



AFFILIATE RELATIONSHIP WITH GUILDFORD GOLF CLUB

1. Introduction

Guildford Golf Club (established in 1886) is a private members club situated on Merrow Downs on the outskirts of Guildford. Not only do we have a top class golf course (see section 2 of this document), but we have a facility that can be used for meetings, parties, presentation evenings and business functions.

1.1 *The Offer – a summary of benefits*

Guildford Golf Club (GGC) is pleased to offer a limited number of Affiliate Relationships with selected sports clubs and associations. **There is no cost to the organisation affiliated to Guildford Golf Club.** This relationship has great benefit to the affiliated sports club or association and its members as follows:

- Should your organisation wish to arrange a golf society day at GGC, the rate offered will include the member's discount on the published prices;
- Where a member of your organisation wants to come up and play golf at Guildford, the charge will be the Affiliate's guest fee rate at that time.
- Members of your organisation can use the bar/restaurant on a day to day basis. Try the club for a Sunday lunch, range of bar meals or a range of coffees and drinks from the bar.
- The ability for your organisation (and any individual member of that organisation) to be able to hold meetings, subject to availability, (including AGM, EGM, lectures, presentation evenings, Christmas and office parties and events) up at GGC at nominal charge;
- For as long as the organisation has an Affiliate Relationship with GGC, then any member of that organisation will have their joining fee to Guildford GC waived, should they wish to join the golf club.

This relationship enables your club to be offer additional benefits to your members at zero cost. In the present economic environment, we envisage this additional benefit will be received well by your members.

1.2 *Events*

The clubhouse has a modern and fully equipped kitchen that allows us to offer a wide range of menus. Our Head Chef and his team can cater for all your needs. All our dishes are prepared fresh on site from the finest local produce. A selection of sample menus can be found on our web page entitled: Clubhouse. The website is www.guildfordgolfclub.co.uk. Our front of house team is led by Chris Charge.



Events that can be held at Guildford Golf Club at nominal charge are:

- Business meetings in the Boardroom or Gallery room;
- Presentations, seminars, briefings in the Gallery room;
- Presentations, seminars, briefings in the dining room;
- Summer BBQs on the terrace;
- Christmas Dinners, office and private parties and celebrations in the dining room, lounge bar or Gallery room.

For meetings and events, Guildford Golf Club will be happy to provide a number of catering options at additional cost including formal dining menus, hot and cold buffet menus, a carvery menu as well as the provision of teas, coffees, biscuits, cakes and canapés.

1.3 Dress Code

Clothing in the club house and on the course should be smart, clean and represent the appropriate image of the club. T-shirts without collars, vests, denim jeans, tracksuits and training shoes are not permitted on the golf course whilst playing golf or in the club house. Except in the 19th hole, golfers should change from their golf shoes before entering. Please also remove caps and hats when entering the club house.



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2. The Course

Guildford Golf Club is a traditional downland course sited on Merrow Downs. The views from the course are exceptional and include Guildford Cathedral (from the 18th and the practice ground), the Wembley Arch (from the 6th hole), the Post Office Tower (the 4th), aeroplanes taking off and landing at Heathrow (the 3rd) and panoramic views of the Surrey countryside throughout.

Based on chalk, the course is the best draining golf course in the area making winter golf as enjoyable as it is in the summer. Whilst other courses may become boggy, Guildford does not and we seldom use temporary greens.

The par-69 course itself is a gem. Don't let the yardage of 6160 yards, relatively short in terms of championship golf courses fool you. It is no easy option, as was proven by 2007's Pro-Am event where only one of the professional golfers was under par with a winning score of 70. A number of our challenging par 4s play much longer than they appear on the score card (the 1st, 6th, 10th, 14th and 17th for example), with uphill approaches to greens and wind adding significant distance to the holes.

The pars 3s are a significant test. Whilst the 2nd is a friendly 126 yard hole, ideal for nearest the pin contests, make the most of it as the remaining four par 3s are a tougher proposition altogether. The 7th at 215 yards and the 13th at 200 yards have a distinctly "links-like" feel; whilst the 11th can be open to all the elements, so golfers should be wary of wind direction and strength.

Two special holes are the 8th and 15th. The 8th at 555 yards plays shorter than its yardage, courtesy of being downhill and its views coming around the dog leg are wonderful. The 15th or "crater hole" presents a daunting tee shot before golfers encounter lovely views of Woking and beyond from the fairway.



The 17th fairway, from the tee



The 6th green



3. The Clubhouse and its Facilities



The Clubhouse

3.1 Introduction

Originally built in 1901, the Clubhouse has undergone a major extension and refurbishment, and was officially opened by Peter Alliss in December 1998. The character of the original Victorian building was preserved while providing additional areas and modern facilities.

3.2 Facilities Available

3.2.1 The Lounge Bar

The Lounge Bar adjoins the restaurant and offers a bar menu and a full range of beverages in comfortable surroundings, leading out to a south-facing terrace which overlooks the downs, the practice green and the 18th hole. The terrace provides an exceptionally tranquil setting for socialising in summer afternoons and evenings. Our bar licence allows us to serve drinks to 1a.m.

3.2.2 The Dining Room/ Restaurant

The dining room is able to seat up to 100 covers and offers views of the 18th green.



The Dining Room

Should you require a location to hold presentations for up to 100 people; the dining room can be set up for such an event with a theatre-style seating plan.



3.2.3 The Gallery Room

The gallery room, complete with its own bar and upstairs from the restaurant, is an ideal facility for corporate events. The gallery room allows groups to have an exclusive area separate from other members of the club. The gallery room opens out onto a balcony that directly overlooks the 18th green. The gallery room can be used for business events, presentations and company meetings, catering up to 80 people. This room can be set out in theatre style for well attended presentations/meetings.

3.2.4 The Board Room

With a view over the putting green, the Board Room can be used for formal meetings for up to 20 people. This is ideal for occasions where members wish to combine a business meeting prior to or after a round of golf on the course.

3.2.5 The 19th hole/Sports Bar

Complete with wide screen TV showing all satellite channels, the 19th hole is the ideal place for an after-round drink alongside a bar meal.

3.3 Room Layouts and Capacity

Layouts	Dining Room	Gallery Room	Boardroom
Theatre-style	140	80	40
Classroom	80	30	20
u-shaped	60	30	20
Cabaret	60	30	-
Formal dining with dance area	80	40	-
Formal dining without dance area	110	-	-

3.4 Additional Information

The standard closing time for the bar is 11p.m. although for events, this can be extended by prior arrangement. Please note that we do not have a lift to the first floor.



4. Additional Information

4.1 *Booking a tee time*

For your members to be able to book a tee time, this can be done by telephone (01483 566765) or on-line through our website at www.guildfordgolfclub.co.uk. As a private members club – **GGC is not a course for absolute beginners**. Members of your organisation should have a reasonable ability at golf and who understand basic etiquette. As a guide:

- Men and male children should be able to play to a standard equivalent to a handicap of 28 and better;
- Ladies and female children should be able to play to a standard equivalent to a handicap of 36 and better.

There are no restrictions as to the tee that golfers are required to play off. However, higher handicappers should play off yellow, red or blue tees. Please arrange to be at the tee at least 5 minutes before play is due to commence.

Please note that on Saturdays and Sundays tee times are reserved for members before 1p.m between November and March and 2p.m. from April to October.

An individual member of your club can play no more than 10 times in any one calendar year.

4.2 *On arrival at the Club, prior to teeing off on the 1st*

Prior to playing golf, you are required to register with the Pro Shop and to pay your green fee. On registering, you should bring along evidence of your membership with the organisation with whom GGC has the Affiliate Relationship.

4.3 *Etiquette on the course*

4.3.1 *Speed of Play*

Speed of play is of great importance to all. Being held up for long periods on the course can severely mar golfers' enjoyment of the round. Please ensure that golfers issued with the golf passes are considerate to others with their speed of play. The following are guides that can help games move along at a reasonable pace:

- Keep up with the game in front; not just in front of the game behind;
- If you are holding up games behind, wave them through;



- Limit your search for balls to 5 minutes; less if the ball is unlikely to be found;
- If you are out of the hole and cannot score, please pick up and move on;

18 holes at Guildford Golf Course should take no longer than:

- 4-balls: 3 and $\frac{3}{4}$ hours
- 3-balls: 3 and $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
- 2-balls: 3 hours

Note: that many regular members can exceed these times greatly. Whilst golf is not a race, please be considerate to others. If you feel you are slow, or are being pushed from behind, please do whatever you can to speed up play.

4.3.2 General Etiquette

- Divots should be replaced on the fairway. On the par 3s we provide sand/grass seed boxes that golfers should use to fill divots on the tees;
- Please repair pitch marks on the greens;
- Bunkers should be raked after use, with the rake replaced into the bunker itself;
- Walkers and golfers have equal rights on GGC. Please look out for walkers and ensure you play accordingly – particularly on the 10th, 12th, 14th, 15th, 17th and 18th where there are footpaths crossing the fairways;
- Please shout “fore” if you believe that your ball is likely to land near to another golfer or walker;
- On the 15th hole, wait for the group in front to ring the bell before playing your tee shot. The bell can be found on the left hand side of the fairway, half way down. Please remember to ring the ball yourself.

4.5 Security

The Club cannot be held responsible for the loss of property for members, guests and visitors.

4.5 Bar and Restaurant

Affiliation to GGC allows the sports club to use the bar and restaurant freely and to take part in any arranged functions. It also entitles the organisation to book events – be they parties, meetings, presentations and seminars. Should you wish to book an event – please contact Mike Collings on 01483 563941 or by email to: events@guildfordgolfclub.co.uk.