A Leather Golf Diary

USER MANUAL



Rounds, memories and the story of your golf

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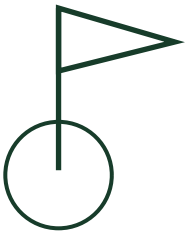
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Welcome to Your Golf Diary

A Leather Golf Diary brings together the practical details of a round and the memories that make it worth keeping. Use it on the course for scoring, afterwards for reflection, and between rounds for notes, photographs, sketches and progress.



Open the leather cover
Tap the cover to enter. The dashboard is the inside cover of your diary and the starting point for every feature.



Prepare once, then play
Set your Home Course first. Today's Round will begin with those course and hole details already in place.



Keep both kinds of memory
Round memories belong with saved scorecards. The Diary is your everyday journal, with a wooden tee sketch and the current moon phase at the top.

What is on the dashboard

Diary Everyday dated journal pages	**Today's Round** Course, weather, handicap and scoring
Home Course Your regular course and scorecard	**Scorecards** Saved rounds, memories and statistics
My Progress Score history drawn round by round	**Export PDF** A readable copy of your golf diary
Course Notes A reminder for every hole	**Thoughts** Pinned notes, photographs and sketches

BEFORE YOUR FIRST ROUND

Set up Your Home Course

From the dashboard, choose **Home Course**. You can find a course online, choose one of the supplied examples, or build the course yourself.

1 **Choose or enter the course**
Enter the course name, location and tee colour/name. If imported tee sets are available, choose one and the app fills the matching par, holes, yardages, Course Rating and Slope Rating.

2 **Choose 9 or 18 holes**
Set the course par and number of holes. The scorecard builder follows your choice.

3 **Check each hole**
Open each hole to set par, stroke index, yardage and a personal note. Stroke index can be left as ‘Not supplied’.

4 **Add character**
Optionally choose a course photograph or draw a course sketch. The app keeps the original photograph and displays an artistic version.

5 **Save**
Tap Save at the top. This course now becomes the default for Today's Round.

Keeper's tip
Review the tee and hole details before your first round. Imported course data can vary, and the card in your hand or the club's official information should remain your reference.

Course Notes

Use **Course Notes** for short, durable reminders: club choice, safe miss, green slope or where trouble waits. There is one note for each of 18 holes; tap Save when finished.

ON THE FIRST TEE

Start Today's Round

Choose **Today's Round** from the dashboard. Confirm the details before you begin scoring.

Round details	Course choice
Set the date, tee time, course, tee colour, playing partners and format. Formats include Stroke play, Stableford, Match play and Casual round.	Use Sandford Springs, The Oxfordshire or My Home Course. You can still edit the course and tee text for this round.

Course weather

Today's Round is the place for course weather. The app requests your current location and shows the current condition, temperature, wind and today's range when available. Tap **Refresh Live Weather** to update it. Manual weather and wind fields remain available if live weather cannot be fetched or you want to record what it felt like on the course.

Keeper's tip
The ordinary Diary page does not duplicate weather. Its header now shows a wooden tee sketch and a small moon sketch with the phase and illumination, for example ‘Waning Gibbous 80%’.

Handicap entry - including plus golfers

Enter your Handicap Index exactly as you use it. Scratch is **0**. Plus handicaps are stored internally as negative numbers:

Golfer	Enter
Scratch	0
Plus 1	-1
Plus 2.5	-2.5
Plus 4	-4

Turn on **Calculate handicap helper** if you want personal-reference Course Handicap and Playing Handicap figures. Enter Course Rating, Slope Rating and allowance, then tap **Use These Figures**.

Important
The handicap helper is not an official WHS calculation or submission. Your club, MyEG or iGolf remains the authority.

HOLE BY HOLE

Score the round

Tap **Begin Scoring**. The live scorecard opens with a page for each hole and a traditional card beneath the scoring data.

1

Enter the score

For the current hole, record strokes and putts. The score begins at par so you can adjust it quickly.

2

Add playing detail

Mark fairway hit and green in regulation when appropriate. Add a short hole note if something is worth remembering.

3

Move through the card

Use the hole controls to work through the round. The summary keeps score, par and handicap details together.

4

Review before saving

At the end choose Review and Save Round. This opens the Round Diary Page rather than saving immediately.

Finish the round memory

Record the best hole, worst hole and your reflections. You can add a photograph and a pinned sketch. Tap **Save** to place the complete round in Scorecards and update My Progress.

Keeper's tip
A brief note written while the round is fresh is often more useful than a perfect account written days later: one good swing, one decision to change, and one thing you enjoyed.



AFTER THE ROUND

Scorecards and MY Progress

Choose **Scorecards** to revisit saved rounds and see your developing record.

At a glance	Round Diary
Rounds played, best and average score, best and average to par, average putts, fairways hit, greens in regulation and most-played course.	Open any saved round to see its date, course, tee, weather, wind, format, Handicap Index, score to par, putts, written memory, photograph, sketch and traditional scorecard.

Personal Handicap

The Handicap Index field at the top of Scorecards is your saved personal reference. It accepts punctuation and minus signs, so plus golfers can enter values such as **-2.5** without the value being clamped to zero.

Today's selected course

Open the prepared course card from Scorecards to check the home course layout before choosing Today's Round.

My Progress

My Progress draws your recorded totals round by round. You can set a personal target score and keep a progress note. This is your own performance record, not an official Handicap Index.

Keeper's tip
Statistics become more meaningful when you record putts, fairways and greens consistently. If you do not track a measure for a round, treat the percentage cautiously.

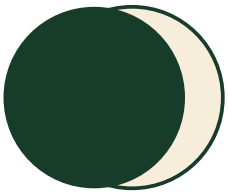
BEYOND THE SCORECARD

your everyday Diary

The **Diary** opens dated journal pages for anything you want to remember, on or off the course. The page is separate from the Round Diary attached to a scorecard.



Wooden tee sketch
The former diary weather panel has been replaced by a simple hand-drawn tee. Course weather remains where it belongs: Today's Round.



Moon phase
The top-right shows only a small phase-shaped moon and a line such as ‘Waning Gibbous 80%’. Crescents, quarters and gibbous phases use distinct shapes and there is no surrounding card.

Writing and page tools

Write directly on the page in your chosen diary hand. The diary also supports photographs or sketches, reading the page aloud, calendar navigation, proofreading and the usual save/close flow. Moon and astronomical details follow the selected page date.

Keeper's tip
Round Diary is best for the story of one game. The everyday Diary is best for the wider day: travel, company, clubhouse moments, thoughts and everything around the golf.

KEEP WHAT MATTERS

Thoughts, photographs and sketches

Choose **Thoughts** for short notes that do not belong to one particular round. Tap the plus button to create a pinned thought.

1

Write a thought

Use the large text area for an idea, lesson, equipment reminder, course wish or memorable line.

2

Add a photograph

Choose a photograph from your library. The app keeps the original and prepares an artistic version for the diary.

3

Pin a sketch

Open the PencilKit canvas, draw with finger or Apple Pencil, and tap Pin. Reopen a thought later to edit its words or sketch.

Photographs also appear in

Home Course

Add an optional course photograph or a hand-drawn course sketch.

Round memory

Add a photograph and sketch while reviewing the round, before tapping Save.

Keeper's tip

The app keeps photographs and sketches as part of your personal diary. Choose images you are comfortable storing with the app's local data and any enabled device backup or sync.

MAKE IT YOURS

Covers and PDF export

Choose **Covers** at the bottom of the dashboard to change the leather style. Available designs include Classic Green, Tan Clubhouse, Navy Captain's Card, Weathered Fairway and softer pastel leather colours.

Export PDF

Choose **Export PDF** when you want a readable copy outside the app. The export is intended as a keepsake or reference copy of the Golf Diary. Follow the on-screen sharing options to save or send it using iOS.

Before exporting	After exporting
Save the latest round and check that its memory, photograph and sketch appear correctly in Scorecards.	Open the PDF once and check the first and last pages. Keep a copy in Files or your normal document backup location.

Help and About

The dashboard's **Help** button contains a compact in-app reminder for core tasks. **About** explains the diary's independent status and the limits of its handicap helper.

Keeper's tip
A Leather Golf Diary is an independent personal diary and score-recording tool. It is not affiliated with a golf club, course, governing body, handicap authority or professional tour.



ONE PAGE TO KEEP

Quick reference

Start a round	Dashboard > Today's Round > confirm details > Begin Scoring
Record live weather	Today's Round > Use Current Location Weather or Refresh Live Weather
Enter plus 2.5	Type -2.5 in Handicap Index
Save a completed round	Review and Save Round > finish the Round Diary Page > Save
See old rounds	Dashboard > Scorecards > choose a round
Review trends	Dashboard > My Progress
Edit the regular course	Dashboard > Home Course > Save
Keep hole reminders	Dashboard > Course Notes > Save
Write a general note	Dashboard > Thoughts > plus button > Save
Write an everyday entry	Dashboard > Diary
Change the leather	Dashboard > Covers
Make a shareable copy	Dashboard > Export PDF

If something does not look right

First return to the dashboard and reopen the feature. For course or scorecard details, check Home Course and the chosen tee. For live weather, confirm location permission and use the manual fields if needed. For handicap entry, remember that plus values use a minus sign.

Keeper's tip
The safest habit is simple: finish and save the round before changing course details or beginning another one.

Enjoy the round — and keep the part the scorecard cannot tell.