

3. County Cards

As alluded to in Section 5 of the earlier January 2010 Newsletter, there has been a significant change to the range of benefits which will be available to holders of County Cards with effect from 1 March 2010. The extended uses of the card are outlined below BUT members must remember that the use of any County Card is restricted to weekdays and excludes Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

A County Card entitles the holder to one round's / one day's golf at any affiliated Club in Cumbria on payment of half the appropriate green fee. It is strongly recommended that any member wishing to use his or her County Card rings the Club in advance in order to determine availability as distinct from arriving unannounced.

As from 1 March 2010 all counties in the Northern Counties Group (ie Cheshire, Cumbria, Durham, Lancashire, Northumberland and Yorkshire) have agreed in principle to recognise each other's County Cards where the individual club agrees to recognise it as well . (Note : Brampton Golf Club has already confirmed that it will be an active participant in the new extended County Card arrangements). Any Brampton member holding a current County Card and wishing to play at a course in any of the Northern Counties must in the first instance telephone or e-mail the Club in question in order to identify whether or not that specific Club is actively participating in the extended scheme. Details of Club telephone numbers / e-mail addresses are available from the Secretary's Office (open Monday to Saturday mornings) or from the Secretary on Tel No 01228 520982 or e-mail (secretary@bramptongolfclub.com.) if required.

Over and above the previous paragraph, there is also the emergence of an England-wide scheme involving the counties of Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Dorset, Essex, Gloucestershire, Hertfordshire, Kent, Leicestershire & Rutland, Middlesex, Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire, Somerset, Surrey, Sussex, Warwickshire, Wiltshire and Worcestershire. Any member wishing to " test the water " in terms of establishing whether any specific Club(s) in these counties are actively participating in the extended scheme should follow the same format outlined in the previous paragraph.

Further information can be gleaned from the colourful " flyers " displayed in a number of places in the Clubhouse.

Any member wishing to purchase a County Card (costing £ 12-50) is asked to call into the Secretary's Office during any morning (Monday - Saturday) or alternatively contact the Secretary on Tel No 016977 2255 or 01228 520982.

(Final point : In general, the County Card may be restricted to use by groups of no more than 4 players and may not be used in connection with societies, although some clubs may allow larger parties).