

2025 Espiche Golf Member

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## LETTER FROM PAULINE



Dear Members,

On behalf of Espiche Golf, we would like to once again thank you for re-joining Espiche Golf for 2025 and to welcome our new members to the club.

We are delighted that you have decided to join us, and we look forward to providing you with an exceptional club experience for years to come. Our goal is to offer an environment where people can play a round of golf and have an enjoyable social experience afterwards. Our staff is dedicated to ensuring that your membership experience is enjoyable and rewarding for you, your family and friends. For your convenience, we have assembled this 2025 Member Information Booklet that will familiarize you with upcoming events, fixtures and general club related information.

I am pleased to say that it has been an excellent 2024 here at Espiche and we will of course continue to focus on improving the quality of the golf course and its facilities.

Should you ever have questions, comments, or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 282 688 250 or at [pbinnie@espichegolf.pt](mailto:pbinnie@espichegolf.pt)

We also invite you to visit the Members website at [www.espichegolf.pt](http://www.espichegolf.pt)

I hope that you will continue to enjoy your time at Espiche in 2025 and I look forward to seeing you all at the Golf Club soon.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pauline Binnie". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sincerely,

Pauline Binnie  
Golf Manager



## LETTER FROM CLUB CAPTAIN



Dear Members,

I was honoured to be asked to represent Espiche Golf Club (EGC) as captain for the 2025 season and delighted to accept that invitation. For those of you that don't know me yet, my name is Andy Watts. I am originally from Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK, have lived in Lagos for 4 years now with my wife Lindsey and our two dogs, and am still an avid supporter of Newcastle United football club. You can take the boy out of Newcastle but.....

I hope to meet you all at some stage during the upcoming season.

The last few years at EGC have seen great and progressive changes being made and the 2024 season was no exception to that rule. Its reputation continues to grow at home and abroad as all aspects of the business are improved. I'm sure you'll agree that the green keeping staff, under the guidance of Paulo Coelho, have done a wonderful job in producing a course of outstanding beauty and exceptional quality.

Progress was seen last year, due to continued investment from the owners, with the introduction of an improved watering and drainage system aimed at reducing water usage and protecting the delicate environment upon which the golf course is built. We are seeing an enormous improvement to the practice area, where you will find club Pro, João Tomaz, always ready with a tip to improve your game.

The food and beverage area continues to advance under the stewardship of Carlos Galvão along with his conscientious kitchen and bar staff. The attentive service of all of the front and back-office staff provides a welcoming and friendly environment for members and guests alike, whilst our marshals ensure that regulations are followed as well as supplying us with sustenance and refreshments when required. And of course, Pauline, our golf manager, is the glue that sticks all of these pieces together, to ensure that the sum of the parts is greater than the whole.

However, none of this would be meaningful without an amazing and vibrant membership. That is ultimately what gives the club its beating heart and soul and allows it to continue to thrive and grow. It's what makes EGC our little piece of paradise.



## LETTER FROM CLUB CAPTAIN

The Interleague team has continued to perform at the highest level. An outstanding year in 2024 has followed hot on the heels of promotion in 2023. Good luck to the entire Interleague team for the 2025 season.

If you do not already participate in the thrice weekly competitions, then please allow me to encourage you to do so. Set-up and run primarily by competition secretary, Jim McClure and Espiche Golf, these events are a great opportunity to meet new friends, play some semi-competitive golf and relax with a well-deserved cooling drink in the clubhouse afterwards.

Our charity days have historically been well supported and I look forward to helping that tradition continue. With a great deal of effort and energy to organise and run these events (provided by a number of our members and friends, along with the club itself), EGC raised in excess of 5.000€ for various good causes in and around the Lagos area in 2024. This was a magnificent achievement. During 2025, watch out for the adverts for these charity days, they will be posted around the clubhouse and on the club's website. Please lend them your support where possible.

The first golf and social event of the year, as ever, will be the Captain and Vice-Captain's Drive In. A shotgun start at 8.45am, on January 30th, it sees teams of 4 compete for the first honours of 2025. Come and join us if you can.

Finally, I know that I am walking in the shoes of giants but hope to continue the great works that Andy Goodwin and the previous club captains, (in association with the membership and management of this fantastic golf club) have achieved. Here's to an enjoyable and successful 2025 at Espiche.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andy Watts".

Andy Watts  
Club Captain





## USEFUL CONTACTS



Golf Operations Manager: Pauline Binnie: [pbinnie@espichegolf.pt](mailto:pbinnie@espichegolf.pt)  
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Reception Manager: Luísa Pires: [lpires@espichegolf.pt](mailto:lpires@espichegolf.pt)  
Tel.: 282 688 250

Reception: Reception Team: [reception@espichegolf.pt](mailto:reception@espichegolf.pt)  
Tel.: 282 688 250

Food & Beverage Manager Carlos Galvão: [cgalvao@espichegolf.pt](mailto:cgalvao@espichegolf.pt)  
Tel.: 282 249 802

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Tel.: 282 688 270

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Tel.: 282 249 802



## MEET THE ESPICHE TEAM

### Reception

Luísa Pires  
Diogo Veras  
Paulo Marques  
Rita Albano

### Caddymaster

João Guerreiro  
José Carlos Cintra  
Rui Pereira  
Rui Serrão  
Christian O'Brien

### Restaurant

Carlos Galvão  
Rúben Jacinto  
João Fonseca  
João Gomes

### Golf Professional

João Tomás

### Cleaning / Hygiene

Maria José Duarte  
Ludmila Rosca  
Aliona Taska



## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### BOARD



Alan Hodson  
Chairman



Paulo Coelho  
Director

### COMMITTEE



Alan Hodson  
Chairman



Andrew Watts  
Captain



Michael Carr  
Vice-Captain



Jim McClure  
Competitions  
Secretary



Pauline Binnie  
Back Office &  
Administration



Susan Denman  
Treasurer

To contact any of our Committee members please email [pbinnie@espichegolf.pt](mailto:pbinnie@espichegolf.pt)





## SOURCES OF INFORMATION



Golf Fixtures List: The fixtures list, and structure of the competitions, are developed by Competition Secretary and Committee. The Golf Fixtures List contains a list of all the competitions for the year and is an invaluable source of information for planning your golf for the year.

Club Website: [www.espichegolf.pt](http://www.espichegolf.pt) You will find very comprehensive information about the club and up to date news on the club website. Make sure you visit the 'Members Area'. Results from club and open competitions are posted here and you can also access golf fixtures, social events, competition formats, draws, local rules and general information.

Access to the Member's Website: Upon subscription, a username and password will be generated for each and every member. Please contact the reception if you have any trouble logging into the website.

1. Go to [www.espichegolf.pt](http://www.espichegolf.pt)
2. Go to "Members"
3. Enter User Name (your email address)
4. Enter Password (If you did not set up a password when you joined, your password is your last name with 1 at the end – Ex: Smith1, Jones1).

Members Facebook Page:

Up to date information can also be found on the Club's Facebook.

For all members that may be on Facebook, there is a members 'only closed group. It is updated regularly with pertinent information related to Espiche and its members.

The FB Group is Clube de Golfe de Espiche Members

The web address is as follows:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1837836292988602/>



Notice Boards: Notice Boards are positioned by the Clubhouse Men's and Ladies' locker rooms as well as the Driving Range & Short Game areas and are all valuable sources of information regarding competitions and social activities – please keep an eye on them.



## MEMBER BENEFITS - GOLF DISCOUNT 2025



At Espiche Golf, members are entitled to discounts off rental buggies as well as pro shop goods and in the bar and restaurant.

These discounts include:

Buggy rental 18-holes €33 / 9-holes €23 / Twilight €28

15% off pro shop purchases.

15% off all beverage and food purchases in the bar and restaurant.

Reduced green fees for guests when accompanied by the member.

High season: 18-holes - €58 per round / 9-holes €40 per round / Twilight €46 per round

Low season: 18-holes - €40 per round / 9-holes €28 per round / Twilight €31 per round

### LOW AND HIGH SEASON 2025

**Low season:** 01.01.25 to 15.02.25 | 01.06.25 to 15.09.25 | 01.12.25 to 31.12.25

**High season:** 16.02.25 to 31.05.25 | 16.09.25 to 30.11.25

Please note that membership cards if asked should always be shown when requesting discounts.

CNIG Card: Discounted green fee rates are available at golf courses throughout Portugal via the CNIG Card scheme. These discounts are only available to members who are fully paid up 2025 members of the Clube de Golfe de Espiche. The club is affiliated to the Portuguese Golf Federation.

To Access CNIG discounts: On January 2nd reception will update the player names in the CNIG system for 2025. Players will then receive an automatic email to set up their account. The account has to be set up within a 24-hour period. Information on the 2025 CNIG affiliated National courses will be available on the member's website. You will only be able to reserve a tee time 48-hours in advance and you have the opportunity to play each course twice. It is the responsibility of the player to contact the individual courses to reserve tee times. On check-in at the courses your CNIG validation will be checked using your name and (PGF) Portuguese Golf Federation number.

<http://www.cnig.pt/pt/membros/campos-de-golfe-associados/on>



## GOLF COMPETITIONS AND HANDICAPS



### GOLF COMPETITIONS

Members competitions are held thrice weekly on the dates and in the formats set out in the Golf Fixtures List. The rules and format of any competition can be viewed on the member's website under Competition Guidelines and Golf Formats. There is always an up-to date copy of the Competition Guidelines available on the member's website, reception and on the member's notice board.

The Tuesday and Saturday events are administered by the Competition Secretary, Jim McClure and committee whose responsibility is to ensure that all handicaps conform to the requirements of the Portuguese Golf Federation.

The Thursday Singles Stableford competition is administered by the Espiche Golf Team.

### GENERAL COMPETITIONS & HANDICAPS

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON GOLF HANDICAP REQUIREMENTS IN PORTUGAL

Members visiting Portugal are required to bring from their home club on each visit, a handicap certificate and playing record covering the period since their previous visit where they have played in a WHS qualifying event. These records will then be reviewed by the club/committee. Members are reminded that the maintenance of a current handicap is their sole responsibility.

These records will be required prior to playing in any club competition.

#### TRANSFERING FROM ANOTHER CLUB:

If you already have a current WHS Handicap from a previous club on registering you must supply to the Club competition secretary your full handicap record sheet with your last 10 scores.

### LOCAL RULES

Local rules are specific to your Club and it is important that you make yourself aware of them as they may have an influence on the interpretation of the rules of golf. The local rules are available on the member's website and club notice board in the Clubhouse.





## RESERVING TEE TIMES



### PLAYING A ROUND OF GOLF - RESERVING TEE TIMES

As a member at Espiche Golf you will benefit from preferential tee times on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays when you reserve our member's competitions.

All tee times for competition and non-competition can be pre-booked by member's 7-days in advance. Any tee time during the Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday slots not taken by members within 2 days of the date of play will be taken back and made available for re-sale to non-competition members or the public. The company reserves the right to refuse block booking of starts by individuals if they consider the system is being used unfairly.

For Saturday competitions enter before 2300hrs on the previous Thursday.  
For Thursday competitions enter before 2300hrs on the previous Tuesday  
For Tuesday competitions enter before 2300hrs on the previous Sunday.

A player will be listed as a "reserve" when a competition is apparently filled.  
It is the responsibility of all players including "reserves" to check their start time on the afternoon of the day prior to the competition.

The preferred method of booking a tee time or club competition is through our 24 hour on-line booking platform.

The booking system is simple to operate by using this link:

<https://espiche.golfmanager.com/consumer/home>

If you have any doubts or questions regarding the booking system then please address any queries to Pauline or golf reception.



## COMPETITION GUIDELINES 2025

Clube de Golf de Espiche organizes Major Trophy tournaments which amongst others include, the Spring Cup, Summer Cup, Autumn & Winter trophy, Club Championship and Captains' Day which are for members of Clube de Golf de Espiche to compete in.

**To enter Major Trophy tournaments the committee requires that members have played in at least 6 qualifying singles competitions in the previous 12 months. For the purpose of satisfying this requirement the 1st Thursday Singles Stableford from each month will also count as a qualifier.**

### Guests

Guests may be welcome to play major competitions but they will not be eligible for any of the prizes, unless a 'guest prize' is available. This may be altered by the Competition Manager and will be noted on the event sign-up sheet.

Although we are happy to have member's guests in our Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday competitions, and with limitations on the available tee times, preference will always be given to members. However, in an effort to accommodate the member's guests, we will be able to give an indication to the member (who is bringing the guest), whether any problems are foreseen (based on entries already received) as follows:

- On Wednesday (for Saturday competitions)
- On Saturday (for Tuesday competitions)
- On Tuesday (for Thursday competitions)

This should provide sufficient opportunity to find an alternative tee time if needed. Guests must have a valid WHS handicap certificate, can enter other club competitions and win the available prizes. They must satisfy the entry fee and applicable green fee rate for that day.

### Guidelines for all qualifying and non-qualifying events including Thursday Stableford

#### **Espiche golf course members & Clube de Golf de Espiche members (all monies paid for 2025)**

\* All qualifying rounds are subject to a maximum playing handicap of 28 for men and 36 for ladies (includes slope). Non-qualifying competitions, maximum handicaps are currently under review and may be adjusted (currently 28/36 will be used (including slope)).

#### **Espiche golf course members but not members of Clube de Golf de Espiche**

\*\*With a valid handicap certificate (no older than 30 days from issue) presented to reception, or a valid handicap look up performed by reception, all competitions are available, unless other wise noted on sign up sheet and slope will be applied.

\*Maximum handicaps listed above also apply.

\*\*\*Not able to validate handicap or older than 30 days, in the Thursday Stableford and team competitions the maximum handicap for men is 18 and 24 for ladies. No slope applied.

#### **Guest with a member: \* Maximum handicaps listed above also apply**

With a validated handicap (see \*\* above)

No handicap certificate (see \*\*\*above)

#### **Guest without a member: \* Maximum handicaps listed above also apply**

With a validated handicap (see \*\* above)

No handicap certificate (see \*\*\* above)



## CLUBE DE GOLFE DE ESPICHE MEMBERS ACCESS TO myFPG



All “Clube de Golfe de Espiche” members can use the “myFPG” to check their handicap by using the Federation portal link below.

**<http://portal.fpg.pt/handicaps/handicap/sistema-de-handicap/>**

Once there scroll down the page until you see “English Version” lower right hand corner.

Click on “Learn more” and scroll to the bottom looking for “myFPG / Step-by-step:”

Click on this and follow the instructions. You can find your Federation number on your CNIG card or check with reception.

### **USEFULL LINKS:**

How to register in myFPG: [http://portal.fpg.pt/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/myFPG\\_Register.pdf](http://portal.fpg.pt/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/myFPG_Register.pdf)







## GOLF FIXTURES FOR 2025

Date	Day	Competition	Comp.	Tees	Tee Times
<b>Jan</b>					
2	TH	Single Stableford Q Draw	Singles	RYW	08h45 – 09h30
4	S	Paarls Pairs	Pairs	R/Y	08h45 – 10h33
7	T	Odds and Evens (team of 4)	Team	R/Y	08h45 – 10h33
9	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	08h45 – 09h30
11	S	Medal hdcp index order – Q	Singles	RYW	08h45 – 10h33
14	T	Dubai Stableford (team of 4) Draw	Team	R/Y	08h45 – 10h33
16	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	08h45 – 09h30
18	S	Pairs Betterball	Pairs	R/Y	08h45 – 10h33
21	T	Order of Merit (draw) – Q	Singles	R/Y	08h45 – 10h33
23	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	08h45 – 09h30
25	S	Singles Stableford Draw – Q	Singles	RYW	08h45 – 09h30
28	T	Captain vs vice-captain match play draw	Pairs	R/Y	08h45 – 10h33
30	TH	Captain's Drive In			Shotgun 08h45
<b>Feb</b>					
1	S	AM AM 2 of 4 (team of 4)	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
4	T	Single Stableford Draw – Q	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 09h39
6	TH	Singles Stableford (Q) Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h45
8	S	Order of Merit (draw) – Q	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
11	T	Canadian Scramble (team of 4) Draw	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
13	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h45
15	S	GV Singles Match play Draw	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
18	T	Medal hdcp index order – Q	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 09h39
20	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h45
22	S	Seattle Shamble Pairs	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
25	T	Yellow Ball (team of 4) Draw	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
27	TH	Mr Captain 50 Shades of Blue Men's Charity Golf Day	TBC	R/Y	Shotgun start 08h30
<b>Mar</b>					
1	S	Am Am Multiplier (team of 4)	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
4	T	GV Singles March play Draw	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
6	TH	Singles Stableford (Q) Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h45
8	S	Seattle Shambles International Ladies Day (Team of 4)	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
11	T	Medal hdcp index order – Q	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 09h39
13	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h45
15	S	Pairs Better Ball	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
18	T	Order of Merit (draw) – Q	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
20	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h45
22	S	Yellow White Red (team of 4) Draw	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
25	T	PING Singles Stableford – Q Draw	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
27	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h45
29	S	Paarls Pairs	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39

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Date	Day	Competition	Comp.	Tees	Tee Times
<b>Apr</b>					
1	T	Chris Clough Spring Cup (M)		R/Y	From 07h51
3	TH	Singles Stableford (Q) Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h36
5	S	Order of Merit (draw) – Q	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
8	T	Canadian Scramble (team of 4) – draw	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
10	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h36
12	S	Double Joker (team of 4)	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
15	T	Nations Cup	TBC		TBC
17	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h36
19	S	Tri Colour Stableford (team of 4) draw	Team	RYW	07h51 – 09h39
22	T	Medal hdcp index order – Q	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 09h39
24	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h36
26	S	Singles Stableford Q	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 09h39
29	T	Captain vs vice-captain match play draw	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39

Date	Day	Competition	Comp.	Tees	Tee Times
<b>May</b>					
1	TH	Singles Stableford (Q) Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h36
3	S	Texas Scramble Medal scoring (team of 2)	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
5	M	Mr. Captain Ladies Charity Golf Day	Team	R	Shotgun 09h00
6	T	Singles Stableford (Q)	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 09h39
8	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h36
9	FRI	Club Championship – Day 1 (M)	Singles	RYW	From 07h51
10	S	Club Championship – Day 2 (M)	Singles	RYW	From 07h51
13	T	Yellow Ball Stableford (team of 4) Draw	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
15	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h36
17	S	Seattle Shambles (team of 4)	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
20	T	Order of Merit Q Draw	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
22	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h36
24	S	Medal hdcp index order – Q	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 09h39
27	T	Srixon Pairs Better Ball	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
29	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h36
31	S	GV Singles Match play draw	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39

Date	Day	Competition	Comp.	Tees	Tee Times
<b>Jun</b>					
3	T	Dubai Stableford (team of 4)	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
5	TH	Singles Stableford (Q) draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h27
7	S	Greensomes	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
10	T	Medal hdcp index order – Q	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 09h39
12	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h27
14	S	Order of Merit Q Draw	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
17	T	Pairs Better Ball	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
19	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h27
21	S	Celebration Trophy	Pairs	R/Y	From 07h51
24	T	GV Singles Match play Draw	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
26	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h27
28	S	AM AM with a wink (team of 4) Draw	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39

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Date	Day	Competition	Comp.	Tees	Tee Times
<b>Jul</b>					
1	T	Single Stableford – Course Maintenance	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 09h39
3	TH	Singles Stableford Draw – Course Maintenance (same 9 twice)	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h27
5	S	Seattle Shambles (team of 2)	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
8	T	Florida Scramble (team of 4 ) Draw	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
10	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h27
12	S	High road and low road	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
15	T	GV Singles Match play Draw	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
17	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h27
19	S	Medal hdcp index order – Q	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 09h39
22	T	Invisible Pro (team of 4)	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
24	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h27
26	S	Paarl Pairs	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
29	T	Order of Merit Q Draw	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
31	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 09h39
Date	Day	Competition	Comp.	Tees	Tee Times
<b>Aug</b>					
2	S	Captain vs vice-captain match play	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
5	T	Odds and Events (team of 4)	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
7	TH	Singles Stableford (Q) draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h27
9	S	Order of Merit Q Draw	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
12	T	Summer Cup (M)	R/Y	From 07h51	
14	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h27
16	S	High road and low road	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
19	T	Medal hdcp index order – Q	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 09h39
21	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h27
23	S	Texas Scramble with a twist (team of 4) draw	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
26	T	Singles Stableford draw Q	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 09h39
28	TH	Singles Stableford draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h27
30	S	Pairs Better Ball	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
Date	Day	Competition	Comp.	Tees	Tee Times
<b>Sep</b>					
2	T	Greensomes	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
4	TH	Singles Stableford (Q) draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h36
6	S	Medal hdcp index order – Q	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 09h39
9	T	Double Joker (team of 4) draw	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
11	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h36
13	S	Paarl's Pairs	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
16	T	Captain's Day (M)	R/Y	Shotgun 09h00	
18	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h36
20	S	AM AM Multiplier (team of 4)	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
23	T	Order of Merit Q Draw	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
25	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h36
27	S	GV Singles Match play Draw	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
30	T	Singles Stableford - Q	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 09h39

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## GOLF FIXTURES FOR 2025

Date	Day	Competition	Comp.	Tees	Tee Times
<b>Oct</b> (No Medal competitions in October)					
2	TH	Singles Stableford (Q) draw	Singles	RYW	07h42 – 08h27
4	S	Florida Scramble (team of 4) Draw	Team	R/Y	07h42 – 09h30
7	T	Pairs Better Ball	Pairs	R/Y	07h42 – 09h30
9	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h42 – 08h36
11	S	Order of Merit Q draw	Singles	R/Y	07h42 – 09h30
14	T	Dubai Stableford (team of 4) Draw	Team	R/Y	07h42 – 09h30
16	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h42 – 08h36
18	S	Singles Stableford Draw Q	Singles	RYW	07h42 – 09h30
21	T	AM AM with a wink (team of 4)	Team	R/Y	07h42 – 09h30
23	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h42 – 08h36
25	S	GV Singles Match play Draw	Singles	R/Y	07h42 – 09h30
28	T	Tri Colour (team of 4) Draw	Team	R/Y	07h42 – 09h30
30	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h42 – 08h36
Date	Day	Competition	Comp.	Tees	Tee Times
<b>Nov</b>					
1	S	Seattle Shamble	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
4	T	Yellow White Red Stableford Score (team of 4)	Team	RYW	07h51 – 09h39
6	TH	Singles Stableford (Q) Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h27
8	S	Canadian Scramble (team of 4) Draw	Team	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
11	T	Order of Merit Q draw	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
13	TH	Singles Stableford draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h27
15	S	Singles Stableford – Q	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
18	T	Autumn Trophy (M)	Pairs	R/Y	From 07h51
20	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h27
22	S	Texas Scramble medal scoring	Pairs	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
25	T	Medal Cup (M)	Singles	RYW	From 07h51
27	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	07h51 – 08h27
29	S	GV Singles match play draw	Singles	R/Y	07h51 – 09h39
Date	Day	Competition	Comp.	Tees	Tee Times
<b>Dec</b>					
2	T	Order of Merit Q Draw	Singles	R/Y	08h45 – 10h33
4	TH	Singles Stableford (Q) Draw	Singles	RYW	08h45 – 09h30
6	S	GV Singles Match play Draw	Singles	R/Y	08h45 – 10h33
9	T	Golf Club Christmas Texas Scramble Draw	Team	R/Y	Shotgun 09h00
11	TH	Singles Stableford Draw	Singles	RYW	08h45 – 09h30
13	S	Odds and Events (team of 4) Draw	Team	R/Y	08h45 – 10h33
16	T	Pairs Better Ball	Pairs	R/Y	08h45 – 10h33
18	TH	Dave's Charity Christmas Golf Day	TBC	R/Y	From 08h45
20	S	Medal hdcp index order – Q	Singles	RYW	08h45 – 10h33
23	T	Singles Stableford – Q	Singles	RYW	08h45 – 10h33
25	TH	Merry Christmas Day – Golf Course Closed			
27	S	Texas Scramble medal scoring	Pairs	R/Y	08h45 – 10h33
30	T	Seattle Shambles	Pairs	R/Y	08h45 – 10h33

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## INTERLEAGUE 2025

Dear Member,

I am delighted to inform you that I have been asked to be the Captain of the Clube de Golfe de Espiche Interleague team for 2025.

In 2024, Simon and the Espiche Team won Division 2 and go to Division 1 as Champions in 2025.

The competition is played on a match-play basis with 6 matches being played at home and 6 away. The match is followed by lunch, giving members an opportunity of playing other great courses in the Algarve for only the price of a lunch (2025 price TBC).

In due course, I will be working together with the other captains to set a match calendar. The match dates will be posted on the member's notice board and member's website. The maximum EGA handicap allowed is 24 for men and ladies. Matches are played in Better-Ball format meaning you will be paired up with another member of the club. Each match will consist of 5 matches (10 players).

If you would like to be considered for the Interleague team, you will need to have your handicap administered by Clube de Golfe de Espiche. I would be grateful if you would email me notifying me of your interest and any dates when you know you will not be available.

The Clube is affiliated to the Portuguese Golf Federation (PGF). The Club annual subscription fee is €100 and payment is requested with your 2025 membership payment.

Members of the PGF are eligible to be part of the CNIG (Conselho Nacional da Indústria Do Golfe) scheme. You will be able to book tee times at many of the golf courses in Portugal where generous discounts on green fees. The CNIG scheme is not available to golfers who do not join the Clube de Golfe de Espiche.

My email address is [geoffvarga@gmail.com](mailto:geoffvarga@gmail.com)

Prior to each match there will be an opportunity to confirm your availability by email.

I look forward to enjoying a successful season.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'GV' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Best regards,  
Geoff Varga



## SLOW PLAY - TIPS FOR SPEEDING UP PLAY



None of us like to be stuck waiting behind a slow four-ball, turning what might be an enjoyable round into a 5 hour marathon. Just as bad is being in that four-ball and holding everyone up. Here are some simple tips that when followed should speed up your play. At Espiche we aim for a round of golf for 4 players to take 4 hours and 12 minutes.

It important to say that many of these tips have nothing to do with rushing your play, but rather with simply being ready to play, and using common sense and good etiquette on the course.

The bottom line is, **be ready to hit when it's your turn to play!**

- After teeing off, walk directly to your ball. Members of the group should not travel together as a group, walking first to one member's ball, then to the next. Each member of the foursome should walk directly to his or her ball.
- Use the time approaching your ball to think about your shot – the distance which will dictate your club selection so that when you reach your ball you will need less time to prepare for your shot.
- If you are unsure whether your ball has come to rest out of bounds, or if you think it may be lost, immediately hit a provisional ball so that you won't have to return to replay the shot.
- Begin reading the green and lining up putts as soon as you reach the green. Don't wait until it's your turn to putt to start the process of reading the green. Do it as soon as you reach the green so that when it's your turn you can step right up and putt.
- Do not spend a long time looking for balls in a hazard, just drop as per rules and play on.
- Never delay making a stroke because you're having a conversation with a playing partner. Put the conversation on hold, make your stroke, then pick up the conversation again
- Keep up with the group in front, not ahead of the group behind.
- Don't mark your card on the green, wait until the next tee (unless you have the honour in which case play first then score).
- Shake hands away from the last green, not on the last green.



## CLUBHOUSE & GECKO RESTAURANT



Take a look below at the dining events we have available throughout the year. We look forward to welcoming you, your family and friends.

### GECKO – WHAT'S ON

01 Jan – New Year's Day Buffet Lunch  
 11 Feb – Wine Dinner "Alentejo"  
 17 Feb – Celebrate St. Patrick's Day  
 20 Apr – Easter Sunday Jazz Lunch  
 14 May – Wine Dinner "Algarve"  
 02 Jul – 80's Disco Party  
 18 Jul – Grill & Chill BBQ with Live Music  
 01 Aug – Grill & Chill BBQ with Live Music  
 02 Aug – International Beer Day  
 05 Sep – Friday Jazz & Sunset BBQ  
 05 Nov – Quizz & Curry Night  
 02 Nov – Start of the November weekly Gecko Sunday Roasts  
 28 Nov – Fado Night  
 Watch out for our Winter Wine Tasting & Snacks

*\*All dates subject to alteration*

If you would like to celebrate your birthday, anniversary, special occasion or get-together with us please contact Carlos Galvão by email [cgalvao@espichegolf.pt](mailto:cgalvao@espichegolf.pt)



## MEMBERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS - "JUST A REMINDER"

Upon payment of membership or green fees, all members, guests and visitors agree to adhere to the content detailed below.

Members are responsible for their actions and the actions of their guests. The intention of this reminder is to detail a clear policy covering the behaviour of Golf Club members, guests and visitors.

This reminder is not intended to restrict the rights of anyone but rather to ensure that all members, guests and visitors are treated with respect while enjoying the golf course and clubhouse.

### **Responsibilities:**

- Members must always follow club policies & procedures.
- Be respectful to everyone you meet at the Golf Club. Please respect diversity and avoid giving offence. Do not engage in any form of sexual, racial, religious discrimination or harassment.
- Do not verbally or physically threaten or slander others in person or via social media. When using social media in connection with the club, its officials or members, do so in a manner which could not be deemed offensive.
- Please conduct yourself in a manner which does not damage or undermine the reputation of the Club, especially when representing the Club.

### **On the Course:**

- Adhere and observe proper golf etiquette as well as R&A, FPG and local rules of the course.
- Avoid slow play, apply ready golf principles and allow other golfers to play through as appropriate.
- Respect the rights of other players and golf course staff. Golf course staff always have the right of way when actively engaged in work on the course – do not play your ball if there is any risk to staff or equipment.
- Respect the golf course, buggies and obey all signage on the golf course.
- Take pride in the physical appearance of the golf course as it is reflective of you as a member. Replace divots or use seed mix, rake bunkers and fix pitch marks.
- Members & Guests having booked a start time must adhere to it, or otherwise contact Reception well in advance of the booked time.
- Act honestly on all occasions during play. Conduct yourself in a sportsmanlike manner and do not knowingly cheat, throw clubs, disrespect employees, officials or fellow competitors.

### **In the Clubhouse**

- Respect clubhouse facilities.
- The use of foul or abusive language has no place in the clubhouse and any member heard using unacceptable or offensive language will be asked to desist or leave the premises.