

Elmbridge u3a and Claremont Golf Club

Claremont Park Golf Club have put forward an offer to Elmbridge u3a members who are interested in playing golf, to become, through U3A, an “associate” member of CPGC. The offer is that members of Elmbridge u3a will be able to play the course at any time (7 days a week) on a play and pay basis along with a one-off fee to cover administration and golfers’ insurance. This will allow new, returning and casual golfers to play as much or as little as they wish.

Claremont is a 9 hole par 28 course. Situated on Claremont Drive (opposite Milbourne Lane – at the traffic lights) just outside Esher – so local. It is fairly flat, so no hills, and not too long. Ideal for the knees and hips of the U3A demographic. I’ve added a map and the scorecard below for you to look at.



Hole	Yds	SI	Par
1	183	1	3
2	157	4	3
3	170	2	3
4	138	7	3
5	245	9	4
6	143	5	3
7	109	8	3
8	134	6	3
9	166	3	3
Out	1445		

There is no clubhouse and no formal tee times. Although there is a lavatory available by the greenkeeper’s huts.

The way it will work is as follows:

u3a members must be registered with the golf group (through David Rodway at <mailto:webmaster@elmbridgeu3a.org>). In addition, they must agree that their home address can be forwarded on to the golf club secretary, so that a coloured bag strap may be sent to them. The straps will provide a visual indication that the player is a paid-up member of the club.

Associate membership would confer playing privileges only to u3a members, but not club membership. For instance, u3a members would not have the ability to invite and sign in guests. However, CPGC have said that they will review this, because they recognise golf is a social game. The upside is that u3a members will be able to liaise amongst themselves to go out for a game, without a CPGC member needing to sign them in.

u3a members would have to sign in as a guest of u3a each time they play and pay the guest green fee. The idea would be that u3a members could then play at Claremont at any time if a green fee is paid.

There is also the matter of insurance. Guests must be signed in by a club member for the insurance to be valid. To enable this each member of the u3a golf group would have to pay an annual subscription of £60.00 to cover the club's admin costs (including straps) and be covered by the golf insurance.

The u3a "organised" activities could then consist of an advertised roll up time. Depending on numbers this might be a weekly or fortnightly roll up, and separate times for Ladies and Gents depending on the size of groups.

If an Associate Member then subsequently plays more than say 20 times in a year (£200 in green fees currently) then they may find it more economical to join the club as a full member, currently £385.00 p.a. They of course, as u3a members, could still participate in the roll ups without having to pay the green fees.

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