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GEO Certified[®] Report Ostschweizerischer Golf Club

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Sustainability in and through golf

“In recent years, the Ostschweizerischer Golf Club has taken further steps towards sustainable golf. The focus has primarily been on improvements in the maintenance buildings, on the irrigation system, purchasing a new GPS-controlled spraying machine, and the self-production of solar electricity. Despite an intensification of turf management on maintained roughs and fairways, OSCG is still well on its way and shows exemplary behaviour in many areas. There are particular opportunities to improve the quality of care in the natural areas and to reduce irrigation, fertiliser and energy inputs from intensive maintenance. I am looking forward to the implementation of further planned steps and the proposed CIP's.”

Dominik Scheibler

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Introduction

GEO Foundation is pleased to confirm that Ostschweizerischer Golf Club 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.

Ostschweizerischer Golf Club 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, Ostschweizerischer Golf Club should be awarded GEO Certified® status.

For the certification period stated above, Ostschweizerischer Golf Club 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.isealalliance.org



Verifier's Report

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

THEMES	ACTION AREAS
Nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Habitats & Biodiversity• Turfgrass management• Pollution prevention
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Water• Energy• Materials
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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	<p>All habitats and vegetation types are mapped.</p> <p>Good records of trees, birds and amphibians are available.</p> <p>Due to the location of the golf course on a former floodplain of the Thur, the promotion of amphibians, dragonflies, and other water dependent species is of great importance. There are several bodies of still and flowing waters with an impressive variety of species on the golf course.</p> <p>Due to the exact measurement of the areas by means of drone recordings, the play and natural areas can be maintained even better.</p>
	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	<p>There are no protected areas nearby.</p> <p>The golf course is, however, divided by a river (Thur) and is located directly above the ground water body of the river. For this reason, great care must be taken with the use of fertilizers and pesticides.</p> <p>Ponds, streams and their banks, especially the periodically water filled swales, are of special value.</p> <p>CIP: Please try to enhance and further promote these floodplain habitats as a priority.</p> <p>New ponds for amphibians are being planned in consultation with the authorities.</p>
	N1.1.3 Understanding and respect for cultural heritage	Protect any archaeological, historical or cultural designations on the site	There aren't any such areas in the area of the golf course. Up until the 1930s, it was a dynamic floodplain of the Thur. Afterwards, the Thur was channelized, and the land was used for agriculture. The golf course was established in 1948.
N1.2 Opportunities to naturalise the course	N1.2.1 Measures taken to identify and minimise the	Observe, track and / or monitor golfer play	The green no. 10 was reduced back to the original size of 2014.

	required area of managed turfgrass		<p>Owing to its location between the channelized river Thur and a hill range, the golf course is very narrow. For this reason, the fairways are also very narrow. This leaves almost no room for further narrowing of the fairways without compromising the playing quality.</p> <p>CIP: Please explore the potential to naturalise the maintained roughs, where possible.</p>
N1.3 Actively manage habitats for wildlife	N1.3.1 Projects to manage habitats in the best way for wildlife and golf	<p>Regularly review and follow a habitat management plan; Prioritise native species when planting and landscaping</p>	<p>The staggered cutting dates for the mowing meadows are good.</p> <p>The wooded areas are not cared for by the golf club.</p> <p>A tree concept featuring native trees was developed to achieve a more diverse age structure in the long run. Some tree plantings have already been carried out.</p> <p>In collaboration with 'Respect insect', an area was created to promote wild bees. Unfortunately, this area was quickly overgrown by vegetation due to the high groundwater level and the high nutrient availability.</p> <p>I recommend converting these areas into periodically drying hollows and ponds to promote dragonflies (and amphibians) in particular, with more fish-free ponds and puddles.</p> <p>CIP: Please optimize habitat management of the mowed areas, as below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - June 15 is not mandatory under all circumstances for the first cut. It is more important to cut when no more light reaches the ground. Therefore, mow earlier in the nutrient-rich locations and locations with neophytes and mow later in the nutrient poor locations. Mow only once in autumn for tall perennials/reeds, especially around water bodies. - Mowed areas should be mowed as gently as possible with knife bars or scythes and preferably not with brushcutters. - 20% of the vegetation should remain standing at each cut. <p>CIP: Please improve the management of the wooded areas and the hedges e.g., by setting up piles of foliage and deadwood and by periodically thinning out fast-growing woody plants.</p>
N1.4 Conserve key species	N1.4.1 Practical conservation measures for priority species		<p>Beaver dams are tolerated as far as possible in consultation with the authorities.</p>

			<p>There are numerous nesting boxes, an insect hotel and two honeybee nesting aids on the course. This is great, but it must be kept in mind that promoting honeybees creates substantial feeding competition for wild bees.</p> <p>CIP: Please try to increase the number of small puddles, ponds, and periodically water filled swales, wherever possible.</p> <p>Highlight: Rare species as Beaver, Kingfisher, Little Grebe and Tree Frog and four other amphibian species are present.</p>
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	<p>The seed mixtures conform to the current state of research of UFA Samen for Switzerland.</p> <p>Spontaneous growth of non-sown grasses is tolerated in the area of fairways and maintained roughs as far as possible.</p> <p>CIP: Please explore the possibility of introducing Festuca ovina/sp. on fairways, maintained roughs and the driving range. This can enhance drought resistance and lower irrigation and fertilizer need.</p>
	N2.1.2 Practices to maintain good soil structure and condition		Regular sanding was intensified in the last years in combination of aerification of intensively used areas.
	N2.1.3 Careful and responsible fertiliser application throughout the year to avoid over-fertilisation	Undertake soil tests and nutrient analysis	<p>The fertilization in general and especially of fairways and maintained roughs, which has been significantly intensified in recent years, can lead to a critical load of nutrients on natural habitats, especially wet sites and water bodies. The increased fertilisation need is also partly due to the reduced availability of plant protection products which is understandable especially on greens and tees.</p> <p>CCIP: Please explore the feasibility of strongly reducing (as was the case in the past) or discontinuing (as is the case on many other golf courses) fertilisation of the fairways and especially of the maintained roughs.</p> <p>CIP: Please consider using more organic fertilizer, especially liquid fertilizer and other biostimulants to promote soil life. This can also reduce thatch.</p>

<p>N2.2 Prioritise mechanical maintenance</p>	<p>N2.2.1 Non-chemical pest, disease and weed management</p>	<p>Sharpen mowing blades; Remove surface moisture; Hand weeding</p>	<p>Various techniques of mechanical lawn care are used in an exemplary manner, such as removing surface moisture, regular sharpening of the mowing blades, use of brushes, groomer and lawn seeding machine (without seeds) to reduce the amount of thatch. All this has reduced the risk of turf disease.</p>
<p>N2.3 Use chemicals responsibly</p>	<p>N2.3.1 Application of chemicals only when necessary to prevent or cure defined / identified turf health issues</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>The course is daily checked for diseases and pests. Water samples are analysed weekly. Fortunately, growth regulators have not been used in recent years. The ends of the drains of greens no. 3 and no. 4 and of the tees no. 4 and no. 7 too are very close to the small stream. CIP: Please try to ensure that the above-mentioned drains do not drain directly into the stream but are retained in an overgrown, albeit small, drainage pit so that the nutrients are biodegraded.</p>
	<p>N2.3.2 Application of chemicals with full safety precautions</p>	<p>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 .</p>	<p>Only permitted pesticides are used. Four people are trained in the use of pesticides. The required protective gear is at hand. The equipment is serviced and cleaned regularly and is ready for use. Leftover product is diluted and disposed of on untreated areas of turf. Highlight: In 2023, a new spraying machine with GPS control was purchased. This has individually controlled nozzles and drift-reducing technology.</p>
<p>N3 Pollution Prevention</p>			
<p>N3.1 Prevent pollution across the entire site</p>	<p>N3.1.1 Practical measures to ensure pollution risks are minimised from golf course operations</p>	<p>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;</p>	<p>The staff are trained in the handling of the used substances, including response in case of an accident. There are buffer zones around the waterbodies. In some places, the buffer zones are rather narrow (e.g., Green No. 4, Tea No. 7, Tea No. 9). CCIP: Please explore the feasibility of expanding the width of buffer zones, where possible.</p>

		Create a map / aerial visual reproduction, drawing etc of the course showing buffer zones and no-spray, no-spread areas.	Most ecologically valuable areas are separated from the play area by maintained rough.
	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	There are no dangerous substances in the clubhouse apart from an oil tank and cooking oils, which are safely stored. Waste is separated and wastewater is disposed of correctly. All licences and contracts are available.
	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	The wash area is quite old but sufficiently large and has an impermeable surface. A renewal is planned. The renewal of the forecourt and the filling station is also planned, which is gratifying. The floors in the maintenance facility on which pesticides and fertilizers are handled are newly sealed since 2023 in accordance with the requirements of the authorities. The applicators are cleaned correctly.
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; 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	A register of hazardous materials is available to authorised staff and controls of the government. All hazardous materials are safely stored in secure, lockable, ventilated buildings with sufficient storage capacity and impermeable flooring. An emergency eye wash kit is present and the sanitary facilities in the staff changing rooms are close by. Fire extinguishers in the immediate area are available. Externally constructed secondary containment for fuels are in place. Storage tanks are regular inspected. A binding agent for oil is present and easily accessible.
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)	Wastewater discharge licence is available. The wastewater is pumped to the local sewage treatment plant. The wash area is quite old but sufficiently large and has an impermeable surface.

			<p>There is no oil, grease and clipping separation in the wash bay. Clippings are removed manually from the manhole cover.</p> <p>The wastewater from the wash bay is collected in a tank and is pumped out and disposed of regularly and professionally by a specialized company.</p> <p>A renewal of the wash area is planned.</p>
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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	<p>In the next years, all irrigation systems of the course are to be successively renovated. The irrigation is to be geared more specifically to the areas used (greens/tees).</p> <p>CIP: Please consider introducing drought-tolerant grass species (especially Festuca species) to reduce irrigation of the fairways (as per N2.1.1 above)</p>

R1.2 Maximise water efficiency	R1.2.1 Practical measures to use water more efficiently on the golf course	Conduct regular irrigation performance checks; 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	<p>The old irrigation system has been repaired in various places in recent years and various settings in the new software have been checked and updated.</p> <p>Despite these pleasing water savings, consumption seems to be higher in recent years than in 2020 due to more intensive irrigation.</p> <p>The water requirement is additionally checked by hand measurements, especially in summer.</p> <p>CIP: Please try to include tensiometers in the planned new irrigation system.</p> <p>CIP: Please try to track water usage in more detail. E.g. the water requirements of the driving range should be measured separately and, if possible, replaced by ground water.</p>
	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	<p>Water usage is monitored via the water bill.</p> <p>Low flow toilets and showers with stop function are installed.</p> <p>CIP: Please promote water-saving practices more visibly.</p>
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	<p>Water abstraction permit and reporting is available.</p> <p>CIP: Please consider the use of rainwater, greywater or groundwater, e.g. for toilets or for washing golf balls or machines.</p>
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	<p>Thanks to the optimisation of the irrigation system, especially the pump control, electricity consumption has been reduced.</p> <p>Electric robotic lawnmowers are currently being tested, which may be able to reduce diesel consumption, but could increase electricity consumption.</p> <p>Average diesel consumption for green space maintenance has increased in recent years compared to 2020.</p> <p>CIP: Please explore possibilities to further reduce the energy consumption associated with golf course maintenance (as per N2.1.3)</p>

<p>R2.2 Maximise energy efficiency</p>	<p>R2.2.1 Measures to use energy and fuels more efficiently in buildings</p>	<p>Audit energy use regularly; Regularly review bills; Categorise and track energy consumption</p>	<p>Energy and heat usage are monitored continuously via the utility bill.</p> <p>Other newly purchased appliances are more energy-efficient than the old ones.</p> <p>The devices of the cooling systems are rather old. Replacing them could lead to significant energy savings.</p> <p>CIP: Please consider replacing the oil heating with a renewable heating solution. This should be a priority measure to consider for 2030 at the latest.</p> <p>CIP: Please consider insulating the shop and office buildings.</p> <p>CIP: Please consider replacing the cooling units in the coming years.</p>
<p>R2.3 Source energy responsibly</p>	<p>R2.3.1 Measures to source alternative, renewable forms of energy</p>	<p>Determine potential sources of renewable energy in the area and on-site, through renewable energy providers</p>	<p>Warm water for the clubhouse and the guesthouse is provided by solar collectors.</p> <p>Further photovoltaic systems, e.g. on the driving range, are still being planned.</p> <p>Highlight: A new photovoltaic system was installed on the roof of the new terrace.</p>
<p>R3 Materials</p>			
<p>R3.1 Reduce materials demand</p>	<p>R3.1.1 Products and materials selection based on necessity, including opportunities for recycled, reused and locally sourced alternatives</p>	<p>Undertake a review of materials consumed</p>	<p>Generally, good performance in this area.</p> <p>Clippings from the greens and leaves are taken to the nearby composting plant.</p> <p>A new container system allows the recycled materials to be recorded more precisely.</p> <p>Unfortunately, the organic waste from the kitchen is thrown away in the trash and not disposed of, for example, in a biogas plant.</p> <p>Highlight: The use of PET bottles has been greatly reduced by providing drinking water fountains and distributing metal drinking bottles to members.</p>
<p>R3.2 Purchase responsibly</p>	<p>R3.2.1 Practical use of an ethical / environmental purchasing policy</p>	<p>Adopt a sustainable, or ethical / environmental purchasing policy to maximise the use of locally sourced goods and goods made from</p>	<p>Some products from regional producers are offered in the restaurant as well as some seasonal and a few certified foods.</p> <p>An actual concept for sustainable procurement is missing.</p>

		recycled, recyclable and certified materials	<p>However, innovative products are used and sold selectively, e.g. golf tees made of organic material or the use of carrier bags made of grass in the store.</p> <p>Local companies are considered for construction projects.</p> <p>CIP: There is large potential for improvement in the offering and communicating of vegetarian / vegan menus, the use of alternative plant-based products in cooking and the use of certified (e.g. organic) food and clothing.</p>
R3.3 Reuse and recycle	R3.3.1 Waste stream separation for maximum recycling and re-use opportunity	Demonstrate waste separation, reuse and recycling; Track how much waste goes to landfill, or is reused / recycled	<p>Waste is collected separately and disposed of or recycled correctly according to Swiss standards.</p> <p>Grass clippings are mulched (except on the greens and tees) in order to reduce the need for fertilizer.</p>
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	Every form of waste is disposed of correctly.

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		<p>Childcare is offered on 10 Sundays per year. Parents can have their children professionally looked after while playing golf.</p> <p>There is a popular hiking trail along the river Thur and across the bridge and the golf course. Other paths through or along the golf course are not open for the public because they are not safe due to the narrow</p>

			geographical situation of the golf course. However, it is not always easy to keep people out of the danger zones despite signalisation.
C1.2 Provide for volunteering and charity	C1.2.1 Opportunities available for volunteering and support of charities and good causes		The OSCG supports three charities and the volunteering hours by facility members is quite high.
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 OSCG maintains a positive exchange with the municipal and cantonal authorities, local ornithologists and the Respect Insects association. There are no regular meetings with stakeholder groups. The further training of the greenkeeping team and the exchange between greenkeeping and management are important.
C2 Golfers & Employees			
C2.1 Improve health and wellbeing	C2.1.1 Benefits to human physical and mental health from golf and facility activities		Team events are organized for employees, and they receive discounts for golf training sessions. Events and in particular an increasing number of golf tournaments are organized, which are important for the social aspect of golf and thus also for the topic of mental health. It is possible to rent a room to stay overnight at the golf course. This offers an excellent possibility for recreation.
C2.2 Be open and inclusive	C2.2.1 Inclusivity and diversity in membership and visitor policies	Demonstrate inclusive policies for members and visitors	The OSCG has become more open, and guests are welcome. A large part of the golf club members and the club governance are female.
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	Employment according to Swiss standard regulations. First aid courses are organized for the employees. There are also training courses on how to use plant protection products. Tick vaccinations for employees are financed. - he greenkeeper is a member of the Swiss greenkeeper association.

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	<p>The OSCG operates several communication channels such as Instagram, LinkedIn, newsletter to members, letter from the president, magazine The huck (annual review) and the webpage. The topic of sustainability is pointed out from time to time. This is also the case with media articles.</p> <p>CIP: Please maintain and further enhance this good communication work.</p>
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	On the open house day in the year 2023, a tour on the topic golf and nature was also offered to the visitors.

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.

Find out more at www.sustainable.golf