



WEST BYFLEET GOLF CLUB

The Club

West Byfleet Golf Club was founded as Bleakdown Golf Club by Hugh Locke King in 1906. He also founded and built the New Zealand Golf Club and the famous Brooklands race track. In 1922 the Club was purchased by its members, all of whom were local residents and its name changed to West Byfleet Golf Club. The land, comprising some 115 acres, is vested in the name of West Byfleet Golf Club Limited, in which the members have the controlling interest.

West Byfleet is a traditional members' club, owned by the members themselves and existing for their benefit. This has many advantages, not least the fact that the Club does not pay rent, nor does it have a controlling shareholder who has purely financial motives. The Club is highly democratic, electing its own committee, making its own investment decisions, setting its own rules and subscription levels, on all of which the members have the final say at General Meetings of the Club. We have over 500 adult playing members, the vast majority of whom live within five miles of the Club. The Club is financially sound with no external borrowing, having adopted a policy of saving for major expenditure.

The Course

The course sits on Bagshot sand and drains very well, which results in good, all year round playability. The course itself was designed and laid out in 1906 by Cuthbert Butchart, who was a well known professional of the time and whose other projects included West Hill, Hunstanton, Royal County Down and Hampstead and Highgate

Measuring 6,200 yards off the men's competition tees and with a par of 70 and six par 4 holes, each of over 400 yards, it is regarded as a good test of golf. The ladies' course measures 5,600 yards with a par of 72. The Club's signature hole is the 13th Pond hole, a short but tricky par 3.

It is an easy walking course and, unlike many of its peers, there are no footpaths, bridge paths, roads or public rights of way across it. It is totally private. Tees are close to the previous green.

The greens are a particular feature with wonderfully shaped fast surfaces with subtle borrows and slopes demanding variations of approach shots and deft skill when putting.

The course has a recently-installed full course watering system, fed from our own borehole and reservoir. We have a long-term course development programme with enhancements being made on an ongoing basis.

Other Facilities

The popular Half-Way Hut, open every day, provides a wide range of drinks and snacks.

The Club's practice facilities are extensive and close to the Clubhouse. They comprise a supplied ball practice range with five covered bays, nets, a practice bunker, pitching area and chipping and putting greens. We have two PGA qualified teachers on hand seven days a week. Junior Classes are held on Saturdays.

The popular Professional Shop has a bookable buggy fleet and an on-site electric trolley service centre. The shop is particularly renowned for its wonderful selection of ladies' golfing gear.

We also provide storage facilities for members' trolleys, together with battery charging facilities.

The Club House

The Club House was built in 1912 along traditional lines. It has been much improved over the years, the building itself is warm and inviting, with a roaring log fire in winter.

Lockers are available for ladies, men and juniors.

The capacious dining room also boasts a stage and, with seating in the sun lounge and bar, we can accommodate up to 140 people for the many and varied social functions, which are held on a regular basis.

There is also a snooker room and facilities for playing bridge

Whilst dress rules apply in the bar, sun lounge and dining room, the spike bar, (where a large screen television is situated) and patio are available to players who want a drink in their golfing gear.

Members enjoy a wide range of discounted drinks from the bar. There is no bar levy.

The club is renowned for the variety and quality of the cuisine.

Matches and Competitions

The Club has a strong fixture list and matches are organised against other local clubs for both men and ladies. Both men and ladies also compete in the Surrey inter-club competitions.

Internal Club competitions abound, culminating with Finals Day in September. The extensive numbers of trophies for which members compete give evidence of the Club's history and carry the names of our founding fathers.

We have a thriving Men's Seniors Section (referred to as the BOB's), with an enviable fixture list playing against other local clubs as well as many and varied internal competitions.

There are ample opportunities to play in "Roll-Ups" which take place a number of times during the week and on Saturday afternoons.

Only on Saturday morning do we have a "sign-up sheet; at all other times, subject to reference to the Club Diary and the Activity Sheet, one can simply turn up and play.

Membership

Please see accompanying sheet for membership details.

Finally

At West Byfleet Golf Club we maintain many traditions and are proud of our 110 year-old heritage. As a true Members Club, we pride ourselves on having a friendly atmosphere, excellent facilities and a course of the highest quality, in good condition and playable all year round.

We would be delighted to answer any questions you may have, show you around and provide the opportunity for you to play the course. Please call us on 01932 343433 (Option 6) or email us at membership@wbgc.co.uk to arrange.

For more information do visit our website: www.wbgc.co.uk

We look forward to hearing from you.