

# Mornington Golf Club Members Handbook



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## Welcome:

Welcome to the Mornington Golf Club – we are pleased you have decided to join us

The Club is proud to be a multicultural and intergenerational hub, welcoming members of all ages and abilities. We hope that you will enjoy being part of our community.

This booklet contains information that we hope will be helpful to you as you begin your membership with us. In addition to this information, our members are always happy to encourage, support and help new members, so please reach out to them.

## History:

The original course started and ended at Britomart Street and was opened by the Mayor on October 30, 1915.

In January 1916 a men's club, the Wellington Municipal Golf Club, was established, and in March a women's club, the ANZAC Golf Club, was also established.

In 1919 the men's club was renamed the Mornington Golf Club. The women's club become the Mornington Ladies Golf Club and joined forces with the Mornington Golf Club.

For more on the interesting history of the Mornington Golf Club, check out our [website](#).

## Club Game Times and Events:

Sunday Morning 18 Holes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mostly men but women are welcome to join in.</li><li>• Men's competitions played here</li><li>• Tee off is between 7.30am and 8.30am (depending on weather and light conditions).</li><li>• Usually played in 4 ½ - 5 hours.</li><li>• Because trophies are at stake the Rules of Golf are strictly observed.</li><li>• A starting sheet is used to make up groups.</li><li>• To cover closest to the pins (6<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Holes), Hole in One Insurance and daily competitions, players are levied \$3.00 per session.</li></ul>
Sunday Morning 9 Holes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Normally a mixed group.</li><li>• Ladies Competitions are played here.</li><li>• Main 9 hole competition session.</li><li>• Players gather by 9.45 am with Tee off at 10 am.</li><li>• Usually played in 2 ½ hours.</li><li>• As trophies are at stake, the Rules of Golf are observed.</li><li>• To cover closest to the pins, Hole in One Insurance and daily competitions, players are levied \$3.00 per session.</li></ul>

Wednesday Morning 9 Holes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players gather by 9.45 a.m. and Tee off is at 10.00am.</li> <li>• A relaxed mixed 9 hole session with anyone free to join in.</li> <li>• Usually played in 2 ½ hours.</li> </ul>
Wednesday Afternoon 12 Holes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players gather by 12.30 pm with Tee off at 1.00 pm.</li> <li>• Men make up the majority of players but it is a mixed session.</li> <li>• More relaxed than the Sunday 18 hole competition.</li> <li>• Usually played in about 3 hours.</li> <li>• To cover competitions, players are levied \$3.00 per session.</li> </ul>
Friday Afternoon 12 Holes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Players gather by 12.30 pm with Tee off at 1.00 pm.</li> <li>• Men make up the majority of players but it is a mixed session.</li> <li>• More relaxed than the Sunday 18 hole competition.</li> <li>• Usually played in about 3 hours.</li> <li>• To cover competitions, players are levied \$7.00 per session.</li> </ul>

- **Twilight - 9 Holes:** Usually played between start of December and end of February on Fridays with tee off between 4.30 and 6.00 p.m. Details will be communicated in November each year.
- **Events:** In addition to the weekly competitions, we host several golf events annually, including the popular Mornington Classic, typically held in February or March.

**Note:** Sunday is Club Day and we encourage all new members to come along and play. The bar is open and lunch is available.

## Sunday Club Days – 18 Holes:

### Before Playing:

1. Write your name on the starting sheet – this can be done any time during the week or when you arrive at the Club on Sunday.
2. Ensure you arrive in time for your tee off time or for a tee off time of 7.30 a.m. tee in the summer and 7.45 a.m. in the winter.
3. Check the whiteboard for the day's events.
4. Pay your \$3.00. This covers prizes for the daily competitions and registers you for the Hole in One
5. Check your name is on the starting sheet and tick if you have paid or write IOU and ensure that you pay before the end of the day.
6. Record the competitions you are playing for on your card
7. Check your Index and Handicap which can be found on the Club Noticeboard – note your handicap on your card

### After Playing:

1. After your round, record your score and have your partner sign your card ensuring that you and they both have the same scores for the round
2. If it is a stableford competition work out your stablefords
3. Write the competition results on your card

## Sunday Club Days – 9 Holes:

### Before Playing:

1. Ensure you arrive in time for a 9.45 a.m. ball toss to select teams - we would like to have everyone having teed off by 10.00 a.m.
2. Check the whiteboard for the day's events. There will usually be two - a trophy event for Women and a daily competition for all 9 hole players. Familiarise yourself with the format of the competitions being played.
3. Pay your \$3.00. This covers prizes for the daily competitions and registers you for the Hole in One
4. Add your name to the starting sheet and tick that you have paid - or write IOU and ensure that you pay this before the end of the day
5. Record the competitions you are playing in on your card
6. Check your Index and 9 Hole Course Handicap which can be found on the Club Noticeboard - note the Index and 9 Hole Course Handicap on your card. These are updated weekly

### After Playing:

1. After your round record your score, have your partner sign your card ensuring that you and they both have the same scores for the round
2. If it is a stableford competition work out your stablefords for the 9 holes - if you are not sure how to do this find someone other than the Weekly Steward, who can help you with this.
3. Write your competition results on your card - ensure that your partner agrees with these
4. Women - record any birdies on the Birdie Sheet in the Women's Locker Room
5. Women - record all 1 and 0 putts on the appropriate sheet in the Women's Locker Room by writing the appropriate hole number under the date

## Handicaps:

Handicap sheets showing both 9 and 18 hole handicaps are displayed on the noticeboard in the Clubrooms.

If you are new to golf you'll need to submit a minimum of 54 holes of scores (6 x 9-hole or 3 x 18-hole rounds). These scorecards must be signed by you and your marker. Each scorecard must show your name, the date and the gross score for each hole.

## Score Cards:

Mornington Golf Club does not have computerised scoring. 9 and 18 hole scorecards are available in the Club House. If you are not playing at club times, completed cards can be put in the green letterbox outside the Club House main entrance, under the stairs.

If you are not familiar with filling out a scorecard and working out Stablefords, etc, please ask a club member to help you with this.

## Hole In One:

Any Mornington Golf Club member who has paid the \$3.00 levy on a Sunday, is automatically entered into the hole-in-one competition. This is a cash prize as well as being formally recognised on the Club's Hole-In-One-Board.

## Standard of Dress:

The minimum standard of dress on the course and in the clubrooms is tidy casual. Shoes worn on the course are not permitted in the clubrooms.

## Code of Conduct:

Please familiarise yourself with [Mornington Golf Club's Code of Conduct](#)

## Course Etiquette

1. Do not play until players in front are out of range or you have been called up.
2. Ensure that no one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club or ball.
3. Call "fore" promptly on hitting a shot that may impact others. If you hear "fore" shelter and/or cover head with hands.
4. To avoid slow play:
  - Walk smartly between shots and from the green.
  - Move your trundler as close to your ball as possible.
  - Mark your card at the next tee with the first player on the tee marking their card after teeing off.
  - If you think a ball may be out of bounds or lost, play a provisional ball.
  - If you are losing ground or you're looking for a lost ball, call the following players through.
5. Report any accidents, hazards or unacceptable behaviour to a Committee Member.

## Local Rules:

Mornington Golf Club Local Rules are posted on the Noticeboard in the Club Room. Please check regularly for updates/changes.

## Course Maintenance:

Wellington City Council work in partnership with the Mornington Golf Club to ensure we have a well maintained course to play on. However, this standard can only be maintained with the assistance of players. Please ensure you:

- Wear appropriate golf shoes or soft soled sneakers so as not to damage the surface of the greens.
- Repair all pitch marks on the green – not just your own.

- Replace all divots on the course.
- No trundlers on the greens.

If you notice things that need better maintaining or need fixing please let one of the Committee Members know. Do not approach the Greenkeeping staff directly.

## **Club House:**

The bar is generally open after all Club Days except for Wednesday morning.

Lunch is available every Sunday.

Please remember to ensure that visitors sign in – the sign in book is available at the bar.

## **Golf Club Storage:**

The Club has limited storage facilities for golf clubs. Please contact Ron Fairbairn or Bruce Ivamy to discuss storage and the cost for doing this.

## **Security and Access to Club Rooms:**

The Club premises are monitored by CCTV which can be remotely viewed by some Committee Members. Security alarms are also installed and are remotely monitored.

Members can have after-hours access to the club premises by way of a swipe card. For information on these cards please contact Bruce Ivamy.

## **Interclub:**

The club participates in the Wellington Golf Men's Interclub Programme; fielding competitive teams each season. Talk to the Club Captain if you're interested in playing Interclub.

## **What's Happening at the Club:**

The Club's Website (<https://www.morningtongolf.co.nz>) and Facebook Page (Mornington Golf Club Inc) contain a wealth of information relevant to members and are updated regularly.

Weekly competitions and upcoming events are shown on the website.

A newsletter highlighting key events and providing other information of interest to club members is sent each month.

## **Club Management:**

The Morning Golf Club is run by a group of volunteers most of whom are on the Committee. We have no full time paid staff.

To see a list of current Committee Members visit the [website](#).

The Annual General Meeting of the Club is held in July and members are encouraged to come along and share their feedback.

From time to time the Club looks for volunteers to help with things such as junior coaching, working bees, events, etc.

By offering time and skills, members contribute to the smooth running of the Club and maintenance of the facilities. This collective effort builds camaraderie and a shared sense of ownership among members, creating a supportive and inclusive environment.

### **Retaining Your Club Membership:**

Annual subscriptions are invoiced in December/January with payment due by 1 February. Payment options are available. Contact Bruce Ivamy to discuss payment options.

### **Reciprocal Rights:**

You will see the Clubs New Zealand logo on your membership card. Our Club is a member of ClubNZ which gives us an affiliation to approximately 300 clubs (including Chartered Clubs, Working Men's Clubs and some Golf Clubs) across NZ. This means you are able to visit affiliated clubs around the country. As a courtesy, you should contact the Club before visiting. The following is a link to Clubs New Zealand's website outlining the [Reciprocal Rights](#).

### **Feedback and Suggestions:**

We value our member's feedback and suggestions – please direct these to [admin@morningtongolf.co.nz](mailto:admin@morningtongolf.co.nz) and, if appropriate, they will be discussed at the next Committee Meeting.