



**Surrey
Christian
Golf Cup**



Sunday, 3rd July 2011

Dear Christian Golfer

Surrey Christian Golf Cup and National Christian Golf Cup

I am very pleased to invite you to participate in the third Surrey Christian Golf Cup that will be held on Sunday, 3rd July 2011 at Hurtmore Golf Club, Hurtmore Road, Hurtmore, Surrey, GU7 2RN. Coffee and bacon rolls will be served from 12.30pm with the first tee-off at 1.32pm.

This is one of a number of regional competitions being held in 2011, the winners of which will go forward to compete in the National Christian Golf Cup in September, organised by the Christian Golf Society: www.christiangolfsociety.org.uk

The 2011 Surrey Christian Golf Cup will be played as a pairs, betterball, Stableford, full handicap competition with each team of two players representing a Church or Christian organisation and comprising one Christian and one not-yet-Christian (when you send in the form).

Entry to the competition costs £34.00 per head and includes a bacon roll and coffee before play commences, your round of golf and a two-course meal afterwards. Enclosed with this letter are an entry form, the competition rules and information about the Christian Golf Society. Please do not hesitate to call, write or email if you have any questions.

The aim of the competition is to provide you with an opportunity to spend some uninterrupted, quality time with your chosen playing partner doing what you enjoy, playing golf! Although the event is evangelistic in its intent, it is important that faith issues are handled in a way where Christians and not-yet-believers can be comfortable. The focus is on asking you to commit to PRAY for your playing partner, PLAY your golf in a way that reflects your faith and be ready to SAY something of the promise of Jesus when your partner asks about your beliefs.

I do hope you'll be able to join us on the 3rd July.

Kind regards

Mary Stuart

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Molesey Community Church

Please visit our website www.christiangolfsociety.org.uk
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COMPETITION DETAILS AND RULES

Competition: Pairs, betterball, Stableford, full handicap.

Age: Minimum age for entry is 16 years on 3rd July 2011.

Male/Female: There will be one competition open to both Men and Ladies.

Handicap: Maximum 28 for Men and 36 for Ladies – see 'eligibility'.

Costs: This is a non-profit tournament. Entry fee per pair is £68. Please make cheques payable to "Molesey Community Church Golf Club".

Venue: Hurtmore Golf Club, Hurtmore Road, Hurtmore, Surrey, GU7 2RN.

Christian: The team captain must be a Christian and represent a Church or Christian organisation. The playing partner must not be a Christian when sending in the form.

Organiser: Molesey Community Church, Registered Charity No: 1051102.

Eligibility: To be eligible as a regional qualifying competition winner and participant in the National Christian Golf Cup, we require players to have either (a) a validated Club or Society handicap or (b) to submit 3 recent scorecards to the Surrey Christian Cup organisers which reflect typical play or (c) to advise the Surrey Christian Cup organisers of the gross medal score they would consider as a good round of golf. For (b) and (c) the organisers will calculate a handicap using a ready reckoner, reducing this by four strokes for players in the (c) category.

Molesey Community Church aims to resource the nation by providing sports activities for local outreach. For information on Church Sports Ministry, call Mark Blythe on 07885 778501 or email him at: mark@mccfc.org.uk

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Surrey Christian Golf Cup Entry Form

Title _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____

Address

_____ Postcode _____

Tel Day _____ Tel Eves _____

Email Address _____ Handicap _____

Church/Christian Organisation _____

Partner's Full Name _____ Handicap _____

Special dietary requirements _____

Competition Entry Fee: £68 per pair.

Please enclose payment with this entry form. Tick here if receipt required _____

Please make cheques payable to: Molesey Community Church Golf Club

Data Protection Act 1998: We will use personal data only in connection with evangelistic purposes. We do not make personal data available to any other organisation. If you would like your details removed from the Surrey Christian Golf Cup database please tick here _____

Please send entries by 17th June to:

The 2011 Surrey Christian Golf Cup
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About the Christian Golf Society

Faith is often described as a walk and what finer walk is there than around a golf course? When Christians talk about their journey of faith, they often focus on and identify with other Christians with whom they share their walk. The Christian Golf Society believes a golf competition is an excellent setting for people to share their walk and the good news of Jesus with not-yet-Christian friends by drawing on a common passion for golf.

Many Churches organise golf days and events. These often encompass a wide range of golfer, including the casual golfer who plays once or twice a year. In many cases Church golf days can be more about fellowship and although friends from outside the Church are welcomed, there can be little evangelistic content. We set out to do something distinctly different. Our aim is for the National Christian Golf Cup and its regional qualifying events to be used for evangelism rather than for Christians to play amongst themselves.

The Christian Golf Society has a vision to create a truly national golfing competition with qualifying competitions held across the country.

Our events are typically aimed at those who enjoy their golf and probably play reasonably regularly. We know that on one level or another, most keen golfers enjoy competition, from society days through to the club annual championship. We intend the basic appeal of the National Christian Golf Cup and regional qualifiers, like the Essex Golf Cup to be the sense of competition. We believe this will give Christians a 'reason' to be inviting their friends.

Equally, we do not want people to have the misconception that playing in competitions is all about being frightfully serious, winning and only for low handicappers. Ultimately competitions are only as serious as the people playing in them chose to make them. We seek to be inclusive to all standards of golfer and do not set a maximum handicap criteria beyond the maximum permitted men's and women's handicaps set by the R&A.

Research shows that a person needs to hear about Jesus around 30 times before they respond. Sharing the good news of Jesus by playing golf with friends (or any other sport for matter) in a way that reflects their Christian faith, praying for playing partners and being prepared to say something about Christ when our friends ask about our faith is probably one of the most straightforward opportunities Christians have.

The Christian Golf Society comes under auspices of Avanti Ministries. It is also the UK Branch of the Christian Golfers Association.