

What Is the Sun City Palm Desert Lady Putters' Club?



At its heart, the Lady Putters' Club is a group of friends coming together to enjoy the game of putting. It's as much about camaraderie and laughter as it is about skill. For many women, it's the perfect way to stay active and social—especially if playing full golf is no longer an option.

Putting offers a wonderful mix of challenges and fun. Skill certainly plays a role, but luck has its moments too. Some days the ball rolls perfectly into the cup; other days, it stubbornly refuses to drop. A new “course” is set up each week to keep things fresh and interesting, and tournaments are held throughout the season. Of course, we also enjoy social gatherings that make our club truly special.

The Sun City Palm Desert Lady Putters' Club was established in 1997, and we've been going strong ever since. All you need to join the fun is a putter, a golf ball, and a sense of humor.

Did You Know?

The original Ladies' Putting Club was founded nearly 160 years ago at St. Andrews in Scotland. Established in 1867, it is the oldest ladies' golf club in the world—a title earned by determined, golf-loving women and, admittedly, a few disgruntled men.

At the time, when the daughters of members of the prestigious St. Andrews Royal & Ancient (R&A) Golf Club expressed interest in playing golf, it was considered inappropriate for women. Croquet and archery were deemed more suitable activities. When the women began practicing on the caddies' putting course—used by those carrying members' golf bags between rounds—the caddies were less than pleased. And, it's believed, neither were the members.

Putting Things Right

Because the caddies were club employees and unable to complain directly, a compromise was quickly reached. The women were given a small piece of land near the iconic Swilcan Bridge to use as a nine-hole putting course.

Just one month later, 22 women competed in the inaugural tournament of the St. Andrews Ladies' Golf Club. The Old Course at St. Andrews—also known as the Old Lady or the Grand Old Lady and widely regarded as the oldest golf course in the world—became a place where women quietly but firmly claimed their space in the game.

Historians believe these early members played a significant role in advancing independence and opportunity for women in St. Andrews and beyond.

St. Andrews Ladies Putting Club

A heartfelt thank you to the women who came before us.