



# Membership at Betchworth Park Golf Club



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# INTRODUCTION TO THE CLUB

The club was established in 1911 and designed by the renowned golf course architect Harry Colt. It is an undulating parkland course situated in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, with delightful views up towards Box Hill and across the Mole Valley to Reigate.

We are a members' club, so any surplus funds are re-invested back into the course and facilities for the benefit of members.

The course measures 6314 yards with a par of 69 from the white tees, and the standard scratch of 71 indicates the challenging nature of the course – particularly our undulating greens. The professional course record is 65, held jointly by Neil Coles and the American pro Mike Donald.

Our practice facilities are amongst the best in Surrey, comprising of a full driving range (with raised target areas and flags at intermediate distances), a chipping and bunker area, putting green and indoor swing performance facility. Playing membership includes unlimited practice range balls.

There are many opportunities to meet and play with different people during the year through a varied programme of competitions and roll ups, and we have several membership categories to reflect the differing needs of the modern golfer. Our online tee booking system (BRS) makes it easy to book tee times for competitions or casual rounds with friends.

It's not just about golf though. There are social events throughout the year and the club hosts the popular Watermill Jazz Club every Tuesday evening. The dining room can seat up to 120 and is regularly booked for celebrations.



# MEMBERSHIP OVERVIEW

## TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

The principal playing categories are:

- **Full**

This provides year-round access to all club facilities and activities. There are reduced membership subscription options for couples and those aged 18 – 39, and five-day membership is available for those wishing only to play on weekdays.

- **Associate**

This is aimed at golfers who want some flexibility in when and how often they play. It operates on a points basis.

- **Academy**

The Academy is for those who are new to the game, or are returning after a break. It is a great opportunity to improve skills and to gain an insight into golf and the life of the club, in preparation for full membership.

- **Junior**

This is for those aged under 18. Coaching is provided at weekends and during school holidays.

The remaining membership categories are:

**Country or Overseas** for members who have moved away from the area but wish to retain a playing membership. It operates on a points basis.

**Social** for non-players who want to enjoy the clubhouse facilities and social events.

## MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP

### Competitions

There is a busy calendar of competitions throughout the year, for example:

- Monthly medal and stableford competitions
- Team matches against other clubs, either as friendlies or recognised Surrey-wide competitions.
- Summer and winter individual and pairs knockout competitions

‘Roll ups’ are held on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings, and on Tuesday mornings the tee is reserved specifically for the Ladies section.

Mixed golf has a long tradition at Betchworth with a variety of competitions and matches against other clubs.

## **The Social side**

You will find Betchworth Park to be a very sociable club. For example, there are regular Sunday carveries, quiz nights and a Friday evening casual '9 holes plus supper' competition in the summer. In November we hold a Bonfire Bistro where members and their guests can watch the Brockham firework display from the clubhouse balcony.



# FULL MEMBERSHIP

Full membership gives access to everything the club has to offer and is available to players aged 18 and above.

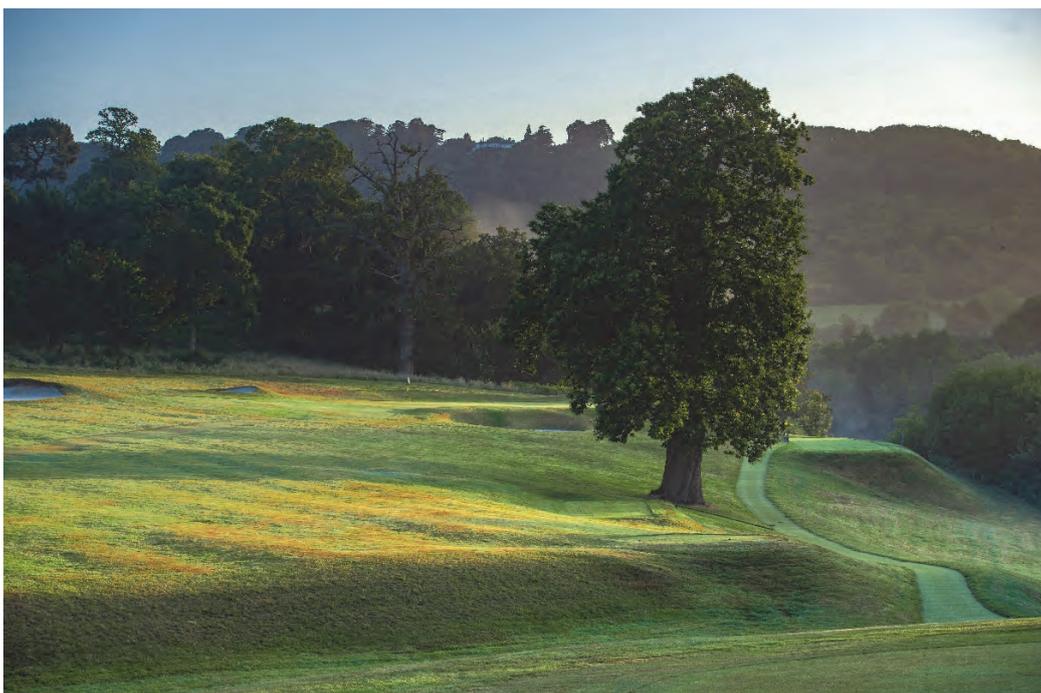
## Main Benefits

- Access to the course and all club facilities seven days a week
- Unlimited use of the practice ground and range balls
- The opportunity to play in all club competitions, and to represent the club in county and other club matches
- Six complimentary guest green fees per annum
- The option to invite three guests at a reduced green fee
- Privilege Card giving a minimum 15% discount on food and drink at the bar.
- Use of the BRS online booking system
- County Card giving discounted green fees at over 1000 clubs nationally
- All affiliation fees (county and national) are included
- The option to pay annual fees using Premium Credit

**Intermediate full membership** is available to those aged 18 to 39 at a reduced annual subscription.

**Joint Full membership** is available to couples at reduced annual fees.

**Five-day membership** is for those only wishing to play Monday – Friday. It gives full playing rights, with access to the clubhouse and practice ground at any time.



# ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Associate Membership is a cost-effective option for those who need the flexibility to choose when and how often they play, using a points scheme.

## Main benefits

- Access to the course and all club facilities seven days a week
- Unlimited use of the practice ground and range balls
- Use of the BRS online booking system
- Privilege card giving a 10% discount on food and drink at the bar
- All affiliation fees are included (county and national)
- Ability to transfer to full membership at any time for an additional payment.

## How it works

500 golfing points are initially allocated, which can be topped up by an additional 110 points in any one membership year. These are drawn down according to when you play:

<b>Summer (1 April to 31 October)</b>	<b>Weekend</b>	<b>Weekdays</b>
8.00am to 2.00pm	40 Points	35 Points
2.00pm to 5.00pm	30 Points	25 Points
After 5.00pm	20 Points	15 Points
<b>Winter (1 November to 31 March)</b>		
8.00am to 12.00pm	40 Points	30 Points
After 12.00pm	25 Points	20 Points

Before playing you must report to the pro shop so that the relevant points can be deducted. If you want to play when the shop is closed, please notify the shop after your round.

### NB:

1. Unused points are not carried over to the next membership year.
2. Associate members can bring one guest at the reduced guest green fee rate, but any other guest must pay the visitor green fee.
3. Premium Credit is not available for associate members.
4. Associate members cannot play in club matches (unless invited by the club captain) or enter knockout competitions.

# ACADEMY MEMBERSHIP

Our long-established golf academy has introduced hundreds of new golfers to the game and to club membership. It is a great opportunity for those who want to take up the game or improve their skills.

The aim of the academy is to develop the player's skill and confidence to enable them to move into one of the full membership categories with a playing handicap. How long that takes depends on personal aptitude and dedication.

## Main Benefits

### Pre-Academy

- 12 individual 30-minute lessons
- Use of extensive practice facilities and free range balls
- Opportunity to participate in weekly group teaching sessions
- Clubhouse card offering 10% discount on food and drink over the bar

### Academy

- 4 individual two hour playing sessions with a professional
- 24 Sunday sessions mixing coaching and playing on the course
- Opportunity to play 9 holes with other academy members at off peak times at discounted rates
- Rules & etiquette training
- Clubhouse card offering 10% on food and drink over the bar

## How it works

Following an initial assessment from one of our professional staff, players are placed into either the Pre – Academy or the Academy itself, depending on their starting skill level.

**Pre-Academy membership** runs for twelve months, after which there is a further assessment for transfer into the academy. Experience shows that by taking full advantage of the lessons and coaching those with an affinity for the game can make the transition. Until that time access to the course will be limited.

**Academy membership** is for twenty-four months, by which time players will usually have gained a handicap and be ready to move into full club membership.

## **JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP**

The Junior section is for those aged between 8 and 18 and is a thriving part of our club. It is divided between an Academy for beginners and Membership for more experienced players.

As well as golfing skills, we aim to help young players gain self-awareness and self-management skills, and to build resilience and mental strength through goal setting and achievement, all in a friendly and safe environment.

We have adopted English Golf Union's 'SafeGolf' child protection policies and procedures.

### **Main benefits**

- Regular coaching
- Playing on the course at certain times
- Use of the practice range with unlimited range balls
- Competitions and matches throughout the year.
- Learning life skills through play.
- Enjoying the outdoors in a safe environment.
- Privilege card giving a 15% discount on food and drink

### **How it works**

#### **Junior Academy**

This is for those with no or limited golfing experience and consists mainly of players aged 8 - 12.

Group coaching is provided on most weekends through the year, and academy members can play on the course from around one hour before sunset if accompanied by an adult.

Progression to membership is according to ability not age, and is assessed by our professional.

#### **Junior Membership**

Membership is for those who already have a playing handicap or have been promoted from the academy.

Group golf teaching is provided on set dates arranged at the start of the year (mainly during school holidays), and is supplemented by life skills coaching. Juniors are strongly encouraged to play the course to improve their game, with playing rights being determined by handicap.

#### **School Holiday Activities**

One day golf 'camps' are available during school holidays. These cover all aspects of the game and encourage learning by playing games in each skill area – driving, putting and so on. The games are adapted to suit all standards of player and include some time on the course.

## Competitions & Matches

Internal and external competitions are available to give juniors ample opportunity to improve their handicap. The better players are also invited by adult members to play in some competitions at weekends. Matches against other local clubs are a regular feature of our junior golf diary.



## Application for Membership

Full Name: Mr. / Mrs. / Miss / MS \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Class of Membership: Full /Intermediate/ 5- Day /Associate/Academy/Junior  
(Circle as appropriate)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Golf Experience

\*Present/Previous Golf Club: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

Current/\*Last H Cap \_\_\_\_\_

(\*Delete as appropriate - If transferring from another club, a letter of introduction and handicap cert. will assist)

CONGU 10 Digit CDH Number, if known \_\_\_\_\_

Please give details of other golfing experience \_\_\_\_\_

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Introduction by Current Members

Name of Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES :

If you are entering Full Membership from the Betchworth Academy, please return this completed form to The Pro Shop

Applicants are required to attend an informal interview and playing-in round to be arranged by the Chairman of Membership

Further membership details can be obtained from the club's website: [www.betchworthparkgc.co.uk](http://www.betchworthparkgc.co.uk) or by telephone: 01306 882052.

Please send the completed form to: The Manager, Betchworth Park Golf Club (Dorking) Ltd, Reigate Road, Dorking, Surrey RH4 1NZ or hand it in to the Pro Shop

