



Notes for presentation to ATC 25th April 2024

1. AGC founded in 1884 by Elizabeth Garrett Anderson's husband – earliest known example of a golf club where ladies had equal playing rights and paid the same subscription. EGA England's first lady doctor and first lady mayoress (Aldeburgh).
2. Top 18 hole golf course
 - a. Best in Suffolk and one of the best in East Anglia alongside Brancaster & Hunstanton in Norfolk.
 - b. Host national events for England Golf and international events for The R&A.
 - c. Climate and sandy subsoil means that it plays well 12 months a year unlike many other courses.
 - d. Custodians of our special maritime heathland landscape and winners of the Environmental Golf Course of the Year 2018.
3. + 9 hole River Course, ideal for those less experienced. the young, the elderly and those with less time to play.
4. Club flourishing – 920 members in 2017, 1150 in 2024 (+25%) including Juniors – 80 in 2017; 120 in 2024 (+50%).
5. Social Membership for retired golfers, bridge players and others – lovely clubhouse with good facilities and excellent catering.
6. Artisan membership (30) providing affordable golf for local golfers who might otherwise not be able to play.
7. Members, Visitors and Guests all beneficial to the local economy plus employment – 20 full time plus some part-time.
8. Course Development – our foresighted forebears bought some agricultural land to the north of the current course from the Blackheath Estate in 1932 and we have planning consent to build two new holes on part of that land. This is the first major change to the course in 100 years, in part to take play away from the busy Saxmundham Road (*we used to play across it twice before WW1 when it was a cart track!*) and in part to improve the course. Contractors arrive on 3rd June and will remain on site until the end of November with the new holes coming into play in summer 2025. This is the current generation's opportunity to leave a legacy for future generations of members.

Exciting times for AGC.