

## **2022 Membership Information**



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# **Cobleskill Golf and Country Club**

## **Course Superintendent**

**Jon “Bear” Briggs**

**Golf Shop Email: [COBYGOLFSHOP@gmail.com](mailto:COBYGOLFSHOP@gmail.com)**

## **Board of Directors (2022)**

### **Officers**

**President, 2022, Bob Smith**

**[RSMITH.cobygolf@gmail.com](mailto:RSMITH.cobygolf@gmail.com)**

**Treasurer, Chris Tretter**

**Club Secretary, Geoff Rightmyer**

**Attorney, John Seebold**

### **Directors, Term end date, Committees**

**Deb Langevin, 2022, Tournament, Rules & Handicap**

**Roxanne Marks, 2022, Membership**

**[CGCCMEMBERSHIP@gmail.com](mailto:CGCCMEMBERSHIP@gmail.com)**

**Warren VanDeusen, 2023, Greens**

**Thomas Collins, 2023, Advertising, Promotions, Website**

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

**Anthony Johnston, 2024, Golf Shop**

**John LaBarge, 2024, Club House**

**VACANT SEAT, 2024**

**Contact Bob Smith if interested**

**For personal contact information: ask at golf shop, President Smith or Membership Chair.**

## **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
- Locker facilities
- Club re-gripping
- Tournament scheduling
- Handicap service
- Tee time scheduling
- Manage practice range
- Arrange tee times at clubs where we have a reciprocal.  
(See page 7 or check our web site for the list of clubs where we have arrangements.)

**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.

# **MEMBERSHIP – BENEFITS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

## **Member Benefits**

Membership privileges include: all course play, handicap service, preference for tee times, 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; become one of Warren's Warriors to help with course upkeep; help with building maintenance; work with the membership committee; 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. e-mail address noted on page 2 of this book.

**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 have purchased.

### **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.**

**The cost to play MAY VARY (ask at the golf shop).** Usually \$25 for 18 holes.

At printing, the following are clubs with which we have reciprocal agreements:

- Catskill Golf Club
- Oneonta
- Canajoharie
- Hales Mills
- Winding Brook
- Rolling Hills
- Thunderhart
- Cedar Lake
- Pioneer Hills
- Rainbow
- Fox Run
- Stamford
- Delhi
- Kingsbury National

## CART RULES AND REGULATIONS

### All Carts:

- Always follow cart paths and direction signs.
- REMEMBER: ALL par 3's are CART PATH ONLY!
- Carts must stay **at least** 30 feet from all greens. (only exception are flagged carts)
- 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.
- 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. Drivers must have learner's permit or driver's license.
- No more than two riders per cart.
- If you require a flag due to personal physical reasons, you must contact the membership chairperson for authorization.

### 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. Carts may not be loaned to another person at any time.
- A trail fee and storage fee is charged 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 member the unlimited use of one cart seat for the season.
- 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, ask a golf shop employee to reserve your time, or schedule your own tee time online through our website.

## YOU MUST SIGN IN AT THE GOLF SHOP BEFORE GOING ON THE COURSE

## 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 Sign 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 of Cobleskill SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE IN PRO SHOP.**
- **DEADLINES for sign-up 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 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 Rule 17, play a ball from the designated drop area. 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 are 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 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 scores, 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 nine-hole handicap league. An organizational meeting is held in March or April. Members can sign up at the meeting or in the Golf Shop up to one week before the start of league. Must be a member to play.

#### **Ladies' League:**

Wednesday evening 9-hole handicap league with play beginning in early May for 16 weeks. Tee times start at 3:30p.m.

League Format and prize fees are decided by the group.

Non-members or prospective club members are welcome by paying \$15 for golf and \$10 for cart.

Contact: Nancy VanDeusen

#### **ROB's:**

Members who are 50+ meet Tuesday mornings for a friendly competition. The format varies each week. Occasional out of town guests of members 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. Various private and public courses in eastern New York played by ladies with 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. These young golfers are our future club members. Many of the team players 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](http://www.golfcobleskill.com) includes:  
Club tournaments (WITH sign-up deadlines), leagues, outside events and tournaments  
Monthly club calendars are posted outside the golf shop.

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## **TOURNAMENTS**

### **Sunday “Breakfast” Tournaments:**

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

Tournament fee:

Members: \$ 8. prize money

Guests: \$ current greens fee, cart rental fee, and tournament fee.

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 (2022 in honor of Sam & Helen Warner):**

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

Red Barn staff

Fees are charged for lunch, 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 one; with team able to improve each hole's score on the second day 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](http://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 RED BARN CLUBHOUSE**

Aka “The Clubhouse”

### **Managers:**

**John and Zach Bulka**

518-254-0275

Also on Facebook

For members and the public

Sunday – Thursday: 11am to 9pm

Friday – Saturday: 11am to 10pm

**Any changes will be posted on Facebook** at  
The Red Barn Clubhouse

**MENU** at <https://golfcobleskill.com/red-barn/>

Hospitality cart on the course for tournaments and weekends

Host for leagues, outings, weddings, and other events

### **Parking**

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