

## Proprietors Rules for Mile End Golf Club

### 31st January 2011 - These rules replace any previously issued

#### **1. The Name**

1.1 The club shall be known as The Mile End Golf Club (Hereafter called The Club).

#### **2. Proprietary Club**

2.1 The Club is a Proprietors club. The Proprietors are Mr Richard Thompson & Mr Peter Thompson

#### **3. Objectives**

3.1 The objectives of The Club shall be to provide for the members, a golf course and clubhouse providing refreshments, along with all matters incidental to the playing of golf, including facilities, privileges and advantages usually associated with a golf club.

#### **4. The Club**

4.1 The Club premises shall be located at Mile End Golf Club, Oswestry or such other premises that the Proprietors may provide.

4.2 The Club premises and all fittings, fixtures and equipment used by The Club shall be, and remain, the sole property of the Proprietors.

4.3 The members of The Club shall not be under any financial liability by reason of their membership of The Club, save for the Annual Subscription (determined by the Proprietors) and also any bills incurred for services provided by the Proprietors.

4.4 The Proprietors shall be solely entitled to all income and profits earned by The Club, the course and it's facilities and accommodation.

4.5 To enable the Proprietors to provide facilities for a range of golf and social activities and functions, the Proprietors shall hold absolute discretion over the public use of Club facilities and accommodation, both with, and to the exclusion of members of The Club.

4.6 Every member of The Club shall be entitled to use and enjoy the facilities of The Club premises provided by the Proprietors (subject to these rules and bye-laws in force at the time), on behalf of The Club, and on terms and conditions requiring payment to the Proprietors and stipulated by them.

#### **5. Members' Committee**

5.1 The Members' Committee shall exercise the functions and powers of management that may be required by request from time to time by the Proprietors. This Committee shall function under it's own constitution.

#### **6. Control and Management**

6.1 The Proprietors shall have control over the management of The Club and utilise such administrative powers to fulfil the function of achieving the objectives of The Club in accordance with these rules.

#### **7. Bye-Laws**

7.1 The Proprietors are empowered to make, amend and revoke any bye-laws that may be considered necessary relating to play on the course, operation of the clubhouse and any other relevant matters. All bye-laws shall be binding on members unless revoked by the Proprietors.

## **8. Conduct of Members**

- 8.1 Any member may resign their membership at any time in writing to the Proprietors at The Club address. No refunds will be given in the event of resignation.
- 8.2 The Proprietors may expel or suspend from membership any member whose conduct (in the opinion of the Proprietors) is harmful to the reputation of The Club, or is detrimental to the well being of other members.
- 8.3 In respect of the expulsion or suspension of a member, the Proprietors may undertake an enquiry, if appropriate, but are not under any obligation to do so.
- 8.4 A member expelled from The Club shall forfeit all privileges of membership without claim for any refund of entrance fee or annual subscription.
- 8.5 Illegal betting or gaming, drunkenness, bad language or any other examples of misconduct, will not be allowed on Club premises.

## **9. Notices to, and Addresses of, Members**

- 9.1 Each member shall inform the Proprietors of his/her address details in writing, and subsequently give notification of any change of address. Any notice or information required by these rules and bye-laws to be given to members shall be notified by either pre-paid letter to the address known to the Proprietors, email to the email address held on file or by notification on the notice board. All information / notices sent by post shall be deemed to have been received in the normal course of the time associated with the postal & email systems.

## **10. Liabilities**

- 10.1 No liability will be attached to the Proprietors or their representative(s), for any articles left on Club premises, or any subsequent loss. This also applies to cars and their contents left on Club premises or adjoining land.

## **11. Dissolution**

- 11.1 The Club may be dissolved by the Proprietors at any time.

## **12. Disputes**

- 12.1 Any dispute or difference in representation that may arise with meaning or interpretation of these rules, bye-laws, powers of the Proprietors or Members' Committee, validity of elections and proceedings, shall be determined/decided solely by the Proprietors. Their decision shall be final and binding on all members of The Club.

## **13. Hours of opening**

- 13.1 The course and clubhouse shall be open at times determined by the Proprietors.
- 13.2 The Proprietors may close all or part of The Club and course for whatever reason they deem necessary or desirable, including decoration.
- 13.3 The Proprietors or their representative(s) are empowered to close the course at times and for periods that are deemed appropriate, in the interest of The Club.
- 13.4 No member shall be entitled to any refund of any fees or compensation, as a result of the closure of any part, or all, of the course or clubhouse.

## **14. Intoxicating Liquor**

- 14.1 The supply and sale of intoxicating liquor on Club premises shall be permitted within the licensing hours in force within the licensing district in which The Club premises are situated. The bar opening hours shall be fixed by the Proprietors. Intoxicating liquor shall only be sold in accordance with the terms and conditions (if any) imposed by the authority's license in respect of the premises.

## 15. Complaints

- 15.1 All complaints should be made in writing to the Proprietors or their nominated representative(s). No Club Member has the right to reprimand members of the Club staff.

## 16. Rules of Golf

- 16.1 Members shall observe:
- 16.1.1 The Rules of Amateur golf status as laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club.
  - 16.1.2 The Rules of Golf laid down by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club, except where modified locally by the rules of Mile End Golf Club.
  - 16.1.3 The Rules and Regulations of England Golf, the Shropshire and Hereford Golf Union (men) and the Shropshire County Union (ladies).
  - 16.1.4 The Standard Scratch Score and Handicapping System as published by the Council of National Golf Unions (subject to any special conditions laid down by the England Golf).

## 17. Membership

- 17.1 The Proprietors shall determine the categories of membership available, the criteria relating to these categories, and the rights and privileges associated with these categories.
- 17.2 Any membership entrance fee (payable once by new members) and the annual subscription fee, shall be sums determined from time to time by the Proprietors. Any membership entrance fee and the first annual subscription fee shall be due on acceptance as a member. Thereafter, the annual subscription shall be due on the 31st of January each year or a date determined by the Proprietors.
- 17.3 The annual subscription payable in any year shall cover the period from 1st February to 31st January of the following year.
- 17.4 All members paying their subscription by direct debit shall be bound to remain a member of The Club for a minimum period of 12 months (or until such time that their subscription has been paid in full).
- 17.5 All applications for membership shall be submitted on the appropriate forms provided by the Proprietors and must be duly signed by the applicant. In the case of Junior Membership (i.e. not having obtained their eighteenth birthday) the application must be signed by a parent or legal guardian
- 17.6 The acceptance of any application shall be at the discretion of the Proprietors.
- 17.7 When any application has been accepted by the Proprietors and the first subscription fee paid, the member shall be entitled to the rights and privileges of the category of membership, and shall be deemed to have accepted the rules and principles of The Club.

## 18. Member's Guests

- 18.1 All members of Mile End Golf Club shall be allowed to 'sign in' up to **THREE** guests at any one time. Upon payment of the appropriate fee, each guest will be entitled to a day's golf and use of the clubhouse and it's ancillary facilities.
- 18.2 A member of The Club is responsible for his or her guest's behaviour during their time on The Club premises.
- 18.3 Having signed in up to **THREE** guests, the member of The Club will be expected to accompany their guests on the golf course.

19. Mile End Golf Club - Byelaws (Updated 31/01/2011)

- 19.1 Every member shall be allowed to use the golf course in accordance with the rules of The Club. Members **must** observe the rules and etiquette of the game of golf and display the current membership tag on some part of their golf equipment.
- 19.2 Certain insurance cover is provided by The Club. It is expected that every member will look to the adequacy of their own personal insurance in respect of all other aspects.
- 19.2 No person shall use the golf course without golf clubs exclusively for their own use. This does not mean that every golfer needs to have a full set of clubs, but that those clubs should be carried in a golf bag. The set must include a putter (for use on the greens). To assist in the speed of play no sharing of golf bags is allowed.
- 19.4 Any damage or breakage caused by a member, guest or visitor shall be made good at his/her expense.
- 19.5 The rules regarding 'Out of Bounds' must be strictly adhered to. No member, guest or visitor shall cross any boundary of the course onto adjoining property.
- 19.6 Dogs are not allowed on any part of the golf course or club premises at any time.
- 19.6 Only trolleys with wide wheels shall be allowed on the course. Any trolley ban **must be** strictly adhered to.
- 19.8 Any tee reservation times posted on the appropriate notice boards **must be** observed.
- 19.9 Ground staff shall have priority at all times.
- 19.10 No credit shall be allowed for purchases made in the clubhouse (purchases can be made using the Members Card Account system which uses "prepaid" monies).
- 19.11 No members are allowed in the kitchen or the area behind the bar.
- 19.12 No one shall be allowed to bring food or drink into the clubhouse for his or her own consumption.
- 19.13 Customers are asked to be considerate of others when using *Mobile Phones* on the club premises. In particular it is requested that no calls are made or accepted in the lounge/bar & dining room areas. Please use the foyer area (or go outside). In the interest of calling for assistance in the case of an emergency phones are allowed to be taken onto the golf course but should be turned **OFF** or on **SILENT MODE**. The ringing of mobile phones on the golf course is **STRICTLY FORBIDDEN**.

***Members, guests and visitors must abide by the day-to-day regulations posted on the appropriate notice boards, regarding the use of the golf course and other facilities provided at The Club.***

## **20. Mile End Golf Club - Dress Code**

The Proprietor's of Mile End Golf Club expect all Members, Guests & Visitors to retain a smart standard of dress whilst using their facilities. Whilst wishing to retain all the traditional standards of golfing attire (and conduct) Mile End is also a welcoming golfing facility that needs to stay aware of changes in fashions and requirements of the modern golfer.

Golfers are asked to particularly pay attention to the following:

### **ON THE GOLF COURSE**

- Tracksuits, shell suits and any type of blue denims are not allowed to be worn on the course.
- For reasons of personal safety it is recommended that proper Golf Shoes **ARE** worn whilst on the golf course.
- Hats & Caps should be worn the right way round and also removed when in the lounge/bar area of the clubhouse.
- Tailored shorts (of various lengths) are allowed, but football/athletic/beach shorts should not be worn on the golf course.
- Football shirts and shirts with large logos should not be worn. In other respects shirts **MUST** have a collar ("turtle neck" shirts designed specifically for golf **ARE** allowed).

### **BAR & DINING ROOM**

- Although we have no precise Dress Code for our bar & dining areas we expect our Members & Visitors to retain a smart standard of attire whilst in these areas.
- While there are no specific rules on the wearing of denims or training shoes we would expect smart & tidy versions of these particular items of clothing.
- Any shoes that have been worn on the golf course should not subsequently be worn in the bar area.

### **OTHER**

- No specific Dress Rules apply to the Driving Range or areas of the Clubhouse other than the bar & dining room.
- Members, Guests and Visitors must carefully follow any amendments made to these rules regarding any 'special' occasions.
- Members shall be held responsible for ensuring that their guests abide by these rules
- The Staff of Mile End Golf Club shall be responsible for ensuring that golfers comply with the expected standards whilst at the same time avoiding causing any offence or embarrassment.