



WHITECRAIGS GOLF CLUB

BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER OF A GOLF CLUB

There are a large number of benefits of being a member of a golf club and while you do pay more money you certainly get significantly more benefits for that money.

1. Unlimited Access to your Home Course

With a climate like ours you want to be able to play when the weather is good. Being a member gives you the opportunity to play when you like and generally as often as you like.

2. Choose How Much You Play

On a warm summer's evening you may have had a hard day at the office and feel that you would like some fresh air but do not have the time to play 18 holes. You could choose only to play 9 holes or a smaller loop of 5 or 6 holes. You generally wouldn't have this option with pay as you play golf where you may have to pay for 18 holes regardless of how many you want to play.

3. Gain an official CONGU handicap

Only by being a member of an Scottish Golf Union /Scottish Ladies Golfing Association, affiliated golf club can you attain an official CONGU handicap, giving you the opportunity to play competitions at your home course and other courses.

4. Play Competitive Golf

As a member of a golf club can you play regular official club competitions. Most clubs offer a weekend and a midweek competition.

5. Get your handicap down

Playing competitions regularly at your home club or in other Open competitions gives you the chance to get your handicap down to your targeted level. This is what most golfers strive for throughout their playing days.

6. Play in Matches against other clubs

As a member of a club, you will have opportunity of representing your club in matches against other clubs, in your local area or further afield, whether you are a senior or junior, man or woman. It is not just low handicap players that play for the club. Some matches are played using handicaps and therefore everyone has the chance of playing.

7. A Great Clubhouse Environment

Your local clubhouse can be a great place for eating, drinking and socializing with your friends, very often with competitive prices for members in very pleasant surroundings.

8. A Sense of Belonging

Membership of a golf club is a great way to be part of the local community and network with other people from the area; golf clubs often form a vital part of the local town or area.

9. Meet New People

This is a chance to meet like-minded people and form life-long friendships with like-minded members.

10. Use of the Practice Facilities & Club Professional

There is the opportunity, with free use of the club's practice facilities at any time, to improve your game. The club professional will have a well stocked shop where you can try out the latest models of clubs and take lessons, if you wish, from the resident PGA professional.

11. Invite Your Friends

Clubs offer preferential 'Members' Guest Rate' green fees giving you the chance to invite your friends to play your course. By making this reciprocal among your golfing friends, you can play many great courses at a fraction of the normal price.

12. Clubgolf Coaching for Juniors

More than 230 golf clubs across Scotland have now introduced clubgolf, the national junior golf strategy, giving children a structured coaching and playing pathway at your club. As well as teaching the fundamentals of the game the juniors are also taught the etiquette of the game getting them off to a great start with their golfing life.

13. Preferential Green Fees at Other Clubs

The Scottish Golf Union provide members of affiliated clubs with preferential green fees at some of the best courses in Scotland through the SGU Special Offers scheme, including Royal Troon, Muirfield and Gleneagles.

14. The Scottish Golf Card

Members of affiliated clubs can buy a new Scottish Golf Card which gives you 50% off standard green fees at many courses across Scotland.

15. Play National Championships

The Scottish Golf Union and Scottish Ladies Golf Association run a number of national championships, only for members of affiliated clubs, from elite level to handicap based events and these are available to members subject to handicap qualifications.