



FELTWELL GOLF CLUB

“A COURSE TO BE PROUD OF”

NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO 2019 SEVERAL NEW RULES came into force as of 1st January 2019

There has been a massive overhaul of the Rules of Golf resulting in many new

and amended rules to the game. We have listed below a brief summary of some of these to help you.

1. You can now **drop** the ball from knee height (not shoulder height)
2. Measure the relief area to **drop** in by taking the longest club in your bag (with the exception of a putter)
3. The ball will need only to **drop** in and come to rest within the relief area. If it rolls out of the relief area, drop a second time. If it rolls out again - place the ball where it first touched the ground (not nearer the hole). No re-drop is necessary if the ball accidentally hits a person/object after hitting the ground but before coming to rest in the relief area.
4. When **dropping** back-on-the-line, your ball cannot be played from nearer the hole than your chosen reference point
5. Time to **search** – 3 minutes not 5 minutes
6. If you accidentally move your ball when searching for it, replace it **without penalty**
7. **No penalty** for a double hit – counts as one stroke
8. **No penalty** if your ball hits you or your equipment accidentally after the stroke
9. Flags may remain in the hole whilst putting on the green
10. **No penalty** if your ball strikes the flagstick when you have chosen to leave it in the hole
11. Spike marks and other damage on the putting green may be repaired
12. **No penalty** if your ball is accidentally moved on the putting green – replace ball on original spot
13. **No penalty** if ball is moved by wind (after being lifted, cleaned and replaced) on the putting green - replace ball on original spot
14. Penalty areas replace water hazards and you may remove loose impediments, ground your club and take practice swings in penalty areas **without penalty**
15. You cannot take relief from a **penalty** area unless you are at least 95% certain your ball is in the penalty area

16. You may remove loose impediments in **bunkers**
17. You may **NOT** touch the sand in the **bunker** with your club in the area directly behind, at the side or in front of your ball during your backswing or practice swing. Neither may you touch the sand to assess the condition of the sand
18. Free relief is allowed if your ball is embedded on the fairway or in the rough (embedded means that part of your ball is below the level of the ground)
19. Unplayable ball in a **bunker** – extra option to drop outside the bunker for 2 penalty strokes
20. You cannot have your partner or caddie standing behind you once you begin taking your stance
21. Pace of Play – it is recommended that you take no longer than 40 seconds to make a stroke and Ready Golf is encouraged.

There are more detailed explanations of these and other new rules on the England Golf website under Handicaps and Rules. If you are unsure on any of these or other Rules please chat to Colin Waters, who has attended the course organised by England Golf and is our Rules 'Guru'.

The New Rules are also detailed in 2019 Rule Book, available in the Clubhouse or alternatively (or as well as!) you can purchase the 2019 Golf Rules, Quick Reference booklet – for sale on Amazon for £7.09 (plus £2.50 delivery).

Greenkeepers' Comments



We are sweeping the fairways on a regular basis but there will still be worm casts on the course and we do ask that if you need to clean your trolley wheels after your game, please do this in the long rough and NOT on the Fairways. Many thanks

We are also looking for a Part Time Greenkeeper to help Jason. If you, or you know of anyone, who may be interested in this post please contact Malcolm Fuller on 07831 409538 as soon as possible.



Welcome to Feltwell Golf Club

We have several new members to welcome this month, some of whom took advantage of our 15 for 12 Offer; so please welcome Francis Wootton, Peter Sizer, Ken Bird, John Avory, Will Hampshire, John Cheetham, Ian Law, David Osborne, David Riches, Stuart Bell and not to forget our latest Junior Freddie Harvey. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask any of the Committee, Club Captain (Steve Taylor) or Club Chairman (Malcolm Fuller) or President (Lester Cooper) – they will be only too happy to help.

Results – Gents/Vets Sections

Saturday Medal (20th October)

1 st	Phillip Allen	Net 76
2 nd	Don Redpath	Net 85

Bogey Competition (28th October)

1 st	Lester Cooper	0
2 nd	Gerald Pearce	-1
3 rd	James Boddy	-2

Honda Pairs (4th November)

1 st	Nigel Smith	Net 73
2 nd	Lester Cooper	Net 73
3 rd	Mark Robson	Net 74

Frostbite Trophy (11th November)

1 st	Neil Bunten	38 pts
2 nd	Kevin White	36 pts
3 rd	Len Hopkinson	36 pts

Sunday Medal (25th November)

Division 1

1 st	Jack Sheward	Net 69
2 nd	Luke Sheppard	Net 80
3 rd	Len Hopkinson	Net 77

Division 2

1 st	Dennis Kent	Net 72
2 nd	James Boddy	Net 74
3 rd	Jim Pryer	Net 75

Sunday Medal (16th December)

1 st	Lester Cooper	Net 66
2 nd	Tristan Adams	Net 68
3 rd	Kevin King	Net 74

New Year Stableford (1st January 2019)

1 st	Alfie Lamont	38 pts
2 nd	Samuel Sheppard	33 pts
3 rd	Ian Webb	32 pts

Sunday Medal (6th January)

Division 1

1 st	Luke Sheppard	Net 67
2 nd	Jon Green	Net 70
3 rd	Deon Briston	Net 71

Division 2

1 st	Andrew Smith	Net 70
2 nd	Graham King	Net 71
3 rd	Tristan Adams	Net 72

Vets Section

The Senior Section year ended with our traditional Christmas lunch, prize giving, AGM and Captains Challenge. Carl and his staff provided a first class meal which was greatly appreciated by us all. We ended the year on a high having had a very good year with all our matches and competitions

and are now in the middle of our Winter Alliance matches which are also going very well.

Colin Waters has taken on the role of Captain from Roy Dominey and we wish him every success in his year, we are sure he will be a great Captain.

We are really happy to announce that our numbers have increased substantially, we welcome all our new members and hope they enjoy playing golf at Feltwell. We wish everyone a happy new year and look forward to a great 2019.

Ladies Section

The Ladies AGM has moved to Sunday March 10th and hopefully everyone will let Anita know if they can attend. Also there are sign-up sheets on our board for the Diamond (60+) and Gillieson Knock Outs so please sign up to these as we need a teams of six players for both competitions this year.

Social and Catering

We are looking for a new Caterer, Carl, sadly, is fleeing the UK for warmer climes!! We, of course, are very sad to see Carl go as he has become an integral part of Feltwell Golf Club and he has always been ready to go 'that extra mile' to help the Club.

If you know of anyone who may be interested in this position please can you contact Malcolm Fuller on 07831 409538 as soon as possible for more details. The Club has become renowned for its catering over the past few years and this could be a golden opportunity for someone.

Thursday Night Quizzes are back after a Christmas break and the first one for this year will be held on 24th January with February's on Thursday 28th. Same format as before, food will be available from 6pm and the quiz will start at 7.30pm, book your table now with Carl. Raffle prizes are always very gratefully received too.

FELTWELL GOLF CLUB AGM

Wednesday 13th March –at 7.30pm

This is your opportunity for you to have your say. If you would like to stand for Committee this year please let Kim know as soon as possible, we always welcome new ideas and input from our members and in particular we have vacancies this year for Club Vice Captain and Club President and always welcome more members onto the Main Committee. If you have thoughts on how we can take our Club forward and be more prominent in the County and beyond, do let us know.

9 Hole Golf is being encouraged more and more by England Golf, supported by the R&A, in the guise of Express Golf –and we are perfectly placed to benefit from this initiative.

The good name of Feltwell Golf Club is growing within the County and we need to take advantage of this to not only bring new members to the Club but also to encourage more County events to be hosted here, at our Club.