

A Strong Start to 2025

The year has got off to a busy start at Crondon Park! The effectiveness of the newly installed drainage system has meant that we have only closed for 1 day this Winter against 70 days last year, which by any measure is a vast improvement and leads the way in Essex. In addition our newly launched flexible membership options has been met with enthusiasm and support from across the golfing community, resulting in a record number of enquiries and new member sign-ups. We recognise that these changes would not suit some parts of our existing membership and as a result, would mean that we would regretfully lose some members/friends/supporters along the way. We are however, extremely grateful for the continued support we have received from remaining long-standing members during this transitional phase. We are very excited about our planned improvements over the next period and beyond, which are we now starting to be implemented to enhance your experience further. Thank you for being a part of this journey!

Our mission remains the same: to make golf more accessible and flexible for both seasoned players and aspiring golfers. With six membership tiers available, we offer affordability and flexibility to suit everyone—whether you plan to play 10 times a year or over 110 rounds.

Course Enhancements & Ongoing Improvements

While we continue to refine the course, we are thrilled to report an incredible number of positive reviews from visitors and members alike. Despite last year's major construction works, the course is bouncing back well, with our commitment to continuous improvement remaining steadfast.

A heartfelt thanks goes out to our members for their patience and support, as we've undertaken these transformative projects. Your commitment to the club is important, and we're excited that members are able to reap the rewards of these enhancements now and in the coming years.



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Upcoming Course Work

Starting Monday 7th April, we will begin essential greens maintenance. While this will require temporary greens for up to five days, the long-term benefits include healthier, faster, and more consistent putting surfaces. We appreciate your patience as we carry out these vital works.

Additionally, FRA, our drainage contractors, will return for three weeks to complete the snagging process and secondary drainage improvements. This will include finalising work on the 15th hole, adding drainage in persistently wet areas, and connecting additional drainage points to improve walk-off areas. Our goal is to create a drier, more enjoyable playing experience year-round.

7th April will also mark the return of **Project Bunker**. JC Paths will be on-site for five weeks to restore and enhance at least 12 bunkers. These will be reshaped, re-drained, and lined with astroturf, with premium China clay sand introduced to maintain playing consistency.

To keep you informed, we're bringing back our **Member Update Videos**, providing regular insights into ongoing projects and improvements

Looking Ahead: Future Course Plans

We remain dedicated to our five-year plan to establish Crondon Park as one of the finest courses in the region.

Future projects include:

- The full reintroduction of every bunker on the course for a cohesive design and playing experience.
- Implementation of fairway irrigation systems.
- Redevelopment, drainage, and releveling of tee complexes to ensure all-grass tee boxes remain in play year-round.



Clubhouse Upgrades

We recognise that off-course facilities are just as important as the course itself. We are actively working with planning consultants to enhance our clubhouse, with proposed upgrades including:

- A dedicated members' lounge.
- Separate dining areas.
- Modernised changing room facilities in line with our elevated course standards.

Additionally, the main driveway and driving range road are set for resurfacing in the coming months. We also plan to do carry out some remedial works to the car park surface.



Driving Range & Practice Facility Enhancements

Plans are underway to introduce **Trackman Range**, multiple driving range membership options, and a full-service retail club fitting facility. These improvements aim to elevate your practice experience and provide access to cutting-edge golf technology.

Midweek Roll - Ups & Social Groups

Social groups will always be a priority at Crondon, as golf is not only a social sport but also offers numerous health benefits beyond the physical. Fostering a strong community enhances the overall experience for our members, which remains a key focus for us. While recent changes to the membership structure and booking system required social groups to adjust how they organize and secure tee times, we understand the initial concerns regarding peak-time availability. However, it has been fantastic to see that the majority of social groups have successfully adapted and continue to enjoy their rounds as usual.

We've received fantastic feedback from members who have booked into the Midweek Roll-Ups, and we're committed to further enhancing these to meet our members' needs. Additionally, we've begun exploring opportunities to introduce Roll-Ups during peak times and align them with club-run competitions. Expanding and promoting the social aspect of the club remains a top priority, ensuring members have a variety of options to enjoy golf—whether playing with friends, in social groups, or in competitive settings.

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Buggies: A New Level of Convenience

This spring marks the first full season with our upgraded fleet of buggies, and demand has already surged. Our new GPS system allows us to keep buggies in operation longer while ensuring they avoid sensitive course areas. Additionally, based on member feedback, we have adjusted the speed settings to improve the driving experience. Each buggy is equipped with GPS yardage, a built-in stereo (with limited volume), and a cool box—ensuring your round is as enjoyable as possible. With a fleet of 20 buggies, availability should be more convenient than ever.



Pizza on the Green Returns!

As we embrace spring, we are delighted to announce the reopening of **Pizza on the Green** with extended hours.

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Spring/Summer Opening Hours

Clubhouse - Effective 18th April

Monday - Wednesday	8am - 5pm - Last Food - 4pm
Thursday - Friday	8am - 6pm - Bar Closes - 2pm
Saturday - Sunday	7am - 7pm - Bar Closes - 2pm

Pizza on The Green - Effective 18th April April & May 2025

Thursday	12pm - 6pm - Last Food - 5pm
Friday - Saturday	12pm - 8pm - Last Food - 7pm
Sunday	12pm - 6pm - Last Food - 5pm

June - October 2025

Thursday	12pm - 7pm - Last Food - 6pm
Friday - Saturday	12pm - 9pm - Last Food - 8pm
Sunday	12pm - 6pm - Last Food - 5pm

Pizza on the Green will be closed Monday -
Wednesday

It's an exciting time to be a part of Crondon Park, and we can't wait to welcome you for your next round, practice session, or a relaxing meal. Thank you for your continued support—2025 is shaping up to be our best year yet!



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