



# CHESHAM AND LEY HILL GOLF CLUB

## PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

Our membership pack has been designed to help you decide to join our great club with such a picturesque golf course.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Membership Team by either calling Anne on 07703 184268 or Richard on 07711 866143 or email [membershipadmin@cheshamgolf.co.uk](mailto:membershipadmin@cheshamgolf.co.uk) who will be delighted to assist you with your enquiry.

### **Benefits of becoming a member**

Benefits of joining the club are:

- Play free, any time, no booking required
- Join our regular roll-up groups play every day
- Gain an official handicap
- Enter club competitions and play in club matches against other golf clubs
- Free reciprocal golf at other local clubs
- Discounted green fees if you bring a visitor
- Discounted green fees at other [Berks, Bucks and Oxon Golf Clubs](#)
- Full use of clubhouse facilities including 10% off food and drink
- Participate in club social events
- Make new friends
- Enjoy the variety of Social Events held throughout the year
- No tee booking required.

### **Membership Categories and Prices**

We have a range of membership categories for all ages. For new Members joining part way through the membership year, the fees will be pro-rated based on the month in which you join.

<b>Membership Categories</b>	<b>Annual Fee</b>
Full Member (75 years and over)	£820
Full Member (34 – 74 years)	£980
Full Member (21 – 34 years)	£525
Intermediate (18 – 20 years)	£225
Junior (12 – 17 years)	£100
Junior (11 years and under)	£57
Associate	£395
CASC	£560
Country	£395

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Social	£57
PlayMoreGolf	£375

## Please Note:

**Associate Members** must be a current full member of another club with a commensurate yearly fee. They have full playing rights except they are not allowed to play in boarded competitions.

**Intermediate and Junior Members** have full playing rights except they require the Management Committee to give them permission to play in the Club Competitions.

**CASC Membership** is for those that are on proven low-income, and they have full playing rights.

**Country Membership** offers all the benefits of a Full Member at a reduced cost and is designed for those that reside over 100 miles from the club.

**Corporate Membership** – Contact the Membership and Communications Team for further details.

**Social Membership** will be entitled to all the privileges of the Club except will be not entitled to vote, serve as an officer on any committee, have the rights to use the Course other than as a visitor. A Social Member shall be entitled to introduce guests to the clubhouse.

**PlayMoreGolf Members** is aimed at those that cannot justify the cost of paying a full membership fee. This membership allows you to play at not only Chesham and Ley Hill Golf Club but also other clubs around the UK. You will receive 80 Home and 20 Flexi points. Additional points can be purchased throughout the year. Point your camera on your phone to scan the bar code below which will take you to PlayMoreGolf to find out more about it or click here - [PlayMoreGolf](#) This membership does not include the affiliation fees for England Golf and the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Union of Golf Clubs. Men are required to pay £19.50 and Ladies £18.00. This will be billed by the Club, not PlayMoreGolf.



## Who plays when

The course is open from 8.00am until dusk 7 days a week including Bank Holidays. However, on occasions the course may have to close so check the Club website for the daily course status - <https://www.cheshamgolf.co.uk>

However, after 2.00pm on Sundays and Bank Holidays, golfers must not tee off from the main 2nd / 11th teeing ground. Instead, they must use the 'After 2pm Sunday tee' halfway up the 2nd fairway. Don't be too surprised, on such occasions, to see the odd picnicker on



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the 2nd fairway at Sunday lunch times in Summer! So, please just make sure that you always play safely.

There are many informal, friendly groups playing during the week and we encourage all members to get involved with as many of the various groups as they wish. See the table below:

Day and Type	Time
<b>Monday</b> Men	An 8am friendly group, drawing partners. A 'Roll-up to play' at 9am for tee-off at 9.30am; drawing cards for partners and playing groups randomly.
<b>Tuesday</b> Ladies	The 1 <sup>st</sup> tee is reserved for the Ladies between 8.30 and 11.00am. The Ladies section organises competitions and matches every week. Tee times are scheduled in the Ladies' locker room and any lady looking for a game will always be accommodated.
<b>Wednesday</b> Vets	The Vets section play in the morning and non-Vets are invited to play with them. Starting at 8.15am, random draw for groups.
Mixed	A friendly group where they draw for partners, teeing off at 12.30pm in the Summer and 12 noon in the Winter.
<b>Thursday</b> Men	A group of men play regularly on Thursday late-mornings / early afternoons and run informal competitions. Anyone is welcome to play with them. They usually start at 12.30pm in the summer and 11.30am in the winter.
Ladies	A group of ladies meet on Thursday mornings at about 11.30am.
<b>Friday</b> Men	Roll-up -Very flexible and friendly and the timing fluid.
Ladies	Roll-up - Ladies meet to tee off at 10.30am
<b>Saturday pm</b>	Roll-Up for men and ladies teeing off at 1pm - partners are drawn.
<b>Sunday</b>	Sunday morning is a very sociable time, playing mostly in 4 balls. Be prepared to tee off at 8.30am. There is an option to join in the Swindle (a nominal entry fee will be charged) but you can still play and opt out.

## Please note:

*If playing before 9am, all members must tee off from the 1<sup>st</sup> tee which enables the Ground Staff to complete any works to the course unless advised by the Ground Staff.*



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## How the Club operates

We strive to be a Club that provides its members, their friends, and guests with a top-quality course, for an acceptable and competitive annual fee, whilst also providing excellent locker-room and changing facilities and offering a friendly Clubhouse within which members and guests can relax and socialise.

We are a members Club which is owned by and run by the members themselves for the members' benefit. Unlike proprietary clubs, run to produce a profit for the owners, we seek rather to manage the Club efficiently, in the interests of its own members, whilst targeting to make a modest surplus, adequate to fund course and clubhouse maintenance and generate reserves for prudent development.

The Club is run by a Management Team comprising of four elected, volunteer, Trustees, each appointed for an initial 3-year period.

The Trustees are supported by the Men's, Ladies and Vet's Captains and by various other key volunteers working on Sub-Committees.

## Club Diary

To find out more information as to when all the matches, competitions and socials take place visit our website – <http://www.cheshamgolf.co.uk/diary/>

## Clubhouse

- The clubhouse is mostly open every day from 11am – 5pm. These times, however, do vary throughout the year.
- Any member over the age of 18 may obtain a Bar Card from behind the bar which offers you a discount of 10% discount on food and drink.
- Both the Ladies and Mens Locker Rooms have toilets, showers, and there are lockers to rent.

## HowDidIDo

Don't worry if you do not have a handicap. We can help you gain one so that you can play in the many Club competitions we run throughout the year. The process of doing so is very easy and we will be very happy to guide you through the simple process involved.

If you don't have a handicap you will need to submit to the Secretary 3 x 18 hole cards or 6 x 9 hole cards which have been signed by a member of the club who has a handicap. Once a handicap has been established, you will be able to play in the Competitions. The Club requires every player to submit 3 official 18 hole or 6 official 9 hole cards, signed by a marker per year to ensure that their handicap reflects their current playing standard.



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## **Competition and Match Fees**

Your annual subscription does not include competitions and match fees. There is an annual competition fee that covers the majority of the competitions which can be paid annually or prior to paying the competition fee before you play.

## **Golf Pro**

Our Golf Pro, Dave Marsden offers both individual and group lessons – see our website for further details - <https://www.cheshamgolf.co.uk/golflessons/>

## **Green Fees**

Members who bring a guest pay a reduced green fee and prices are available on the Clubs' website.

## **Insurance**

Your membership fee covers insurance which covers you if a ball you hit either hits another person or something.

## **Golfing Year**

The Club's subscription year is from the 1<sup>st</sup> April to the 31<sup>st</sup> March. If you join part way through the year, your subscription will be a pro-rata fee and from time to time we have special offers.

## **A Brief History of our Golf Club**

A few years before the turn of the century, about 1896, six local gentry obtained permission from Lord Chesham, the owner of the Common, to make, at first, 'six holes of golf'.

By 1900 the course had extended to nine holes, was named 'Chesham GC' and was 'formally instituted'. There was no golf played during the Great War, but the Club was reformed shortly thereafter with the 'headquarters' in a back room of the nearby 'Crown Hotel'.

For the next 40 years or so, very little changed, the course was a little shorter than today but with a bogey (par) of 72. Clearly the hickory-shafted brassies, mashies, and niblicks did not achieve great distances when using the balls of the time.

During the early years, sheep were kept clear of the golfers by a considerate local shepherd! Local boys acted as caddies, principally for the ladies, and what trees did grow were quite often cut down by travellers. Not the Greens-staff we wanted!

In the early 60's the Members purchased an old, wooden, children's Schoolhouse, which had also been used by the US Air Force. The cost was then a few hundred pounds, and, with a little outside assistance, the Members raised the money, and rebuilt and converted



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the building to become our own Clubhouse. That was further significantly extended in the mid 70's and early 90's.

Photographs of the Common earlier last century show that it was a rather bleak heathland back then but, with a good deal of hard work and with the co-operation of the local council, that 'bleak heathland' has been transformed over the years into the delightful tree-lined course we all enjoy today; a course considered by many to be not only one of the most visually pleasing and charming golf courses for many a mile around but also one of the most 'strategically' rewarding for all golfers.

We hope you decide to join  
and  
we look forward to meeting you at the Club

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## Membership Application Form

Title: ..... First and Last Name: .....

Date of Birth: ..... House Name: .....

House Number and Street: .....

Town:..... Postcode: .....

Email Address: .....

Home Tel: ..... Mobile: .....

### Membership Category required:

Full Member (75 years and over)  Full Member (35 - 74 years)

Full Member (21 - 34 years)  Intermediate (18 – 20 years)

Junior (12 – 17 years)  Junior (11 years and under)

Associate  CASC

Country  Social

PlayMoreGolf  Corporate

Names of current and previous Golf Clubs if any .....

WHS Handicap Index (if any) ..... CDH Number (if known) .....

Name of the member who has introduced you .....

*'On joining the Club, I undertake to pay all due subscriptions and levies promptly and agree to always abide by all the Rules of the Club. I understand that all my details above will be retained in strictest confidence and in accordance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act. I agree that my contact details above may be used by the Trustees and by other Members of the Club to communicate with me'.*

Signature:..... Date:.....

Please return the completed form to: [membershipadmin@cheshamgolf.co.uk](mailto:membershipadmin@cheshamgolf.co.uk) or hand to a staff member in the Clubhouse. A member of the Membership Team will be in touch with you.

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