

# Play golf and you will never find yourself short of friends

There's no better sport for bringing people together. With plenty of time for conversation and fun – combined with a healthy dose of competition - golf is the perfect way to make new friends and grow closer bonds with people you already know.

Golf is a great way to meet new people – especially if you have recently moved into a new area or town or are travelling abroad. Wherever there's a golf course, a host of rewarding new friendships awaits you. Friendships that are likely to flourish, thanks to the convivial atmosphere of the game itself and the ready-made social life at the clubhouse afterwards.

Play golf and you will never find yourself short of friends. Indeed, much of the joy and attraction of the sport is the friendships and camaraderie that develop while you are playing it.

“The intent of golf is not to create friendships, but more than most other sports, golf has the virtuous side effect of nurturing enduring relationships. Golf brings people together,” says Andy Wible, author of *Golf and Philosophy: Lessons from the Links* (University Press of Kentucky).

“Many playing partners in golf become more than golfing buddies, they become unqualified friends.”

Whether it's waiting for your shot, walking to the next hole or riding in the cart – golf provides plenty of time and opportunities for easy conversation as well as a ready-made topic to discuss. Genuine and long-lasting friendships can blossom from a shared interest in the sport.

“Golf provides an opportunity for people to get to know each other in a way they didn't before – or to form friendships around a common their interest in the game of golf. It provides a forum for the development of friendship,” she explains.

As the game progresses you have several hours on the course and afterwards having lunch or a drink to really get to know people. You can share stories and commiserate if you didn't have your best game. Strong bonds can be formed and there's the opportunity to come together regularly to play and nurture friendships.

To find an activity near you go to [getintogolf.org/map](http://getintogolf.org/map) or call 0800 118 2766

You'll receive a basic introduction to golf from PGA professionals, together with information about club membership and follow-on coaching opportunities.

Equipment will be provided so all you have to do is turn up on the day in comfortable clothing.

The Get into golf campaign, supported by Sport England and funded by the National Lottery, is now making the game more affordable and welcoming than ever before.

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