

2020 Membership Information



Table of Contents

Board of Directors

General Manager and Course Superintendent

Golf Shop

Web Site

Membership

Cart Rules and Regulations

Our Golf Course

Club Rules

Local Rules

Handicap and Score Posting

World Handicap System (WHS)

Leagues and Groups

Tournaments

Advertising

Stock Information

Restaurant

Cobleskill Golf and Country Club

General Manager and Course Superintendent

**Jon “Bear” Briggs,
Email: COBYGOLFSHOP@gmail.com**

Board of Directors (2020)

Officers

| | |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| President, Bob Smith | <u>RSMITH.cobygolf@gmail.com</u> |
| Treasurer, Chris Tretter | <u>GOLFTREAS@gmail.com</u> |
| Club Secretary, Geoff Rightmyer | <u>GRIGHTMYER@gmail.com</u> |
| Attorney, John Seebold | <u>JOHNS@SEEBOLDLAW.com</u> |

Directors and Committees

| | |
|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Ralph Benham, Golf Shop | <u>GOLFGRAN@nycap.rr.com</u> |
| Thomas Collins, Advertising, Promotions, Website | <u>COLLINSCOMM@gmail.com</u> |
| Anthony Johnston, Committee unassigned | <u>AJOHNSTON@marbleandgranite.com</u> |
| Joyce Lamb, Planning and Improvements | <u>JOYCELMB@yahoo.com</u> |
| Deb Langevin, Tournament, Rules & Handicap | <u>LANGEVIN@midtel.net</u> |
| Vacancy Board Member TBD | |
| Roxanne Marks, Membership | <u>CGCCMEMBERSHIP@gmail.com</u> |
| Scott Scofield, Vice President, Club House | <u>SHSCOFIELD8232@gmail.com</u> |

Members of committees: (see chair contact information under Board Directors)

Committees all work in concert with Bear Briggs, General Manager.

Golf Shop:

Ralph Benham, Chair
Barb Sutphen
Sandy Poole
Bob Frase

Advertising, Promotion and Website:

Tom Collins, Chair

Planning and Improvements:

Joyce Lamb, Chair
Zach Bulka
Tim Snyder
Patricia VanDeusen
Pam Wilber

Tournament, Rules and Handicap:

Deb Langevin, Chair
Wanda King
Bill Kent
Lee Miller
Gerald Hisert

Membership:

Roxanne Marks, Chair
Sandy Poole
Jason Symons
Bear Briggs

Greens:

Club House:

Scott Scofield, Chair
Ralph Benham

GOLF SHOP

518-234-4045

Shop stock and services include:

- Sale of golf balls, gloves & other necessary items.
- Men's & Ladies' golf attire
- Bag Storage available
- Locker facilities
- Club re-gripping
- Tournament scheduling
- Handicap service
- Tee time scheduling
- Arrange tee times at clubs where we have a reciprocal. See page seven or the web site for the list of clubs where we have reciprocal play arrangements.

NEW WEB SITE in 2020:

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

MEMBERSHIP and it's 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. Our Members also have the option of purchasing any of the following: cart leases (several types), cart storage/trail fee for cart owners, bag storage, and optional practice range membership. While playing as your guest, guests are granted reduced rates for greens fees and cart rental. 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. Above all, our members should demonstrate good sportsmanship.

Concerns and Suggestions:

All suggestions or concerns that you wish to express to the Board should be in writing. You may address them to the Secretary of the Board to be forwarded to the appropriate committee chairperson, or directly to the appropriate chair at the e-mail address noted in the Directors' list included in this book. Committee members are able to assist in bringing your suggestions and concerns to the appropriate Board Member for further action.

Membership cards are distributed through the Golf Shop at the beginning of the season.

Reciprocal Play at Other Golf Clubs

We maintain reciprocal arrangements with a number of other 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 \$20 for 18 holes.

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

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

CART RULES AND REGULATIONS

All Carts:

- Drivers are to follow cart paths and direction signs at all times.
- Carts must stay **at least** 30 feet from all greens.
- No privately owned motorized cart may be brought onto the course property for use on the course, except who pay yearly storage and/or trail fees.
- Failure to adhere to the rules could result in membership being revoked.
- The General Manager may restrict the use of golf carts 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.

Member-owned carts:

- No privately owned golf cart shall be operated on 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 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

Course Rating ASK at the Golf Shop in help selecting the proper tees!

| Tees | SUGGESTED FOR | Rating | Slope |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Blue | Professional, Low handicap, championship flights | 69.7 | 125 |
| White | Medium handicap, Men's Tee | 68.2 | 123 |
| Red | Ladies' Tee | 65.7 | 115 |
| Silver | Combination of Age PLUS Handicap is 85 or above | 70.0 | 124 |

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 or stop in to schedule.

Course Conditions and Restrictions

Check the 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**
- **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)**
- **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.
- 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 14.1, 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 **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 Cobleskill Golf & Country Club 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 for a 9 hole score
- 13 holes or more for an 18 hole score
- All club tournaments with individual 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 that round entered as an even-par round by the committee.
- Any golf club, such as Cobleskill only needs to keep records for one year past the time of resignation of membership in the club.
- Cobleskill also uses 'Golf Genius' which allows hole-by-hole posting.
Ask the Golf Shop Staff

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 make 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 updated handicap.
- 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 limit of 54.0, regardless of gender, to encourage more golfers to measure and track their performance to increase their enjoyment of the game
- REMEMBER to post ON THE DAY YOU PLAY if at all possible.
- Posting HOLE BY HOLE will provide the course with better information.

MAXIMUM HOLE SCORE

The **maximum hole score** for handicap will be limited to a Net Double Bogey.

Calculation is:

Par + 2 + any handicap strokes 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 nine hole handicap league with play beginning in May for 16 weeks.

Tee times are 4:45 to 5:15.

League Format and prize fees are decided by the group.

Non-members or prospective club members are welcome by paying \$11 for golf and \$9 for cart.

Contact: Nancy Van Deusen at vanbuy@nycap.rr.com.

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 who are members at Cobleskill meet Mondays for a friendly match. The format varies each week. Guests are welcome to join the fun.

Friday Night Nine and Dine:

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

Small entry fee per two person team. Different format weekly.

Ladies' Inter-County League:

Several area courses hold tournaments in a fun 18 hole handicap league.

Dates are mid to late summer and are usually Wednesday or Thursday. Contact Joyce Lynk.

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 mandatory while visiting other courses.

High School Teams: Cobleskill is the home course for several 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

All Tournaments will be flighted as follows:

| Tees | <u>Need help selecting the proper tees? ASK at the Golf Shop!</u> | Rating | Slope |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Blue | Professional, Low handicap, championship flights | 69.7 | 125 |
| White | Medium handicap, Men's Tee | 68.2 | 123 |
| Red | Ladies' Tee | 65.7 | 115 |
| Silver | Combination of Age PLUS Handicap is 85 or above | 70.0 | 124 |

Schedules and Tournament Calendar

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

Club tournaments (WITH sign-up deadlines), leagues, outside events and tournaments

Monthly club calendars is posted outside the golf shop.

www.golfcobleskill.com

TOURNAMENTS

Sunday “Breakfast” Tournaments:

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

Tournament fee:

Members: \$ 8.

Guests: \$ current greens fee and cart rental 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:

Played on a Sunday morning in May as the season kick-off, first social event and Opportunity to present our club to potential members.

Includes optional lunch where we will introduce the following:

NEW Members

Board of Directors

General Manager

Greens Staff

Golf Shop Staff

Red Barn staff

Fees charged for lunch, cart fees and tournament fee. **(no greens fee for guests)**

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 Friday 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.

Mixed Club Championship:

One day 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.

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:

Ladies tournament is a one day tournament.

Men's tournament is single elimination match play to be played by deadline dates.

Format is better ball of two.

Ringers Tournament:

A 2 day tournament; Format is better ball of two 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.

Other Tournaments Possible:

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

Mayor Cup: Local towns or villages send teams to compete for a fun trophy

Rivalry Tournaments with other local clubs.

Club Championship 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.

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 very 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!)

Schedules **and Tournament Calendar**

Complete club calendar posted on **www.golfcobleskill.com** includes:
Club tournaments (WITH sign-up deadlines), leagues, outside events and tournaments
Monthly club calendars is posted outside the golf shop.

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

OWNING STOCK AT THE COBLESKILL GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

An 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 also 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.

RED BARN CLUBHOUSE

Aka “The Clubhouse”

Managers:

John and Zach Bulka

518-254-0275

OPEN APRIL - DECEMBER

For members and the public

Sunday – Thursday: 11am to 9pm

Friday – Saturday: 11am to 10pm

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.

Clubhouse Debit Card

Each adult member at Cobleskill is required to pay a minimum of \$100 for a debit card good for the current season’s use in the restaurant. The Red Barn will add 20% in value to all debit card payments for members. Additional amounts may be added to the debit card throughout the year by employees of The Red Barn.

Initial Yearly Payment for member debit cards MUST be made through the Membership Chairman prior to season start.

DO NOT MAKE THE INITIAL PAYMENT FOR YOUR CARD AT THE RED BARN.

Cards will be distributed by the staff at the restaurant after your payment has cleared through the Board and the restaurant staff has been notified.