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PRESS RELEASE

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Rugby Golf Club is helping more people to GET INTO GOLF!!

Rugby Golf Club is offering free golf coaching taster sessions for adults on Tuesday 21st February 6pm-7pm & 7pm-8pm, Saturday 25th February 1pm-2pm, 6th March 6pm-7pm & 7pm-8pm and Saturday 31st March 1pm-2pm.

They are open to beginners/non members and provide an ideal opportunity for adults to experience the game of golf. To find out further information on the above sessions and to book a lesson with a qualified PGA Coach please telephone **Rugby Golf Club** on **01788 575134**

The above activities are offered as part of the English Golf Union (EGU) and English Women's Golf Association (EWGA) Club Coaching Grant scheme, which provides GolfMark (incorporating Clubmark) facilities with funding to support recruitment and retention activities for adults, young people and families. GolfMark is the EGU and EWGA's national scheme that identifies and recognises junior and beginner friendly golf facilities. For further details visit www.golfmark.org

Details of all venues offering coaching activities as part of the Club Coaching Grant scheme can be found on the Get into Golf website at www.getintogolf.org

The Warwickshire County Golf Partnership is also helping to develop golf within the county by offering sessions to increase participation and providing support to golf clubs, players, coaches and volunteers. See <http://www.warwickshiregolf.info/> for more information.

Many golf clubs have been able to offer golf taster sessions and activities for a number of years through the support of the EGU and EWGA and have introduced thousands of beginners to golf and golf clubs. In 2009, over 41,000 participants (adults and juniors) attended one of the 519 golf clubs offering activities as part of this scheme. 2010/2011 participation figures will be available shortly.

The Club Coaching Grant scheme is one of several initiatives jointly provided by the EGU and EWGA via the England Golf Partnership's 'Whole Sport Plan' for golf and is an integral part of England Golf's vision to 'Grow the Game'.

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EDITORS NOTES

England Golf is a partnership between the English Golf Union, the English Women's Golf Association and the PGA with the support of the Golf Foundation and Sport England. 'The Whole Sport Plan for golf' is an initiative supported by Sport England that identifies how England Golf will achieve its vision of being 'The Leading Golf Nation in the World by 2020' from grass roots right through to the elite level.

The English Golf Union Limited (EGU) has served as the governing body of male amateur golf in England since it was founded in 1924.

Responsible for the training of England's top amateur golfers the EGU organises all the major English amateur championships.

Based at the National Golf Centre in Woodhall Spa, the EGU is one of the largest sports governing bodies in England looking after the interests of over 1,900 golf clubs and 700,000 club members. The EGU also works to increase the continued interest and participation in golf through their golf development initiative 'Get into Golf'.

The English Women's Golf Association is the governing body for female amateur golf in England.

EWGA represents around 120,000 members in more than 1780 golf clubs, trains the country's elite golfers, runs a full rota of national championships as well as events for handicap golfers, and actively encourages new golfers.

EWGA has formed the England Golf Partnership with the English Golf Union and the Professionals Golfers' Association. Their Whole Sport Plan, supported by Sport England, aims to make England the world's leading golf nation by 2020.

The association also has a charity, The EWGA Trust, which supports schemes to introduce girls to golf and helps promising players



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