

The Seniors Section

What's in it for you ?

Make new friends & acquaintances

Play in various in-house competitions

- ◇ Glasswell cup
- ◇ Chairman's Bowl
- ◇ Arnold Plate
- ◇ Jubilee Cup
- ◇ Seniors Open Championship
- ◇ Millennium Shield
- ◇ Autumn Cup
- ◇ Senior/Ladies spring Texas Scramble
- ◇ Seniors/Ladies mixed winter fours
- ◇ Seniors Rose-bowl
- ◇ Play in matches against other clubs
- ◇ Play in inter-club matches

For further information contact your committee:

Seniors Captain:	Peter Morrisey
Secretary	Tim Beard
Fixtures Secretary	David Peake
Competition Secretary	Bev Carey
Match Secretary	Richard Rawlings
Seniors Open Organiser	Graham Judge
Committee Members:	John Reed

BURY ST EDMUNDS GOLF CLUB



The Bury St Edmunds Golf Club

“THIS IS YOUR GOLF CLUB
MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR
MEMBERSHIP

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As a new or existing member you are welcome to join any of the social groups that exist. You will be made most welcome and there is no age limit of 55+. Just contact Peter on the number above

Fifty five +

Make the most of your membership



A brief history of the club.

When the course at Bury St Edmunds was created in 1924, the world was a very different place. Huddersfield Town were the football league champions, Harold Abrahams and Eric Liddell were taking gold for Britain in the 'Chariots of Fire' Olympics in Paris. King George V had opened the British Empire Exhibition at the new Wembley stadium, Ramsey MacDonald was the first Labour prime minister. The Thief of Baghdad, with Douglas Fairbanks, was movie of the year and Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue the hit song.

The golf course's original design was by the first British Ryder Cup team captain Ted Ray, winner of an Open and a US Open.

It measured 6,087 yards, which was regarded as long for a non-links course. Today's measurement of 6,676 off the white tees is still the second longest in Suffolk

In an era when golf was largely the province of the wealthy aristocratic and professional classes, the club was created with a deliberate policy of being open and available to the townspeople of Bury St Edmunds, with the admirable tagline "No swank and no bunkum".

The first pro was Arthur Matthews and a splendid link with the past (for any sport is nothing without its roots) in the form of one of his clubs - an ancient hickory-shafted mid-iron stamped with his name - hangs above the bar, the prize for the annual President's Mashie competition.

Matthews (who earned 50 shillings a week) was also in charge of the clubhouse, which was then lit by oil lamps, for mains electricity was not connected until 1937. He had an assistant, Miss Nellie Baldwin, who was paid 12s 6d a week to provide food and (crikey!) "anything else necessary".

THE CLUB SENIORS

The Seniors of the club are an integral part of the Bury St Edmunds golf club. As a committee we work tirelessly to offer those duly qualified members the opportunity to get the most from their membership.

The Seniors committee are committed to ensuring that the ongoing development and improvements, both to the club and members facilities are successful.

It is one of the reasons why we promote competitions for you to participate in, and its your support in these competitions that will allow us to meet our obligation to

During World War II the course, like many other sporting venues (racing and football grandstands, for instance, were commonly used as troop billets or hospitals), did its bit. The humps and hollows in the belt of woodland between the 7th and 8th fairways are reminders of an assault course built by the Suffolk Regiment. The ladies' section held regular competitions to raise money for causes such as the Red Cross.

A wholesale redesign of the course (by noted golf architect Frank Pennick) and a new clubhouse became necessary during the sixties because of the construction of the A14. New holes were built, original ones renumbered - what was the first is now the sixth, for example, and the old sixth now the fourteenth - and many greens became multi-tiered. The new-look Bury St Edmunds was formally opened in May 1969

Another step forward was the construction of a nine-hole course, opened in October 1991 and now a thriving pay-and-play facility, a boon for beginners and casual golfers but no 'gimme' for the more experienced player either.

Both courses benefit from ongoing upgrading.. Bury St Edmunds not only has a proud history, the competitions boards in the clubhouse stand testament to significant names in its development.