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THE CLUB HOUSE.

## Marsden Golf Club

The enthusiasm for outdoor sports which characterizes Yorkshire to-day finds one outlet in an increasing devotion to golf. On the fringes of the industrial towns, equally with those of residential character, new courses make their appearance, and backed by keen memberships, attain a popularity and degree of excellence which augur well for the continued prosperity of the game in this part of the world.

But, to quote *Bulger of The Huddersfield Examiner*, "is there any other village of under six thousand inhabitants that can boast such facilities for sport as those possessed by Marsden? A fine cricket ground, tennis courts, a bowling green, a football field in course of construction and a nine-hole golf course."

These pleasant things were brought into being as the result of an ambitious recreation scheme, fostered by the splendid generosity of a prominent local gentleman, supported by friends. Having bought the necessary land and constructed the links, he handed them over to the members, and so, in November 1920, the Marsden Golf Club came officially into existence. With the other sports clubs it is directed by a trust, but, like them, is run entirely as a separate Club, responsible for its full management and having its own officers and committee.

The links are splendidly situated on the edge of the Yorkshire Moors, being laid out indeed on

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old moorland, at the end of a local beauty spot named Wessenden Valley. The visitor to these breezy acres is privileged to enjoy most inspiring views of the surrounding moors and hills, while the invigorating air puts him in the humour to enjoy to the full the sporting and scenic attributes of the course.

Marsden does not suffer from inaccessibility inasmuch as a good service of cars renders Huddersfield, 7 miles away, easily reachable, while the main railway line from Manchester to Leeds passes within a mile and a half of the links.

### THE CLUB HOUSE.

"There cannot be many clubs of its size in the whole country so well off in this respect," says *Bulger*. It is an old farmhouse, reconstructed to provide all the accommodation needed by an up-to-date club.

As a golf-house it is admirably planned. The wide glazed verandah which runs along two of its sides could accomodate 150 people or more in absolute comfort, and the prospect which it commands over the course and neighbouring moorland makes it ideal as a rendezvous for players. Locker and dressing room accommodation is ample.

A Steward and Stewardess are always in attendance, and members and visitors can rely upon every attention to their comfort. Meals are served in the verandah. Heating and ventilation have been well done, and, as a visitor commented after the 1925 presentation dinner, the room never becomes too hot or uncomfortably stuffy, even when pretty well filled all the evening.



INTERIOR  
OF  
CLUB HOUSE.

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## THE COURSE.

Attention has not been lavished on the construction of the 19th hole to the detriment of the course proper. The character of the original site made it eminently suitable for its purpose, given experienced designing and conscientious constructional work. The first was found in the scheme evolved by Dr. Mackenzie, the prominent golf architect, who originally planned the course; and his design was faithfully interpreted under the supervision of Mr. Peter McEwen, professional at the neighbouring Fixby Club, and Mr. A. L. Woodhead, the well-known Yorkshire amateur player.

The result of their works is a course which, if unexceptional as regards length—5054 yards, certainly provides a game full of constant interest, an end to which the sporting nature of the ground is a powerful accessory.

Visiting the course a year or two after its completion, Mr. Woodhead wrote, "Both Peter McEwen, who had most to do with its laying out, and I were well pleased with the way the course had panned out. It was a wet day, and the course was heavy, but it gave evidence of the possibility of many interesting shots, and although there are considerable difficulties to be overcome, they are of the kind which mete out punishment with an even hand, and good or bad fortune does not play an unduly heavy part in the distribution of rewards."

The following short description of the holes will give an idea of the principal features encountered in the course of the round.



CORNER  
OF  
LADIES'  
ROOM.

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## PLAY—HOLE TO HOLE.

**No. 1. (270 yards, Bogey 4).** The average player usually plays the first as a dog-leg. Proximity to Mount Road points the moral of a careful choice of line and an accurate drive, for a sliced ball is soon out of bounds, in the road. The pitch too must be carefully played to avoid the bunkers with which the green is well guarded, while a penalty stroke is exacted for the over-strong ball, which will find the ditch and the wall running down the far side of the green.

**No. 2. (387 yards, Bogey 5).** This is a long sporting hole, and through the natural difficulty of the ground, two well played shots and an approach are necessary to reach the green. Care must be taken with the approach, for the green, of the basin type, is well bunkered on the bottom side, and that is where the slope of the ground is likely to carry one's ball.

**No. 3. (160 yards, Bogey 3).** Crossing the road, the 3rd tee is found hard by the 9th. It is a short hole but difficulties seem to the nervous player to be in inverse ratio to its length. As a beginning the approach to the green is guarded by a tree and a barn, well over which the drive must carry to secure the requisite three. And if, affrighted by these hazards, the player pulls or slices, he is badly penalized.

**No. 4. (360 yards, Bogey 5).** Here again extreme care is enjoined if one is to get a Bogey. The course is uphill right from the tee, and two good shots must be followed by a pitch through a narrow approach to the green. On the left yawns a ravine, a repository for a pulled drive or a badly topped one.



ON No. 2  
GREEN.

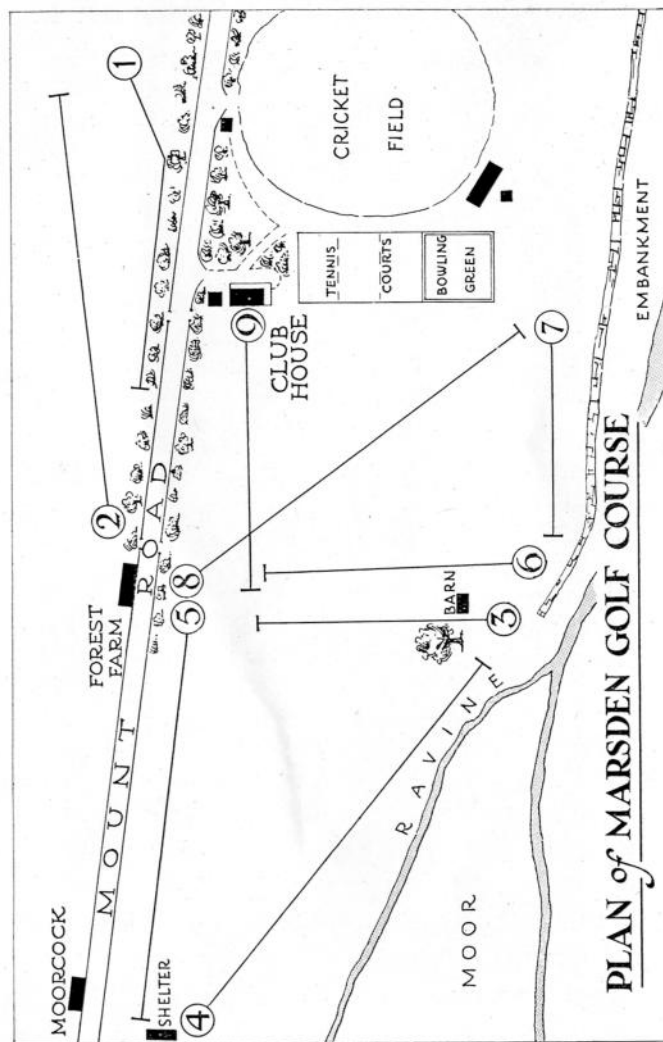
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### LENGTH AND BOGEY OF THE COURSE.

<i>Hole.</i>	<i>Yards.</i>	<i>Bogey.</i>	<i>Hole.</i>	<i>Yards.</i>	<i>Bogey.</i>
1	270	4	10	270	4
2	387	5	11	387	5
3	160	3	12	160	3
4	360	5	13	360	5
5	327	4	14	327	4
6	204	4	15	204	4
7	200	3	16	200	3
8	359	5	17	359	5
9	260	4	18	260	4
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Holes at which Strokes are to be Taken :

Stroke	Stroke Allowance	Handicap Difference	Singles	Foursomes
1	at 2	1	1	0
2	" 2	2	2	1
3	" 2	3	3	2
4	" 2	4	4	3
5	" 2	5	5	4
6	" 2	6	6	5
7	" 2	7	7	6
8	" 2	8	8	7
9	" 1	9	9	8
10	" 1	10	10	9
11	" 1	11	11	10
12	" 1	12	12	11
13	" 1	13	13	12
14	" 1	14	14	13
15	" 1	15	15	14
16	" 1	16	16	15
17	" 1	17	17	16
18	" 1	18	18	17



## LIST OF COMPETITIONS AND TROPHIES.

### Gentlemen's Section.

"*Founders' Cup*." Presented by J. E. Crowther, Esq. Played for in July and August. Match play throughout.

"*Aspinwall Cup*." Presented by Drs. J. F. and G. R. Aspinwall. Played for in June. Best eight cards to qualify on 18 holes stroke, to play off on match play.

Prizes by the Captain and Vice-President for the year are also played for over 36 holes stroke.

Medal Competitions played on the first Saturday of each month—18 holes stroke and bogey alternately.

### Ladies' Section.

"*Crowther Bowl*." Presented by J. E. Crowther, Esq. Played for in July and August, best eight cards to qualify and play off on match play.

"*Eastwood Vases*." Presented by Mr. and Mrs. F. Eastwood. Played for June. Match play throughout.

Prizes by the Captain and other Lady Members also played for during the season.

Monthly Spoon Competitions played on the second Saturday of each month.

Mixed Foursomes on dates arranged.



No. 9 GREEN WITH CLUB HOUSE AND LOCKER ROOMS IN BACKGROUND.

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## LOCAL RULES AND PENALTIES.

**Hole No. 1.**—If a ball overrun the Green against the wall, it may be picked out not more than one club length from the wall, and placed in a line with the hole, with a penalty of one stroke.

Mount Road and the land on the North Side is out of bounds.

**Hole No. 3.**—A ball played against the wall of the barn can be taken back any distance and dropped, with a loss of one stroke.

**Hole No. 4.**—A ball played into the bottom of the Ravine should be treated as being out of bounds.

**Hole No. 5.**—Mount Road is out of bounds.

**Hole No. 7.**—Reservoir Embankment is out of bounds.

**Hole No. 9.**—Any ball lying within twelve inches of the wall of Hemplow House may be lifted and dropped not nearer the hole, with a loss of one stroke.

1.—Any ball lying within eighteen inches of any Boundary Wall running parallel with the hole may be lifted and dropped one club length away from the wall, but not nearer the hole, with the penalty of one stroke.

A ball played into any shrubbery or plantation must be lifted and dropped of club length away, but not nearer the hole, with a loss of one stroke.

2.—If a ball lie in any ditch, grip, well or drain, it may be lifted and dropped behind, with a penalty of one stroke.

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A ball resting on the Green other than the one played for shall be dropped without penalty behind the Green, the player keeping the spot from which the ball was lifted in a line between himself and the hole he is playing for.

3.—The penalty for a ball played out of bounds shall be loss of distance only without a penalty stroke being added.

4.—At holes Nos. 3 and 7 no party shall play their tee shots until the party in front has holed out; and no party shall approach any Green until the party in front has left the Green. Players must leave the Green before marking cards.

Members must use every possible care while playing on the Links to avoid any injury to other players, caddies or cattle, or to any person passing along the roads or footpaths near or through the course.

5.—All footpaths, lanes and bare places are hazards, and the Club must not be grounded when addressing the ball.

6.—Three-ball and four-ball matches, or a single player, have no standing, and when pressed it is the duty of the players taking part in such a match to signal to the party behind to play through. If they fail in this duty the party behind shall be considered in order if they play after giving the usual warning.

7.—Players missing any part of the usual course, and players commencing a round at any other than No. 1 tee shall allow any party who are playing the proper round to pass them on request being made.

8.—All competitions should start from No. 1 tee.

## FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.

### Entrance Fees :

Gentlemen (Marsden Residents) ..	£1	1	0
(Non-Residents) .. ..	£2	2	0
Ladies - (Marsden Residents) ..	10	6	
(Non-Residents) .. ..	£1	1	0
Juvenile Members, up to 18 years of age	10	6	
Non-playing Members .. ..	Nil.		

### Annual Subscriptions :

Gentlemen .. .. .	£1	11	6
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## ETIQUETTE OF GOLF.

1.—A single player or three-ball match has no standing, and must always give way to a properly constituted match.

2.—No player, caddie or onlooker should move or talk during a stroke.

3.—No player should play from the tee until the party in front *have played their second strokes and are out of range, nor play up to the Putting Green till the party in front have holed out and moved away.*

4.—The player who leads from the tee should be allowed to play before his opponent tees his ball.

5.—Players who have holed out should not try their putts over again when other players are following them.

6.—Players looking for a lost ball must allow other matches coming up to pass them. They should signal to the players who are following them to pass, and having given such a signal, they should not continue their play until these players have passed, and are out of reach.

7.—If a match fail to keep its place on the Green, and lose in distance one clear hole on those in front, it may be passed on request being made.

8.—Turf cut or displaced by a stroke should at once *be replaced* and pressed down with the foot.

9.—A player should carefully fill up all holes made by himself in a bunker.

10.—It is the duty of an umpire or referee to take cognizance of any breach of rule that he may observe, whether he be appealed to or not on this point.

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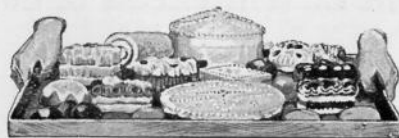


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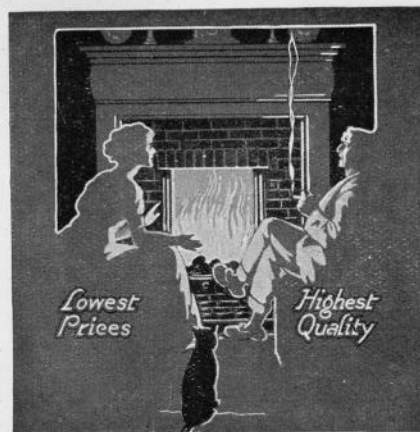
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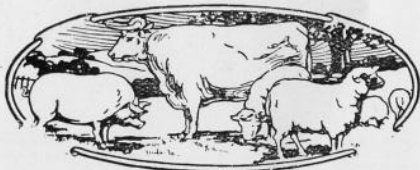
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