

# MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTRY CLUB

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BOALSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

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## GOLFERS HANDBOOK

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COUNTRY CLUB

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## INTRODUCTION

The management team would like to take this time to introduce you to the Mountain View Country Club. The information in this handbook has been compiled to provide insight to the club and what the golfing facilities offer our membership and guests.

Not only do we have the best greens in Centre County, we also offer award-winning food and beverage in our beautiful club house overlooking scenic Nittany Valley as well as hotel accommodations at Wyndham Garden State College.

We hope you have a most enjoyable time during your visit to Mountain View Country Club and we look forward to your return visits!

## GENERAL RULES

### PLAYING GOLF

- PRIOR TO PLAY, ALL GOLFERS MUST FIRST REGISTER WITH THE GOLF SHOP OR STARTER.
- ALL PLAYERS MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH AND ABIDE BY GOLF ETIQUETTE AS OUTLINED IN THE USGA RULES OF GOLF.
- ALL PLAY WILL START FROM THE FIRST TEE UNLESS OTHERWISE APPROVED BY THE GOLF SHOP PROFESSIONAL ON DUTY.
- ALL CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 13 MUST BE SUPERVISED BY AN ADULT. STROLLERS AND CAR SEATS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE COURSE.

### DRESS CODE

- ALL GOLFERS MUST WEAR APPROPRIATE GOLF ATTIRE AS DETERMINED BY THE GOLF PRO. ACCEPTABLE GOLF COURSE CLOTHING INCLUDES LONG SLACKS, BERMUDA SHORTS, GOLF SHIRTS, SWEATERS, JACKETS, FORWARD FACING CAPS AND HATS. CUT-OFFS, TANK TOPS, SWIMMING SHORTS, GYM SHIRTS, CLOTHING WITH STAINS OR HOLES, CLOTHING WITH INAPPROPRIATE ART DESIGN OR WRITING, AND DENIM ARE NOT PERMITTED.
- ALL GOLFERS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR APPROPRIATE GOLF FOOTWEAR. METAL SPIKES ARE PROHIBITED.

### RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS

- MEMBERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN CONDUCT AND THE CONDUCT OF THEIR CHILDREN AND GUESTS.
- MEMBERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE TO THE CLUB FOR ANY DEBTS, DAMAGE OR BREAKAGE CAUSED BY THEMSELVES OR THEIR GUESTS.
- MEMBERS MAY NOT ATTEMPT TO DIRECT THE WORK OF CLUB EMPLOYEES.
- QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS RELATIVE TO THE GOLF OPERATION OR ITS EMPLOYEES SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL.

## GOLF MEMBERSHIPS

MEMBERSHIPS ARE VALID FROM THE DATE OF PAYMENT THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST OF THAT YEAR. THE GOLF APPLICATION WILL EXPLAIN THE RATES, DUE DATE, AND ANY AVAILABLE DISCOUNTS.

MEMBERS ARE ENTITLED TO TEE TIME PRIVILEGES 14 DAYS IN ADVANCE.

## TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTRY CLUB OFFERS A FULL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE, UNMATCHED BY ANY OTHER FACILITY IN THE AREA. A COPY OF THE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE IS AVAILABLE IN THE GOLF SHOP, AS WELL AS ONLINE AT [WWW.MTVIEWCOUNTRYCLUB.COM](http://WWW.MTVIEWCOUNTRYCLUB.COM).

## COURSE AVAILABILITY

### THE OFFICIAL GOLF SEASON

APRIL 1—NOVEMBER 30

IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER OR MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES, THE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDANT MAY CLOSE THE COURSE TEMPORARILY OR DELAY ITS OPENING. UNLESS OTHERWISE AMENDED, THE FOLLOWING WEEKLY EVENTS APPLY THROUGHOUT THE GOLF SEASON:

#### TUESDAY

9-HOLE LADIES LEAGUE STARTING AT 5:30PM. PLEASE CONTACT THE GOLF SHOP FOR OPEN TIMES.

#### THURSDAY

18-HOLE LADIES LEAGUE IN THE MORNING (9AM). PLEASE CALL THE GOLF SHOP FOR OPEN TIMES.

9-HOLE MEN'S LEAGUE STARTING AT 5:15PM.

#### SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

MORNING TEE TIMES (7AM UNTIL 9AM) ARE RESERVED FOR OUR FULL GOLF MEMBERS ONLY. IF TEE TIMES ARE AVAILABLE WITHIN 3 DAYS OF THE WEEKEND, THE OPEN TEE TIMES BECOME AVAILABLE TO NON-MEMBERS.

DURING PEAK PLAY TIMES INDICATED ABOVE, ONLY THREESOMES AND FOURSOMES WILL BE ALLOWED TO COMMENCE PLAY. TWOSOMES AND SINGLES WILL BE PAIRED UP WITH A GROUP BASED ON AVAILABILITY BY THE GOLF SHOP STAFF. A FIVESOME NEEDS THE APPROVAL OF THE GOLF SHOP PROFESSIONAL ON DUTY.

## **OFF SEASON**

THE OFF SEASON IS DECEMBER THROUGH MARCH. DEPENDING ON MOTHER NATURE, THE GOLF COURSE MAY MAINTAIN REGULAR OPERATION DURING THIS TIME BASED ON THE DECISION OF THE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT.

ONCE THE GOLF COURSE IS CLOSED FOR THE WINTER, MEMBERS MAY PLAY FLOG. FLOG IS GOLF SPELLED BACKWARDS FROM GREEN TO TEE. THE SUPERINTENDENT SETS UP THE COURSE SO MEMBERS CAN GET SOME SWINGS AND EXERCISE IN WHEN THE GREENS ARE CLOSED IN THE OFF SEASON. GOLFERS START AT #18 GREEN AND TEE OFF AT THE MARKERS TO NUMBER 18 TEE AND PUTT OUT AND FINISH THE ROUND ON #1 TEE.

## **GOLF CART AND PUSH/PULL CART INFORMATION**

### **GOLF CART GUIDELINES**

TO PREVENT EXCESSIVE DAMAGE, THE GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT MAY ADJUST THE GUIDELINES REGARDING THE USE OF *MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS* ON THE COURSE. ALL PLAYERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING THE DAILY GUIDELINES REGARDING THE USE OF THE GOLF CARTS (CART PATH ONLY, 90 DEGREES, ETC..) THE DAILY GUIDELINES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE GOLF SHOP OR THE STARTER.

THE FOLLOWING APPLIES AT ALL TIMES:

- **MOTORIZED CARTS** ARE CONFINED TO THE CART PATHS NEAR GREENS AND TEES. WHEN OPERATING IN THE FAIRWAYS OR ROUGHS, PLEASE FOLLOW CART SIGNS.
- COURSE CONDITIONS WILL ULTIMATELY DICTATE CART USE RULES.
- A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE IS REQUIRED TO DRIVE AND OPERATE A GOLF CART.

**PUSH/PULL CARTS** ARE CONFINED TO THE FAIRWAYS AND ROUGHS AT ALL TIMES, NEVER ON TEES OR NEAR GREENS. PULL CARTS MAY NEVER BE TAKEN CLOSER THAN 10 YARDS TO ANY GREEN AND MUST ALWAYS BE KEPT OUTSIDE OF GREENSIDE BUNKERS (NEVER BETWEEN THE BUNKERS AND THE GREEN.)

IF A MEMBER OR HIS/HER GUEST IS OBSERVED ABUSING THE CLUB'S GOLF CART POLICY, THE MEMBER WILL BE GIVEN A WRITTEN WARNING. ANY SUBSEQUENT ABUSE MAY RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION, WHICH MAY INCLUDE TEMPORARY LOSS OF GOLF CART PRIVILEGES.

## LOCKER ROOMS

CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 14 MUST BE ACCOMPANIED IN THE LOCKER ROOMS BY A PARENT OR OTHER ADULT.

## CLUB STORAGE

BASED ON AVAILABILITY IN THE CLUB STORAGE ROOM, THE GOLF STAFF WILL BE HAPPY TO ARRANGE FOR MEMBERS TO STORE AND HAVE THEIR CLUBS CLEANED AFTER EACH USE. A ONE-TIME ANNUAL FEE WILL BE CHARGED FOR THIS SERVICE. ONLY ONE GOLF BAG PER STALL IS ALLOWED. EACH BAG THAT IS STORED WILL BE ASSIGNED A STALL NUMBER, AND A BAG TAG WILL BE PRINTED WITH THE MEMBER'S NAME FOR IDENTIFICATION.

## HANDICAPS

GOLF IS A GAME OF HONOR. ALL MEMBERS HAVE A DUTY TO LEARN AND ABIDE BY THE USGA RULES OF GOLF. MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTRY CLUB USES USGA RULES UNLESS MODIFIED BY LOCAL RULES. IF A MEMBER HAS ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE RULES OF GOLF, PLEASE SEE THE PGA HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL. OUR POSTING SEASON IS APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> THROUGH NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>.

PROPER RECORDING OF HANDICAPS RESULTS IN THE OPPORTUNITY FOR GOLFERS OF WIDELY VARYING SKILL LEVELS TO COMPETE IN AN EQUITABLE WAY. THE USGA HAS DEVELOPED CLEAR GUIDELINES WITH REGARD TO RECORDING AND MAINTAINING HANDICAPS. MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTRY CLUB USES EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL TO ADJUST SCORES THAT ARE ENTERED INTO THE COMPUTER. (SEE THE ACCOMPANYING TABLE.) UNDER THE USGA HANDICAP SYSTEM, THE BEST TEN (10) OF THE LAST TWENTY (20) SCORES, COMPARED TO THE USGA COURSE RATING, ARE USED TO DETERMINE ONE'S HANDICAP INDEX. IN ADDITION, EXCEPTIONAL TOURNAMENT SCORES MADE WITHIN THE LAST 12 MONTHS ARE ALSO USED TO CALCULATE THE INDEX.

IN PENNSYLVANIA, SCORES ARE POSTED BEGINNING APRIL 1 AND ENDING NOVEMBER 15. ALL SCORES MUST BE POSTED. THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF WILL ASSIST MEMBERS IN POSTING AND ADJUSTING THEIR SCORES AS REQUIRED BY THE USGA HANDICAP GUIDELINES, PER REQUEST.

THE HANDICAP COMMITTEE, ALONG WITH THE HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MONITORING PLAYER PERFORMANCE AND HANDICAP POSTINGS. WHEN INDICATED, THE COMMITTEE WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO CORRECT IMPROPER POSTINGS AND/OR TOURNAMENT RESULTS THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH "NORMAL" RESULTS.

### **RESPONSIBILITY OF MEMBERS**

GOLFING MEMBERS MUST RECORD ALL ACCEPTABLE ROUNDS OF GOLF IN THE HANDICAP SYSTEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

### **HANDICAP ACCOUNTS**

PLEASE ASK ONE OF THE GOLF PROFESSIONALS TO HELP YOU CREATE AN ACCOUNT IN THE HANDICAP COMPUTER SYSTEM.

## **PACE OF PLAY**

IT IS THE GOAL OF THE MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTRY CLUB TO PROVIDE A PACE OF PLAY THAT ENSURES MEMBERS CAN ENJOY THEIR ROUND OF GOLF WITHOUT UNDUE DELAY. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF ALL PLAYERS TO MAINTAIN A PROPER PACE OF PLAY AND TO PLAY IN A MANNER THAT AVOIDS UNDUE WAITING BY OTHER GROUPS ON THE GOLF COURSE. THE PROFESSIONAL STAFF WILL MONITOR PLAY AND ASSIST IN SLOW PLAY ISSUES AS THEY ARISE.

## **SEVERE WEATHER ALERT**

WHEN THE LIGHTNING HAZARD LEVEL BECOMES DANGEROUS, AN ALARM WILL SOUND ONE LONG SIREN. ALL PLAYERS MUST EXIT THE GOLF COURSE AND SEEK SHELTER IN THE CLUB HOUSE. WHEN THE DANGER HAS SUBSIDED AND IS SAFE FOR PLAY TO RESUME A CONTINUOUS SIREN WILL SOUND.

## COURSE ETIQUETTE

### DIVOTS

IF A FAIRWAY DIVOT IS RETRIEVABLE, PLEASE PLACE THE TURF BACK IN THE HOLE AND TAP DOWN WITH YOUR FOOT.

### BALL MARKS

PLEASE BE MINDFUL TO REPAIR YOUR BALL MARKS PLUS OTHERS THAT YOU MAY SEE ON THE PUTTING SURFACE WITHOUT UNDULY DELAYING PLAY. THIS WILL HELP THE GREENS HEAL FASTER, AND OF COURSE IMPROVE THE CONDITIONS FOR EVERYONE. TO PROPERLY REPAIR A BALL MARK, USE A DIVOT REPAIR TOOL AND INSERT THE PRONGS ON THE EDGE OF THE BALL MARK. TWIST THE PRONGS TO THE CENTER OF THE MARK, REPEATING THIS ACTION ALL THE WAY AROUND. LIGHTLY TAP DOWN WITH THE FLAT BOTTOM OF YOUR PUTTER. DO NOT PULL UP WITH THE TOOL AS THIS WILL ONLY CAUSE EXTRA DAMAGE.

### RAKES & BUNKERS

AFTER PLAYING OUT OF THE SAND, PLEASE RAKE ALL AREAS TO SMOOTH THE SURFACE. ENTER AND EXIT BUNKERS AWAY FROM THE PUTTING GREEN SIDE TO AVOID SLIPPING OR DESTROYING EDGES AND BANKS. IT IS ALSO RECOMMENDED TO TAP YOUR GOLF SHOES ONCE YOU EXIT THE TRAP TO REMOVE THE SAND. PLEASE PLACE ALL RAKES OUTSIDE THE BUNKERS, PARALLEL TO THE LINE OF PLAY, A REASONABLE DISTANCE FROM THE OUTSIDE EDGE OF THE BUNKER WHERE THEY WILL BE LEAST LIKELY TO AFFECT PLAY.

ON ANOTHER NOTE WITH BUNKERS, AT MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTRY CLUB, IT IS A LOCAL RULE THAT STONES IN A BUNKER ARE MOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS (RULE 24-1 APPLIES.)

*All food & beverage to be consumed on property must be purchased through the club.*



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