



Rustington Golf Centre Ladies Section



New Member Information

Welcome to Rustington Golf Ladies Section. We hope, if you are reading this, you would like to join our section to meet new people, play in competitive and fun competitions and participate in some of the other activities that we run. We hope you will find the following information helpful. If you have any specific questions then please do not hesitate to contact the Ladies Committee (see below).

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 on Master Scoreboard (as soon as we have added you to the players database, you will receive log in details). As well as playing golf at RGC we also play in Sussex divisional matches, friendly matches, away days and longer trips including an annual residential trip to Dorset. We also organise other social events including skittles, theatre trips, lunches and dinners.

As soon as you have made contact with us, we will send you, via email, further information including 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 pride ourselves on being a very friendly group and have a closed Facebook group, **RGC Ladies**, which you are welcome to join (search for it and request to join). It is an informal group used by the ladies to post information, results, photos, questions etc.

You can also find us at **Rustingtonladiesgolf @Rustingtonladi1** on Twitter.

We increasingly use **WhatsApp** as a method of communication and will add you to the relevant groups which will help you to get to know people.

We use Master Scoreboard (www.masterscoreboard.co.uk) to publish handicaps, book into forthcoming competitions, publish start sheets and results.

We have lots of ladies who play social golf and are very friendly, welcoming new players. Once you have a handicap, you can start playing in our competitions which include monthly Charity Days and Ladies Days (often fun and team formats) as well as monthly Stablefords and Regular Stroke Play competitions. We also play the annual Honours and Trophy competitions throughout the year. There are eligibility criteria for some of these competitions.

If you are joining from another club and have a Handicap Index, you need to provide us with your CDH number, email address and date of birth along with permission for us to upload this information to the World Handicap System. You need to inform your old club that you are leaving.

To obtain a Handicap Index so that you can play in other competitions, you must submit cards totalling a minimum of 54 holes played over 9 or 18 holes. At least 18 holes should be marked by either the Lady Captain or a committee member, the committee will then assist you in finding suitable players to mark your other cards. The completed cards must be dated, clearly marked and signed by the player. The markers name should be clearly

printed. A photo of the card should be sent to the Handicap Secretary via email or WhatsApp. Having submitted your cards you will be notified if more cards are required to calculate the handicap or you will be awarded a handicap up to a maximum 54 which you will be able to view on Master Scoreboard and on MyEG. You need to provide us with your email address and date of birth along with permission for us to upload this information to the World Handicap System.

Many of the competitions have the option to play 9 or 18 holes depending on your circumstances. Almost all competitions are randomly drawn so you do not need to find people to play with, you just need to book in on Master Scoreboard by the closing date and the Competitions Secretary will publish the draw with your tee time and playing partners.

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 – these are published on the notices section of Master Scoreboard and in our R&R's.

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.

Good luck and we hope to hear from you soon.

Committee Members 2021	
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