



2026 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 2026 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 2026 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 2025 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

We also invite you to visit the Members website at www.espichegolf.pt

I hope that you will continue to enjoy your time at Espiche in 2026 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 style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sincerely,

Pauline Binnie
Golf Manager



LETTER FROM CLUB CAPTAIN



Dear Members,

It is a real privilege and pleasure to take on the role of Captain at Espiche Golf Club for the coming year, 2026.

Since returning to the game of golf in 2020, I have never doubted making Espiche my choice of club, which is something I wish for all new members joining us this season.

Through the owner's vision and continuing investment, allied to the ongoing dedication of the entire team here at Espiche, so much has been delivered in recent years to provide additional and ever improving facilities for the Club membership and our guests.

Recent highlights must include the superb new Golf Academy with three Professionals (Fraser, Gonçalo and João) catering for all our golfing needs. On the course, the remodeling of 10th hole and the ongoing irrigation upgrades married to meticulous maintenance have taken the entire physical environment to new heights.

My hopes for 2026, building on the momentum that we have, is to make the year one that's full of good golf, great competitions and plenty of enjoyment for everyone both on and off the course. Above all, I hope we keep fostering the friendly, welcoming and inclusive atmosphere that makes Espiche Golf Club special.

Throughout the year, if you have any questions or feedback regarding your golf here at Espiche, please do not hesitate to contact myself, a committee member or one of the staff.

Wishing everyone a successful, sociable and memorable year ahead.

Michael Carr,
Club Captain



USEFUL CONTACTS



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MEET THE ESPICHE TEAM

Reception

Luísa Pires
Diogo Veras
Paulo Marques
Carolina Carrasquinho
Rúben Jesus

Caddymaster

João Guerreiro
José Carlos Cintra
Rui Pereira
Rui Serrão
Rui Ribeiro
Luis Isidro

Restaurant

Manuel Ribeiro
João Fonseca
Carolina Veríssimo
João Moreira
Maria José dos Santos

Cleaning / Hygiene

Maria José Duarte
Ludmila Rosca
Aliona Taska



BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

BOARD



Alan Hodson
Chairman



Paulo Coelho
Director



Júlio Marcela
Director

COMMITTEE



Alan Hodson
Chairman



Michael Carr
Captain



Damien Hardy
Vice-Captain



Clare MacLeod
Competitions
Secretary



Pauline Binnie
Back Office &
Administration



Bob Pointon
Treasurer

To contact any of our Committee members please email 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 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
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 2026



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 €35 / 9-holes €25

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.

Member Guest Gold Members: 30% discount off the public price

Member Guest Silver and Bronze Members: 25% discount off the public price

LOW AND HIGH SEASON 2025

Low season: 01.01.26 to 15.02.26 | 01.06.26 to 15.09.26 | 01.12.26 to 31.12.26

High season: 16.02.26 to 31.05.26 | 16.09.26 to 30.11.26

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 available to members who are fully paid up 2026 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 2026. 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 2026 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, Clare MacLeod and committee whose responsibility is to ensure that all handicaps conform to the requirements of the Portuguese Golf Federation. In Compliance with the FPG Handicap reviews will be undertake quarterly.

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 2026

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 Thursday Singles Stableford qualifying cards will also count.

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 for 2026

* 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





INTERLEAGUE 2026



Dear Member,

I am pleased to inform you that I have been asked again to be the Captain of the Clube de Golfe de Espiche Interclub team for 2026.

This year we competed for our first time in Division 1. While we have some really good matches and some win (home and away) it proved to be a challenge and we will be ending near the bottom of the division and hence will be relegated back to Division 2 next year

For those that are unaware, the competition is played on a match-play basis with matches being played at home and away against all of the teams in the respective division. Matches are played in pairs better ball format meaning you will be paired up with another member of the club. Each match will consist of 5 matches (10 players). Each match is followed by lunch (usually costing around €35), giving members an opportunity of both playing other great courses in the Algarve and meeting likeminded players from the other clubs.

In the next few months, I will be working together with the other captains to set a match calendar for the 2026 year which normally runs from February/March until November (with a break in July and August)

Given the departure from Espiche of a number of the team's longer term players, there will be good opportunities for those interested to play both old and new members. As such, I would be grateful if you would email me notifying me of your interest. My email address is geoffvarga@gmail.com. If you would like to be considered for the Interleague team, you will also need to have your handicap administered by Clube de Golfe de Espiche.

We will also be organizing new shirts for the 2026 season which I am just working with the Club (and sponsors). I suspect the shirts will cost around €30-40 this year (although still waiting on final figures) but it of course will be yours to keep. If you are also interested in sponsoring (to get your company's name out there) or know of businesses interested, please let me know.

I look forward to enjoying a successful and fun season for 2026.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "GV", written over a light blue background.

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.



ESPICHE GOLF ACADEMY



MEET THE TEAM

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OUR SERVICES

At Espiche Golf Academy, we are committed to helping golfers of all levels elevate their game, enjoy their time on the course and reach their full potential. Join us and take your skills to the next level!

Individual Lessons

One-on-one sessions tailored to your specific needs

Playing Lessons

A great way to evaluate how you play the golf course and what areas can be improved. Course management, shot selection, club choice, rules and etiquette are all amongst the topics covered.

Group Lessons

Learn with friends or make new ones!

Junior Academy

Fun and educational lessons to build the fundamentals

Custom Club Fitting

Using Trackman data, we determine the best specifications for your game

Club Repairs Services

Regripping clubs, reshafting, loft and lie checks and alterations, shortening and lengthening clubs, re-grooving



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

14/02: Love & Lunch - Valentine's Day Special
17/03: Happy St. Patricks Day Lunch
20/03: Elisabete's Spring Feast
05/04: Easter Sunday Jazz Lunch
02/06: Portuguese Popular Saints at Gecko
01/07: Back to the 80's Summer Party
05/08: Brazilian BBQ Night
03/09: Sunset & Sounds
11/11: S. Martinho Lunch

DINING GOLF CLUBE RELATED

13/01: Captain's Drive In Lunch
11/04: Chris Clough Spring Cup Lunch
13/05: Ladies Charity Day Lunch
20/06: Celebration Trophy BBQ
18/08: Summer Cup Lunch
15/09: Captain's Day
17/11: Autumn Trophy
08/12: Golf Club Christmas
17/12: Dave's Charity Xmas

**All dates subject to alteration*

If you would like to celebrate your birthday, anniversary, special occasion or get-together with us please contact Elisabete Oliveira by email eoliveira@espichegolf.pt



OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES

Month	Golf						
	Course		Reception		Range		Range Maintenance
	1st Tee Time	Course Closure	Open	Close	Open	Close	Mondays
February	07h51	18h00	07h00	18h00	07h00	17h00	Closed between 12h00 - 15h00
March	07h51	18h00				17h00	
April to September	07h51	19h00				18h30	
October	07h42	19h00				18h30	
November	07h51	18h00				17h00	
December to January	08h45	18h00			08h00	08h00	

Month	F&B			
	Bar		Kitchen	
	Open	Close	Open	Close
February	07h00	18h00	08h00	17h30
March		18h00		18h00
April to September		19h30		18h00
October		19h30		18h00
November		18h00		17h30
December to January		08h00		18h00

NOTES:

The range ball machine is switched off 15 minutes before range closing time for golfers to finish hitting their last basket of balls.

**All dates subject to alteration*



MEMBERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS - CODE OF CONDUCT

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.