



## **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Like many sports, golf can be a dangerous game and there are many associated hazards. Players are expected, at all times, to be aware of danger to themselves and others. This guide aims to reduce the risk from the hazards by drawing attention to the following simple control measures, which aim to promote a safety culture for the benefit of all of us.

Players of Saltford Golf Club have a personal responsibility to follow this common sense guidance. Members should familiarise themselves with this information which is displayed in the starter's hut and the club website.

### **GREENS STAFF**

The greens staff have priority on the course. Exercise patience and allow the greens staff to finish their work task or wait until the greens staff call you through before continuing play

Keep away from any equipment and machinery the greens staff are using.

### **GOLF EQUIPMENT**

If and when swinging a golf club be aware of the position of others and ensure they maintain a safe distance at all times

Never play until those in front of you are out of range

Never play if you feel others are encroaching on your line of your intended shot. Always ensure they move to a safer position before playing.

Always shout "FORE" to warn others of stray shots heading in their direction

On hearing the shout "FORE" take evasive action by turning away from the direction of the shout and by covering your face and head with your arms

An air-compressor is provided for players to clean their shoes and trolleys. Do not point the airguns at other players. Enter and exit the metal grid with care

There is a separate Buggy Policy. Players who use their own 'ROV' or hire from the club must be aware of this policy

### **BLIND SHOTS**

There are a number of blind shots on the course; namely. 3<sup>rd</sup>, summer 7<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> valley holes and 15<sup>th</sup> hole.

Players should not tee off on holes 3 and 16 until they hear the bell.

There is a look out tower on holes 15 and 6. If in doubt use these.

Please take note of safety signage displayed around the course

The hole numbers refer to the summer course, on the winter course these holes are 3, 8, 13, 17 and 16.

## **THE COURSE ENVIRONS**

The course has uneven ground, slopes, ditches, a pond, a stream and pop-up sprinkler heads.

Always use an available paths. Do not take apparent shortcuts.

When walking on an incline take the flattest route possible

Use flat entrances and exists on tees, greens and bunkers.

Be aware of sprinkler heads and stand clear of them

## **WEATHER CONDITIONS**

It is the club's policy to keep the course open whenever possible, however, there will be times when the course will be closed due to inclement weather or dangerous ground conditions. Players must adhere to all course instructions and notices displayed on the starter's hut or instruction from the professional staff.

FOG – The course will be closed by either members of the greens staff or the professionals if the trees at 200 yards from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee cannot be seen. Should fog come down during a round then players should abandon their round if they cannot see the green when attempting their approach shot or if the players in front cannot be seen but are within range.

LIGHTENING – If there is lightening in the area the professionals will sound an air-horn. On hearing the air-horn players must leave the course immediately. If it is considered to dangerous to leave the course do not stand under trees, do not continue playing, do not use a mobile phone nor an umbrella. Do not swing a golf club.

STRONG WINDS – The course will be closed if debris is falling from trees. Should debris start falling from trees during the round then players should abandon play and leave the course

## **EMERGENCIES**

The club telephone number is 01225 873513.

The post code is BS31 3AA

A defibrillator is available in the foyer of the clubhouse. Contact the clubhouse, if it is required. You dial 999, send someone to meet the ambulance so crews can be directed to the correct location. If it is safe for the patient they will be taken to the clubhouse.

## **ACCIDENTS**

Please report all accidents and incidents to the Professional shop. if closed then the clubhouse. Enter into the accident book. All accidents and incidents will be investigated by the director responsible.