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2009 Golfer's Handbook

Activities

Tournament Schedule

A full members' tournament schedule is offered annually. Registration and details for each individual event will be posted on the board outside the locker rooms & on our website, www.mgcc.net. The 2009 tournament schedule is as follows:

April	11	Ping / FootJoy Weekend Tournament Series begins
	24	Tee-Off Friday Guest Day
	25	Opening Day Tournament
May	TBD	President's Cup Begins
	TBD	Challenge Cup Begins
	8	Member Appreciation Day
June	16-17	Spring Medal / Low Net Championships
	29	Women's Handicap Match Play begins
	17-20	Men's Invitational
July	27	ESPN / Callaway 2-Man Best Ball
	11-12	Mixed Couples Championship
	18	Men's One-Day Member/Guest
August	24	Member / Member Horserace
	25-26	Member / Member
	1-2	Senior Club Championships
	4-6	Women's Invitational
	21	Member Appreciation Day
September	22-23	Club Championship Qualifiers
	29-30	Club Championship Matches
	5	Parent / Child Tournament
	7	Club Championship Finals
October	13	Divorce Open
	26-27	Grosvenor Cup Matches
	2	Donald Ross 1919 Cup Interclub Matches vs. Mohawk G&CC (at Mohawk)
	4	Men's Fall Scramble
	10	Closing Day Tournament

Tournament Participation

Each tournament has its own criteria for eligibility which will be posted on the registration sheet for each event. Class “C” (Restricted Monthly) members may play in all events (except club championships), but are subject to certain restrictions. There are no restrictions for the Men’s and Women’s Invitationals and Opening Day. All golf members may participate in these events regardless of their membership category.

Women’s Golf

There are three women’s golf groups at the Club – the Wednesday morning 18-holers, the Tuesday Night 9-Holers, and the Beginner Women’s Social Golf group. The Wednesday Morning Ladies Association plays 18 holes weekly during the golf season and offers small events to enter each week. Sign up to play weekly in the Ladies Lounge. The Tuesday Evening Ladies Group allows working ladies a time to play 9 holes during the week, in one of three flights based on handicap. And Beginner Women’s Social Golf provides less experienced players a chance to receive affordable instruction, 4 holes of golf and a social hour with great desert on Tuesday evenings, approximately twice per month during the season. In addition, most of the clinics and group lessons offered are targeted toward women, both advanced and beginning players.

Junior Golf

We are very proud of our active junior golf program. Juniors, divided into groups based on age and ability, meet on Friday mornings throughout the Summer for instruction and then head out to play. In addition, juniors have access to various group and private lessons from Assistant Professional Jess Lewis, our Youth Golf Director.. We are always looking for parents or grandparents to serve on the Junior Golf Committee and help organize and administer the program for our 70+ juniors. Please let us know if you are interested.

Junior golf begins in mid-June and runs until Mid-August. During this period, the golf course and practice facilities are closed to all other play on Friday mornings until approximately 11:00 AM.

Services

Golf Shop

A full service Professional Golf Shop is available to members and their guests. We offer a wide selection of golf apparel, equipment, club repair, corporate logo items and the ability to special order almost anything you’d like in the world of golf! Our prices on golf equipment are very competitive and our Professional Staff will help you make the right decision when you’re ready to make a purchase.

Golf shop purchases may be charged to your Club account, charged to VISA/MC, or paid by cash or personal check. All purchases charged to your Club account will show up on your monthly statement as “golf shop merchandise.” If you need more detail concerning any golf shop item on your monthly statement, please call the golf shop, not the Club office.

Golf shop credit may be earned for a variety of reasons during the season from playing well in a tournament or weekend event to purchasing a winning ticket in a raffle. This credit is applied to your account on the golf shop computer and will not show up on your monthly Club statement. We will automatically use any accumulated credit when you make a purchase unless instructed otherwise.

The golf shop opens daily with the golf course and closes at 7:00 pm during the summer and slightly earlier in the Spring and Fall.

Professional Golf Instruction

PGA Head Golf Professional, Rob Karnes, and Assistant Professional, Jess Lewis, offer a variety of instructional programs designed to fit every age and ability level. Private and group lessons, clinics, lesson series, and the season-long “Personal Coach” program are all available for everyone including juniors, seniors and ladies. In addition, we’ll customize an instructional package to meet your needs, whether it’s playing lessons, corporate group lessons or a daily golf school for your group. Just let us know how we can help you improve and enjoy the game more! Contact us for more information regarding availability and pricing.

Bag Storage

The Golf Services Package that is billed to all golf members on an annual basis includes bag storage and club cleaning service for the member and any family members he/she has chosen to add at an additional cost. Members may wish to purchase an additional storage slot for their push or pull cart, if space is available.

Practice Facilities

The Golf Services Package that is billed to all golf members on an annual basis includes unlimited use of all practice facilities for the member and all family members covered under his/her specific membership plan. The driving range opens daily with the golf course (April – November) and closes at dark (the range closes at 7:00 PM on Thursday and Sunday evenings to allow a clean pick as the grounds maintenance staff mows the range the following mornings). The practice green next to the range may be used as a target green for pitch shots hit from the practice tee or for chipping and bunker practice. The practice green near the clubhouse is for putting only, but the practice area near the 1st tee is available for chipping, pitching and bunker practice in addition to putting. This green requires use of your own golf balls and is open during all daylight hours. Guest’s greens fees include use of the practice facilities during their visit.

Handicap System

The Golf Services Package that is billed to all golf members on an annual basis includes handicap service for the member and any family members he/she has chosen to add at an additional cost. All golfers should establish a USGA Handicap Index. Even if you don’t plan on playing in competitive events that require a handicap, it is a good way to track your progress. The handicap computer is located outside the locker rooms and ALL scores, even 9 hole and tournament scores, must be posted. Our posting season runs from late March through October. If you play during the off-season at a facility that is in-season, i.e. Florida, those scores can be posted online via www.ghin.com or saved and posted with correct dates upon your return to the Club. The Golf Committee randomly and discreetly monitors play and handicap posting to ensure the integrity of the system. The committee has the authority to adjust handicaps as they deem necessary for any and all Club tournaments. Please advise the professional staff if you’d like to be included in the handicap system.

Bag Drop

A bag drop area is available for members and guests arriving at the Club. This area is not specifically staffed, so we ask that you leave your bag and a member of the bag staff will bring it up to the staging area as time permits. In the unlikely event that your bag is still at the bag drop when you are ready to play, a member of the outside staff will be happy to retrieve your bag.

Important Policies

Starting Times

Starting times may be reserved for Saturday, Sunday and holidays from May 1 through September 30. Members may call the golf shop beginning Saturday morning to reserve starting times for the following weekend.

If you are a single looking for a game, or a larger group looking for an extra player or two, let the Golf Services attendant know. We can help pair you up with other players of similar ability and personality.

Guest Play

Members may invite up to 7 guests at any time without prior approval. An individual is restricted to two monthly visits to the Club as a guest. Guests may not begin play on the front nine until after 10:00 AM on weekends and holidays during the season (May 1 – September 30). Members should register their guests with the Golf Services attendant prior to play.

Golf Attire

All players on the golf course and practice facilities must be properly attired. Blue jeans are not allowed at any time. Men's shirts must have defined collars – polo or mock. Women's tops must have a minimum of 3½" of material between the neck and shoulder. Both men's and women's shorts must be of appropriate and acceptable golf length. Please inform your guests of these requirements in advance of their visit to the Club.

Hours of Play

May through September (Golf Season)	Weekdays, 8:00 – dark Weekends & Holidays, 7:30 – dark
April & October:	Weekdays, 9:00 – dark Weekends & Holidays, 8:00 – dark
March, November & December:	Every day, 9:00 - dusk

- Closed Monday all year
- Course closed until 11:00 on Fridays during Summer for Junior Golf.
- These hours may fluctuate based on extreme weather conditions.

Golf Play Rules

Members are asked to check in with the Golf Services attendant prior to play. Starting on any hole other than #1 and/or playing in a group larger than four players may be allowed at the discretion of the golf professional staff. These groups must ask permission prior to play and the decision will be based on players' abilities, number of players on the golf course, date and time of day, etc.

Children's Play

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult member while on the golf course or practice facilities. Children under 18 may not use the golf course until 11:00 AM on weekends and holidays. Youth golfers that show the ability and maturity to practice and play outside of these parameters, may be given special permission from the Professional Staff.

Pace of Play

Pace of play is expected to be no more than 4 hours for 18 holes. Groups playing slower than this pace, with a hole open ahead, **MUST** allow faster groups through. As a matter of etiquette, groups playing within this time frame, but slower than groups following, should also allow groups to play through.

Etiquette

Proper etiquette is as much a part of the game as a 3-putt on #5. Maintaining our wonderful golf course by replacing divots and fixing ball marks is only the beginning. Please think of your fellow-members and rake bunkers, keep up the pace of play or allow others to play through, stop hitting range balls when someone slices into the range from #10, etc. Golf is an honorable game and golfers should display integrity and sportsmanship at all times.

Gratuities

It is our hope that the Golf Services Staff meets and exceeds your expectations on a regular basis. If you would like to reward one of these employees for a job well done, please do so discreetly. Staff tips are shared by each shift of employees. A gratuity is certainly not required, but is appreciated.