

2023 Membership Information



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Cobleskill Golf and Country Club

Course Superintendent

Jon “Bear” Briggs

Golf Shop: COBYGOLFSHOP@gmail.com

518-234-4045

Board of Directors (2023)

Officers

President, 2023, Bob Smith

Treasurer, Chris Tretter

Club Secretary, Geoff Rightmyer

Attorney, John Seebold

Directors, Term end date, Committees

Warren VanDeusen, 2023, Greens

Robert Smith, 2023, President

Ted Langenbahn, 2023, Vice-President, Budget & Finance

Anthony Johnston, 2024, Golf Shop

Brandon Parshall, 2024, Club House

Ralph Falco, 2024, Tournaments and Rules

Bruce Wollaber, 2025, Special Projects

Vacant, 2025

Roxanne Marks, 2025, Membership

CGCCMEMBERSHIP@gmail.com

For information, please contact our membership chairperson or the golf shop.

GOLF SHOP

ALWAYS check in at the golf shop BEFORE you go on the course

518-234-4045

COBYGOLFSHOP@gmail.com

Shop Manager: Mitch Wrighter

Shop stock and services include:

- Sale of golf balls, gloves & other necessary items
- Men's & Ladies' golf attire
- Bag Storage available
- Walking cart storage available
- Club re-gripping
- Tournament scheduling
- Handicap service
- Tee time scheduling
- Practice range
- Arrange tee times at clubs where we have a reciprocal.
(See page 5 or check with the golf shop for courses where we have arrangements.)

Our website is your key to EVERYTHING Cobleskill!

www.golfcobleskill.com

Contains most of the information you may need, including:

- Current year's fees and member application
- Current year's calendar of events
- Copy of this booklet
- Gift certificate purchases and promotions for sale
- Book tee times on-line. Use Your MEMBER NUMBER(on your membership card)

MEMBERSHIP – YOUR BENEFITS & RESPONSIBILITIES

Member Benefits

Membership privileges include: all course play, handicap service, preference for tee times (you have 2 weeks to plan), league play, club sponsored tournaments such as (Club Championships, President's Cup, Member/Guest, Sunday breakfast tournaments, etc.). Entry fees are charged to cover tournament prizes.

Members also have the option of purchasing any of the following: cart leases (several types), cart storage/trail fee for cart owners, bag storage, walking cart storage, and optional practice range membership. While playing as your guest, guests are granted reduced rates. The guest rate is posted on the rate sheet in the Golf Shop.

Member Responsibilities

Our members are asked to promote our club within the community and to support the club with a spirit of cooperation, volunteerism, and new member promotion. All members are responsible for taking care of our course, course equipment, and other course property while you are using it. While at the club, members are expected to show respect and good sportsmanship to others. Violation of this responsibility may result in suspension of membership privileges at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

BECOME INVOLVED IN YOUR CLUB!

Contact a board member to volunteer for a committee. There are MANY opportunities to participate: Help with tournaments including the Member/Guest Tournament; become a course ambassador (spotter or starter) for outside tournaments; help with course upkeep; help with building maintenance; work with any of our other committees.

ALL Committees can use members!

Concerns and Suggestions:

All suggestions or concerns to the Board should be in writing or email. You may address them to our Board Secretary or any Board member. The appropriate Chair and committee will handle your concern.

Membership cards are distributed through the Golf Shop at the beginning of the season. Your card includes your membership number and any amenities that you purchased for the season.

Reciprocal Play at Other Golf Clubs

We maintain reciprocal arrangements with several area golf clubs.

Arrangements MUST be made for reciprocal play through Cobleskill Golf Shop Manager, Mitch Wrighter.

The cost to play MAY VARY (ask at the golf shop). Usually \$30 for 18 holes.

The fees are set by the course you will play.

At printing, we have reciprocal agreements with the following golf courses.

This may change:

- Catskill Golf Club
- Canajoharie
- Hales Mills
- Rolling Hills
- Thunderhart
- Cedar Lake
- Rainbow
- Fox Run
- Stamford
- Delhi
- Nick Stoner
- Mohawk Valley
- Caroga Lake

CART RULES AND REGULATIONS

All Carts:

- Always follow cart paths and direction signs.
- ALL par 3's are CART PATH ONLY! ALWAYS!!!
- Carts must stay **at least** 30 feet from all greens. (only exceptions are flagged carts)
- If you require a flag due to personal physical reasons, you must contact the membership chairperson for authorization.
- No privately owned motorized cart may be brought onto the course property for use on the course, except those who pay yearly storage and/or trail fees and have proper insurance.
- Failure to adhere to the rules could result in membership being revoked.
- The use of golf carts may be restricted when weather conditions or the condition of the course warrant such restrictions.
- **No one** under the age of 16 shall be permitted to operate any golf cart at any time. All drivers must have a valid driver's license.
- No more than two riders per cart.
- Only two carts per foursome are allowed on the course. Any exceptions must be approved by the Golf Shop Manager.

Member-owned carts:

- No privately owned golf cart may be brought onto the golf course without first providing evidence of liability insurance to the Membership Chairperson in the minimum amount of \$100,000.
- Golf carts must be operated ONLY by the owner(s) as indicated on the membership application. As with cart leases, fees are for one seat or two seats. Carts may not be loaned to another person at any time.
- Riders in your cart must either have a paid cart lease with the club or pay the daily cart fee.
- The yearly trail fee and storage fee is for the period of May 1 to April 30 of the following year.
- Privately owned carts must be stored in the storage shed when not in use.

Season Cart Rental:

- A Single, Season Cart Rental entitles that individual named member the unlimited use of one cart seat for the season. Any other riders must pay a daily fee or have a lease.
- A Double, Season Cart Rental entitles the named two people to the unlimited use of two cart seats for the season.

THE GOLF COURSE

Tee Times are REQUIRED For EVERYONE

All players **must** have a tee time.

Members may schedule 14 days in advance.

Non-members may schedule 7 days in advance.

Call 518-234-4045 to ask a golf shop employee to reserve your time,
or schedule your own tee time online through our website.

YOU MUST CHECK IN AT THE GOLF SHOP BEFORE **Going to your first tee**

Course Conditions and Restrictions

- Check the white board in front of the Golf Shop daily for:
 - Any restrictions for carts
 - Any herbicide or pesticide applications
- Driving range restrictions or other Special Notices

Yardage Markers

Red marker in center of fairway	100 yards to middle of green
White marker in center of fairway	150 yards to middle of green
Blue marker in center of fairway	200 yards to middle of green

CLUB RULES

- **ALL golfers must CHECK IN** at the Golf Shop **BEFORE** beginning play
- All golfers, **including members**, must have a tee time
- Appropriate golf attire is required.
- No metal spikes
- Appropriate footwear is required during play (e.g. golf shoes, sneakers, etc.)
- Let faster groups play through. If there is a hole open in front of you, and the players behind you are waiting, let them through. Everyone will be happier.
- Respect the course; obey cart rules, fix divots and ball marks (even better if they are not yours), rake the bunkers.
- Learn the Rules of Golf
- Learn the Local Rules (on page 9 & 10) or pick up a sheet in the golf shop
- **TOURNAMENT DEADLINES** for all tournaments will be strictly enforced.

Pace of Play (Refer to USGA Rules of Golf)

KEEP UP WITH THE GROUP IN FRONT OF YOU

- Play “ready golf” per 2019 rules in stroke play.
- Take more than one club when walking from the cart to your ball.
- **Take Fewer practice swings.**
- Play provisional ball when appropriate.
- Hole out rather than mark your ball for short putts.
- In **stroke** play, if a rules question cannot be answered, play two balls and get the decision after the round. (Rule 20.1 a & c)
- In **match** play, decide with your opponent what is to be done.
Can NOT play two balls. (Rule 20.1.b)

LOCAL RULES

USGA- Rules of Golf shall govern play except as modified by the following Local Rules:

- **Preferred Lie:** A ball lying in a closely mown area of the hole being played may be moved or be lifted, cleaned, and positioned either by hand or club within 6 inches of where it originally lay, having been marked per rule 14.1 a., but not nearer the hole and not in a hazard or on a putting green.
- **Relief Areas:** Drop areas for *Penalty area* (red stakes only) on holes 2 and 13 are defined by white circles. A *competitor* may, in addition to other options permitted under Rules 17, play a ball from the designated drop area. Note the addition of the following to Rule 14.3a: If the ball is dropped in a drop area, the ball shall not be re-dropped if it comes to rest within two club-lengths of the spot where it first struck a part of the course, even though it may come to rest nearer the hole or outside the boundaries of the drop area.
GENERAL PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:
Match Play — Loss of Hole; Stroke Play — (2 strokes)
- **Embedded Ball Rule:** When in the *general area* (*all except teeing area, penalty area, bunkers & putting green*), a ball which is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, other than sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped WITHIN 6 inches as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball, when dropped, must first strike a part of the *general area*. Exception: A player may not obtain relief under this Local Rule if it is clearly unreasonable for him to play a *stroke* because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule.
GENERAL PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:
Match Play — Loss of Hole; Stroke Play — (2 strokes)
- **Ground Under Repair:** Any part of the course so marked: and any hole, ditch, stone, straw, or soil made or placed by the green crew or tire ruts from mechanized equipment, and not considered an integral part of the course, is considered ground under repair.
- **Out of Bounds:** White stakes define *out of bounds*.
The white stakes between holes 3 and 4 apply only to hole 3, not to hole 4.
- **Range Finders:** The use of USGA approved distance range finders is allowed in accordance with the USGA rule on range finders.

- **Protection of Flower Beds:** If a player's ball comes to rest in a flower bed, or if a flower bed interferes with a player's stance or the area of his intended swing, **the ball must be lifted, without penalty, and** dropped in accordance with the procedure described in Rule 16.1 (Including Immovable Obstruction.) The ball may be cleaned when so lifted.

Exception: A player may not obtain relief under this Local Rule if (a) it is clearly unreasonable for him to play a stroke because of interference by anything other than such flower bed (b) interference by such flower bed would occur only through use of an unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing or direction of play.

GENERAL PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match Play — Loss of Hole; Stroke Play — (2 strokes)

- **Protection of Staked and Tagged Trees:** If such a tree, its stakes, or supports interferes with a player's *stance* or the area of his intended swing, the **ball must be lifted, without penalty, and dropped in** accordance with the procedure described in Rule 16.1 (Including Immovable Obstruction). The ball may be cleaned when so lifted. Exception: A player may not obtain relief under this Local Rule if (a) it is clearly unreasonable for him to play a *stroke* because of interference by anything other than such tree or (b) interference by such tree would occur only through use of an unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing, or direction of play.

GENERAL PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match Play — Loss of Hole; Stroke Play — (2 strokes)

HANDICAP AND SCORE POSTING

YOU MUST post your adjusted gross score **ANY** time you play on **any** course during that course's active posting season. Your scores should be posted on the same day as you play the round, as the new system will adjust your calculations based on that day's weather conditions. The World Handicap System will update your handicap daily.

POST:

- All scores played during the course's "ACTIVE POSTING SEASON" must be posted in our system (GHIN) and at any other club you belong to if they do not use the GHIN system.
- If played at our club, post your scores from April 15 to October 31 (Upstate New York's Active Posting Season)
- If played at any other club during THAT club's active posting season (Example: Florida's active posting season is all year)
- 7 holes or more qualifies as a 9 hole score and must be entered
- 13 holes or more qualifies as an 18 hole score and must be entered
- ONLY club tournaments with individual scores and golf leagues' scores will be posted by the Golf Shop staff.
- It is up to YOU to make sure your score is posted for all other tournaments and casual play.
- Anyone who plays a round and does not record a score may have a score posted for them per USGA rules by the committee.
- Cobleskill also uses 'Golf Genius' for tournaments.
- Ask the Golf Shop Staff if you need help posting your scores.

Scores may be posted in any of the following places:

- The computer in the golf shop. If you need help, please ask a staff member.
- <https://www.nysga.org>
- GHIN app on your smartphone

World Handicap System (WHS) applicable 1/1/2020

- Your index is a number issued by your home golf club in the form of a whole number and a decimal fraction. This index will allow you to learn the number of handicap strokes that you are entitled to receive in any handicap event or on any course.
- No matter where you play, or which set of tees you use, WHS index travels with you and makes handicaps fair.
- Your handicap index can be found in the Golf Shop on the computer. Cobleskill uses the Golf Handicap and Information Network (GHIN). You can look up your handicap at <http://www.ghin.com/lookup.aspx>.
- Or get the GHIN app for your smartphone. You will be able to post all scores right on your phone as well as look up your current handicap and handicap index.
- Players will be able to establish a Handicap Index after as little as three scores.
- A player's Handicap Index will be calculated using the best 8 out of their 20 most recently recorded scores.
- A maximum handicap is 54.0, regardless of gender, to encourage more golfers to measure and track their performance.
- REMEMBER to post ON THE DAY YOU PLAY if possible.
- Posting HOLE BY HOLE is preferred by all courses.
- Cobleskill Golf & CC is currently rated for many options:
 - Men:** you may play and post scores from ALL tees (Blue, White, Silver & Red)
 - Ladies:** you may play and post scores from (White, Silver & Red).

MAXIMUM HOLE SCORE

The maximum hole score is used for posting scores

**IT IS NOT TO BE USED ON SCORECARDS
when playing in tournaments or leagues.**

When posting your total score, use “net double bogey”.

***Note: If posted hole by hole, GHIN will calculate your “net double bogey”.
If you post a total round score, you must calculate your own “net double bogey”.

Par + 2 + any handicap strokes (“dots”) you receive for each hole

LEAGUE and GROUP INFORMATION

Leagues run May to September

Must be 18+ years of age to play in the Men's or Ladies Leagues

Men's League:

Thursday evening 9-hole handicap league

Members only

Begins in early May for 16 weeks.

Afternoon/evening tee times will be assigned.

Sign up in the Golf Shop up to one week before the start of league.

Ladies' League:

Wednesday evening 9-hole handicap league

Begins in early May for 16 weeks.

Afternoon/evening tee times will be assigned

Non-members or prospective club members are welcome

Sign up in the Golf Shop.

ROB's:

Members who are 50+ play Tuesday mornings for a friendly competition. The format varies each week. Occasional guests are welcome to join the fun.

ROW's:

Women meet Monday afternoon and Thursday mornings for a friendly match. The format varies each week. Guests are welcome to join the fun.

Friday Night Nine and Dine/Wine and Dine:

Sign up at the Golf Shop prior to 4:00pm on Friday.

Small entry fee per 2-person team. Different format weekly. Guests are welcome.

NEWGA:

Competitive league with a tradition of 80+ years. One-time fee. Club plays various private and public courses in eastern New York. There is a handicap limit.

Golf carts and lunch are included. Contact Deb Langevin, Liaison for Cobleskill G&CC.

High School Teams: Cobleskill is the home course for four area high schools and one college team. These young golfers are our future club members. All of the college team players are members, and many of the thigh school team members are Youth Members at Cobleskill.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

***Sign-up for ALL tournaments in the Golf Shop**

Sign-up deadlines will be strictly enforced

Schedules and Tournament Calendar

Complete club calendar posted on **www.golfcobleskill.com** includes:

All registration will be at the golf shop. Note sign-up deadlines.

Monthly club calendars are posted outside the golf shop.

www.golfcobleskill.com

TOURNAMENTS

Sunday “Breakfast” Tournaments:

Format varies each week. May be either tee times or shotgun start.

There is a small fee for the tournament and any special competition (closest to pin, etc)

Each member may bring ONE guest

Must sign-up to play

Sign-up must be completed by Friday 7:00 pm. (STRICTLY ENFORCED)

For members and one guest only. Not open to the public.

Walt Senecal Memorial/ Spring Swing (2023 in honor of Bob Biggane):

4-person scramble, Played on a Sunday morning in May. This tournament is the season kick-off and first social event. We use this as an opportunity to present our club to potential members.

May include optional breakfast or lunch where we will introduce the following:

NEW Members

Board of Directors

Course Superintendent

Greens Staff

Golf Manager & Shop Staff

Restaurant staff

Fees are charged for meals, cart, and a tournament/prize fee. **(no greens fee for guests)**

Club Championships for Men & Women:

Scratch tournament in flights. Men must qualify for championship flight and the tournament runs for two full weekends in August. Women play throughout the season with specific deadline dates.

Senior Club Championship:

Limited to those of 50 years of age or older. Gross and net winners for men (2 day tournament) and women (1 day tournament), flights according to age group.

Two Person Club Championship (Men's & Ladies'):

Two person teams (Ladies and Men in separate flights)
Single elimination match play to be played by deadline dates.
Format is better ball of two.

L.R. Mann/LR WoMann:

A 2-day handicap tournament played on the Saturday and Sunday before Memorial Day.

Bill Flynn Championship Tournament:

A 2-day stroke play tournament. The Championship flight is played from the blue tees. Other flights play from appropriate tees.

The Schoharie County Amateur Open

A one-day open tournament for Members and Non-Members. Overall Championship is played as an 18-hole scratch tournament from the Blue Tees. Other flights play from appropriate tees.

Member/Guest:

Traditionally held on the first weekend of August with two-person teams (one member playing with one guest). All guests must provide proof of handicap. (If guest is not in GHIN, provide 5 score cards as proof of handicap). Flights will be established using the lower individual handicap on each team. All flights will play from the appropriate tees (blue, white, red, silver) Entry fee usually includes a tee gift, dinner on Saturday evening, and lunch on Sunday following play.

Ladies Invitational:

Traditionally held on the week following the Member/Guest. Area courses are invited to send members of their clubs to play in a one day, 2-person, better-ball tournament.
Format is better ball of two.

Ringers Tournament (In Honor of Gene & June Amedio):

A 2-day tournament with 2 person teams. Format is better-ball of day #1; Each team is able to improve each hole's score on day #2 of play.

President's Cup for Men & Women:

Handicap match play tournament with individual matches played throughout the season by specific deadline dates. (Ladies and Men in separate flights)

Other Tournaments Possibly Played This year:

Sadie Hawkins Tournament: 1 gal invites 3 guys for a 1 net/1 gross team event

Rivalry Tournaments with other local clubs.

Mixed Club Championship:

Championship with teams consisting of one man and one woman.

Gross and net winners of 6 holes better ball, 6 holes alternate shot, and 6 holes modified Chapman

Junior Club Championship:

Charities and other outside tournaments:

Cobleskill hosts several charity tournaments and tournaments for outside organizations throughout the season. The income generated from these tournaments is especially important to the club. Tee times may be limited on days when these tournaments are on the course, so please check your club calendar or check with the Golf Shop before coming out to play. (Always get a tee time!)

www.golfcobleskill.com

ADVERTISING

Advertising is available in several areas on the course.

Contact the Advertising Chairperson if you wish to advertise:

- On scorecards
- On the tee markers
- On the driving range
- On the Golf Shop

- Flags for Member/Guest tournament

OWNING STOCK AT THE COBLESKILL GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

Any individual is allowed to own no more than two shares of stock in the Corporation.
Each share of stock costs \$150.00.

Owning a share of stock entitles you to vote on issues raised at
annual Stockholder Meetings and to serve as a Director on the Board.

There are a limited number of shares available at various times.

Inquiries and requests to be placed on a waiting list for stock purchase should be directed
in writing to the President or the Secretary of the Board.

THE D&H 1929 Grill

Located in the clubhouse building

Restaurant owners and managers:

Dave and Heather Ward

518-254-0275

www.dh1929grill.com

See us on **Facebook** D&H 1929 Grill

Open to our members and the public

11am – 9pm 7 days a week

www.dh1929grill.com

for all menus

including catering menu

Parking

Members are asked Not to park in the spaces near the line of shrubs as they are reserved for restaurant customers.