



# HOW THE GOLFERS CLUB NSW/ACT WORKS

- If you are a complete beginner or seasoned golfer, come and join the fun!
- Perfect for working men and women, students, busy mums and potential golf club members.
- GCNSW/ACT welcomes all to participate. There are regular playing opportunities, weekly competitions, clinics etc.
- The GCNSW/ACT newsletter includes casual golfing opportunities, regular competitions, information on golf clinics etc.

## History

The *Golfers Club NSW/ACT* (formerly Women's Golf Club) is an initiative of Women's Golf NSW. *Golfers Club NSW/ACT* was developed to promote the sport of golf to men and women of all ages and to provide everyone with the opportunity of playing or learning to play the game of golf in a social and relaxed environment by offering regular playing opportunities or the challenge of organised competition.

The *Women's Golf Club* was introduced in NSW in 1999, which then became the *Golfers Club NSW* in 2008 due to the pending amalgamation of Women's Golf NSW and the NSW Golf Association (NSW Men's golf). In 2010, ACT was included within the GCNSW region and became *GCNSW/ACT*.

**The *Golfers Club NSW/ACT* is perceived to be a nurturing ground for future club members. We actively encourage our members to move on and join a proper club.**

## Golfers Club NSW/ACT is an Affiliated Club

WGNSW and NSWGA represent over 400 golf clubs in NSW. The *Golfers Club NSW/ACT* is one of these regular affiliated clubs but uses the facilities of various other Golf Clubs and Driving ranges to provide its members with clinics and competitions.

## How Golfers Club NSW/ACT Works

- The Membership Fee for Golfers Club NSW/ACT is \$125 per financial year
- Membership is renewable annually, from the start of the new financial year (July).
- There is no joining fee, simply an annual membership subscription
- GCNSW/ACT Members are not restricted to GCNSW/ACT specific activities.
- All membership applications are received and processed by Women's Golf NSW, who forwards a Membership Kit directly to your door.
- You can join GCNSW/ACT by completing a membership application form.
- **NOTE: You cannot discontinue a membership with another club to join the GCNSW/ACT instead. However, you can hold dual memberships. (see below)**

***Membership of the Golfers Club NSW/ACT offers the following:***

- **GCNSW/ACT membership Kit**
- **Golf Australia Handicap & Golflink Card**  
Your handicaps will be administered through 'GOLFLink'. The official Golf Australia handicap you can obtain through your membership of GCNSW/ACT will become known as an 'Affiliate Handicap' and you will receive a GOLFLink Card. You will be able to log onto [www.golflink.com.au](http://www.golflink.com.au) to check your handicap at anytime.

To gain a Golf Australia handicap, you need to be a member of a club (GCNSW/ACT) and then provide 3 x 9 or 18 hole scorecards that have been completed correctly and signed by anyone that holds a current handicap. Your handicap will then be calculated according to the Golf Australia regulations and you will be informed by email.

- **Free Clinic**  
New beginner members have to opportunity to attend a free clinic. Clinics will be arranged intermittently and new members will be booked in for free upon request. New members will be informed of coming clinics via email.
- **PIP Insurance**  
Insurance is through the Golf Australia's Personal Insurance Plan. Full details can be obtained from the WGNSW website Golfers Club NSW/ACT section [www.wgnsw.org.au](http://www.wgnsw.org.au)
- **WGNSW Membership Card (female members only)**  
Through your membership of GCNSW/ACT you are also a member of the State Body - WGNSW. This financial year we are issuing all our members with a WGNSW membership card offering many benefits. For more information please refer to our website; [www.wgnsw.org.au](http://www.wgnsw.org.au) (membership cards)
- **PLEASE NOTE: 1 year moratorium**  
GCNSW/ACT observes a one (1) year moratorium, i.e. persons cannot join if they have been a member of a Golf Club or held an official Australian handicap in the previous 12 months. This feature is included to allay fears from Golf Clubs that persons might drop out of membership with Clubs to join GCNSW/ACT at a reduced cost. Of course everybody is welcome to hold two or more memberships. Should you hold a dual membership the GCNSW/ACT cannot be your Home Club. (Special cases will be considered upon request eg - moving from rural area)
- The opportunity for **competition** play midweek or weekends. Check the Women's Golf NSW or NSW Golf Association website calendars for a list of club open competitions.
- A monthly **newsletter** with updates on events, tips etc.
- You can play anywhere in Australia, casually or competitively. At public courses you will be requested to pay the corresponding green fee, and at private golf clubs you may play as a member's guest.
- GCNSW/ACT Members with official handicaps are eligible to compete in a range of WGNSW and NSWGA tournaments & competitions, as well as affiliated club's Open Days or championships throughout Australia, dependent on the conditions of entry.

## Social Clubs

Social Clubs are encouraged to join as a group. All your players can be allocated handicaps and you can still hold all your own events. All you need to do is request a results sheet once your competition is completed send the sheet back to WGNSW and all your handicaps will be adjusted accordingly on GOLFLink. You will also be able to take part in the many GCNSW/ACT social competitions that will be organised at various courses.

## Further information

For further information go to the WGNSW website ([www.wgnsw.org.au](http://www.wgnsw.org.au)) or call Mitsie Kent on 02 9764 3790.

You can send your application form to:

Post: Women's Golf New South Wales  
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Email: [mitsie@wgnsw.org.au](mailto:mitsie@wgnsw.org.au)

\* Payment may be by cheque, direct deposit, bank cheque or credit card (see Application Form for details). Please ensure that you provide appropriate proof of payment if you are to direct deposit.