

MEMBERS SUPPORT PACK



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Management of The Club

The Club has a dual system of Management; a General Committee and a Management Committee. Anyone on either Committee and staff are happy to assist members with their enquiries or information regarding the Club.

General Committee (2022-2023)

Captain	Jim Shaw
Vice-Captain	Martin Treacy
Handicap	Alan Kelly
Match	Donnie McNair
Social	John Sloan
Craigston Rosebowl	David Sloan
Gent's Open	David Sloan
Juniors	Steven Porter
Lockers	Joseph O'Neil
Health and Safety	Robin Andrew

Management Committee (2022-2023)

Chairman	Ian Storie
Captain	Jim Shaw
Finance	Iain Goldthorp
Golf Course	Stewart Millar
House & Facilities	Robin Andrew
Membership & Marketing	Stevie McGoldrick

All Committee positions are voluntary and come up for election on a periodic basis.

The Club Secretary is Joseph O'Neil and can be reached via email on secretary@cochranecastle.com or by phone on 07917 445068. Emails are picked up regularly.

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Overview

- Welcome to Cochrane Castle Golf Club, established in 1895, is a non-profit organisation. The property, effects and monies of the Club shall belong to the Members during membership equally and shall be held to be vested in the Captain, Chairman of the Management Committee, Secretary and Treasurer on behalf of the Club.
- Cochrane Castle Golf Club located in the town of Johnstone in Renfrewshire, is a mature parkland 18-hole course of length 6,194 yards (5,664 meters). The course was designed by Charlie Hunter and was established in 1895. Set within the Craigston area of Cochrane Castle the elevated views from the course provide scenic aspects towards Ben Lomond to the North and the Campsie's to the East.
- The current Course Record held by home player Richard E Love, of 62 represents 9 under the medal par of 71 and SSS of 71. The record has been in place since July 2001.
- Over the Golfing Season the Club hosts several popular Open Events, first of which is the Seniors Open in May followed by the combined Craigston Rosebowl Scratch and the Gents Open Handicap tournament in August, which has grown in popularity since its first event in 1996. There is also a Seniors Scramble event held in September each year.
- The Club Mistress is Laura Rae and for function booking contact her as follows: l.rae8@btinternet.com. The Clubhouse is available for all members and their immediate families for parties, dinners and functions. Weddings, funerals and fundraising/charity events are also catered for. The dining room and lounge areas are available free of charge and will accommodate approx. 100 persons. The dining room also doubles up as a meeting room that is ideal for business meetings, seminars and workshops. Tailor-made packages are bespoke to suit your needs and are provided with or without catering and with or without golf.
- The Club website contains comprehensive information and can be accessed via www.cochranecastle.com.

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General Information

- Communication - Please ensure that your personal details are kept up to date. Communications are made to the membership on a regular basis via email. Please let us know if you are not receiving our emails. Check our website www.cochranecastle.com regularly for news and information. News items are posted regularly and information for members can be found on the Members Page. Sign up to Twitter and Facebook for regular updates and information.
- Security - All members should be vigilant when accessing the Clubhouse by door entry keypad. Please ensure that the door always closes behind you. The code can be obtained from the Secretary.
- Clubhouse Hours - The Clubhouse, bar and catering opening hours are different in summer and winter. Please refer to Club website and notices for more details.
- Dress Code – Clubhouse & Course: See Club byelaws.
- Mobile phones - Members, their guests and visitors can use mobile phones in any area of the Clubhouse but must be considerate of other people especially in the lounge or dining room. Free Wi-Fi access is available throughout the Clubhouse.
- Lockers - Are available for all members and if required contact the Secretary. Note that a padlock charge of £10.00 applies for a master padlock and key.
- Caddy Shed - The annual rent for caddy shed is currently included in your membership fees. Spaces for the caddy shed are available from the Club Secretary. If you leave your trolley including powered trolleys, please note that the Club accepts no responsibility for any damage or loss. Please make sure that your name is on your trolley and that you hang your trolley up in a responsible manner and don't leave it in the aisles.
- Social Events – The Club has a series of events throughout the year and are advertised throughout the Clubhouse. These events meet all tastes ranging from cabaret to theme nights. A table plan is normally behind the bar for booking purposes.

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Golf

- Professional – The Club Professional is Alan Logan, and he can be contacted by telephone or email as follows: 01505 328465 & alanjlogan@hotmail.com. Alan's website is www.alanjlogangolf.co.uk.
- Professional Shop – The following services are provided: golf lessons, trolley hire, club repairs (regripping, re-shafting and custom fitting) as well as a wide selection of clubs, clothing, balls, tees available at reasonable prices. Lastly, the professional shop offers a selection for drinks and snacks.
- Competitions – All Club competitions are listed in the 'Fixture List' which is available on the website and via the Scottish Golf Venue Management System (VMS); see additional information. There is a competition every Saturday from March until the end of September and Monthly Medals from October to March. Anyone wishing to play on a Saturday and not in the competition must wait until the last competitor has teed off. Competitive midweek golf is also provided throughout the season using a mixture of stroke and Stableford competitions. The Club also operate a Winter League, a pairs event, played in a 'fourball better ball' format.
- Sweeps – The Club hosts a few sweeps at various times during the week and at the weekend which are great fun and a good way of meeting other members. On Tuesday and Thursday, the 'Seniors' meet in the Clubhouse at 09:00 and tee off around 09:30. At the weekend the 'Dawn Patrol' are first out and usually tee off in the dark between 07:00-08:00. The 'Big Sweep' then follow at 08:30. If you are interested in joining any of the sweeps, ask anyone in the Committee and they will put you in touch with the relevant members.
- All golf is booked via VMS.

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Communications and Useful Contacts

Twitter and Facebook

- Follow us on Twitter for course updates and up to date information. Our Twitter name is @CochraneCastle.
- The Club's and Pro's Facebook pages are Cochrane Castle Golf Club and Cochrane Castle Pro-shop.

Website

Our website address is www.cochranecastle.com. This is where you will find all you need to know about our golf Club. It includes the Fixture List, Local Rules, Constitution and up to date news and information on the Club. The VMS App also contains comprehensive information.

Members Emails

Members will be kept up to date on Club matters and news items via email. It is very important that any changes in contact details are notified to the Secretary.

Course Status

You can check the status of the Course via the Pro-Shop Facebook page or by calling the Pro-Shop. Please note that as this information is only available during the times the Pro-Shop is open. The weather forecast for the course is also available on the website.

Social Media Policy

Cochrane Castle Golf Club realises that social media and networking websites have become a regular part of everyday life and that many people enjoy membership of such sites. However, we are also aware that these sites can become negative, and care must be taken not to breach our confidentiality Policy or offend members, visitors, or suppliers, when using these services. A copy of the policy can be found on the Club website.

Useful Contacts

Seniors - Allan Stewart (allan353@btinternet.com)

Dawn Patrol – Donnie Nicolson (nicolsondonnie@gmail.com)

Big Sweep - John McCool (johnmccool@hotmail.co.uk)

Social Convener – John Sloan (johnsloan1954@gmail.com).

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Club Sponsors

Hole	Hole Name	Sponsor Name	Sponsor URL
1	Barclay Howard	Hunter Building Services	
2	Quarry	Available	
3	Bulawayo	Available	
4	Rockies	Available	
5	Skiff	The Bogeymen Association	N/A
6	Hedgehog	The Miller Family	N/A
7	Wood	Past Captain's Association	N/A
8	Moorburn	Available	
9	Red Lodge	Mitchell	N/A
10	Poker Flat	Aus Scot Electrical Pty Ltd	www.ausscotelectrical.com/
11	Beeches	Available	
12	Craigston	Belhaven Group plc	www.belhaven.co.uk/
13	Pit	Axis Solutions Ltd	www.axis-solutions.co.uk/
14	Tower	Cochrane Castle Golf Club Seniors	N/A
15	Road	Available	
16	Benston	Available	
17	Hard Luck	M8 Driving School	www.m8drivingschool.co.uk/
18	Home	Gormac Coachworks	www.gormaccoachworks.com/

If any member knows of any company or person who would be interested in sponsoring one of the available holes, contact a member of committee.

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Supporting & Promoting The Club

If you are enjoying your golf at this great Club, why not tell your friends and colleagues or, as important, engage with the Committee and help us improve your experience and enjoyment.

If you know of anyone who would be interested in joining The Club, send them the following link to our online application form or allow them to scan the QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/r/TLi260eQx3>



If you are interested in helping to run The Club and would consider joining one of the Committee's, complete the online application form that can be accessed from the following link or scan the QR code:

<https://forms.office.com/r/8qXUneZYP8>



If you have any friends, colleagues or family who are interested in organising a Golf Outing/Society at the Club, ask them to complete the online application form that can be accessed from the following link or scan the QR code: <https://forms.office.com/r/19kU6Xa89d>



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Venue Management System

About VMS

The Club utilises the Scottish Golf Venue Management System extensively and the following are the key features:

Memberships

Manage every aspect of membership from communications to subscription renewals.

Tee Time Venue Management

Take complete control of every aspect of tee times, from availability to online booking. Clubs can choose who can book and when and they keep 100% of the green fee revenue.

Event and Venue Management

Enable online booking for social events, lessons and any other facilities at your club that members and guests can book.

Competition Management

Tournament grade software manages competitions with multiple formats, customised sweeps, online entry, entry fees, prize money distribution, app scoring and live leader boards.

Integrated National Marketing

Open tournaments and events can be promoted nationally with the click of a button.

WHS Handicapping

Integration with the Scottish Golf CDH to facilitate the WHS Handicap Index and General Play scoring.

Payments

The integrated Stripe gateway processes payments at a competitive rate direct from the user to your account.

[Member App](#)

All the VMS functionality is also available to your members through the [Scottish Golf app](#). From booking tee times and events to messaging, GPS, online scoring and live leader boards, it is their clubhouse in their pocket.

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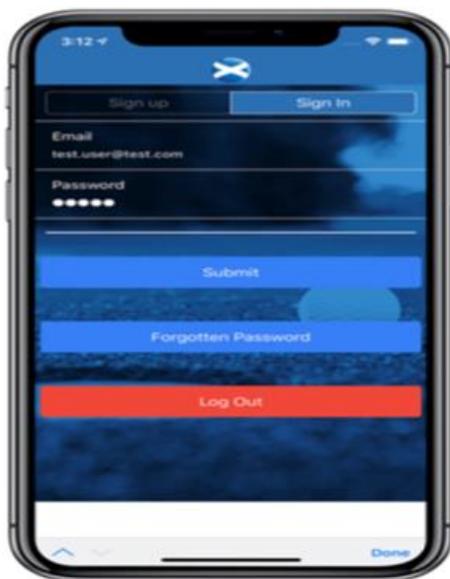


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Downloading The App

You will receive an e-mail from the system that will ask you to verify your e-mail address and will also contain a password which will look something like this: **LP-123456**

Once you've verified your e-mail address. Download the Scottish Golf App from either the Google Playstore or Apple Store. Once downloaded, it's important that you select the "Sign In" tab at the top of the screen.



To Sign In: enter your e-mail address under username and the "LP-123456" under password before selecting "submit".

Once you have logged in for the first time, you can change your password to something more memorable by going to:

"More" (bottom right on Home Page)

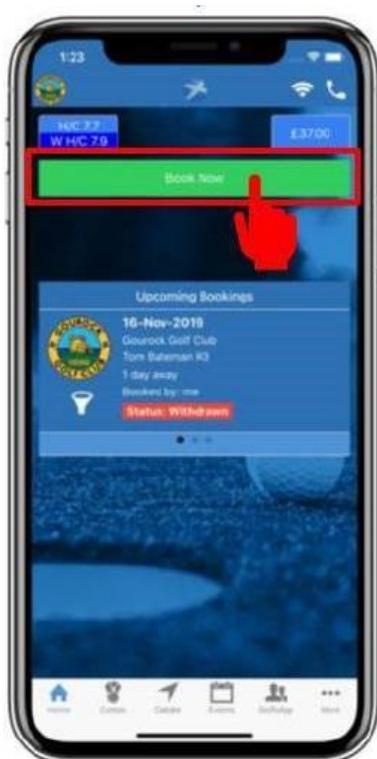
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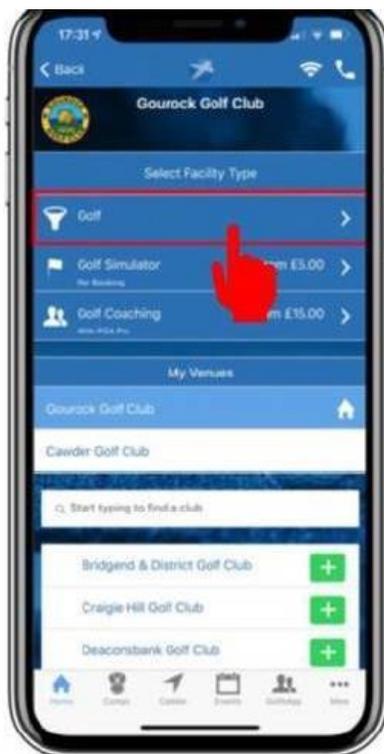
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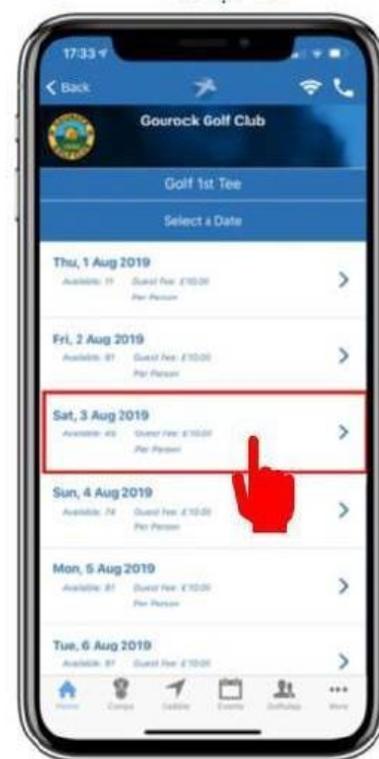
Step 1

Select the Book Now button on the Home screen.



Step 2

Select the facility you would like to book. Note. the other options will only be visible if the club has set this up as a bookable facility.



Step 3

Select the date you would like to book. Note. Any applicable fee for members guest will be showing.

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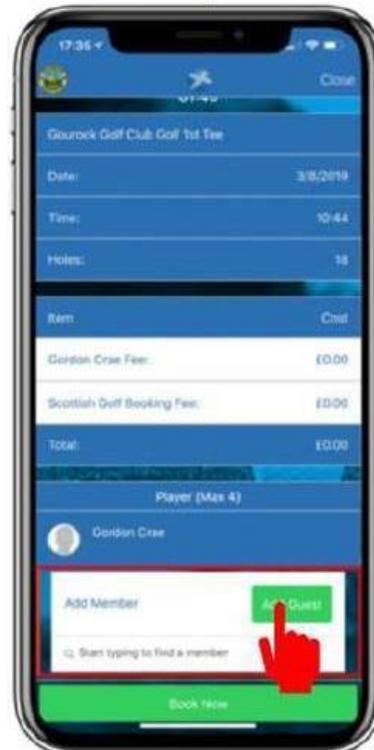


Venue Management System Making a Booking



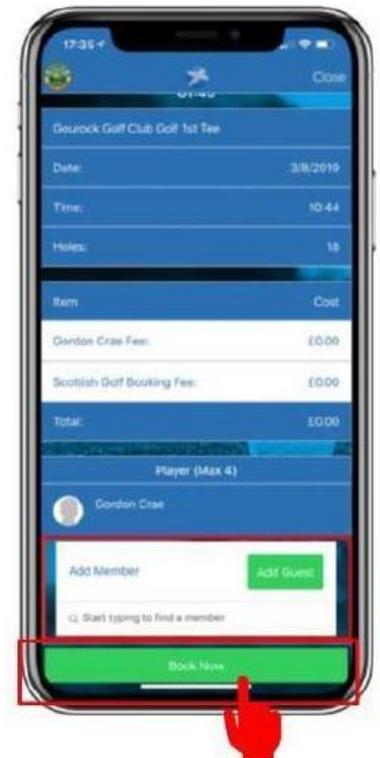
Step 4

Select the time you would like to book.



Step 5

If you would like to add another member or guest you will be able to add at this stage, you can search by member.



Step 6

Finalise the booking by selecting book now. The booking will now be showing in your home screen

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Venue Management System Cancelling a Booking



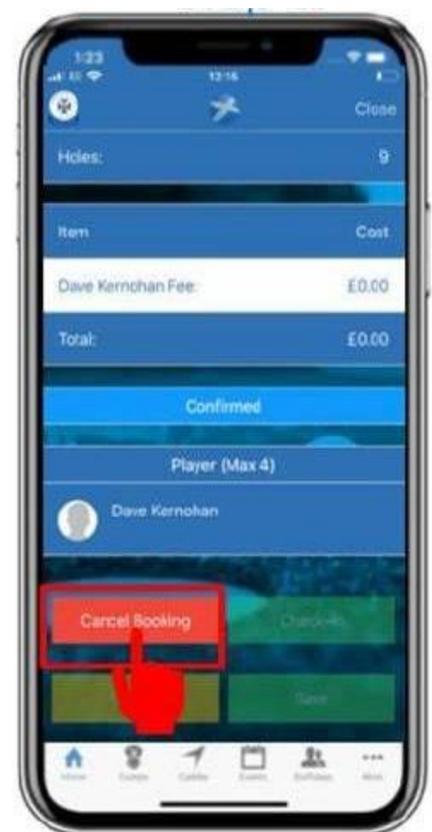
Step 1

Select the booking.



Step 2

Select the tee time you had booked.



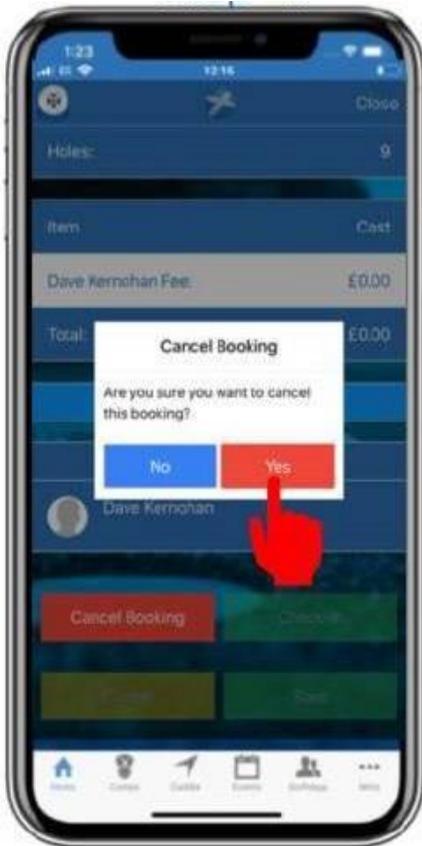
Step 3

Select cancel booking.

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Venue Management System Cancelling a Booking



Step 4

Confirm the cancellation by selecting Yes.

The booking is now cancelled.

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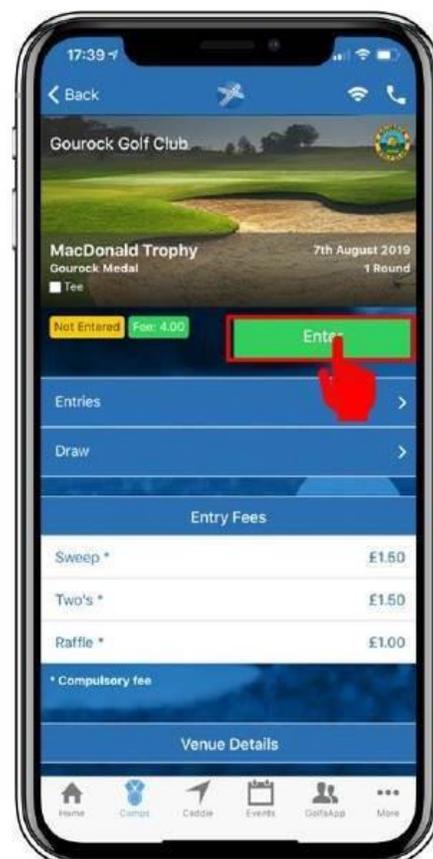
Step 1

Select the “Competitions” tab at the bottom of your App.



Step 2

Select the competition you wish to enter. Note. You can also look up the Open Competitions being hosted by golf clubs around the country as well as any National Events for the year.



Step 3

Once you have selected the competition you wish to enter, you can then confirm your entry by selecting the green “Enter” button. On this page you will find the entry fees applicable for the competition which are payable on the day in Pro-Shop.



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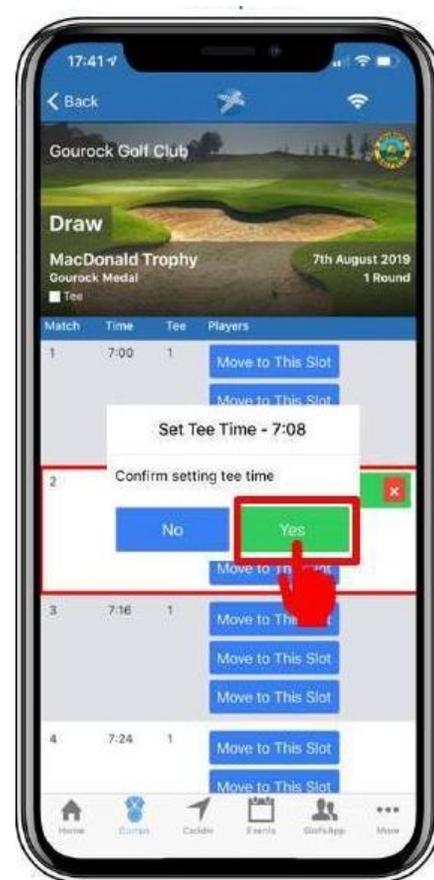
Step 4

Once you have entered the competition, you can then select the tee time you wish to play at. Select the purple “My Tee Time” box which will take you to the competition tee sheet for the day.



Step 5

Select the desired tee time. Note. For competitions, members can only book for themselves and CANNOT add another member(s) to their booking.



Step 6

Confirm the tee time.