

## Message from Lady Captain

We are extremely fortunate to have a lovely friendly ladies section here at Buckingham Golf Club.

We have over 70 lady members of which about 40 play regularly on our ladies day (Monday) with the working ladies playing their competitions on a Saturday. The format of competitions varies from week to week, with a mixture of handicap qualifiers and fun competitions. We also meet up in the week to enjoy a round of golf, a drink and chat in the clubhouse afterwards.

We have friendly matches both during the week and on Saturdays which is a great way of socialising with other members and playing other courses, and we also play mixed matches too as well entering teams into the Bucks Shield Knock-Out, Winter League and the Silver and Bronze Summer Scratch League.

Our ladies' handicaps vary from a few talented low handicappers to high handicap players with the majority being about mid-field, so we cover all levels of players.

We love welcoming new members who may have been through the our Academy Program with our pro Greg or who join us for other reasons or from other clubs. We understand what a nerve racking time it can be to join a group of ladies who already know each other so we pair new members up with a "buddy" who will show them the workings of the club, the signing on system, where to change, introduction to others and answer any queries they may have. They soon become a valued member and new friendships are formed.

The ladies have set up their own WhatsApp group which helps us all to stay in touch, which is particularly useful during the lockdowns, especially making sure that ladies living on their own do not feel isolated. We organise golfing away days and weekends away and enjoy many social events at the club.

There is also an active Bridge Group with a number of ladies who play on a regular basis, so it's not just all about golf. For example we have many ladies who are brilliant at helping to raise money for our annual charity (this year it is The Child Brain Injury Trust), we have ladies who bring in excess fruit and vegetables that they have grown in their gardens and allotments to sell, along with the chutneys, jams and plants from the industrious ladies of the section all of which goes to the charity.

*Altogether we believe it's a brilliant section to be proud of.*

**Carole Fello**  
**Ladies Captain 2021**