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# A Wise Pro Once Said....

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## Club Cleaning is Back!!

Since we announced last month that we would not be cleaning clubs this year, your bag room staff has been coming up with ideas on how to get this service back. They tried several things over the last few weeks and took those ideas to the Board.

We are happy to announce that the Board approved one of their ideas. The bag staff believes that they can towel clean all non-headcovered clubs and maintain the budgeted hours. Therefore, effective immediately all non-headcovered clubs will get towel cleaned every time you play.

## Pace Of Play

Maintaining a good pace of play has always been extremely important to the Golf Committee.

It is our goal to make sure that everyone plays at a comfortable pace. The pace of play goal at Columbia Hills is 4 hours for member play and 4 hours, 10 minutes with guests. We are committed to do everything we can to achieve those goals.

One policy that helped with pace of play is the ten minute tee time policy. This seemed to space groups out on the first hole and set a good pace right from the start.

Typically, a good benchmark for the 10 minute rule is to wait until the group in front of you has pulled the flag out on the first green before you begin hitting your tee shots.

As always, please be aware of your place on the course. If groups are waiting behind you, it is your responsibility to let them thru or speed up.

## Cell Phone Etiquette

We ask that everyone respect the following "Cell Phone Etiquette":

- Only take your phone on the course if it is absolutely necessary.
- Make sure your phone is on vibrate mode.
- If you must use your phone, do so in between holes.
- Limit your phone calls to urgent matters.

## Tuesday Night Shoot-Outs

Back by popular demand, the Tuesday Night Shoot-Out begins on May 11<sup>th</sup>. The Shoot-Out is an informal scramble every Tuesday night. You don't need to sign up for it – just show up. We get started at 5:45 every Tuesday. Just stop in the Pro Shop and let us know that you want to play. We draw teams at random and then play a nine-hole scramble. Oh by the way, it costs \$10 to play and the winning team splits the purse. It's a lot of fun and a great way to meet some people. Guests are welcome to play also.

The first Shoot-Out will be an Invitational. Please feel free to invite a guest or someone you know that may be interested in joining Columbia Hills. This is a fun night and is a great way to show someone what Columbia Hills is all about. The membership committee is hosting the night and will provide complimentary hors d'oeuvres after golf and will be available if any of your guests have any questions.

## Guest Play

Here are some helpful tips for you when you bring out guests:

- Remind them of the dress code.
- Each member may bring 3 guests per day. There must be a member in each group.
- Call Lonnie in the locker room or the Pro Shop with your guest names beforehand if possible.
- If your guests are arriving before you, tell them they are welcome to check in at the Pro Shop for some warm-up at the range.
- Remember that golf privileges can only be extended to a guest 5 times during the calendar year.
- Please stop in the Pro Shop to register your guests.
- The guest fee for 2010 is \$30 per guest. The family guest fee is \$25. A nine hole guest fee of \$20 is available after 3:00 every day

## Supper Golf Saturdays

Supper Golf is back for the 2010 season. Supper Golf happens on most Saturday's during the season and is designed to provide you the opportunity to share the Columbia Hills experience with guests.

Supper Golf takes place on selected Saturdays after 1:00. Any member who brings out 2 or more guests for golf receives 2 free guest fees if they stay for dinner. It's a pretty good deal, saving \$60 on guest fees with a minimum dinner tab of \$80.

Supper Golf Saturdays will take place on the following dates:

May 8, 15, 22, 29  
June 12, 26  
July 10, 17, 24, 31  
August 7, 21, 28  
Sept. 11, 18

## Request A Caddie

We will be conducting two caddie training sessions this year but our caddie program is changing a little bit. The caddie program will work on a call-in basis only. Anytime you would like to walk, we ask that you call the Pro Shop to request a caddie a day or more in advance. We will call caddies from our list and arrange to have a caddie for you on the requested day.

So anytime you would like to walk, please let us know. If you have a group coming out for a special day and would like to have caddies, let us know when you make your tee time and we will arrange it for you.

Most of our caddies are single bag caddies. The rate for a single caddie is \$18 with a suggested tip of \$7-22.

## Handicaps

We begin posting scores on April 1<sup>st</sup>. If you played golf during the winter at a course that was "in season", bring those scores in and we will post them for you. Our 2010 handicap chairman is Mike Cappy.

The revision day changed this year. In the past, handicaps were revised every other Wednesday. This year, they still revise on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of every month.

It is important to the handicap system that all scores get posted. We will be monitoring rounds played versus scores posted. If we notice scores not being posted, a letter will be sent out requesting that those rounds get entered. A penalty score will be posted after two letters.

There are no changes to the score posting procedure this year and no rule changes on how handicaps are calculated. If you play an away course, you may post scores via the internet. Simply go to [www.ghin.com](http://www.ghin.com) to post your scores.

## Weekend Starting Times

We do not take tee times before 9:00 on Saturday, Sunday and Holidays. It has always been first here, first out. One person can sign a foursome up for the first tee rotation. If their group is not here when they are called to the tee, they have two options:

- They may start without him and that person can catch up,
- or they can keep their name on the list but slide to the end.

Also, in an effort to space the groups out better during weekend mornings, we are asking that each group wait until the group in front of them are on the green AND the flagstick is taken out of the hole.

Weekend play starts at 8:00 until Opening Day. The start time changes to 7:30 on Opening Day and then to 7:00 on Memorial Day weekend.

## Bag Carrying

During the season, a member may carry their own clubs with the following provisions:

- ❖ If it is before 5:30, a walk fee of \$5.00 per 9 holes is charged.
- ❖ If it is after 5:30, there is no fee.
- ❖ Carrying your own clubs is not available when you have guests.
- ❖ There is no fee for carrying your own bag during the off-season.

## Dress Code

This is just a reminder of the golf course dress code. Please remember that the dress code applies to off-season times also.

Men shall wear golf slacks or Bermuda length golf shorts. Golf shirts with a collar must be worn at all times. Short sleeve mock turtlenecks are acceptable as long as they have a wide mock neck and cannot be construed as a t-shirt. **Shirts must be tucked in at all times. Hats are not permitted to be worn backwards.**

Ladies shall wear golf slacks or Bermuda length golf shorts (just above the knees). Ladies may wear shirts that are sleeveless and/or collarless that present a neat appearance and are appropriate to the game of golf. Tank tops and T-Shirts are not permitted. Shirts may be worn un-tucked as long as they present a neat appearance.

Please remember to remind your guests of our dress code. If you don't want to go through the specifics of our dress code with them, usually telling someone that the dress code is "golf pants or golf shorts with a collared shirt" covers all the bases.

## Multiple Guests

Did you know that on one occasion each season a member may entertain as many as 11 guests. Arrangements must be made through the Pro Shop. This feature is available at off-peak times only. Call the Pro Shop to ask about dates and times

## Driving Range

The driving range will be open Tuesday thru Sunday and will open 1 hour before the first tee time and will close at dark on most nights. There will be a few nights per week where we will need to close the range early so we can pick the balls and mow. There may also be some mornings where the range may not open first thing due to some mowing delays. We hope to work behind the scenes so you will never be inconvenienced.

We have a ball bin at the range that is always loaded with extra balls if you run out.