

### **Golf Course Rules**

### Tee Times

It is recommended that golfers reserve a tee time for play. Tee times may be made on Fore Tees or by calling the Golf Pro Shop at 759-3430. Players are requested to furnish the names of the other players in their group and to check in the Golf Shop before play. Cancellations will be accepted through the day prior to scheduled play.

If a Member fails to appear for a reserved tee time without prior notice of cancellation, and if the Club is unable to fill the reserved starting time, the Member will be liable to pay the applicable "no show" fee. Repeat offenders may lose their tee time privileges. These charges are enforced to prevent "no shows" that deprive other Members and their guest's access to the Golf Course. Reservations for tee times are allocated with the following priorities:

- 1. Family, Individual and Junior Golf Members may reserve tee times up to fourteen (14) days in advance.
- 2. Corporate Golf Members may reserve tee times up to ten (10) days in advance.
- 3. Sports Members may reserve tee times up to seven (7) days in advance.

# Play Restrictions

- 1. Play is restricted to foursomes. Other groups will be allowed only when conditions permit. The golf staff reserves the right to pair singles, twosomes and threesomes into larger groups to facilitate Member access to the Golf Course and a steady pace of play.
- 2. The Club may maintain a schedule of "protected Member times" during which each foursome must contain a Four Bridges Country Club Member. Check the Golf Pro Shop and Club newsletter for seasonal schedules of protected times.
- 3. Additional guest restrictions may be established by the Club from time to time as

the volume of play increases.

### Junior Golfer

- 1. Junior golfers are defined as any son or daughter under eighteen (18) years of age who are dependents of a golfing Member.
- 2. A certified junior golfer is any junior golfer who has been certified by the Head Golf Professional as being sufficiently knowledgeable about golf and golf etiquette, sufficiently capable at the playing of the game, and of sufficient maturity to play on the Golf Course or use the practice facilities unaccompanied by a parent or adult. Certified junior golfers must always have another certified playing companion, as they will not be allowed on the Golf Course alone.
- 3. Certified junior golfers may play without a parent or adult on a space available basis. Uncertified junior golfers must play with a parent or adult at all times.
- 4. Certified junior golfers should register with the Golf Professional on duty in the Golf Pro Shop. The professional will make every effort to accommodate and assist the junior golfer in securing a space available starting time.
- 5. Junior Golfers must be accompanied and supervised by a parent or adult at all times.

### Children

- 1. Children are not allowed to run around the practice greens or tees or play in the sand traps.
- 2. Parents with young children who are using the driving range should be aware of adults waiting to use the tee. The family would, as a matter of courtesy, relinquish all but one of their tee stations in this situation.

### Registering

All Members and guests must register in the Golf Pro Shop prior to play on the Golf Course.

### Walking

Walking without a walker's fee will be permitted on the Four Bridges Country Club Golf Course during designated "Carts Optional" times as determined by the Club and posted in the Golf Pro Shop and Club newsletter. (Currently 2:00 pm daily) Players must carry their own golf bag – pull carts will not be allowed.

## **Golf Carts**

- 1. No more than two riders are permitted in a golf cart at any one time.
- 2. Carts may be operated by anyone over 16 years of age with a valid driver's license.
- 3. Carts must always stay on the cart paths in the vicinity of tees and greens. Carts shall avoid roped or otherwise restricted areas and follow directional signs applicable to the cart paths. Avoid areas newly planted, under water, or under repair and approach no closer than 10 yards from any tee, green, bunker or their shoulders.
- 4. Cart drivers must obey the specific "Cart Rules of the Day" relating to cart traffic being allowed off the paths, restricted to 90 degrees, or restricted to cart paths only. Drive cart on cart path to area of ball and then turn 90° to ball. After hitting, drive back to the cart path and proceed to the next hitting location.
- 5. A golf cart may not be used beyond the number of holes for which it is rented without registering for additional use in the Golf Pro Shop.
- 6. Instances of cart abuse or damages caused by reckless or improper use of the golf cart will result in charges for necessary repairs.
- 7. Golf carts are not allowed in the parking lots or off club property except as directed by the Club.
- 8. Private golf carts will be allowed to be leased by homeowners in the Four Bridges community. The golf carts must be leased according to the Club approved specs and must be stored in an enclosed parking garage, which is an integral part of the home. In addition to the lease fee, the Club will charge a yearly trail fee, which allows the member to use the cart on Club property. Contact the Golf Pro Shop

for additional information on private cart leasing.

- 9. Each Member using a golf cart accepts and assumes all responsibility for liability connected with operation of the golf cart. Each member also expressly indemnifies and agrees to hold harmless the Club and its affiliates, employees, representatives and agents, from any and all liability and damages, whether direct or consequential, arising from or related to the Member, the Member's family or the Member's guests' use and operation of the golf cart.
- 10. Proper operation of a golf cart is the responsibility of the operator. Cost of repair to a golf cart, which is damaged, shall be charged to the member whose guest or family member is responsible for the damage.

### Practice Range

- 1. The practice range will open 30 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time, and will close approximately on hour before dark. (Adjusted seasonally)
- 2. Only Members with golfing privileges and their guests are permitted to use the practice range.
- 3. Range balls are for use solely on the practice range. Range balls may not be used on the golf course.
- 4. Range balls must be hit from the designated hitting areas. No hitting is permitted from any other area, including the rough or sides of the practice range.
- 5. Proper golf attire is required at all times on the practice range. (No Denim)
- 6. Non-certified Juniors must be under direct supervision of an adult Member while on the practice range. (See Junior Golfer)

### Bag Drop and Pick Up

Arriving players are asked to drop off and pick up their golf bags at the designated bag drop area. Golf staff attendants will be stationed at the bag drop area to assist you in loading and unloading your clubs. Clubs will be cleaned by the golf staff attendants and placed in your vehicle or taken to the bag storage room for safekeeping. It is recommended that clubs not be left at the bag drop for extended periods of time especially after the golf staff attendants have gone off duty. The Club will not be responsible for clubs left unattended.

### Speed of Play

It should be the goal of all players to complete their round of golf in **four hours and twelve minutes or less.** It is the responsibility of each group to keep pace with the group ahead. The proper place on the golf course is behind the group ahead not ahead of the group behind. If a group falls one complete hole behind the group ahead, the lagging group will receive a warning. Upon a second warning, the group will be required to move forward into position. It is the responsibility of each group and each player in the group to be observant of course position and to keep the pace of play moving as rapidly as possible. The golf staff and their representatives or rangers have the expressed authority to keep play moving at the proper pace for all player's enjoyment. Violations of the slow play guidelines may result in restricted play privileges.

# Speed of Play Tips

- Arrive on time for your tee time
- Decide your games, partners and honors on your way to the first tee
- Play ready golf. When safety dictates, hit when ready
- Take multiple clubs to your ball to avoid trips back to the cart
- Hit a provisional ball when you have doubts about finding your ball
- Designate who will move your cart ahead while each player is hitting
- Park ahead not behind your area of play so you don't back track
- Mark your ball on the green and study your putt before it is your turn to putt out
- Putt out. Continuous putting is acceptable. Don't step in someone's line of putt
- Have the flag stick ready to be put back in the cup after the last putt drops
- Record your scores on the way to the next tee
- Play the tees that best suit your ability

# Golf Course Care

Members are all reminded to please repair ball marks, walk carefully on greens (don't

drag your feet), replace divots, rake bunkers (leave rakes in the bunker close to the edge), enter and exit traps from the low side, avoid littering course, obey cart traffic instructions and otherwise be aware of actions which may damage the Golf Course. Report abusers to the golf shop. The members should inform their guests of these guidelines.

### **Golf Practice**

Players are not permitted to practice on the Golf Course by hitting multiple balls off the tees or fairways. All practice should be limited to the driving range and practice greens.

## Golf Equipment

Each player must have his or her own set of clubs and wear golf shoes on the Golf Course. The Golf Pro Shop may have rental or demo clubs if you are just getting started in golf or have a guest who may need club.

## Errant Ball Policy

Damage to adjacent property and/or other players is the responsibility of the golfer. Golfer's personal homeowner insurance may cover these types of accidents.

Only with homeowner approval, golfers may be permitted to enter adjacent homeowner property to retrieve errant golf balls. Golfers are not permitted under any circumstance to drive golf carts on adjacent property nor to play any golf shot from adjacent property.

### Soft spike Policy

The use of approved nonmetal spikes is required of all golfers. The locker rooms and golf staff are equipped to handle any necessary conversions to soft spikes for our Members and their guests. Soft spikes may be purchased through the golf shop or locker room attendant.

It is incumbent upon the Member or outing coordinator to inform their guests of the Club's soft spike policy and have them prepared accordingly.

### Lunch at the Turn

Players who would like a snack after nine holes may place orders at the snack bar turn window. Golfers stopping will have no priority once their space is relinquished. Groups following will have priority and the pausing group must wait to be worked back into play by the golf staff.

### Course Beverage Cart Service

For the player's convenience, the Club will from time to time offer on course beverage cart service. With speed of play considerations in mind, we ask that orders be placed when players are transitioning from the green to the next tee.

### Golf Etiquette

Proper golf etiquette should always be observed when participating in the game of golf.

#### Handicaps

- 1. All golfing Members of Four Bridges Country Club are required to have an approved U.S.G.A. handicap if they wish to participate in Club golfing events and tournaments.
- 2. Handicaps are computed under the supervision of the Golf Pro Shop in accordance with the current U.S.G.A. Handicap System, G.H.I.N.
- 3. To establish a handicap, a Member must have turned in a minimum of five (5) scores. Members are responsible for turning in all their scores on a daily basis.
- 4. Any Member failing to turn in a score shall result in a score being posted that is equal to their lowest score on record.
- 5. The Golf Pro Shop staff shall assist any Member needing help with the posting procedures.
- 6. Accurate records are to be kept of scores turned in and recorded for all full rounds played. The Golf Pro Shop shall determine if there are violations by Members in

turning in their correct scores.