

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

2025/2026

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 who will be delighted to assist you with your enquiry.

Benefits of becoming a member

Benefits of joining our club are:

- Play any time, tee booking is available but not essential
- 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
- Free Wi-Fi
- Make new friends
- Enjoy the variety of Social Events held throughout the year.

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.

Membership Categories	Annual Fee	Affiliation Fees	Total
Full Member (75 years and over)	£820	£21.25	£840.50
Full Member (40 - 74 years)	£974.50	£21.25	£995.00
Full Member (26 – 39 years)	£575.00	£21.25	£596.25
Full Member (21 – 25 years)	£400.00	£21.25	£421.25
Intermediate (18 – 20 years)	£245.00	£21.25	£266.25
Junior (12 – 17 years)	£99.50	£21.25	£120.75



Junior (11 years and under)	£50.00	£21.25	£71.25
Associate	£415.00	£10.00 (see below)	£415.00 + County Fee if applicable
CASC	£560.00	£21.25	£581.25
Country	£395.00	£21.25	£416.25
Social	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00
Lifestyle (from 13 th July)	£375.00	£21.25	£395.50

Please Note:

Associate Members must be a current full member of another club in the United Kingdom with a commensurate yearly fee. They have full playing rights except they are not allowed to play in boarded competitions. Affiliation fees to the Bucks Berks and Oxon County Association (Men) or Bucks Ladies Golf Association (Ladies) are due if an associate member does not belong to a club in Buckinghamshire totalling £10.00.

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.

Lifestyle Members is only available for new members or previous members who have not been a member of the club for the past three years. This membership is a point-based membership which entitles you to approximately 16-30 rounds per year depending on when you play. Lifestyle members do not benefit from the reciprocal arrangements.

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

Currently the 4th tee is out of action and has been moved due to hits to a house. In Old School Lane.

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
Monday	An 8am friendly group, drawing partners. A 'Roll-up to play' at 9am for
Men	tee-off at 9.30am; drawing cards for partners and playing groups
	randomly.
Tuesday	The 1 st tee is reserved for the Ladies between 8.30 and 11.00am. The
Ladies	Ladies section organises competitions and matches every week. Tee
	times are scheduled in the Ladies' locker room and any lady looking for
14 /- 1 1	a game will always be accommodated.
Wednesday	The Material Control of the Control
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, tooing off at 12 20pm in
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Thursday	the Summer and 12 hoom in the winter.
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.
Friday	
Men	Roll-up -Very flexible and friendly and the timing fluid.
Ladies	Poll up I adian most to too off at 0.20cm and 10.20cm
	Roll-up - Ladies meet to tee off at 9.30am and 10.30am
Saturday	Roll-Up for ladies teeing off at 8.30am.
Sunday	Roll-Up for men and ladies teeing off at 1pm - partners are drawn. Sunday morning is a very sociable time, playing mostly in 4 balls. Be
Juliuay	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.
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Please note:

All members must tee off from the 1st tee at all times.



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 in 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 the Trustee Board comprising of a minimum of three 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.

Ladies Academy

Each year we run a Ladies Academy for those people who wish to start up golf or get back into golf. Contact Anne Birkett — <u>annebirkett@cheshamgolf.co.uk</u> for further information.

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 10am 5pm. These times are extended during the lighter months.
- 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 lockers which are available to rent.

England Golf and BRS

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 Handicap and Competitions Committee 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 5 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 within the past 365 days.

Competition and Match Fees

The annual membership fee does not include competitions and match fees. The Men's, Ladies and Vets sections charge different amounts for their competitions.

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 which are as follows:

- £15.00 (Monday Friday) for 9 holes
- £17.00 (Saturday / Sunday for 9 holes
- £20.00 (Monday Friday) for 18 holes
- £25.00 (Saturday and Sunday) for 18 holes

Members must book a tee slot through our website or the BRS App if they wish to play with a visitor and pay at the time of booking. A member can bring a guest as many times as they like but the guest cannot play in either the Club roll-ups or competitions.

Playing the Course

Members are advised to book a tee slot but please note that members and visitors who have booked will take priority over a member who hasn't. As a member the BRS Golf App will allow you to book 14 days in advance (Visitors -7 days). We ask that when playing the course that you are mindful of walkers around the course. Any incidents such as hitting houses / vehicles must be reported immediately.

Insurance

All members are required to pay the England Golf and County Association Affiliation Fees. This is for handicapping and insurance purposes.

Safeguarding

Our club has been awarded SafeGolf Accreditation which means that we have met the standards set by England Golf and share the mission to safeguard the welfare of children and young people as well as adults at risk. We make sure that all members have a fun, safe and positive experience whilst playing golf. More information can be found on our website – www.cheshamgolf.co.uk/safeguarding

All members are required to complete the Safeguarding form:



Juniors - <u>Junior Profile and Parental Consent Form - CHESHAM & LEY HILL GOLF CLUB</u>
Adults - <u>Safeguarding Form - Adult Members - CHESHAM & LEY HILL GOLF CLUB</u>

Golfing Year

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

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 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.



Terms and Conditions

We may change these Terms and Conditions from time to time and will therefore give all members at least 14 days' notice of these changes.

Member Application

Acceptance to membership of our club is at the sole discretion of the Chesham and Ley Hill Golf Club.

Membership Fees

The Club reserves the right to vary the amount of membership fees, the privileges and restrictions at any time. Membership fees may be increased at the time of renewal. The fees including any privileges and restrictions that may apply to the use of the club's facilities are determined by the Member's choice of membership category when joining the club.

Membership fees are payable either annually or by direct debit monthly or quarterly. If paying the membership fee monthly or quarterly the member agrees to paying the full annual fee. Refunds will be considered if requested when renewals fall due on the 1st April each year.

Affiliation Fees

The affiliation fees to England Golf and the Bucks County Association is payable by all members (except social members) and is payable annually. The Club pays these fees on behalf of the member.

Guest Rules

Members wishing to introduce guests must:

- Guests are entitled to a discounted rate from the Clubs green fee rates.
- Guests must be accompanied on the course by the Member introducing them.

Opening Times

Opening and closing times of the course and clubhouse vary throughout the year and are subject to change at any time. Members will be advised of any changes.

Code of Conduct

You must at all times demonstrate respectful behaviour to staff and Members. If Members or staff are subject to any type of abuse, violence, threat, discrimination, profanity or intimidation, then at our sole discretion we may suspend you from the Club and terminate your membership.

Dress Code

Members must be suitably attired both on the course and in the clubhouse.

Course

- It is expected that all players will endeavour to wear 'smart' golf dress on the course. As a rule, attire purchased from a reputable golf outlet is acceptable. Caps to be worn with peaks forward.
- Golf shoes must be always worn on the course.
- Beachwear, rugby or football shirts are not acceptable, and shirts should have a collar and should be tucked in. Cargo shorts are not permitted. Denim is not to be worn on the course
- Tailored shorts may be worn with socks including no-show socks.

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- Ladies Tailored waist length golf shirts or blouses may be worn over trousers, shorts, skirts or skorts.
- All players must have their own set of golf clubs.

Clubhouse

- Any smart casual clothing including denim jeans and trainers may be worn. However, the denim jeans must not be ripped or distressed. Football shirts (or similar) may not be worn.
- ❖ Tailored shorts are permitted in all areas of the Clubhouse.
- Muddy, wet, or soiled clothing must not be worn.
- Headwear is not allowed unless worn on religious grounds.
- Golf shoes are not allowed in the main Clubhouse but may be worn in the Spike Bar and on the terrace. Trainers or open toed sandals may be worn anywhere in the Clubhouse.

Personal Effects

Members and their guests are responsible for their possessions, equipment and vehicles (and their contents) parked in the car park and are advised not to bring valuable possessions onto the premises.

Club Contact

As part of your membership, the Club has the right to contact you regarding annual renewals, updates on your handicap and Club competitions. These will be communicated either via the Club newsletter or to the member direct. Communications may come from the Captains, Club Sub Committees and/or the Trustees.

Dogs

Dogs, under control may be brought into the grounds, but no Member, guest or visitor shall bring a dog into the clubhouse unless it is under control.