

SUSTAINABLE GOLF WEEK SHOWS GOLFERS HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

From biodegradable tees to making space for wildlife, Scorecard provides tips for more sustainable golfing

NORTH BERWICK, EAST LOTHIAN, SCOTLAND, October 5, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- As part of the first Sustainable Golf Week initiative teed off by the [GEO](#) Foundation yesterday, golfers around the world are being encouraged to make a personal contribution to the #DrivingTheGreen agenda throughout the week and beyond with the help of a Sustainability Scorecard.

Running until Sunday 9 October, the week is both a reflection and celebration of the great sustainability work being conducted throughout the world of golf, while also providing stimulus to promote a greener future for the game.

With 18 tips included on the sustainability scorecard, golfers can track their progress throughout the week with tasks as simple as avoiding single use plastic and taking an interest in your local clubs' community initiatives. Presented as a traditional golfing scorecard, a front and back nine of tips offer an ideal starting point for golfers to integrate more sustainable



Berkhamsted Golf Club, England. One of a growing number of clubs 'GEO Certified®' for their leadership in sustainable golf

SUSTAINABLE FRONT NINE

#	Tips	?
1	Bring your own water bottle	
2	Ask about local produce when grabbing a clubhouse snack	
3	Try out some recycled golf balls, or buy them second hand	
4	Walk if you can rather than use a cart	
5	Replace divots to help prevent turf disease	
6	Volunteer for an environmental project or committee	
7	Encourage your course to get more involved in sustainability	
8	Car share with your playing partners	
9	If you can't car share, consider public transport	
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Sustainable Golf Week Scorecard Front Nine

habits into their normal golfing lives.

“When it comes to environmental stewardship and climate action, even the smallest decision can make a huge difference,” said Jonathan Smith, Executive Director of the international non-profit GEO Foundation for Sustainable Golf. “Whether it’s sharing a ride to the golf course, walking instead of taking a golf cart, or looking carefully at the equipment we purchase, every small change by over 60 million golfers can have a massive impact. Ensuring we provide a world where golf is still playable for future generations," he added.

With a range of daily highlights, features and social activity available to interact with throughout the week, GEO has focused on five key topics - grassroots clubs and courses, tournaments, developments and innovations - with an aim to stimulate and encourage positive climate action from those involved. Whether it’s land conservation or water management, Sustainable Golf Week is designed to help connect people across golf to explore ways to tackle the biggest environmental challenges that golf and society faces.

Leading partners and collaborators with GEO Foundation in the acceleration of sustainability in and through golf include The R&A, European Tour group, Ryder Cup Europe, Ladies European Tour, LPGA, The Toro Company, Dow, Vidauban Foundation, Visit Scotland, Galvin Green, Motocaddy, Provision Events, Ocean Tee, Sky Sports, IAGTO and some 50 industry federations and associations across 25 countries. The effort is closely aligned beyond golf, including UN Sport for Climate Action, The Gold Standard and ISEAL Alliance.

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SUSTAINABLE BACK NINE

#	Tips	?
10	Repair your pitchmarks on the greens	
11	Take your rubbish away with you and pick up any litter you see	
12	Use sustainable bamboo or wooden tees	
13	Take a minute to appreciate wildlife and the environment around you	
14	Avoid single-use plastic packaging in the clubhouse	
15	Communicate your appreciation of sustainability to club staff	
16	Playing casually? Consider ditching the scorecard	
17	Look the part in sustainable clothing	
18	Take an interest in your club's community initiatives	
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