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GEO Certified® Report Mjölby Golfklubb

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“Mjölby Golfklubb has a high degree of maturity regarding environmental responsibility and is an outstanding role model for sustainability in golf. The sustainability work is carried out with the entire club's commitment, from management to members. The club shows understanding and awareness of the various steps of the environmental process, from inventory to results. There is a well-thought-out annual environmental plan with many activities. Self-monitoring ensures control of the environment, goals, measurements, and follow-ups of positive and negative environmental aspects. The results are presented in an annual environmental report to the board. Significant investments in biodiversity and irrigation renewal have been made in recent years. It will be very exciting to follow the club's continued work to develop nature and management plans for areas outside the mowed parts of the course, replacing the use of fossil fuels, and draining the course so it can stay resistant and dry during heavy rains.”

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Introduction

GEO Foundation is pleased to confirm that Mjölby Golfklubb has successfully achieved GEO Certified® status for its outstanding work to foster nature, conserve resources and support the community.

GEO Certified® is the most respected certification for golf, based on a credibly and transparently developed modern sustainability Standard of best practice.

Mjölby Golfklubb has:

1. Met the required certification criteria for sustainable golf operations
2. Successfully completed the official third-party verification process
3. Successfully passed the final evaluation by GEO Certification Ltd. (autonomous subsidiary of GEO Foundation)

GEO agreed with the conclusions of the official verification report, that, having achieved all mandatory criteria; and with specific Continual Improvement Points (CIP) set for the future and Critical CIP's (CCIPs) to be reviewed at recertification, Mjölby Golfklubb should be awarded GEO Certified® status.

For the certification period stated above, Mjölby Golfklubb can therefore claim a position as a leader in advancing sustainability in golf – making important contributions in protecting nature, conserving resources and strengthening communities.

The GEO Certified® Report that follows comments on the actions undertaken against the criteria, as observed by the independent verifier during the assurance process.

Certification is nearly always the result of a dedicated team effort resulting in many practical and valuable social and environmental results around the golf course, maintenance facility and clubhouse. These dedication and leadership qualities are an important part of ensuring the resilience of the golf facility and the golf industry into the future and also as part of society's wider effort to pull together for people and planet.

We congratulate all involved.

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Verification and Certification

Verification

The official third-party audit was carried out by an independent verifier, accredited by GEO to undertake verifications of golf facilities applying for certification.

Verification involves reviewing practices and data, using the International Voluntary Standard for Sustainable Golf Operations as the guide to ensure comprehensive and consistent evaluation of performance. A detailed verification report is submitted for evaluation by GEO Certification Ltd, a subsidiary of GEO Foundation.

Certification

GEO Certification Ltd, an autonomous subsidiary of GEO Foundation [both not-for-profit entities], undertook a full review of all content submitted through the OnCourse® online platform and the report submitted by the verifier, ensuring:

- Comprehensiveness – that activities undertaken touched on all elements of the Standard
- Consistency – that the verification approach was balanced, well weighted and with consistent depth of evaluation across each theme
- Accuracy - matching the verification report with evidence submitted by the golf facility to ensure statements and claims were accurate

GEO Foundation is an international not-for-profit founded to advocate, support and reward sustainability in and through golf. Over more than ten years, the group has worked collaboratively with dozens of golf industry associations and government and non-government organisations around the world, to help golf become a sustainability leader, striving for a net positive social and environmental impact. In addition to managing and assuring GEO Certified®, GEO Foundation also provides a suite of credible, practical programmes for golf facility management, new golf developments and golf tournaments called OnCourse®, often delivered in partnership with national golf bodies. Find out more at www.sustainable.golf

Credibility

GEO Certified® is part of the ISEAL Alliance, a group of the world's foremost credible certification systems including Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance, Forest Stewardship Council, Marine Stewardship Council and many others. GEO Foundation earned and retains full membership of the ISEAL Alliance global association following a rigorous evaluation against the ISEAL Codes of Credibility in Sustainability Standards and Certification. The ISEAL Codes cover standard-setting, assurance, and monitoring and evaluation. Find out more at www.isealliance.org



Verifier's Report

The Sustainability Agenda for golf covers the following themes and action areas:

THEMES	ACTION AREAS
Nature	• Habitats & Biodiversity • Turfgrass management • Pollution prevention
Resources	• Water • Energy • Materials
Community	• Partnerships & Outreach • Golfing & Employment • Advocacy & Communications

Included below are the observations made by the Independent Verifier against each item in the Standard.

NATURE			
N1 Habitats and Biodiversity			
Objectives	Requirements	Mandatory Practices	Verifier Notes
N1.1 Understand the site and surroundings	N1.1.1 Sound understanding of the nature and landscape value of the site	Map all habitats and vegetation types on the site; Regularly update landscape / biodiversity surveys	Confirmed. According to Swedish Standard 199000:2014, the environmental consultant Calluna made a nature value inventory at the club area in 2022. The nature value objects are described and documented in text and maps. The most important values at Mjölby Golfklubb are coniferous forests, forest edges, ponds, and sandy environments. Ten nature-value sites were delimited (11.4 ha of the 55.4 ha in the inventory area). Of these, three were classified as high nature value, five as significant nature value, and two as some nature value. The inventory noted 26 conservation species, i.e., species that indicate that the area has natural value, that the area has the potential to be species-rich, or that the area itself is of particular importance for biodiversity. Confirmed. The existing list of flowers, plants, insects, fungi, shrubs, and trees on the golf course is expanded annually.
	N1.1.2 Knowledge of legal designations for protected areas, habitats and species	Understand legal responsibilities for protected landscapes and species; Record and monitor protected, endangered, or rare species found on the site	Six protected species have been identified in the area. The County Administrative Board inventoried insects (wasps) in the area in 2024. During the biologists' supplementary visits in 2022, several interesting Aculeata were noted, the most interesting species being the rare great yellow bumblebee (<i>Bombus distinguendus</i>) in southern Sweden. Observed. High conservation value is a landscaped sandy land with planted plants and a bee bed where terrestrial bees can establish nests. The County Administrative Board carried out an inventory of wild bees in 2022. The management plan has been communicated to the County Administrative Board. Confirmed. The club has identified two species of invasive plants in the area. Canadian goldenrod and lupins. According to the action plan developed, members are helping to eradicate Canadian goldenrod.

	N1.1.3 Understanding and respect for cultural heritage	Protect any archaeological, historical or cultural designations on the site	No archaeological, historical, or cultural designations on the site.
N1.2 Opportunities to naturalise the course	N1.2.1 Measures taken to identify and minimise the required area of managed turfgrass	Observe, track and / or monitor golfer play	Course walks are conducted with different categories of players. The environmental committee are discussing the playing surfaces. See N1.3.1 below.
N1.3 Actively manage habitats for wildlife	N1.3.1 Projects to manage habitats in the best way for wildlife and golf	Regularly review and follow a habitat management plan; Prioritise native species when planting and landscaping	Confirmed. On hole 7, ponds for frogs are projected. The club's Environmental Committee runs the project together with two contractors and in collaboration with the municipal ecologist. Confirmed. On hole 10, a pond is being built as a wetland project to conserve Newts. The project is run as a local nature conservation initiative with the help of government funds. Confirmed. Fauna depots are created in the area by leaving fallen trees and branches on the ground. At these fauna depots, there are information signs where you can read more about the function of these depots. The club has set up birdhouses and insect hotels in the area. Ongoing work to develop nature plans with associated management plans and measures to be completed by 2025. CCIP: Please establish a written management plan and biodiversity strategy for habitats, biotopes, and protected species. This should make clear what biological values exist, and how they should be managed, increased, and continuously improved.
N1.4 Conserve key species	N1.4.1 Practical conservation measures for priority species		See N1.3 above. Confirmed. A sand bed for wild bees has been installed. The County Administrative Board inventory the area annually; about 20 species have been identified. Around the sand bed, the club has planted 900 plants that benefit wild bees.
N2 Turfgrass			
N2.1 Maintain optimum turf and soil health	N2.1.1 Appropriate turfgrass varieties adapted to climatic and other geomorphological factors	Select appropriate grass species for climate	The club will face challenges from cold, heat, drought, and wet after several torrential rains. Large amounts of rain make it difficult to mow certain parts of the course. Runoff/outlet and drainage from the course are limiting, and developing a drainage plan should be considered.

			CIP: Please consider developing a drainage plan to keep the course in good and dry playing condition, saving on restoring maintenance costs. <i>Poa annua</i> is the dominant turfgrass. The course is sown with a common bent (<i>Agrostis capillaris</i>) and creeping bent (<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>) to better withstand drought.
	N2.1.2 Practices to maintain good soil structure and condition		The club adds organic material to fertilizer and topdressing.
	N2.1.3 Careful and responsible fertiliser application throughout the year to avoid over-fertilisation	Undertake soil tests and nutrient analysis	Confirmed. Analyses for pH, micro- and macronutrients are taken annually. Organic fertilizers are used. Small doses of liquid fertilizer provide careful and responsible fertilization.
N2.2 Prioritise mechanical maintenance	N2.2.1 Non-chemical pest, disease and weed management	Sharpen mowing blades; Remove surface moisture; Hand weeding	Common activities include adjusting cutting heights and patterns, aeration, dressing, clippings return, removing surface moisture, and sharpening knives. If possible, the greens are rolled instead of being mowed. Due to the structure and properties of the greens, the club has chosen to use a brush instead of vertical cutting. This is a method that the club believes is gentler and more efficient. After every operation, the machines are rinsed from grass and washed with water to prevent a possible infection from spreading.
N2.3 Use chemicals responsibly	N2.3.1 Application of chemicals only when necessary to prevent or cure defined / identified turf health issues	Establish patterns and levels of risk for pests and diseases; Scout the course daily for early signs of pests and disease; Accurate pest and disease identification; Map and track pest and disease hotspots; Establish pest and disease thresholds	Confirmed IPM management documentation with application journals. The course is being visually controlled daily. The greens on holes 11 and 16 are places where the first signs of disease occur. A slightly increased fertilizer rate is a first measure, among other things.
	N2.3.2 Application of chemicals with full safety precautions	Use only legally registered and approved products; Ensure staff are fully qualified and licenced to use pesticides; Regularly calibrate and test applicators; Use appropriate protective equipment; Dilute and dispose of leftover product on untreated areas of turf .	Confirmed applicator licenses for all three qualified personnel. Environmental permit to handle pesticides. Confirmed. The applicator is checked and approved. Confirmed. The local Environmental Protection Agency has granted permits for the use of pesticides.

			Any excess fertilizer or rinsing water from leftovers is spread on the practice area and short-hole course.
N3 Pollution Prevention			
N3.1 Prevent pollution across the entire site	N3.1.1 Practical measures to ensure pollution risks are minimised from golf course operations	Document procedures for emergency spill responses; Maintain mowing buffer zones around water and all ecologically sensitive areas; Maintain spraying and spreading buffer zones around water and all ecologically sensitive areas; Create a map / aerial visual reproduction, drawing etc of the course showing buffer zones and no-spray, no-spread areas.	Confirmed. Maps of buffer zones of 6 meters are available around watercourses and sensitive areas. Water samples are taken from incoming and outgoing water two times a year as self-monitoring to monitor any pollutants that may occur on the golf course. Confirmed. A routine for accidents with plant protection products has been developed. The golf course's ponds and small lakes are wetlands for biodiversity but also act as traps for nutrients (phosphorus and nitrogen) and waterborne pollutants. Plant material is harvested mechanically in the autumn when the binding of nutrients is optimal, thus reducing the total load to nearby watercourses. Reducing nitrogen inputs has been possible by using more organic fertilizer on the greens.
	N3.1.2 Practical measures to ensure pollution risks are minimised from clubhouse operations	Ensure all hazardous materials are safely and securely stored; Ensure compliance with all required standards and systems for hazardous waste and wastewater discharge	Confirmed. Waste, hazardous waste, and wastewater are disposed of by contracted companies with permits (Stena Recycling and Mjölby municipality).
	N3.1.3 Practical measures to ensure pollution risks are minimised from maintenance facility operations	Ensure wash areas are on impermeable, leak-free surfaces; Mixing and loading of pesticides and fertilisers over an impermeable surface; Triple rinse pesticide containers and applicators	Confirmed. Machines are cleaned daily on an impermeable, leak-free surface in the washing hall, which has its own purification plant for recirculating washing water, Waste2Water equipment. Fertilizer is mixed on an impermeable, leak-free surface inside the washing hall, while pesticides are mixed in the field. The applicator and containers are rinsed three times after use. Any excess and rinsing water is spread on the training area.
N3.2 Safely manage hazardous substances	N3.2.1 Legal compliance in the storage, handling, application and safe disposal of all hazardous substances	Maintain a register of hazardous materials available to authorised staff; Safe storage in secure and ventilated concrete or metal building; Sufficient storage capacity;	Confirmed. The diesel tank has double containment. Tank inspection for diesel has been carried out. The next inspection will take place in 2029. Confirmed. Documented routines for crisis management, accidents, and first aid have been developed.

		Impermeable flooring; Spill containment kits present; Emergency wash area; Fire extinguisher in the immediate area; Secondary containment for fuel, either externally constructed, or integrally manufactured; Regular inspection of storage tanks	Confirmed. Decontamination equipment and fire extinguishers are available in the workshop and machine hall. The floors in the machine hall and washing hall are impermeable. Confirmed. Register and safety data sheets are available for all chemicals. The register is kept in the Reddibo software. Confirmed. All chemicals are stored and handled safely, and personal protective equipment is available. The environmental committee's self-monitoring occurs as an internal audit once a year. The controlling points are chemical binders with registers and safety data sheets and the storage of chemicals, oils, fuels, embankments, absorption materials, etc. The results are documented and followed up excellently.
N3.3 Responsibly manage waste / storm water	N3.3.1 Appropriate wastewater usage and discharge licences	Wastewater discharge licence; Appropriate treatment of machinery wash water (impermeable surface, oil / grease / clipping separation)	Confirmed. Machines and vehicles are cleaned on a hardened surface indoors. All washing water is disposed of in a closed, circulating water system, Waste2Water. Confirmed. Two companies (Stena Recycling and Mjölby municipality) with permits care for waste and wastewater. The stormwater from the area leads to the pond at hole 7.

RESOURCES			
R1 Water			
Objectives	Requirements	Mandatory Practices	Verifier Notes
R1.1 Minimise water demand	R1.1.1 Measures to reduce the need to consume water	Target irrigation to essential playing surfaces only	Confirmed. A newly installed irrigation system (2022) controls irrigation efficiently and minimizes water consumption. See R1.2 below.
R1.2 Maximise water efficiency	R1.2.1 Practical measures to use water more efficiently on the golf course	Conduct regular irrigation performance checks;	Confirmed. Soil moisture sensor is used.

		Provide staff training on efficient irrigation practices; Ensure effective application of water to target areas; Ensure irrigation schedules are informed by weather patterns and soil moisture analysis	Confirmed. A brand-new irrigation system for the course was completed in 2022. The system operates digitally and by sector using Rainbird software. Each sprinkler has an integrated circuit that can be controlled. New flow meters were installed in 2020.
	R1.2.2 Practical measures to use water more efficiently in buildings	Audit water use regularly; Review bills frequently and look for irregularities; Encourage water-saving practices amongst staff and visitors; Categorise and track water consumption	Low-flush sinks, toilets, dishes, and washing appliances are installed. Confirmed. The Environmental Committee records and analyses invoices and consumption amounts carefully every year. An annual self-monitoring program has been developed. The main meter measures the total consumption of the club and the hotel. One submeter measures consumption for the hotel and the workshop and other submeters are available in the workshop.
R1.3 Source water responsibly	R1.3.1 Measures towards alternative, lower quality sources of water	Ensure appropriate water abstraction permit and reporting, as required	The municipality has the legal right to take water from the river Svartån to let the club use it on the golf course. In 1991, a raw water pipe was laid from the municipality's water intake at Svartån to the golf course. No reports are required.
R2 Energy			
R2.1 Reduce energy demand	R2.1.1 Measures to reduce the amount of energy consumed in course maintenance	Minimise areas of managed turf to reduce mowing, irrigation, and turf inputs	On hole 9, the club will test robotic mowing for two weeks in September 2024 with a large Ceora machine from Husqvarna; the robot will mow the fairway, rough and semi-rough. The club carefully monitors robotic mower development and will replace fossil fuel driven work vehicles when technical and economic opportunities arise. Areas removed or transferred from intensive maintenance (new and bigger ponds and flower meadows) to nature are not recorded. A mowing field is planned next to the new wetland in 2024. CIP: Please replace fossil fuels in course maintenance when technical and economic opportunities arise. CCIP: Please record any areas that have been removed from intensive maintenance, or raised in nature values, in OnCourse.

R2.2 Maximise energy efficiency	R2.2.1 Measures to use energy and fuels more efficiently in buildings	Audit energy use regularly; Regularly review bills; Categorise and track energy consumption	Confirmed. Consumption figures are reviewed annually in the Environment Committee's self-monitoring, and statistics are collected in an Excel file. The municipality's energy advisors conducted an energy audit about 7 years ago. CIP: Please consider conducting a new energy audit.
R2.3 Source energy responsibly	R2.3.1 Measures to source alternative, renewable forms of energy	Determine potential sources of renewable energy in the area and on-site, through renewable energy providers	Own solar cells produce 51,110 kWh per year. Electricity consumption on site is 100% fossil-free. Four charging stations for vehicles are available in the parking area.
R3 Materials			
R3.1 Reduce materials demand	R3.1.1 Products and materials selection based on necessity, including opportunities for recycled, reused and locally sourced alternatives	Undertake a review of materials consumed	Confirmed. The club has a well-defined and clear waste routine that covers the club's area of operation, responsibilities, waste handling, and documentation. The course manager is responsible for waste statistics and compliance with the waste routine. Confirmed. Waste statistics are compiled annually in the Consumption and Waste Excel file. The statistics cover the last seven years, and several positive downward trends for waste fractions can be deduced.
R3.2 Purchase responsibly	R3.2.1 Practical use of an ethical / environmental purchasing policy	Adopt a sustainable, or ethical / environmental purchasing policy to maximise the use of locally sourced goods and goods made from recycled, recyclable and certified materials	Materials are purchased from 63 suppliers, of which 27 are local. Confirmed. A purchasing policy is in place. The policy covers quality, environment, and business sense. The focus states, among other things, that suppliers must share the club's environmental values and deliver climate-efficient transport and packaging. Suppliers with a clear environmental policy should be encouraged, and the club should buy eco and fairtrade products where possible. CCIP: Please evaluate the purchasing policy's compliance by following up on sustainable sourcing in the coming period. CIP: Please explore and develop sustainable cooperation with the nearest suppliers in the local area - hotels, pro shop etc.
R3.3 Reuse and recycle	R3.3.1 Waste stream separation for maximum	Demonstrate waste separation, reuse and recycling;	Confirmed. Labelled sorting bins are available to separate waste (hazardous and non-hazardous) into twenty-one different fractions. An

	recycling and re-use opportunity	Track how much waste goes to landfill, or is reused / recycled	environmental shed is rented to store hazardous waste while it awaits disposal. Confirmed. The Environment Committee is responsible for the annual follow-up of waste volumes and fractions and the review of invoices. It commits to the environmental plan and reports self-monitoring.
R3.4 Demonstrate legal compliance	R3.4.1 Compliance with all local and regional waste management regulations	Use authorised waste and recycling contractor for general, hazardous, industrial and green waste	Confirmed contractors' compliance with regulations. Two authorized receivers (Stena Recycling (Stena Recycling and Mjölby municipality) collect all waste fractions.

COMMUNITY			
C1 Outreach			
Objectives	Requirements	Mandatory Practices	Verifier Notes
C1.1 Diversify access and provide multi-functionality	C1.1.1 Social and recreational activities at the facility		The club has built a 600-meter-long nature trail accessible to members, schools, and all other nature enthusiasts. The purpose is to raise interest in nature close to urban areas and to create an increased commitment to nature conservation issues in general. The nature trail has been developed as a local nature conservation project with the municipal ecologist and the county administrative board. Along the path, there are information boards about mountains, rocks, flora, and fauna. The club operates two padel courts at the facility. The courses are open to the public. The club area has a hotel (outsourced), campsite, and pitches for caravans and motorhomes. The club plan and design a fantastic multi-activity house with trackman equipment to measure and analyse shots and play virtual courses. This includes swing training spots and lounge space. If the financial conditions are provided and the multi-activity house becomes a reality in coming years, it will be a great

			benefit for members, visitors, and social sustainability as a meeting point all year round.
C1.2 Provide for volunteering and charity	C1.2.1 Opportunities available for volunteering and support of charities and good causes		Club members contribute with 3,500 volunteer hours per year to the club. A resource group with about 50 participants helps with various maintenance work and committee commitments. No charity or good cause activities have been carried out in recent years, but in 2024, Heart Golf will be held to support research on women's health. A near-hole competition for cancer will be conducted.
C1.3 Establish active community partnerships	C1.3.1 Positive and constructive engagement with neighbours, the local community and other groups	Create a 'sustainability working group'	The club is highly credible for environmental and sustainability issues nationally and regionally. A very competent and devoted environmental committee drives the sustainability work. The club's management and board are fully committed, and the work with the environmental committee is conducted excellently. The Environment Committee consists of women and men, the head greenkeeper, and a representative from the Board. The committee carries out regular follow-ups of measures in the environmental plan. The follow-up is documented in the self-monitoring and reported to the board regularly. The Board of Directors decides on measures. The Environment Committee also conducts annual internal audits. The club works closely with local nature and bird organizations, municipal ecologists, and the county administrative board's nature conservation unit.
C2 Golfers & Employees			
C2.1 Improve health and wellbeing	C2.1.1 Benefits to human physical and mental health from golf and facility activities		The majority of the approximately 30,000 completed rounds per year are played by walking players. This promotes the health of both old and young. During the autumn and winter, "Putting Mondays" are held in a rented premise. This is an appreciated social indoor activity that gathers many participants.
C2.2 Be open and inclusive	C2.2.1 Inclusivity and diversity in membership and visitor policies	Demonstrate inclusive policies for members and visitors	Mjölby Golf Club has started a long-term change process for a more inclusive and equal golf club. The club runs a development program according to Vision 50/50. Vision 50/50 is the Swedish Golf Association's long-term change work for an equal and inclusive Golf Sweden with a more even gender distribution among golfers and leading positions. The board at Mjölby GC now consists of 50% men and women.

			Female presence is present in all operational planning to monitor gender issues. Group training and member evenings are organized for women to increase their interest in golf. Junior girls are given the opportunity to train in their gender group. To increase women's social presence, special women's golf rounds are also organized on Mondays, and women's competitions on Thursdays. The club's goal is to increase the number of female members to 500 in 2027. In 2024, the club introduced a new differentiated membership rate. Several categories are available to offer new members a modern membership that suits different generations and living conditions. The club cooperates with nearby clubs and offers members the opportunity to play on other regional courses, which is very advantageous. CIP: Please continue to strive for a more even gender and age distribution among committees and members.
C2.3 Employ fairly and safely, and provide career opportunities	C2.3.1 Ethical and legal employment, working conditions and professional development	Follow all relevant national legislation and best practice for employment, health & safety etc	Documented routines for crisis management, accidents, and first aid have been developed. Personal protective equipment is available for staff. All track staff are given introductory training in tasks, safety and risk areas, etc. The employees sign the training as a guarantee that they have attended and understood the content. Lifting equipment in the workshop are functionally checked in accordance with current legislation.
C3 Communications			
C3.1 Engage golfers and members	C3.1.1 Communications activities that raise awareness and understanding amongst members and visitors	Provide information on the facility's sustainability commitments, actions, or achievements	The club's website contains current information and what is happening on the course. The course manager continuously informs members and visitors, and the club management informs them about the business plan. The environmental committee clearly and comprehensively exposes its environmental work. Visitors and members can access the environmental policy, annual environmental plans, completed projects, etc.

			In 2023, the club was ranked in the Top 100 in Europe for its environmental work. This earned them a final spot in the International Environment Golf Club of the Year by STRI Group England with three other clubs. The winner was announced in January, and Mjölby Golf Club received an honourable second place.
C3.2 Celebrate and promote sustainability	C3.2.1 Activities that raise awareness and engage people in the wider community	Provide evidence of external communications and community engagement	Mjölby Golf Club works very close with local entrepreneurs, the municipality, and the County Administrative Board's nature and environment department. The club participates in the "Green Infrastructure" project led by the County Administrative Board, Swedish Golf Association, Östergötland Golf Association, WWF, and Linköping's municipal ecologist. The club participated in the Business Fair "Fokus Mjölby" in 2023.

Golf and Sustainability

Among all sports, golf has a particularly close relationship with the environment and communities, golf facilities can bring many benefits to people and nature - from the protection of greenspace and conservation of biodiversity; healthy recreation for all ages; local supply chains; and jobs, tourism and other forms of economic value.

Adopting a more sustainable approach is also good for golf. It's about presenting a high-quality golf course and providing a memorable experience in natural surroundings. It's about being as efficient as possible. And it's about supporting the community in a range of ways that bring increased recognition, respect and contact.

At a broader level, it's important that golf credibly demonstrates its commitment, and its social and environmental value – strengthening the sport's image and reputation for the long term.

Golf facilities that participate in OnCourse®, an international sustainability initiative assured by the non-profit GEO Foundation, are taking a comprehensive approach and striving to be leaders in the community.

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