

Ashford Manor Golf Club

Club Sections & Matches - Information



About us

Whether you prefer social golf or competitive golf, Ashford Manor caters for all.

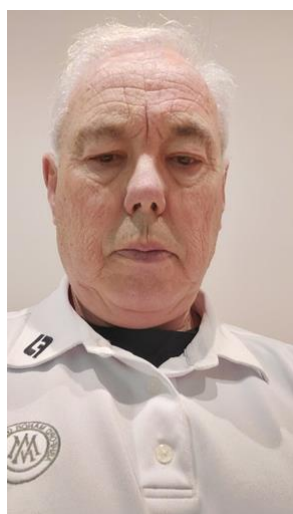
As a founder member of the Middlesex County Golf Union in 1924, and first winning the Middlesex Champion Club title in 1927, we have been prominent in County Golf for many years. We have also been home to some fantastic golfers, starting with one of the greatest players in British Golf History, Harold Hilton, through to modern day whereby current life member Graham Homewood almost emulated Hilton as British Amateur Champion, losing in the final.

The ladies section also have their notoriety. Mrs George Hunter, a Captain and founder member of Ashford Manor Ladies Golf Club in March 1903, was a pioneer and was our first Lady international as a player for Middlesex and England for the home Internationals. Miss Tucker, around the same time, represented us in the British Women's Amateur Championship. In 1973 the ladies won the Middlesex County Pearson Competition.

With a strong membership, and a course to be proud of, playing representative golf for us could be something that interests you. Ranging from scratch golf to mixed pairs, from seniors golf to team 6 a side competitions, we have a broad range to suit all ages and abilities. Details of many of the sub sections/competitions we enter are detailed below, together with contact details and sign-up information. It would be great to see some new faces, and perhaps even "top up" the Club trophy cabinet in due course.

The General Committee
Ashford Manor Golf Club

Seniors Golf



Any male Member aged 60 or over classifies as a Senior.

Whilst there is no dedicated Section for Seniors at Ashford, there are a number of organized roll-up groups which cater for Senior members. These groups play at different times on different days of the week and include players of varying abilities. Some are specifically aimed at Seniors but most are not age specific. The two largest groups are the Seniors and the Apprentice Vets.

"The Seniors"

Our golf might be described as sociable with a touch of friendly rivalry. Our aim is to enjoy playing whilst remaining competitive, to encourage and support each other. We organise internal competition and, traditionally, we have been responsible for the Club's Senior matches (involving up to 15 other Clubs), which in recent years has included taking part in the M4 Winter League.

When we play - Monday, Wednesday and Friday early morning.

Age - 60+

Playing ability - No specific limits but effective range between 12.0 and 30.0 handicap Index.

Our programme - Mid-week roll-ups, Summer and Winter internal championships.

Seasonal special events (including lunch). Away days.

Club roles - Co-ordinating annual programme of Seniors Friendly Matches (10 home and away).

Organising Invitational Seniors Open.

Co-ordinating the M4 Winter League Matches (up to 5 home and away).

Contacts: Seniors - Tim Kelt (see picture above) and John (Nobby) Clarke.

"The Apprentice Vets"

The Apprentice Vets were formed as a roll-up around 25 years ago when it was felt that the numbers in the Seniors roll-up had become somewhat unwieldy. This roll-up has probably become the main route in which new members – who wish to play mid-week golf – are introduced to a wider group of potential playing partners. Cards are drawn at each roll-up to determine partners so the process of meeting and playing with different partners is pretty rapid. Like the Seniors, with whom incidentally we have a very close relationship, we also play friendly but competitive golf for very small stakes (maximum potential loss is £2 per day - and even then you will be able to share in a convivial bowl of chips or two supplied by the winning team). The roll-up itself contains players of all standards from single figures upwards and is, arguably, stronger than the Seniors qualification to play – there are no age or playing standards qualifications (if you are accepted by the club as a member that is sufficient).

When do we play - Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, immediately following the Seniors roll-up with the first group usually teeing off at around 8.30am.

Roll-up Format – we play Stableford golf in three or four's (depending on exact numbers) and have an individual comp (with usually a 1st and 2nd prize plus a team comp based on a better ball 2 or 3 scores per hole format).

Other Comps – we organise two Apprentice Vets Meetings (Spring and Autumn) at the club each year involving golf with drawn partners followed by lunch and a presentation.

Contact: Mick Conway

Foxes Golf



Background

The Foxes is a collaboration between clubs in Middlesex which has been running since 1983. Current participating clubs are Ashford Manor, Ealing, Grims Dyke, Mill Hill, Pinner Hill, Stockley Park, Stanmore, Sudbury, West Middlesex and Wyke Green.

2024 Committee

Tim Lafferty – Captain
Hugh Barrs – Vice Captain (Captain design for 2025)
Treasurer – Peter Bower
Comms – Keith Bailey
Secretary – Peter Rosamilia
Committee members – Ian McAllan, Nobby Clarke

Eligibility

Minimum handicap of WHS index 8.0 at the start of the season. If your handicap falls below this during the season, you are still eligible to play on your new handicap.

Maximum handicap of WHS Index 18.0. If your handicap is above this you may still play but you will be limited to the 18.0 maximum index.

These ranges will apply to matches, the Foxes Championship and the Foxes Drawn Pairs. In the interest of inclusivity, these ranges will be relaxed for more social occasions such as the away days and the Christmas Foxtrot.

Subscription

The 2024 subscription is £15 and is due by end of January. Payment should be made direct to the Ashford Foxes account (sort code 20-71-74 account no. 43121178).

The sub covers administration, registration with Middlesex Foxes Association, prizes and engraving and free entry to Foxes competitions. Anyone who has not paid this will be ineligible for Foxes competitions and events and will be removed from the What's App Group.

League Matches

The ten clubs are split between two equally ranked leagues, playing home and away between April and September. The winning club of each league play each other in a final decider at a neutral course. Grims Dyke won in 2023.

Friendly Matches

We play the teams NOT in our league in home and away friendlies.

Other Match Details

Players are encouraged to wear a Foxes polo shirt, available to order from the Pro Shop.

Matches are played from the yellow tees, matchplay, four ball better ball. Usually 6 pairs.

A meal follows the matches and players are asked to stay, particularly home matches where we are the hosts. A fee will be payable to cover the meal in both instances. It is also polite to buy drinks for your guests. This will be reciprocated in the away matches.

Attire for the meals is clean golf attire or smart casual.

Other Foxes Events

Foxes Away Day - Monday 25th March 2024 at Surbiton

Abrey Cup - 25 clubs enter, knockout. 9 mens' singles.

Foxes County Championships – Friday 9th August 2024 (W. Middlesex)

Foxes vs Ladies - Thursday 22nd August 2024

Foxes Championships – Board competition – Wednesday 16th October 2024

Foxes Away weekend – 13th & 13th October 2024, Welcombe Hotel and Spa

Christmas Foxtrot – competition and lunch – Wednesday 11th December 2024

Sabres Golf

Section for Male members playing competitive club matches/competitions as follows.
New members welcome.

Bullivant Bowl - this is a knockout competition involving a home and away tie in each round. Teams must enter a total of 6 players for a 4-ball better ball format. Typically players from 5.5 up to approx. 10-11 are playing in this competition as it is scratch versus the opposition.

Sabres (previously Tigers B) - usually follows the same handicap as the Bullivant Bowl. Format is also 6 players playing home and away league fixtures as pairs, 4-ball better ball format. The winners of each of the leagues are then drawn to play in regional semi-finals and a final which is at a neutral venue. League games are played home and away against each of the 3-4 opposition league teams

Middx 6's which is for a higher handicap range (2 x lower, 2 mid and 2 higher - exact handicaps TBC). This is knockout only.

Contact: Mick Findlay, Peter Cox, Dinesh Sharma (Sabres, Bullivant Bowl, General)

Scratch Golf

Aimed at the better player and suitable for handicaps of 5 and below. We play in two competitions.

Inter county scratch league - Singles matches played in a league format. Team consists of 6 players, with matches played home and away.

Presidents Foursomes - Foursomes knockout against Middlesex clubs. Team of 6 first round is home and away with the following rounds drawn either home or away.

Contact: Richard Sivers

Match sign-up sheet will be placed on the board in the gents locker room

Mens Friendly Matches

These are a great way to represent the Club in a relaxed and friendly environment, where winning is encouraged(!) but not the be-all and end-all.

These are typically played as 4BBB and have a social element where players are encouraged to stay and have something to eat/drink with their opponent/teammates, and discuss the days play. There is no handicap limit.

Contact: Ben Sheman / Keith Edgar

Ladies Golf



“SWCGA Centenary Bowl and plate competitions”. Run by Surrey in the summer. Team of 5 playing singles match play off scratch. Minimum handicap index is 10. The club is drawn against another club home and away match with the winners going into the draw for the Centenary Bowl and losers are entered in the draw for the Centenary Plate. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the ladies locker room.

Contact: Philomena Clancy

“Wallis Trophy and plate competitions” run by Surrey same format as the Centenary Bowl but for handicaps 21-36 and played off handicap. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the ladies locker room.

Contact: Jane Walters

We also have qualifying competitions for which players are entered to county or national finals.

Inter club foursomes a knockout competition run by Surrey. The qualifiers are the winners of the ladies Huggins Foursomes knockout run the previous year. All ladies are eligible to play in the Huggins.

Ping 4BBB winners of the ladies Ping 4BBB event played at AMGC are put forward and the top 50 scores from clubs qualify to play in the national finals.

The winner of the England Golf Medal is put forward to the south regional final. The winner is the lady that has the best 4 nett medal scores from all qualifying competitions at AMGC. All ladies are eligible to play in the club competitions.

Druce run by Surrey. A one-day event which all Surrey clubs can enter a team. Two pairs each consisting of one player 0-20 handicap and the other handicap 21- 32. Format is foursomes, the first pair post a medal score and the second pair try to better it resulting in an eclectic score. Very competitive!

Contact: Ann Cox (see image above)

Surrey Pearson Matches

This competition is a ladies competitive league organised by Surrey Golf playing against other clubs in Surrey. It gives the opportunity for ladies to play competitive golf as it is a prestigious competition played between October and March. The matches consists of 7 singles matchplay.

To qualify for the competition, players should have a current world handicap system index between 12.5 and 34.4 inclusive. There will be a signing up sheet in the ladies' locker room in early October showing dates of matches and availability. Following this the Pearson Captain selects the strongest team.

Contact: Polly Brown

Ladies Friendly Matches

There are 8 friendly golf matches during the summer months giving the opportunity for ladies to play competitive but friendly golf.

The matches consist of teams of 8 ladies playing 4 ball better ball matches (pairs) against local golf clubs.

All ladies are eligible and encouraged to play in these friendly matches. There will be a signing up sheet in the ladies' locker room in February/March showing dates of matches and availability. Following this the Captain selects the team.

Contact: Jo Butt

Mixed Golf

New Ping 4BBB mixed Ping competition. Mixed pairs play in the qualifying competition held at AMGC and the winning pair's score is put forward.

The top 50 scores from clubs around the country go on to play in the national finals.

Mixed matches: at the moment only two in the diary (looking to increase for 2024). Format is 8 pairs playing 4BBB match play, followed by a meal after play. The matches are friendly in nature but there is still a keen intention to win!

No handicap limits.

Contacts: Ben Sherman, Ann Cox

Junior Golf

Matches & Junior Section Info

Ashford Manor Junior Section is thriving with a healthy 50+ Junior Members, 20 with handicaps and currently 10 with handicaps 18 or under. Some notable achievements we have had in 2023 was some of our Juniors representing their county. Jack Manders represented Middlesex under 14's, Will Edwards represented Middlesex under 16's and Charlie Aldridge represented Surrey Under 12's. These were all outstanding achievements from our Juniors showing their hard work paying off!

In 2023 Ashford Manor Juniors played three friendly matches against Bishopsgate School & Fulwell (home & away). The Juniors had a successful friendly season winning both matches against Fulwell and drawing to Bishopsgate school. Our 2024 season will see the Juniors play in the Guildford and District League and will play against Bramley Golf Club and West Byfleet. The boys and girls narrowly missed out making the 2022 final by a singular shot, however the Juniors are feeling confident from an unbeaten 2023 season! They will also be playing the same friendlies as 2023 and more.

Roll Ups & Competitions

Every weekend we try to hold a Junior roll-up depending on course availability. This will either be held on a Saturday or Sunday between 1-2pm. We also have a Tuesday evening Junior session that starts at 6pm for one hour of coaching with Ethan Oxlade (Senior Assistant Professional) and James Hunt (Assistant PGA Professional). Ethan is a recently full qualified PGA Professional and James a second year Trainee. Both aspire to keep the session fun as well as informative to keep junior interest thriving.

Junior Competitions are a regular occurrence at Ashford Manor with at least one competition a month being scheduled. Throughout the summer months this number will increase in addition to a variety of board competitions being played. If a Junior does not have a handicap Index, they may join the competition to play with intent of a handicap card. Until a Handicap Index is achieved, they will not be eligible for competitions.

Contacts:

Ethan Oxlade (via Professional shop)

Linas Bucys (Junior Organiser)

Cairbre Smith (Junior Organiser)