@highcliffecastlegolfclub.co.uk

Match & Handicap Committee: matchandhandicap@highcliffecastlegolfclub.co.uk

Bunker Kitchen: bunkerkitchen@highcliffecastlegolfclub.co.uk

Kevin Saunders: kev@saundersgolfpro.co.uk

Accounts: accounts@highcliffecastlegolfclub.co.uk

Bar: bar@highcliffecastlegolfclub.co.uk