



Thorpe Hall Golf Club

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

2009



A Brief History of Thorpe Hall

The origins of Thorpe Hall can be traced back to 1086. That is when King William I, the Norman Conqueror, ordered a survey throughout England to assess the extent of his possessions and the value for taxation purposes.

The results of this early census were published in the Domesday Book and it is there that reference is made to "Thorpe-hall". The name Thorpe is of Scandinavian origin and probably signified a hamlet during the Danish supremacy. Indeed, before the Norman invasion, Thorpe-hall belonged to Ingvar, a Dane.

In 1791 Ynyr Burges bought the land that included Great and Little Thorpe Hall Farms, later to become one. In 1792 he died without children but he had bequeathed his estates to his brother's son. Three generations later Colonel Ynyr Henry Burges would be responsible for the birth of Thorpe Hall Golf Club.

In 1906, with the help of Kenneth Costley-White and Bert Batley, a golf professional, Colonel Burges started to change the farmland into Thorpe Hall Golf Club and it was informally opened a year later.

A description of our golf course extracted from a report prepared for the Board of Directors in 1907 stated "***the turf of the greens is pretty well as good as it can possibly be – close and short and their naturally undulating character affords ideal putting***" the course today is maintained to the same high standards.

The first formal competition at Thorpe Hall took place on March 23rd 1907, for the Founders Cup and on the same date in 2007, for only the second time, the same cup will be competed for to mark the start of our Centenary celebrations.

Thorpe Hall Golf Club is a traditional members club with a Board of Directors, including the Ladies and Men's and Cadet Captains, being responsible for the executive decisions relating to the day to day operation of the club. The respective Ladies and Men's and Cadet Committees oversee all the competitions and members handicaps, with a separate Greens Committee dealing with matters relating to the golf course.

A unique feature of our Golf Club is that we do not operate a tee booking system for social golf; however competitions are managed by the allocation of tee times.

2007 was a very special year in the history of our club and we marked it by organising a number of golfing and social events throughout the year - it will be remembered as a year of celebration!



Membership Categories

There are two playing membership categories available Ladies and Gentleman wishing to join. In addition there is one category designed to accommodate Social membership.

The playing memberships allow unlimited golf 5 days or 7 days a week, 52 weeks of the year, access to competitions (subject to handicap and meeting qualifying requirements), a CONGU handicap, use of our extensive bar and catering facilities, access to all our social events and use of the snooker room. There are a limited number of vacancies available at present.

Our Ladies play mainly on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, our Cadets have access to the course from 10am on week-days and 2pm at weekends – however, we vary the access to the course according to their handicaps. In addition to this all the Cadets meet for tuition on a Tuesday evening throughout summer when nine holes of the course are closed and dedicated solely to them for practice and competitions. Additional coaching takes place on a Thursday evening for those Cadets with a handicap of 20 or less.

Probationary Members

This new category of membership introduced in 2006 allows applicants to join our club and have 12 months to prove they can achieve the minimum standard of golf being 28 handicap for gentlemen and 36 handicap for ladies. More details are available from either the Secretary's office or on our website; www.thorpehallgc.co.uk



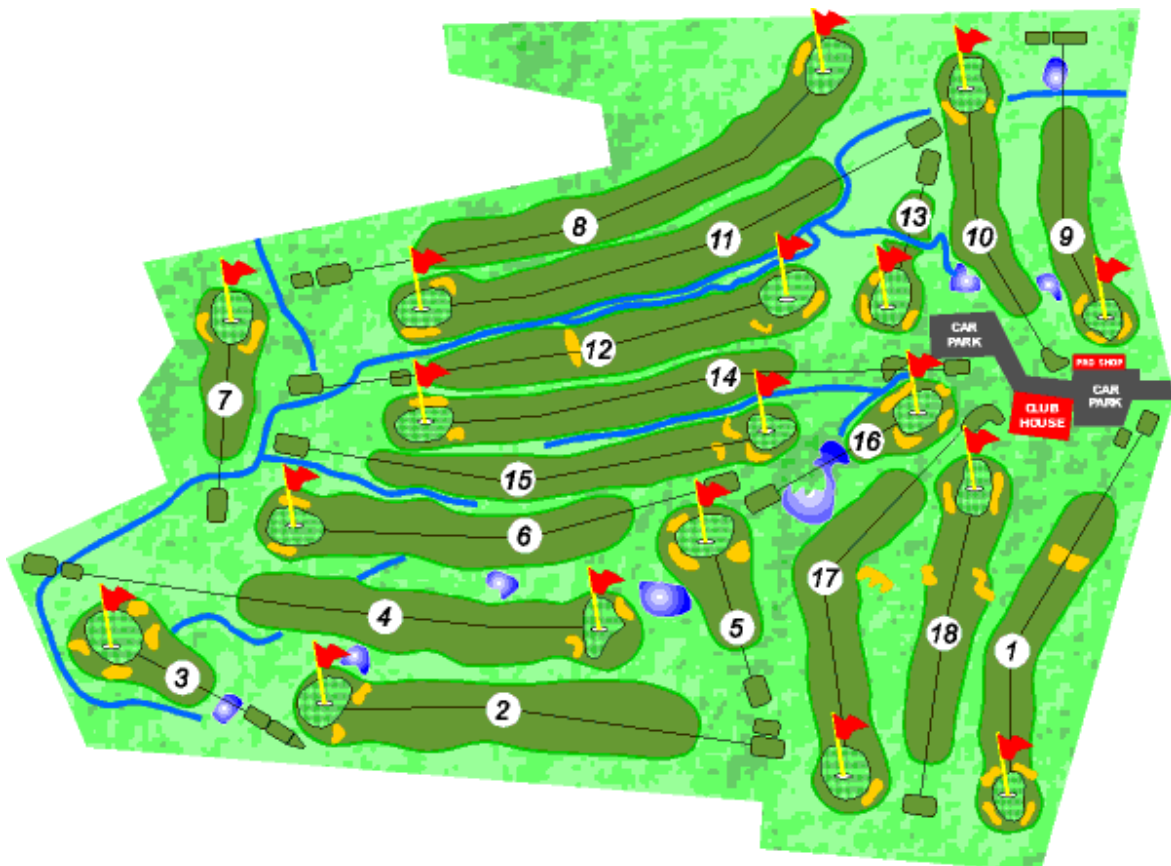
The Golf Course

The golf course measures 6,318 yards (approximately 3.6 miles), from the competition tees with a Par and a SSS of 71.

Set in 81 acres of parkland, the course offers tight narrow tree lined fairways with an abundance of lateral hazards and water on all but two of the holes. The course has been expertly designed to avoid the crossing of fairways or shared tees and as such will offer golfers of all abilities a true test of golf.

Those golfers with a mid to high handicap who can exercise good course management will prosper but those who decide to attack the challenges of the course with little or no regard for it's difficulty are likely to find themselves losing shots in groups rather than by the odd stroke.

The Ladies face the same challenges and their course is measured at 5,678 yards from the Red tees and has a SSS and a Par of 73.





MEMBERSHIP FEES - 2009

Please refer to page 6.

The Joining Process

Prospective applicants must submit a completed application form to our Secretary with a letter from his/her “proposer” and “seconder”: both of these should be members of Thorpe Hall Golf Club of at least three years standing and must have known the applicant for a minimum of two years and be prepared to vouch for their integrity.

In the event of the Applicant not knowing any members of our Club he/she must submit an application to the Secretary who will in turn arrange for a Committee Member(s) to play nine holes of golf with the applicant who may then support their application for membership.

All applicants must have a valid CONGU handicap, the minimum requirements for Men is 28 and Ladies 36. Those individuals who do not have a valid CONGU handicap, should ask the Secretary for details of our Probationary Membership

Having received the appropriate documentation a representative of the Men’s or Ladies Committee will contact you to arrange a convenient time for your interview.

New members joining part way through the year will have their subscriptions applied on a pro rata basis.

Payment Methods

Joining Fees – If new members so wish, we allow the cost of the joining fee to be spread over three years. The first payment is due immediately at the commencement of membership with the remaining payments being spread over the following two years.

Subscriptions – the annual golf subscriptions may be spread over ten monthly payments paid by direct debit from your bank account. Cash or cheques are not acceptable for subscriptions paid to the office on a monthly basis.

Should you wish to pay your subscriptions and joining fee in full we will be pleased to accept a cheque or bankers draft for the correct amount.



MEMBERSHIP – SUBSCRIPTION RATES FOR 2009

Playing Members	Age as at 1 Jan	Subscription	Entrance Fee
7 Day Full	26 to 74 years	£1140	£500
7 Day Full	75 to 80 years	£969	£500
7 Day Full	80 years and over	£912	£500
7 Day Full	22 to 25 years	£600	On Application
7 Day Full	18 to 21 years	£361	On Application
5 Day		£857	On Application
Student		£288	On Application
Probationary		£456	None whilst Probationary
Country ¹		£286	Not applicable
Overseas ²		£175	Not applicable
Cadet	15 to 17 years	£250	None
Cadet	12 to 14 years	£150	None
Cadet	11 years and under	£100	None
Social		£150 incl. VAT	None
Social	75 years and over	£105 incl. VAT	None

Notes	
Country ¹	Only open to previous playing members who belong to another golf club and reside over 44 miles from Thorpe Hall. Play restricted to 10 times per annum.
Overseas ²	Only open to previous playing members who now reside overseas. A £20 green fee is applicable on each playing occasion.

Annual Bar & Catering Levy (applicable to all members except Cadets)	£75
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For further clarification on membership and subscription rates please telephone the Secretary on (01702) 582205 Ext 1.



The Secretary
 Thorpe Hall Golf Club, Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex, SS1 3AT

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP 2009

I would like to apply for membership of your Club in the following category:-

	Insert ✓	Handicap*
Full 7 day Playing Member		
5 Day Member		
Probationary Member		
Social Member		

**Handicap Certificate must be enclosed*

I agree to abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Company, the Club and golf in general. I also agree for my details to be retained on your computer system. My details are:

Full Name, in BLOCK Letters		
Full Address		
Post Code		
email address		
Telephone Numbers - Home		
- Business		
- Mobile		
Date of Birth		
Occupation		
Present or previous Golf Club(s)		
SIGNATURE and date		2008

Proposed and Seconded by:-	Signature	Name
Proposer		
Secunder		

NB This application must be accompanied by letters from the proposer and seconder stating the extent of their knowledge of the applicant and any other information that they regard as relevant.

For Secretary's Office use:-

Date App received:-		Date letters received:-	[P]
Date H/Cert. received:-		Date put on the Notice Board:-	[S]
Date interviewed :-		Interview Decision:-	Accepted / Declined