

RGC Ladies Section New Member Information

Welcome to Rustington Golf Ladies Section. We hope you will find the following information helpful in getting started with your membership. If you have any specific questions then please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Ladies Committee.

The Ladies Section holds many competitions and social events during the year which are published on the RGC fixtures list, in our newsletters, which are sent out via email and also can be found on our notice board. As well as playing golf at RGC we also play in Sussex divisional matches, friendly matches, away days and longer trips including a 3 night trip to Dorset. We organise other social events including skittles, theatre trips, lunches and dinners.

As soon as you are ready to participate we will send you, via email, a copy of our Rules and Regulations. This document contains virtually everything you need to know about the section including information about obtaining a handicap, how to enter competitions, guidelines for playing competitions, the competitions you are eligible to play in, prizes and much more!

We have a closed Facebook group, **RGC Ladies**, which you are welcome to join. It is an informal group used by the ladies to post information, results, questions etc. You can also find us on Twitter at **Rustingtonladiesgolf @Rustingtonladi1**

We use Master Scoreboard (www.masterscoreboard.co.uk) to publish handicaps, forthcoming competitions, start sheets, results etc. This has a password that you will be given on request.

If you do not have a handicap, the competitions that you are able to play in include:

Fun Nights: – usually on the first Thursday of the month during the summer. These are a great opportunity for new players to meet new and existing players and play a fun competition (usually 9 holes).

Charity Days: – usually on the first Tuesday of the month plus a few Sundays. They are open to everyone and are usually a fun format.

Ladies Days: – usually on the third Tuesday of the month, open to everyone and again a fun format.

Once you have a handicap you can play in the Monthly **Stableford, Regular Stroke Play** and some **trophy** competitions. After a period of six months has elapsed from either joining with an existing handicap or obtaining your handicap you will be eligible to play in **Main Board** competitions.

Many of the competitions have the option to play 9 or 18 holes depending on your circumstances. Almost all competitions are randomly drawn which means you just need to sign up to play and the Competitions Secretary publishes who you will be playing with. This means you don't need to find a playing partner.

It is advisable to familiarise yourself with the **basic rules of golf** and how to complete a score card before you play in competitions. If you need help with this our committee members will be happy to assist you. Rule books are available from England Golf and there is a lot of information about the rules on line.

RGC also has some **local rules** which will be made available to help you around the course.

When out on the course we all need to be aware of slow play. If you are in a slow game it is customary to allow faster players to play through, especially if there is a clear hole ahead. This makes it pleasant for everyone.

We advocate 'Ready Golf' – this means that you play your shot when you are ready and if it is safe to do so rather than waiting for a playing partner who is not ready.

To sign up for competitions please look at the ladies noticeboard in the centre and do ask if you need any help. The ladies section also has a cupboard in the centre containing a copy of our Rules and Regulations, minutes of our Committee meetings, results of competitions, supplementary card signing in folder and details of open competitions in the local area.

Good luck and we hope you enjoy your membership experience at RGC.

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Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries.