



# Portmahomack (Tarbat) Golf Club – Overview and Membership Information (November 2025)

## Club Overview

Established in 1909, Portmahomack (Tarbat) Golf Club is proudly managed by a dedicated volunteer committee on behalf of its members. The club operates on a fully member-owned basis, with all golf course land and buildings belonging to the club and its members. The 2025 season has seen a record-breaking membership, with 192 members across all categories.

## Current Club Volunteer Committee Members

Sanders More: Club Captain

Margeret Joyce: Lady Captain

Sharon Mitchell: Treasurer

Vickie Schleter: Secretary

John Godsman: Greens Convenor

Committee Members; Dane Sutherland, Andrew Bridgeford, Ray Ellis, Heather McRae, Harry Corbett

## Course Details

The course comprises of 10 holes. For the Gents Medal, there are two different tees for each hole: White tees for the outward nine and blue tees for the return, except for holes 7 and 16, which are distinct holes with separate tees and greens. In addition we have Yellow and Red T/s that all may be used in the competition season for general play scores.

## Membership and Green Fees

The full membership fee for 2025 was £320, and it is proposed that this remains unchanged for 2026, staying at £320. During winter months reduced rates may be offered to encourage new players to join, with the intention of them becoming full members. As soon as a membership is accepted by the club, the new member is allocated a CDH number if one has not previously been held. This number is also called a membership number by Scottish Golf.

Full Green fees are typically charged from April to October to align with the six-month playing and competition season. Green Fees are reduced to Winter Rates at the end of October until the start of the new season at the beginning of April.

Group Green Fee rates are available.

Overseas Members have the same playing rights as UK based members. Overseas membership is currently £190 and is recommended to increase to £200 at the start of the next playing season.

## Clubhouse Facilities

The clubhouse is equipped with a functional kitchen and a bar, providing seating for up to 40 people. It is open to both members and non-members for food and beverage refreshments. Members enjoy a 10% discount on food purchases, although this does not apply to bar purchases.

## Reciprocal Arrangements

Membership at Portmahomack Golf Club grants access to 22 other Highland golf clubs at significantly reduced rates for up to three rounds per calendar year. Notable clubs include Royal Dornoch (Struie Course), Brora, Golspie, Tain, and Nairn Championship (Cameron 9-hole course). Reciprocal rates vary, with nine-hole courses generally charging £15 – Brora (and Struie) being the most expensive at £30. For the 2026 season, a rise in reciprocal rates is anticipated, though specific figures are not yet confirmed. Portmahomack proposes increasing the rate for visiting golfers from reciprocal clubs from £15 to £20. To use Reciprocal on the larger more popular courses booking in advance is highly recommended Struie for example require 1 week's notification in advance.

## Member Concessions

Each member receives six concession vouchers per playing season, allowing them to bring family and visitors to play at a reduced rate. The concession rate is £10 per round for 2025 and is proposed to increase to £15 for 2026.

## Insurance

All members who renew their membership before the end of May each season benefit from worldwide personal third-party liability golf insurance cover provided by the club. (GOLF GUARD Insurance)

NOTE. Insurance cover DOES NOT Cover under 7 and over 89

## Gents Section

Gents club competitions are typically held on Saturday mornings, reserved tee times between 08:00 and 11:00. Players register for competitions and book a tee-time through the Scottish Golf app or club website, which is accessible to all members. Tee times are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis, and no member has an automatic right to a tee time without a reservation via the club website or the app.

Entry to weekly competitions costs £2.50, with £2 allocated to the club for prize giving and trophy engraving, and £0.50 going into a sweep that is awarded each week to first and second place. The size of the sweep prizes depends on the number of participants.

The season also includes a variety of open competitions, which are available to any golfer holding a membership (CDH) number and registered with a UK golf course. Overseas visitors with proof of playing handicap are also welcome. These open competitions help generate additional income for the club. To register/enter for our Opens click on the Open Competition entry on club website and click the link on the appropriate competition poster.

Upon annual membership renewal ALL members shall receive an electronic copy of the current season golf fixtures, there are separate fixture lists for the Gents and Ladies Sections.

## Gents Seniors

Seniors' days are held every Tuesday and Thursday for members aged 55 and over. On Tuesdays, the format is a scramble, with all participants gathering at 09:00 for a 09:30 tee-off to play 10 holes. There is no booking system, and playing groups are drawn at random based on attendance. The nominal fee of £1 covers refreshments such as tea, coffee, biscuits, and milk, with any surplus funding a simple buffet twice a year. Thursdays feature a Stableford format (10 holes) and scores are recorded weekly, contributing to the annual seniors' prize giving, which coincides with the end-of-season buffet. It's just for fun and new members are more than welcome to join in.

## Ladies Section

Ladies' club competitions are held on Wednesdays, with the tee reserved from 10am to 11am, if required, other tee-times may be booked in the evening. There is an "alternative" day of Sunday

for ladies' club competitions. Players register for competitions on the Scottish golf app or club website. A draw is made in advance of play.

In the winter months the ladies play 12 holes Stableford format on a Wednesday starting at 10am. A Winter Eclectic and a Stableford 18-hole competition is also held on Saturday or Sundays. Draws are held for all competitions. After play, the ladies gather in the clubhouse to enjoy café refreshments provided by the franchisee, Lisa.

## Winter Golf

Following the main playing season (April to October), the winter league is open to all playing members with a club handicap. The league uses the Stableford format and runs from October, after the closing scramble, to the end of March, just before the opening scramble of the new season. Play on either Saturday or Sunday, tee-times can be booked on either the Scottish golf app or the club website. Entry fees match those of the summer competitions (£2.50, with £2 for club vouchers and income, and £0.50 for the weekly sweep).

The winter league comprises three ongoing competitions: League Winner, Scratch Eclectic (Ringer) Winner, and Handicap Eclectic (Ringer) Winner.

**Note** The course is not rated during the winter season, so scores cannot be submitted for handicap purposes. Bunkers are not in play, and preferred lies are permitted from the end of October to the end of March. All golfers must tee off from the winter mats on every hole except 3 and 6, which have winter-specific tees. Players are responsible for repairing their own pitch marks-

## How to register with Scottish Golf

To book tee-times at the club, enter competitions, submit scores and monitor your handicap index you will need to register with Scottish Golf. Once registered you can either download the Scottish Golf app or access members area through our club website.

**Step one** – Go to the Scottish Golf Website, hit the golfer login button on the top right of the page; Scroll to the bottom of page look for New to Scottish Golf and press the sign up here link.

**Step two** – Enter your membership (CDH) number. A verification code will be sent to the email address that you provided to the golf club on your membership application form. Create a password after checking information is all correct.

**Step three** – My Scottish Golf App can be downloaded from the Apple App store or Google Play. Log into the app with your membership (CDH) number and the password you created. You can also log in through the member login link on the Portmahomack Club website with your membership number and password to access tee-booking, enter competitions and access your handicap record.

## Social Media links

Ongoing club information and events can normally be found on the Golf Club website.  
<https://portmahomackgolfclub.com> or the Golf club Face Book page (Portmahomack golf club)

With regards,

Club Captain

Sanders More