

# GPW Recruitment Golf Day Houghwood Golf Club Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2010

**Location:** Houghwood Golf Club, Billinge Hill, Crank Road, St Helens, WA11 8RL

## Timetable

**11.45–12.15 - Arrive for Coffee/Tea and Bacon Rolls & Chips**

**13.00 - Two Tee Start (1<sup>st</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>), 18 Holes Golf with use of Buggies**

**19.30 - 3 Course Meal with Coffee in Fairways Restaurant**

**20.30 - Team and Individual Prize Presentation**

The dress code will be golf casual throughout the day, however there is a changing facility within the complex should you require it.

On arrival please report to the spike bar within the main clubhouse, register your team and collect your team score cards, format for the event and local rules of the Golf Course.

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact GPW on 0845 330 3999.

Should you need to contact a GPW representative outside of normal office hours please contact either Chris Wright – 07979476278 or David Carr - 07872143173

### History of the course

Local farmers Peter Turner, Richard and Trish Valentine agreed that Billinge Hill overlooking the Lancashire Plain provided an ideal location for a new eighteen hole golf course. The idea had germinated during one hot Spanish afternoon, fuelled by two bottles of wine, whilst overlooking a very impressive Gary Player designed course.

The early 1990's were spent carefully researching and planning the exciting new venture, and seeking the necessary planning permission. The attractiveness of the scheme led to local Golf Professional David Clarke joining the team.

Work started during 1994 with membership applications flooding in.

The challenging parkland course opened in May 1996 from humble beginnings with the pro shop operating from a portacabin on an unmade car park reached by a dirt track through a farmyard. Later that same year the splendid two storey, stone built clubhouse with spike bar, changing rooms, pro shop and public restaurant opened offering a warm welcome to members and visitors alike.

### Simple Advice:

## Houghwood Hole By Hole



1. Dog leg left, keep your tee shot left, as 2nd shot has to carry to the green
2. Nice opening par 3 but beware wind from left around green
3. Tough but short par 4, out of bounds left and right, large Mackenzie green
4. Mid iron par 3, keep away from right bunkers!
5. Testing par 4 with ditch 90 yards out. 2nd shot needs to be long enough to carry approach
6. Nice tee shot down hill leaves short iron, all danger visible

7. Dog left right, temptation for long hitter to cut corner but green has subtle breaks
8. Mid to long iron par 3 over water - nothing for short!
9. Long par 4 needing two well struck shots to reach large green
10. Good par 3, keep tee shot left to avoid danger
11. 535yard par 5 plays its length. Beware 2nd shot as wind usually takes you to out of bounds
12. Feature hole - Short par 4 down hill - your Sunday best can reach? Beware cluster of pot bunkers
13. 2nd par 5, reach the ditch in two then good wedge to large raised green
14. Short par 4 but very testing green, good tee shot essential
15. Hardest hole, tee shot needs to reach marker post to have any chance of par
16. Great par 3, depending on direction of wind club selection is from 2 iron to wedge
17. Card wrecker par 5, dog leg left, keep 2nd shot to left to give any chance of par
18. The uphill par 4 plays longer than the yardage. Remember long left side tee shot to see approach shot home.