



BRUNSWICK GOLF CLUB

Member Welcome Packet

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WELCOME LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GOLF

Dear New Member,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Brunswick Golf Club, one of Maine's oldest member-owned golf clubs. Founded in 1898, BGC prides itself in course conditions and offering a top-notch golfing experience to its membership. While we have always been open to the public, the long-standing success of this golf course is driven by the wonderful group of people who join the club every year. With so many courses around this area privately-owned and looking to "make a buck", it's very refreshing to be part of a club that continues to invest in its property, putting any and all profits back into the course and clubhouse.

You will quickly notice that when you become a member at Brunswick Golf Club, you become part of our family. So many of our members have been here for decades, but they know the importance of new members joining each season and always welcome new golfers with open arms. I felt this as a junior member over 20 years ago, and still to this day as Director of Golf. I continue to love coming to work every day and be around people who truly care about one another and share the same passion for this golf club that I do.

The following packet includes lots of valuable information to help you enjoy your experience as member. However, if there's every something my staff and I can do to further assist you, don't ever hesitate to ask. Most everyone employed at Brunswick Golf Club have been here for multiple years and can answer most questions you may have about the club. I am also always happy to address any concerns or feedback you may have and can be reached by email any time if you are unable to catch me at the club. Thank you for becoming part of our tradition, and we will see you on the links!

Fairways and Greens,

A.J. Kavanaugh
Director of Golf
Brunswick Golf Club



BRUNSWICK GOLF CLUB HISTORY

The Brunswick Golf Club's origins date back to the summer of 1898. Bowdoin College students J.H. Henry and Benjamin L. Furbish acquired golf clubs and attire and headed down what was then known as the Freeport Road in Brunswick in search of a field in which to play. Henry and Furbish were joined by college professor Harry C. Emery who had recently developed an interest in the game. They were the first three to play golf on the grounds we now know as Brunswick Golf Club's back nine.

Founded in September of 1898 and initially named the Bowdoin Golf Club, the first organized group was comprised of 20 members including original course designers and future club presidents Charles L. Bowker, Capt. George Skofield and Col. George L. Thompson. Membership and interest in the game grew rapidly in the Brunswick area, leading to changing the name to the Brunswick Golf Club in 1901. Two years later the first clubhouse was built on the hill behind what is now the 17th green. It was written that views from the original clubhouse included the White Mountains due west and beautiful sunrises over Casco Bay looking east.

The original nine was redesigned by highly regarded course designer Wayne Stiles and his apprentice John Van Kleeck in 1921. Though he has been overshadowed by prominent 20th century golf course designers such as Donald Ross and A.W. Tillinghast, the work of Stiles is widely thought to be some of the best in the world, and his original vision still shines on the back nine at Brunswick.

The annual Patriots Day Tournament was known for almost a century as the start of the golf season for Maine. The tournament is still played to this day, now called the Pop Erswell Tournament, named after longtime club manager and "Father of Maine Golf" Charles S. "Pop" Erswell. Erswell, who ran the club from 1920-1946, formed a golf group in 1903 that would later become the Maine State Golf Association, and founded the Maine Senior Golf Association in 1933. He is also credited by various sources as being the inventor and first to use a golf pull cart in America, though he never patented his idea.

In 1959, a young Brunswick-native by the name of Mal Strange took over as club professional at Brunswick, a position he would hold for over 37 years. During that time, he teamed up with world-famous golf course architect Geoffrey Cornish to design and construct an additional nine holes. The new layout was finished in 1969 and became Brunswick's front 9. The modern era of Brunswick Golf Club and its 18 holes are notably distinguished by the back-to-back par 5's followed by back-to-back par 3's, as well as the utterly challenging par-4 6th hole. A recent visitor of Brunswick Golf Club would most certainly mention the picturesque approach over water on the par-5 9th hole.

Brunswick Golf Club in recent years has become one of the state's premier championship venues. Recently BGC hosted the 2020 MSGA Women's Senior Championship and will again host the Maine Women's Amateur in 2021. This impressive championship list includes the 2012 & 2015 Maine Senior Amateur, the 2013 Maine Women's Amateur, the 2013 & 2014 MSGA Fourball Championship, the 2016 MSGA Match Play Invitational, the 2018 Maine Junior Championship, and perhaps most notably helped celebrate 100 years of the Maine State Golf Association by hosting the 2017 Maine Amateur Championship.

Brunswick Golf Club...celebrating over 120 years of golf tradition in Maine.



BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER

- Unlimited play, 7 days a week
- Ability to book a tee time up to 14 days in advance
- Unlimited access to our practice facility
- 10% OFF Merchandise purchases in the pro shop over \$15
- \$10-\$15 OFF peak season rates for any guest
- Reciprocals with other golf courses in the area (see pro shop for more details)
- Bag Storage is available (Additional Fee)
- Access to a GHIN handicap (Additional Fee)

PRACTICE AREA

Brunswick Golf Club offers three different short game practice areas along with a full driving range.

The practice green furthest from the clubhouse is a great place to practice your pitching, chipping and green side bunker shots. It has an excellent pitching area that will help you dial in your short game up to 50 yards. There is plenty of room to practice chipping on any lie you might find yourself in on the golf course. The greenside bunker by the “pitching green”

There are two practice greens close to the club house. The biggest green (directly behind the first tee) and the practice green (directly behind the driving range tee. The biggest green is a **PUTTING ONLY**. This green will usually have 5-6 holes cut in it, giving golfers plenty of room to practice 3-foot putts, or lag putting a 50-footer. The smaller of the greens can be used for chipping, pitching, and putting, though it is commonly referred to as the “chipping green”.

We also have a full driving range available. Practice balls can be purchased inside the pro shop. Members receive a discounted rate on the popular “Range Key Fob” for only \$35!



LEAGUES, TOURNAMENTS, AND PICK-UP GAMES

Tuesday Night Twilight League

Brunswick Golf Club's popular Twilight League on Tuesday afternoons starting in May and runs through mid-August with 9-11 weeks of regular season followed by playoffs. The format of the league is two-person best ball match play for 9 holes with usually over 40 teams playing.

The league is open to members and public alike and the 2021 will fill quickly. However, weekly subs are always needed. Golfers of all skill levels interested in signing up a team or being a sub should contact BGC Pro Shop at 725-8224 ext. 1 or email aj@brunswickgolfclub.com

Golf & Wine Wednesdays

Golf & Wine Wednesdays will be geared towards the casual lady golfer of all skill levels, offering instruction, non-competitive and league-style golf. The first 8-week session of the summer will start in May and include 2 levels; Instruction and Play.

The best part of Golf & Wine Wednesdays...the wine! All participants will receive a complimentary glass of wine after play each week! Session prices start at only \$99 and with the glass of wine each week, includes instruction and green fees. Carts are always available for Play level ladies (\$60 per session or \$10 per week). For more info regarding Golf & Wine Wednesdays email aj@brunswickgolfclub.com.

Gangbusters

Every day at 12:00pm you can get in a game at Brunswick Golf Club. Gangbusters meet at the practice green at 11:45 and captain's (lowest handicaps) pick teams and play four-person best ball for 18 holes. \$7 entry gets you into the event, and it's open to both member and public alike! Call 725-8224 for more information or just show up and play!

Weekend Dew Sweepers

On Saturdays, Sundays and Monday Holidays, a similar group to men's gangbusters go off first thing in the morning. Peak season start time is 6:30am, and the Dew Sweepers pick teams around 6:15am. All members and public are invited to join, just a handicap and a few dollars to wager are required! For shoulder season start times or more info, call 725-8224 ext. 3 or email AJ@brunswickgolfclub.com.

*Tournament sign ups and results will ALWAYS be posted in the hall way just outside the pro shop!



PRO SHOP

The pro shop has you covered from accessories (tees, spikes and gloves), apparel, shoes, and clubs! As a member you receive 10% off any item over \$15.

With a valid credit card, you may set up a member account. With a member account, you will be able to put pro shop merchandise on your account. You have 60 days from purchase date to pay off the balance with any credit winnings or other forms of payment. After 60 days, the credit card of file will be charge for any remaining balance.

The pro shop is open as long as the golf course is open, email AJ@brunswickgolfclub.com if you are looking to purchase anything during the offseason.

Available Brands:

Titleist

Ping

Callaway

Odyssey

Cleveland/Srixon

FootJoy

Antigua

Columbia

Imperial

Bag Boy

*If you don't find what you're looking for in the shop, you can always custom order anything from the brands we carry!



LESSONS

Brunswick Golf Club offers individual and group private lessons from longtime golf instructor Gerry Caron. Gerry is the current head coach of the Mt. Ararat High School Golf Team, the 2018 & 2019 Maine Class A State Champions! If you'd like lessons from the 3-time KVAC Golf Coach of the Year, call Gerry at (207) 208-6150 to book an appointment!

Mt. Ararat Golf Coach & longtime golf instructor Gerry Caron along with the pro shop staff again will be offering a junior golf camp this summer here at BGC! The 2021 BGC Junior Golf Camp will start on Monday August 2nd and run through Thursday August 5th for junior golfers aged 7-14. The camp hours will be 9am-12pm every day, offering instruction on every aspect of the golf game, while having some fun along the way! A late-morning snack will be provided each day, and the camp will wrap up with playing on the course on Thursday. Space is limited to be sure to sign up as soon as the online sign-up is posted in June on our website under "Lessons"!

PGA Professional and Maine Golf Hall of Famer Mal Strange is also available for ½ hour lessons at the Brunswick Golf Club by appointment. Mal can be reached at 729-4491.



McAVOY'S ON THE GREEN GOLF PUB

McAvoy's On The Green is Brunswick Golf Club's very own golf pub located in the clubhouse and overlooking the 9th green at BGC. McAvoy's offers members and public guests fantastic menu options for breakfast, lunch and dinner as well as a great selection of "19th Hole" beverages! Nothing beats watching golfers come across the water on #9 while enjoying a bite to eat on our deck in the summer time or sitting by the cozy fire pit on our stone patio with a cold beer or cocktail in the evening!

BGC Members always get exclusive offers on promotions like value-added gift cards and special dinners throughout the season. Members also get discounted rental fees if hosting a private function, so it's always a good idea to check with McAvoy's when planning your next event! On top of all of the golf tournaments they cater for us, weddings, reunions, birthday/anniversary parties, charity benefits, concerts and business meetings are just a few types of events that the McAvoy's On The Green staff are happy to accommodate.

Email McAvoy's at mcavoysbgc@gmail.com for more info and check out their pub menu online or in the clubhouse!





**BRUNSWICK GOLF CLUB
BYLAWS
AS AMENDED AND RESTATED**

Effective November 7, 2018

**ARTICLE I
NAME AND LEGAL STATUS**

SECTION 1 - NAME

The corporation is known as **BRUNSWICK GOLF CLUB** located in Brunswick, Maine herein referred to as “the Club”. This corporation is organized for social and recreational purposes, and the promotion and advancement of the game of golf.

SECTION 2 - PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business will be at its clubhouse in Brunswick, Maine.

SECTION 3 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The control and management of the Club is vested in the Board of Directors (herein called “the Board”).

SECTION 4 - CORPORATE SEAL

The corporate seal shall be circular in form and shall bear the inscription “Brunswick Golf Club, Brunswick, Maine” and the date of incorporation 1898.

**ARTICLE II
MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of Brunswick Golf Club is to provide excellence in golf and promote fellowship among its members. The mission will be accomplished by welcoming those who share our core values of a challenging, high quality course with uncrowded playing conditions and modest facilities. We are dedicated to making



our club enjoyable, accessible and affordable for our members. The course is first priority and it will be maintained so as to preserve its original design, historical character and natural surroundings.

Brunswick Golf Club will contribute to the game of golf and be a responsible member of the community.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Membership to the Club will consist of Adult Members, Associate Members, Twilight Members, College Members, Junior Members, Super Senior Members, Corporate Members and Honorary Members. The Board shall fix from time to time initiation fees and dues obligations for each membership classification. There may be changes to the types of membership from time to time as the Board may determine.

Once accepted, membership is continuous until terminated as herein described. All resignations of members or officers shall be made in writing to the Secretary, and shall be acted upon at the next meeting of the Board. Upon termination in any manner of a members connection with the Club, his or her interest in any and all property of the Club shall thereupon cease, and any unpaid fees, dues or other accounts shall become due and payable immediately.

SECTION 1 - MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATIONS

A. ADULT MEMBERS

Adult Memberships are restricted to persons age thirty-six (36) or over. Adult Members shall be entitled to vote and hold office.

B. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Associate Memberships are restricted to persons aged nineteen (19) to thirty-five (35). They will be entitled to vote and hold office.



C. TWILIGHT MEMBERS

Twilight Memberships are restricted to playing golf at set “Twilight Hours” set by the Club. They are entitled to receive ten (10) percent off greens fees at all other times. They will be entitled to vote and hold office.

D. COLLEGE MEMBERS

College Memberships are restricted to full-time college students aged 25 or under. They are not entitled to vote or hold office.

E. JUNIOR MEMBERS

Junior Memberships are restricted to those aged eighteen (18) and under. Junior Members playing times are at the discretion of the pro shop and they cannot book advanced tee times before 11:00am on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. They are not entitled to vote or hold office.

F. SUPER SENIOR MEMBERS

Super Senior Memberships are restricted to those aged eighty-five (85) or older. They are entitled to vote and hold office.

G. CORPORATE MEMBERS

Corporate Memberships are restricted to businesses who are permitted to book one (1) tee time for up to four (4) golfers every day of the season. Two (2) authorized employees/officers are entitled to member privileges. They are entitled to one (1) vote and are not eligible to hold office.

H. HONORARY MEMBERS

Honorary Memberships may be established by the Board. They shall pay no dues or assessments, have no vote and cannot hold office. The total number of Honorary Members at any given point shall not exceed five (5).



SECTION 2 - TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- A. Members of any class may resign at any time upon payment in full of all of their obligations to the Club.
- B. Any member whose conduct is deemed by the Board to be improper or likely to endanger the welfare, safety or harmony or good reputation of the Club or its members, may be reprimanded, fine, suspended or expelled from the Club by action of the Board. The Board shall be the sole judge of what constitutes improper conduct or conduct likely to endanger the welfare, safety, harmony or good reputation of the Club or its members.

ARTICLE IV MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION 1 - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Club shall be January 1 to December 31.

SECTION 2 - ANNUAL MEETING

- A. The annual meeting of the members of the Club shall be held at the clubhouse or at such other convenient place and at the hour as the Board may designate during the month of November.
- B. The Secretary shall give not less than thirty (30) and not more than sixty (60) days-notice by email to all members of the date, hour and place of the annual meeting and enclose a copy of the ballot containing the names of the candidates for directors. Said notice shall set forth the business to be transacted.
- C. The vote of voting members at the annual shall be the election of directors, and such other business as may be properly presented.

SECTION 3 - SPECIAL MEETINGS



- A. Special meetings of the voting members may be called at any time by the President, by three (3) members of the Board, or by at least ten (10) percent of the voting members of the Club. The call for special meetings shall be in writing, dated and signed by the persons making the call, and shall be delivered to any officer of the Club. No business shall be considered at a special meeting except such as is referred to in the call notice and agenda.

SECTION 4 - QUORUM AND VOTING

- A. Thirty-five (35) eligible voting members must be present by proxy, in person or by ballot in order to constitute a quorum at any meeting of the voting members of the Club.

SECTION 5 - QUALIFICATION TO VOTE

- A. No member shall be permitted to vote at an annual or special meeting who is delinquent by sixty (60) days or more in the payment of any fees or costs due to the Club.

SECTION 6 - NOMINATION PROCEDURES

- A. Nomination petitions shall be emailed and available in the clubhouse forty-five (45) days prior to the annual meeting. A candidate for election to the Board of Directors must submit a petition to the Secretary or assigned Club officer no later than ten (10) days prior to the annual meeting.

SECTION 7 - ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. The order of business at the annual meeting of the Club shall be as follows:
1. Reading of the minutes
 2. Report of the committees
 3. Treasurers report
 4. Elections
 5. Other business



SECTION 8 - TELLERS

- A. The Board shall appoint three (3) voting members, none of whom shall be candidates for office or a member of the Board, to act as tellers at the election. These tellers shall receive and count the ballots cast and certify the results to the Secretary.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

SECTIONS 1 - TITLES

- A. The officers of the Club shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. They shall be chosen from among the members of the Board. The term of such officers shall be for one (1) year.

SECTION 2 - DUTIES

A. PRESIDENT

1. The President of the Club shall be the chief executive officer and shall preside at all meetings of the Club and of the Board and shall have other duties as shall be designated by the Board. He or she shall be an ex-officio member of all committees but shall have no vote on any committees where he is only an ex-officio member. He or she shall have a vote on any committee where he or she serves as a regular member of that committee.

B. VICE PRESIDENT

1. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice President shall perform all of his or her duties.

C. SECRETARY

1. The Secretary shall have the care and custody of the records, minute books, and the corporate seal of the Club, and shall perform all the duties ordinarily pertaining to the office of secretary.



D. TREASURER

1. The Treasurer shall keep the accounts of the Club and shall report in writing to the Board the state of its finances whenever requested by the Board; and at the annual meeting he or she shall present a detailed report of all the receipts and expenditures for the year. At each annual meeting, the Treasurer shall present a detailed budget of income and expense for the coming year, for the approval of the members.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 - DIRECTORS

- A. The management of the Club and its affairs and property shall be entrusted to a Board. As of the effective date of these bylaws, there are nine (9) directors on the Board, three (3) of whose term shall expire each year. To be eligible for election or appointment to the Board, a candidate must have been a member for three (3) years prior to the date nominated or appointed.

SECTION 2 - TENURE OF OFFICE

- A. Members of the Board shall be elected to three (3) year terms. No member of the Board who has completed two (2) consecutive terms as a member of the Board shall be eligible for re-election to a third consecutive term until twelve (12) months shall have elapsed.

SECTION 3 - MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

- A. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on such date and at such place as the Board shall designate. Special meetings of the Board may be called at the request of the President or any three (3) of the directors. Participation by conference call or video shall constitute attendance in person.



SECTION 4 - QUORUM

- A. A simple majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum.
- B. Except as specified elsewhere in these bylaws, a simple majority shall prevail in voting by directors.

SECTION 5 - DUTIES AND POWERS

- A. The Board will have the corporate power generally to do everything permitted by law, statute, these bylaws or any parts hereof, which may be in conflict or of doubtful meaning and the decision will be final and conclusive, so long as consistent with applicable law.
- B. Without limiting the foregoing, the Board shall have the power to admit members, of all classes; to suspend and expel any members; to appoint a successor to fill any vacancy which may occur in any of the offices; to employ, govern and dismiss all employees of the club; to make, amend and provide for the enforcement of rules for the use and enjoyment of the clubhouse, golf course and other facilities of the Club by its members; to establish the price of memberships; to carry out the provisions of these bylaws; and to adopt and amend such other rules as it may deem expedient.
- C. The Board shall not authorize the Treasurer to borrow for use of the Club any sums over sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) in any one year without first securing the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the voting members at an annual or special meeting of the membership. Notable exceptions will be use of the Club's line of credit (LOC), short-term borrowings from the membership (less than one year), re-financing of the mortgage and the LOC to obtain more favorable terms.



ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES

Committees comprised of voting members shall be formed at the Club. The following committees that shall be formed but not limited to include: House, Golf, Green, Membership, Handicap, and Finance. The Board may establish or terminate committees as they see fit.

The Board shall determine the duties of the committees and may delegate any of its powers to any committee unless prohibited by these bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by the Board or by a written petition of thirty-five (35) or more voting members. Such amendments shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary, who shall notify the Board and the membership of the proposed amendments at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which they are to be considered.

An affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) or voting members voting in person, by proxy or by ballot at an annual meeting or special meeting shall be required to adopt any bylaw amendment.

ARTICLE IX DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

The Board shall establish a schedule of annual dues and charges. Any change in the schedule will be posted in the clubhouse and emailed to each member prior to becoming effective. Dues are billed to any and all current members in September for the next fiscal year and are payable in full or in installments in accordance to



payment plans set forth by the Club. Any dues not paid in full or as part of scheduled payment plan by April 1st will result in the suspension of golf privileges until paid in full.

The Board may from time to time propose an assessment upon one or more of the categories of membership. The assessments may vary in amount among the categories.

ARTICLE X INDEMNIFICATION

The Club shall indemnify to the fullest extent permitted by law any person to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative, by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director or Officer of the Club, against expenses, including attorney fees, judgements, fines and amounts paid in such action, suit or proceeding, provided that no indemnification shall be provided for any person with respect for any matter as to which he or she shall have been finally adjudicated in any action, suit or proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his or her action was in the best interest of the Club or with respect to any criminal action or proceeding had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was lawful. This provision shall be subject to the provisions of Title 13A MRSA S719 as mended and any other law governing; provided, however, that such indemnification shall be limited to the then assets of the Club, any insurance which may be provided for such indemnification, and any such assessment as may be made upon the members only after notice and affirmative vote by the membership at a special meeting called for that purpose.