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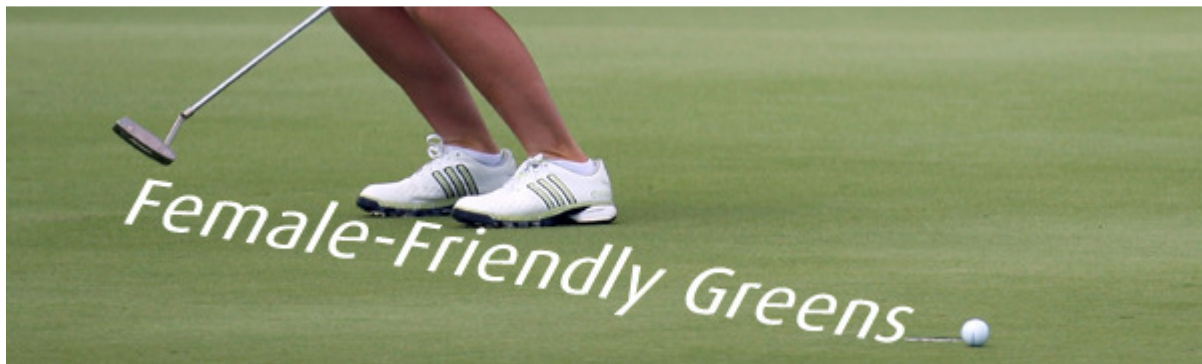
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Female-Friendly Greens

What is it that makes a golf course female friendly?

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What is it that makes a golf course female friendly? Is it the staff, the amenities, the golf course itself or perhaps a combination of these? It's a question that is up for debate and will probably never have a single clear answer but it is one that warrants much discussion in the ever-growing world of women's golf.

So to garner a glimpse into some possible answers (some which may be included in the results to the upcoming search for Canada's most female friendly golf course in the 2009 issue of Links for Women Magazine out this June), Links for Women consulted someone who strives to promote and build women's golf.

Jane Watson is the president of the Executive Women's Golf Association (EWGA), an organization that according to their website, "... provides opportunities for women to learn, play and enjoy the game of golf." Links for Women attended a recent EWGA event where Watson spoke about demystifying the woman's game of golf and spoke of the challenges facing the growth of the game.

According to Watson, there are 10 basic criteria that make a golf course women-friendly and make women want to return to play again and while these may not necessarily hold true for every woman involved in the game they are definitely helping the overall goal of continuing to build female-friendly greens.

The 10 Must-Haves for Female Friendly Greens

- 1) Pro shop has friendly, helpful staff.
- 2) Pro shop carries rental equipment for women and a variety of women's clothing, balls and shoes.
- 3) Starters and players assistants treat women's groups the same as men's.
- 4) Slope rating and handicap conversion material are easy to find.
- 5) There are two sets of tee boxes rated for women.
- 6) Forward tees boxes are well maintained and located in appropriate, interesting settings.
- 7) Benches and ball washers are available on the forward tees on at least one-third of holes.
- 8) Fully stocked washrooms are accessible every five to six holes.
- 9) Restaurants and beverage carts offer healthy food choices as well as wine and coolers.
- 10) There is a nine-hole rate and league available for women golfers.

Learn more about the [Executive Women's Golf Association](#).