

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Union of Golf Clubs

County Card Scheme

General Information

The BB&O County Card Scheme has been put together to enable Members of Affiliated Clubs to play at other courses – both within BB&O and other English Counties – at reduced green fee rates. The scheme mirrors those which have been adopted in most County Unions and provides benefits to Club Members, Clubs and the County Union. Unlike Commercial 2 for 1 schemes **ALL** the income collected by the County Union goes straight back into the game at grass roots level. Within England there is a ‘consortium’ of County Unions which enables County Card Members to play at any of the host courses within any of those County Unions. BB&O is now firmly established in that ‘consortium’ and has in fact been instrumental in expanding the Scheme to 26 Counties which now comprises Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Cheshire, Cumbria, Derbyshire, Devon, Dorset, Durham, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Leicestershire & Rutland, Middlesex, Northamptonshire, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Somerset, Staffordshire, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, Wiltshire and Worcestershire. Currently, those County Unions have over **990** clubs who host County Card Members. All of these courses – together with those BB&O Clubs who have joined up – will be available to BB&O County Card Members.

In summary, the BB&O County Card Scheme includes the following:

County Card Members

- Members aged 18 and over of Affiliated Clubs may join the scheme **only** if their own Club has agreed to act as a host.
- Annual membership is £15.00
- County Card Members may play at least once at any of the Host Clubs on the list (some Host Clubs may allow more than one visit).
- Bookings must be made in advance with the Host Club. Restrictions on time and day of the week may apply. In general, bookings will not be accepted for weekends or Bank Holidays.
- County Card Members must have current handicaps and must agree to be bound by the rules of the Club being visited.
- The County Card may only be used for groups of up to 4 players and may not be used in connection with larger groups or societies.
- Card Members will be issued with a ‘County Card’ annually, which will contain details of all Clubs within the scheme. This list will be updated, from time to time, via the BB & O website.
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Host Clubs

- The minimum commitment required is to accept a booking of one four-ball group per week on a day or time determined by the Club.
- The green fee to be charged is entirely at the discretion of the host Club. Typically, the green fee will be 50% of the visitor rate, or the same as the ‘guest’ green fee.
- Clubs may sign-up to this scheme for a minimum period of one year, which will be renewed automatically unless the Club decides to opt out of the scheme.