



PRESS RELEASE

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Free golf coaching taster sessions taking place at Bramford Golf Centre

Bramford Golf Centre in Bramford, Ipswich is holding Free golf coaching courses for adults (18yrs to 45yrs) commencing in May. There will be 3 courses for men and ladies and 1 course specifically for women. There are also coaching sessions for girls in local Cubs, Scouts and Brownie groups.

The sessions are open to beginners/non members and provide an ideal opportunity to experience the game of golf. To book a lesson with a PGA Professional please telephone **Bramford Golf Centre** on **01473 830694**.

The above activities are offered as part of the English Golf Union (EGU) and English Women's Golf Association (EWGA) Club Coaching Grant scheme, which provides GolfMark (incorporating Clubmark) facilities with funding to support recruitment and retention activity for adults and juniors. GolfMark (incorporating Clubmark) is the EGU and EWGA's national scheme that identifies and recognizes junior and beginner friendly golf facilities. For further details visit www.golfmark.org

Details of all venues offering coaching activities as part of the Club Coaching Grant scheme can be found at www.getintogolf.org

The Suffolk County Golf Partnership is also helping to develop golf within the county by supporting golf clubs, players, coaches and volunteers. See www.suffolkgolfpartnership.co.uk for more information.

Many golf clubs have been able to offer golf taster sessions and activities for a number of years through the support of the EGU and EWGA and have introduced thousands of beginners to golf and golf clubs. In 2009, over 41,000 participants (adults and juniors) attended one of the 519 golf clubs offering activities as part of this scheme.

The Club Coaching Grant scheme is one of several initiatives jointly provided by the EGU and EWGA via England Golf's 'Whole Sport Plan' for golf and is an integral part of England Golf's vision to 'Grow the Game'.

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England Golf is a partnership between the English Golf Union, the English Women's Golf Association and the PGA with the support of the Golf Foundation and Sport England. 'The Whole Sport Plan for golf' is an initiative supported by Sport England that identifies how England Golf will achieve its vision of being 'The Leading Golf Nation in the World by 2020' from grass roots right through to the elite level.

The English Golf Union Limited (EGU) has served as the governing body of male amateur golf in England since it was founded in 1924.

Responsible for the training of England's top amateur golfers the EGU organises all the major English amateur championships.

Based at the National Golf Centre in Woodhall Spa, the EGU is one of the largest sports governing bodies in England looking after the interests of over 1,900 golf clubs and 700,000 club members. The EGU also works to increase the continued interest and participation in golf through their golf development initiative 'Get into Golf'.

On the 31 December 2007 the English Ladies' Golf Association, an unincorporated body, was dissolved and the property, contracts, assets (including intellectual property rights and goodwill) and liabilities of the Association were transferred to a Company Limited by Guarantee, registration number 6431498, known as the English Women's Golf Association. The English Women's Golf Association is the governing body for female amateur golf in England. EWGA represents around 120,000 members in more than 1780 golf clubs, trains the country's elite golfers, runs a full rota of national championships as well as events for handicap golfers, and actively encourages new golfers.

The association also has a charity, The ELGA Trust, which supports schemes to introduce girls to golf and helps promising players.



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