

It was super exciting opening the course this Thursday but with it, we jinxed the weather and now we are enjoying the snow! It's ok, don't be depressed because it's still April and any golf in April is a bonus! As we get going, we put together a little protocol sheet for our Members and Guests to adhere to throughout the season. Some of these things may not seem important but for our workers, they help with the smooth operation of a busy golf course.

DRESS CODE

We are a public golf course but we do try promote proper dress to be worn on the golf course. In an ideal world, we would like to see all golfers in golf shirts with collars and golf pants/shorts. We do allow t-shirts and do allow sleeveless shirts for ladies, but their sleeveless shirts must have a collar. Men can not wear muscle shirts or ladies can not wear spaghetti Strap Tank tops while golfing. Although they are currently permitted, we do ask golfers to refrain from wearing denim, track pants and sweat pants. We are a golf course and ask that all patrons dress like golfers.

MEMBERS CHECK IN

The LLB Golf Club does track all the rounds played and we do need to know exactly who is on the golf course at all times. We do ask all Members to check in before teeing off. Some Members forget to check in but we do need to know if you are on the course. There are many reasons for this, such as knowing which 9 you are playing, tracking rounds played and being able to identify where you are on the course in case there is trouble and we need your help. Please Respect the fact you need to check in just like any other golf course you visit. It takes a couple extra seconds and we like to say hello to you before your round.

We also would like to see Members show up a few minutes before their scheduled tee time. Instead of racing to the tee or else being a touch late and setting back the tee sheet, showing up 15 minutes before your tee time will allow you to properly warm up, maybe do some practice on the putting green and will relax you before your first tee shot.

10th HOLE TEE OFF

We do understand that most players at our club choose to play nine holes and not the full 18. We also understand that people who predominantly play only nine holes, don't want to start on hole #1 every single time. We get that. What you, as the golfer, needs to understand is that you can not simply begin your round on hole 10 anytime you want. It is the Pro Shop's decision whether it's a good time to do that or not. If you start on hole 10 without our permission and cut off someone who is playing 18 holes, it makes them very upset. In return, because of your decision, they come in to the Pro Shop upset and give us heck because you decided to cut them off and the Shop staff do not appreciate being yelled at.

Please be courteous to other golfers playing 18 holes and do not cut them off. You have absolutely no right to do that. If you are playing nine holes and want to start on the back, please come to the pro Shop and see if it is a good time to do that and get their permission before you ruin the other golfers' day.

MAINTENANCE WORKERS

Please respect the right of way for Maintenance Workers. If you have to wait an extra minute or two before you hit your ball, please be patient. They will get out of your way and move to a safe place so you can hit your ball and proceed up the fairway. We do not want anyone getting hurt on the course, especially one of the maintenance workers.

POWER CART RENTALS

The LLB Golf Club Society has had some issues with people horsing around on carts and causing some damage. We do try our best to manage that but it is impossible for staff members to be everywhere on this large piece of land. Because of that, we do rely on our Members and Guests to use their eyes while they are golfing. If you see something that is not supposed to be happening on the golf course, please call the Pro Shop so they can deal with it. Don't come in after the fact and tell us because chances are we may not be able to do anything about it. The quicker we have the information, the quicker we can make a decision on how to rectify the situation. This Golf Club is all of ours and we need everyone working together to keep this place safe and make sure people respect it. It is super frustrating for everyone involved when there are jerks out there who vandalise our course and we all need to work together to solve this issue.

The LLB Golf Club's policy is you need to be 16 years old and have a valid drivers licence to rent a cart.

BRINGING ILLEGAL ALCOHOL ON THE COURSE

It is illegal to bring your own booze on to the golf course. Any alcohol that you want to drink while golfing must be purchased from the club. All staff watch for this because we could lose our liquor licence. If you are caught with booze not purchased from the club, it will be confiscated and you will be asked to leave the golf course. It has happened a lot. The Staff do not like doing it but it can all be avoided if you simply buy your alcohol from the golf course. This way we can monitor consumption and make sure players do not over consume which can lead to poor behaviour, poor choices and vandalism.

PACE OF PLAY

In an ideal world we could zip along the course at our own pace and not see anyone else. However, that's not the reality of golfing on a Semi-Private course who has a lot of Non-Members. Golf is a game that is played on one course with every level of talent imaginable out there at one time. Low handicap players, high handicap players, people in a rush, people on holidays, beginners, seniors, professionals, groups and kids. The Staff does do it's best to monitor pace of play and monitor groups who may a bit slower than the rest. If there is an issue on the course, please let us know. Second thing you can do is simply relax. Take a deep breath and relax. It can be frustrating following a group of slow golfers but give them some time and if they have some course etiquette, they will allow you to pass. If they do not, please contact the Shop and we will be more than happy to try resolve this conflict on the course. Couple of things to remember:

1. To the fast golfers, you do not own the course. Sometimes you can not complete your 18 holes in 3 hours.
2. We get super busy from time to time and when the course is packed, pace of play is going to be slower. Please accept this.
3. To the Slower Golfers...You do not like to be rushed and it makes you uncomfortable. We understand that. However, you can not be responsible for holding up all the golfers behind you. If golfers are waiting for your group;
 - a. Please stop
 - b. Allow the golfers behind you to pass
 - c. Begin your game again and if another group catches up to you, stop and allow them through

This is the best way for everyone to enjoy their day at the course. If you follow the procedure above, everyone can play at their own pace and everyone can enjoy their round no matter their skill level.

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Always nice when you make a tee time and not just show up expecting to play golf
- When you're finished on the range, please bring in your empty bucket
- It is our job to clean your cart after use, but you don't need to leave all the garbage in it for the Staff to clean. Please throw out your half eaten sandwiches, ketchup filled containers, half gone drinks to spill all over and anything else for that matter.
- 5-somes or 6-somes are currently not allowed at our club. There is a time and place for it but not on a Saturday morning or a busy weekday evening. Think about it before you bring five golfers out. We will have to split you up.

If you found this letter offensive or negative, but it is not meant for that. It is just some notes to Members and guests that there are proper protocols when you come golfing. It is a reminder of what the course employees expect when you come out to enjoy our beautiful golf course. All 18 holes are now open and the greens are in unbelievable shape! Get out here and enjoy one of the best golf courses around.

Can't wait to see you all this summer!