

# Caprington Golf Club

## Management of Caprington Community Golf Club

### Golf Course and Grounds Risk Assessment

**CARPINGTON COMMUNITY GOLF CLUB Risk Assessment \_ July 2016**

### Health & Safety Document – Golf Course and Grounds Risk Assessment Statement

**This information identifies the main hazards that members and visitors to Caprington Golf Club may encounter while playing, practising or walking the course.**

**It does not contain a definitive list of hazards, as by the very nature of the game of golf, it is impossible to eliminate risk entirely.**

**All accidents and incidents MUST be reported to the Starters Office, so that the appropriate documentation may be completed.**

**Emergency services: 999**

**(Our postcode KA1 4UW)**

**Starters Office: 01563 521915**

**Kilmarnock Police: 101**

**Crosshouse Hospital: 01563 521133**

Members, Guests and Visitors are hereby advised that comprehensive Risk Assessments are regularly carried out on the Course in accordance with the Club's Health & Safety Policy. It is your responsibility, as a golfer, caddie or spectator on the course, to ensure that you consider safety and adhere strictly to the following:

Practice play is strictly limited to the designated practice grounds (located on the left-hand side of the 10th fairway) and to the practice putting green to the right-hand side of the club house. **Practice is strictly forbidden on the course;**

All golfers (members & visitors) must ensure they have golf shoes which are adequate & suitable for the ground/weather conditions on the day of play.

In wet or inclement weather, you should exercise extra care on all surfaces within the grounds of the golf course which may include. Steps, mats, paths, grass, sand, decking and slopes as they may be slippery, particularly in wet or frosty conditions. Golf Shoes with spikes should be worn and when advised Winter Wheels on trolleys should be used.

Darkness, rain, fog and ice: During inclement weather, the fact that the course has not been officially closed does not warrant that it is fit for play. Therefore, members and visitors should themselves determine whether they consider it safe to play or use any facilities provided by Caprington Community Golf Club. Players and visitors have a duty of care to behave in such a way that others may not be injured by their actions. They also have a duty of care to ensure that they do not injure themselves. All players and visitors use the facilities and or play at their own risk and should do nothing to jeopardise the safety of themselves or others within the grounds of Caprington Community Golf Club.

You are advised to adopt caution, and be aware of your surroundings, when close to any trees on the course, particularly during windy or other adverse weather conditions. While branches considered to be dangerous are removed whenever possible, the Club cannot be held responsible for natural conditions prevailing at any particular time;

You are advised to use caution when going down or up any steep incline on the course, particularly when using golf buggies or trolleys. Adherence to the instructions detailed on any directional signage for buggies and/or trolleys is also essential in order to minimise risk in this respect;

**You are advised that the use of the shoe cleaner is for that purpose only and should not be used for the cleaning of golf trolleys or buggies**, extreme care should be taken when using this apparatus. The shoe cleaning facilities reduces the risk of slipping on hard surfaces when returning to the car park. Players choosing to use the air compressor should observe the following: **The trigger should only be pulled when the nozzle is pointing towards your shoes. Never point it towards you or anyone else's skin or face. When finished hang the gun back onto their respective hooks.**

You are advised to avoid oral contact with anything that comes into contact with the golf course (including trees, sand, soil and grass), particularly when caution signs indicate that chemicals have recently been sprayed on the course;

In the event that you come across any dead wildlife on the course, you are expressly prohibited from any contact with it and requested to advise a member of the Greens Staff, who will deal with it accordingly;

You are advised, when playing, to take every precaution to avoid hitting anybody with your golf ball. Particular care should be taken at holes where the landing area is not clearly visible (especially the 4th and 9th, where teeing off should only commence after the bell has been sounded by the players in front), and wherever parallel fairways are played in opposing directions;

Never play a shot unless the players ahead are well out of range. If a miss-hit shot is heading in the direction of other golfers, you must shout "FORE!" in a loud voice to alert players of possible danger. If "FORE!" is heard when playing, please take evasive action if possible;

Golfers must always stand well back behind the player who is playing his shot, both on the tee and on all other areas of the Course. A swinging golf club can be dangerous and can cause damage;

All golfers must ensure that they are adequately insured in respect of the risks involved with the playing of golf. It is recommended that golfers should be insured against the unlikely event of them being injured or causing injury as a result of an errant shot.

The greens staff are regularly working on the Course when golf is in progress. Please be careful and courteous to them and ensure that they are aware of, and have acknowledged your presence, prior to playing in their proximity. **Green staff always have priority on the golf course at all times.**

**All Members, Guests and Visitors are kindly requested to advise the Secretary of any hazards they feel have not been addressed above.**