

Troy Country Club
2021 Golf Guide



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This Golf Guide provides detailed information regarding the Golf Programs offered at Troy Country Club.

Enclosed is information regarding Pace of Play, Carts, Instruction, and a description of each event detailing times and dates.

Also included are Tournament Schedule for the Men's, Women's, Couples. Sign-up sheets for Events are located in The Golf Shop.

We look forward to a great season, as always, if there is anything we can do to make this guide more functional, please make our Golf Shop Staff aware.

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2021 Current Scheduled Golf Events

April

13,14	Tues, Wed	Men's Leagues Begin
23	Friday	Couples Mixer
27	Tuesday	Ladies 18 Hole League Starts
29	Thursday	Ladies 9 Hole League Starts

May

8	Saturday	Red, White & Blue Scramble
15,16	Sat , Sunday	Founders Day
21	Friday	Couples Mixer
31	Monday	Memorial Day Tournament

June

5	Saturday	Izzy (ladies)
12,13	Saturday, Sunday	Walker Cup (Tee Times)
18	Friday	Summer Solstice
25	Friday	Couples Mixer
26,27	Saturday, Sunday	Senior Cc (Tee Times)
29	Tuesday	Ladies Member Guest

July

4	Saturday	July 4th Tournament
10	Saturday	Utrecht Memorial
23	Friday	Couples Mixer
29	Thursday	Ladies Interclub
31	Saturday	Men's & Ladies CC

August

1	Sunday	Men's & Ladies CC
5	Thursday	Gala Day
12,13,14	Thurs, Fri, Saturday	Men's member guest
20	Friday	Couple's Mixer
21	Saturday	Ladies Member - Member
28	Saturday	Nimer Invitational

September

3	Friday	Couple's Mixer
6	Monday	Labor Day Tournament
9,10	Thursday Friday	MVGA(tee times)
14,15,16	Tues, Wed. Thurs	Men's & Ladies Leagues End
17,18	Friday, Sat.	Men's Member-Member

October

2,3	Sat, Sun	Ryder Cup
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Greens / Handicap Committee

The Handicap Committee wishes to make you aware of your responsibilities as a player regarding the posting of scores for handicap purposes. It is the responsibility of Troy CC, via the Handicap Committee to ensure that players are following the correct guidelines and the USGA empowers the handicap committee to manage/adjust handicaps to ensure they are accurate, and to ensure that our course is represented appropriately both at Troy CC and all USGA events.

Sweeping changes were made to the World Handicap System (WHS) in 2020, and it's important that every person using the system understands both their own responsibilities and the responsibilities of the club and handicap committee to manage USGA handicaps. With assistance from MVGA sessions will be setup to discuss/train proper use of the new system.

***NEW* All tournaments and events will be played at the percentage of your handicap recommended by the USGA. It is standard USGA practice to award a percentage of your handicap for events and Troy CC will be doing this consistently in 2021 (Percentages will be determined based on format and USGA recommendations)**

It's been a year since the WHS was put in place, and it should feel much more normal as we go into 2021. Please don't hesitate to reach out to one of our golf professionals or a member of the Handicap Committee if you have any questions.

Post all nine-hole scores no matter what tees you play. The World Handicap System will take care of combining the nines. Once combined, the score will have a "N" after it.

If you have a question or a concern regarding handicapping, please contact the Pro Shop or a member of the Greens / Handicap Committee: Nick Straka (Chair), Mark Barhorst, Mel Kemmer, Ryan Subler, Mike Sullivan, Nathan Utz, and Brian Williamson.

***New World Handicap System: Event handicaps will be set 3 days prior to event date, except for Member-Guest, which will be set 7-10 days prior to event date.

Golf Rules and Regulations

1. The rules of the United States Golf Association will govern play. From time to time, local rules will be published or posted.
2. Starting times are required to allow the golf staff to manage staffing.
3. All golfing members, their children, and guests, must register in the Golf Shop prior to starting their round.
4. The Golf Professional has full authority and responsibility for starting players on #1 and #10 tees. The Golf Professional shall use his discretion in granting permission to begin play at any other hole.
5. Play in more than foursomes will be permitted year-round at the discretion of the Golf Professional only. Do not attempt to play more than foursomes unless given this special permission.
6. Members and guests are expected to wear proper attire.
 - a. Proper attire for men will be shirts with collars, slacks, shorts at mid-thigh or longer, golf shoes or smooth soled shoes.
 - b. Proper attire for ladies will be traditional blouses or tops, slacks, shorts at mid-thigh or longer, golf shoes or smooth soled shoes.
 - c. Improper attire includes; halter tops, tank tops, cut-off shorts, gym athletic shorts, swimming suits, tennis dress, jeans of any kind.
 - d. Golfers wearing improper attire will be asked by the Golf Professional or his assistant to change into proper attire. In case of non-cooperation, the golfer's privileges may be suspended by the Board of Directors.
7. Guest Rules: The same guest (player) is allowed to play 2 times month. This will be monitored by the golf shop.
8. Each player must have a set of clubs.
9. Determination concerning the opening and closing of the golf course due to weather conditions and the use of electric golf carts shall be made by the Golf Course Superintendent after consultation with the Golf Professional.
10. For your safety, please leave the golf course when the horn sounds three long individual blasts, warning of approaching dangerous weather.
11. In order to maintain quality putting surfaces; please repair all ball marks.
12. Please replace divots and smooth out all footprints from sand traps.
13. If a group loses in distance more than one clear hole on the preceding players the right of way shall be given to the group directly following.
14. The Club, its employees, and golf shop staff are not responsible for any valuables left in the Clubhouse, Golf Shop, locker rooms, pool area, tennis courts or on the grounds. The Club will endeavor to take reasonable care of member's and guest's equipment and property but cannot assume any responsibility for loss or disappearance.
15. From time to time the Board of Directors / Golf Committee will publish or post changes, additions, or deletions to the Club Golf Rules and Regulations.
16. Please contact the Golf Professional if you have any questions as to procedures or interpretation of the Club Golf Rules and Regulations.

Weekend Tee Time Reservations Policy

Because of the high demand for the golf course from May 1st through September 2021, weekend morning tee times (8:00 to 10:30 AM) will be reserved for Full Golf Members only until Friday at 2:00 PM. Social and Social Advantage members with golfing privileges will be able to book any remaining open weekend tee times after 2:00 PM Friday for that particular weekend.

Guests or Social and Social Advantage Members that are playing with a “Full Golfing Member” are allowed during these hours if the Full Member books the tee time and plays along with the group during the 8:00 to 10:30 tee times.

Etiquette and Pace of Play

Etiquette

Golf is best played by following two principles.

1. Play the ball as it lies.
2. Play and leave the course as you find it.
 - Repair Ball Marks
 - Replace Divots
 - Rake Bunkers
 - Obey Cart Regulations

Pace of Play

The pace of play is a continuing focus of golf operations. Expected playing time is 4 hours or less, faster rounds are expected out of the first groups of the day. If you do not feel you can maintain such pace, please select a tee time after 9:00am. This section will detail fast play tips to help maintain pace in the future. Adopt these resolutions for faster play:

1. **PLAY READY GOLF.** (Tee off when ready, hit in the fairway when ready, and putt out when ready. Drive to your ball and get ready to hit when your cart partner is setting up, provided you are not in their way in doing so)
2. If carts are restricted to the cart path only, take extra clubs, so you will not have to return to the cart.
3. Minimize practice swings. If possible, take them while others are playing their shots.
4. Play from the tee markers that are appropriate to your skill level.
5. Do not spend unnecessary time looking for lost balls. Though the rules allow three minutes to search for a lost ball, course usage may dictate that you can spend only one or two minutes to keep up with the group in front of you. If you think your ball may be lost outside of a water hazard, you may play a provisional ball.
6. Do not stop for lunch at the turn. "Quick food" is available from the beverage cart
7. Use laser yardage tools to identify your distance quickly.
8. Minimize cell phone usage.
9. Allow faster players to play through.

Rules for Junior Golfers

Our goal is to help your family enjoy the facilities at TCC safely, as well as creating an environment for Junior Golfers to experience the many benefits of the game of golf.

Therefore, we have developed the following guidelines respective to Junior Golf and the Golf Operation.

1. Minimum Skill Levels:
 - **Unaccompanied by an adult:** Juniors must be able to keep up with the pace of play, demonstrate an understanding of rules and etiquette, and must be able to advance the golf ball 150 yards.
 - **Accompanied by an adult:** Juniors must abide by proper golf etiquette. Parents and Juniors must be able to keep up with the pace of play. Parents must supervise behavior on the course and practice areas.
2. Times of Play:
 - Junior golfers are subject to the rules of play for non-primary members; however, parents are encouraged to play with juniors who are required to be accompanied at “off peak” times.
3. Cart Regulations:
 - Drivers of golf carts must have a valid driver’s license.
 - Only two people are permitted to ride a golf cart.
 - Only two bags per cart are permitted.
 - Golf carts must always be operated in a safe manner.
4. The golf shop may use its discretion on rules
5. Non golfing children, whether walking or riding a cart, must be accompanied by a non-golfing parent.
6. The U.S. Kids Family Course Program is currently being used at TCC.

If you have any questions regarding play at Troy CC, please call or stop by the Golf Shop. We appreciate your feedback.

Golf Course and Driving Range Dress Code

Please inform your guests of our policies before they arrive on the day of play.

Attire. Members of Troy Country Club are expected to maintain the traditional image of the club by observing TCC dress code while on the course or driving range. The dress code applies to all golfers regardless of age.

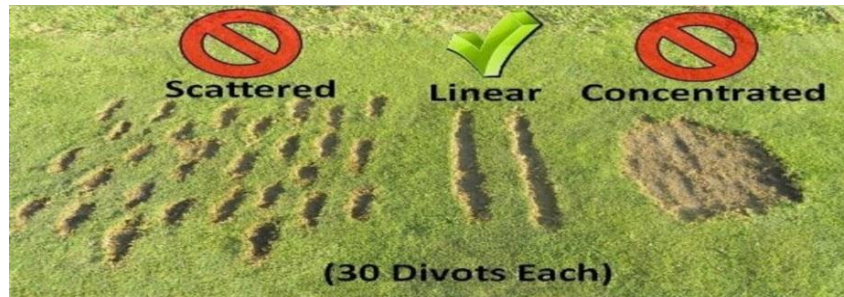
- Gentlemen's shirts must have a collar and sleeves and be tucked in.
- Mock turtleneck shirt collars must be a minimum of 1-1/4 inches.
- Shorts must be mid-length.
- Women may wear dresses, skirts, mid-length shorts, slacks, and a proper golf shirt, with or without a collar.
- All players must have their own golf bags and clubs, and wear appropriate shoes while on the course.
- Golf shoes with metal spikes are prohibited.
- Shoes must be worn at all times.
- Junior golfers are expected to follow the standard dress code of all members.

The following is not acceptable attire:

- Bathing suits
- Jogging suits or shorts
- Coaching shorts
- Casual "cargo" shorts or pants
- Tennis dresses
- Tank tops or cutoffs
- Jeans or denim of any kind may not be worn at any time on the golf course or driving range.

This dress code is mandatory for all players and their guests. Improperly dressed players will be asked to change before playing. If you are in doubt concerning your attire for the course, please call a member of The Troy Country Club management before your tee time.

Practice Range Use



Taking divots in a linear pattern instead of a scattered or clustered pattern, damages smaller areas of turf and helps the practice tee recover faster.

Here are a few tips to help you successfully use this method to minimize practice tee damage:

- Once the first divot is taken, the next ball should be placed in the healthy turf directly behind the initial divot, within 0.5 to 1 inch of the back of the divot.
- A total of 15 to 20 shots can typically be taken before it is necessary to create a new line of divots alongside the first line.
- The next line of divots should be taken approximately 4 inches to the side of the initial line to optimize turf recovery. Getting the lines any closer to each other will remove too much turf and recovery will not happen as quickly

Traffic Pattern in Fairways and Greens



We will be introducing a wooden stake/signage system to inform cart traffic to exit the fairways before the approach areas begin. These items will be moved daily and allow our team to better spread out cart wear around our green's complexes. We recommend that carts stay 30 feet away from the edge of greens at all time, use the cart paths where available around the greens.

Additional Cart Guidelines

- Carts will be available for rental on a 1st come 1st served basis.
- Golf Carts must be returned after play, and may not be “set aside” for later play.
- Conforming personal riding golf carts may be used.
- Carts will NOT be available for the practice facility except when renting a cart for play
- Use the practice facility either before or after your round.
- Golfers must be 16 years of age to operate electric golf carts.

New Hole #6

With the new configuration of Hole # 6, we have added a marked drop area. To expedite speed of play, this location should be used for any penalty shots. We will send out detailed info in the monthly newsletters about your different options on playing.

Or you can go to the USGA website:

<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules-hub/topics/penalty-areas.html>

Pin Location Sheet

We have replaced the old red, white, and blue flags on the course with a standardized white and green checkered flag. The flag locations will now be changed daily through the golf season. With this change we will be using the 1,2,3 daily hole location chart below. There will be signs posted with the daily flag location in front of the golf shop and on the practice green.



TROY COUNTRY CLUB

Hole	1	2	3
1	Front	Back	Middle
2	Middle	Front	Back
3	Back	Middle	Front
4	Middle	Front	Back
5	Back	Middle	Front
6	Front	Back	Middle
7	Back	Middle	Front
8	Front	Back	Middle
9	Middle	Front	Back
10	Front	Back	Middle
11	Middle	Front	Back
12	Back	Middle	Front
13	Middle	Front	Back
14	Back	Middle	Front
15	Front	Back	Middle
16	Back	Middle	Front
17	Front	Back	Middle
18	Middle	Front	Back