Ashford Manor Golf Club.

Women in Golf Charter - Club Commitments.



The club signed up to the WiG Charter in July 2021.

The main purpose and benefit of the R&A/England Golf campaign being;-

- 1. To inspire more families to enjoy golf as a group leisure activity
- 2. To encourage more women and girls to play the game and join clubs
- 3. To achieve improved equal gender representation on committees and at Board level
- 4. To open up more opportunities for women to work within the industry

For AMGC the objective, together with the above, is to achieve a more inclusive culture and have a club that is attractive to the modern family unit delivering a more fulfilling and complete member experience.

Since sign up at the 3rd year review, July 2024, the Club has seen:-

- 1. The introduction of the TH Academy. Through the Academy Tony, our Director of Golf, has helped 53 women, 3 girls and 31 boys learn how to play golf. A tremendous achievement.
- 2. Our junior section has grown and is thriving. Current membership is 4 girls and 53 boys. Many thanks to our junior organisers together with our Professionals.
- 3. Our new women members being provided with a "Buddy" to welcome them to the club alongside holding the new member evenings.
- 4. Our monthly club competitions for men, women and juniors are held on the same weekend. Including the club championship. The ladies Autumn meeting this year will be held on the Sunday alongside the men's Autumn meeting competition.
- 5. The majority of women's monthly competitions and some of the men's competitions are now "Alternate Day", enabling greater participation.
- 6. The introduction, on a Thursday during the summer, of monthly 9 hole competitions for women.
- 7. More opportunities for mixed golf have been introduced. In addition to the summer mixed evenings and the mixed bank holiday competitions we now hold, each month at the weekend, monthly mixed competitions.
- 8. Additional women's honours boards are displayed in the clubhouse dinning area, 13 in total.
- 9. The introduction of a women's coffee morning event, showcasing our club to women golfers.
- 10. The reintroduction of adult and junior evenings during the summer months. Enabling the juniors to play alongside both men and women members.

In 2024

11. We held, a Junior and Adult competition event, juniors and adults playing in teams together. This has become an annual competition.

In 2025

12. We held a Mixed Open. An event that will enable us to show case our club, the wonderful course and membership benefits.

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In addition to the golfing;

- 13. The club promotes and encourages woman to step forward and be voted onto our General Committee reflecting the desire to have equal gender representation within the club.
- 14. Photos of the General Committee and staff have been placed in the entrance lobby.

To support and back up all of this;

15. The club achieved the SafeGolf accreditation which is reviewed on an ongoing basis and the General Committee have approved an Equality Diversity and Inclusion Policy.

16. The club has achieved the England Golf "Respect in Golf"/#TogetherInGolf status.

It is great to see the club continuing to support this campaign and look forward to the further achievements and progress that we make.

Mary Dowsett

AMGC WiG Charter Champion

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