

Tee Times



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Early Bird Membership

It's that time of the year!

Purchase your membership now for 2020

Join now and **SAVE!**

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Dear Whitefish friend,

Thank you so much for a great 2019 golf season! We had a really good year and are looking forward to getting the season under way again in 2020. We had many successes over the past year that bear mentioning: most notably; we added 23 new members to our wonderful membership roster; we implemented a new Men's 9 & Stein night to compliment our Women's 9 & Wine night; we capitalized on the generous help of an all volunteer crew to help with our annual tree trimming campaign; we introduced a new agronomic program for our greens that included adding 2 new mowers to our fleet which had an immediate impact on improving our greens (can't wait to for the continued improvement in 2020); and, we improved hole #14 by removing a number of trees down the right side and moving the aging cart path further to the right, which are great improvements to an already good hole. These are just a few of the many things we were able to accomplish last year and are looking forward to starting a new decade with much more to come!! On behalf of the entire WGC staff and board of directors I want to thank each of you for your continued support of our efforts of making Whitefish your preferred place to play!

The new decade we're entering brings with it all of the excitement and opportunity of all the great golf moments to come at Whitefish.

WHITEFISH GOLF CLUB...

You're going to like it here



We're really looking forward to seeing all of you again to be a part of it. Our goal at Whitefish is simple: we want to provide you with the best possible member experience in the Brainerd Lakes Area by being your place to escape for golf, to socialize with other Lakes Area residents and to form lasting relationships with your Whitefish friends. We want you to call Whitefish your "golfing home." We're excited about this year and have some fun new initiatives that you should really enjoy.

First, we are again pleased to offer you our **Early Bird Membership Special**. Any golfer who purchases their membership prior to March 1 will receive a discounted rate in addition to a valuable "bonus" pack of goodies that can be used for golf, proshop and dining discounts throughout the season (A \$250 value). Act now to save! Just fill out the enclosed membership statement and send it in to lock in your savings!

Second, if you are interested in meeting new folks you must inquire about one of our wonderful golf leagues and/or golf nights. Whitefish offers one of the area's most extensive Women's, Men's and Couple's Leagues. It's an easy and fun way to meet many wonderful, and friendly, people living and recreating in the Brainerd Lakes Area. Visit our website at www.whitefishgolf.com, or give Steve a call in the Pro Shop for further details (218) 543-4900.

Lastly, we just want to remind each of you how fortunate we are to have you as such loyal supporters of Whitefish Golf Club. Our golfers make up who we are and collectively provide the great experience we all receive at Whitefish. So, we thank you for being part of our family and we cannot thank you enough for your support of the club. Cheers to all of you!

On behalf of the entire Whitefish staff, we look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Happy Golfing in 2020!
Steve Bengtson
GM/PGA Professional

www.whitefishgolf.com

Someone you know looking for a club to join?

As you know, Whitefish is a remarkable place with a fun golf course, authentic up-north charm, a great sense of community, and oh, let's not forget...our wonderful members!...all things that are sure to impress new members! What sets us apart from all other facilities, however, is the sense of belonging and community our golfers feel as they walk through the door. Let's share that with others this year. If you know of anyone interested in joining a club, we would be grateful to hear about it. In fact, we are offering YOU and your referred friend an incentive when they join!

Referral Bonus!! As a current member, anytime you refer a friend to Whitefish and they join, not only will you receive a bonus, but they will too! It's a **WIN-WIN** for both of you. When your referred friend purchases any unlimited season golf pass, each party will receive a referral credit applied to their account. It's as simple as that!

- New members are those who have never been a member before or have not been a member in the previous two (2) seasons.
- Once a new member joins, they are eligible for the existing member referral benefits as well. No limit as to the number of new referrals for either party.
- **Bonus Value:** Single memberships receive a \$50 credit each, Couple memberships receive \$100 each.

Get your friends involved in Whitefish!

OWN YOUR OWN GOLF CART - Opportunity -

We are updating our private cart storage waiting list and want to include you on this list if you're interested in owning a private golf cart and storing it at the club! Please give us a call to discuss the details and to be included on the list. No obligations or commitments come from being on the list. If you are interested please give Steve a call at:

218-543-4900

Whitefish Exclusive... THE CABIN CARD

For those of you looking to play a little more golf this year, but feel that an unlimited golf membership doesn't quite fit your needs, then take a close look at our Cabin Card program.

This program is an attractive option for those who would like the flexibility to share rounds with others (i.e. share the cost), or to pass rounds on to their friends and family. And the beauty is that you choose the Cabin Card program that best suits your needs. Options are flexible to include: 20 or 40 rounds walking, or with a cart, in both a Weekday only, or Any Day option. By purchasing a Cabin Card you'll enjoy significant savings off your golf fees!

The rounds are yours and may be used by anyone as long as the Cabin Card passholder schedules the tee time. You may use up to 12 passes per day.

If you have questions call or email Steve in the Pro Shop at 218-543-4900, or wfgolf@uslink.net.

EARLY BIRD MEMBERSHIP OFFER!

Join the fun in 2020

It's that time of the year Whitefish golfer! Time to start thinking about Spring and preparing for another fun season of golf at Whitefish. We're pleased to offer you our Early Bird Membership offer once again for 2020. Sign up before March 1st and receive a discounted rate on your membership AND receive an "early signing bonus pack" of Whitefish= offers totaling over \$250. In this Bonus Pack you will receive discounts for your guests, for Bogey's Bar & Grille, and for the Proshop. Enclosed with this newsletter you will find the 2020 Membership Statement that lists all of our membership options and Early Bird pricing. Just fill it out and send it in! If you have any questions about which membership options might work best for you, please call Steve at the club at 218-543-4900.



Annual Membership Privileges

Valid for all Weekday, Any Day and Twilight season members. Whitefish is proud to extend a variety of privileges offered to you:

- **FREE Driving Range Privileges:**
UNLIMITED use of the driving range for the season (season members only).
- **Pro Shop Discount:**
10% Discount on select regularly priced proshop merchandise. Special pricing on golf clubs.
- **Golf Cart Special:**
Season Members receive reduced cart fees 7 days a week, non-holidays. The 9-hole cart fee will be \$8 per player and the 18-hole cart fee will be \$15 per player, tax included.

Golf Memberships

Weekday Memberships allow UNLIMITED play Monday through Friday, excluding July 2-3, 2020.

Any Day Memberships allow UNLIMITED play 7 days a week.

Twilight Memberships allow UNLIMITED play Sun through Friday after 2:30PM, excluding July 2-3, 2020.

Cabin Card Options follow the 5-Day & 7-Day stipulations listed above.

There's always something to do at Whitefish

Join now for a summer of golfing fun!

LEAGUES:

Men's, Women's, Couples

MEMBER EVENTS:

Dinners, Wine/Beer Tastings, etc.

TOURNAMENTS:

Lake's Area Best Tournaments

GREAT GOLF:

Enjoy fun times with friends on a great track

Join us for some summer fun in Minnesota's vacation mecca!

Join now and receive



WHITEFISH GOLF LEAGUES

Join a league for some great fun this year!

FORE! From Spring through Fall, the Whitefish Golf Club offers both Men's, Women's and Couples' leagues for those looking for a little camaraderie, socializing and fun. Whether you are a fledgling player or a scratch golfer, you will find our leagues open and welcoming.

Each league is organized and run by its own players with a variety of games being played each week to keep things interesting. Just sign up weekly and you'll be paired up with other fellow league members. It's really simple and one of the best ways to meet new golfing friends! Visit us online at www.whitefishgolf.com for details, or call the Proshop at 218-543-4900 for details.

NEW in 2020 World Handicap System

The World Handicap System (WHS) has launched in the United States and all members that were part of GHIN will not be switched over to this system, which will provide golfers with a unified and more inclusive handicapping system.

Developed by the USGA and The R&A in close coordination with existing handicapping authorities, the WHS will provide all golfers with a consistent measure of playing ability, with handicaps calculated in the same way wherever they are in the world.

A key objective of the initiative was to develop a modern system, enabling as many golfers as possible to obtain and maintain a Handicap Index. Golfers will be able to transport their Handicap Index globally and compete or play a casual round with players from other regions on a fair basis. It will also indicate the score a golfer is reasonably capable of achieving the next time they go out to play. The new USGA Rules of Handicapping also now apply. Top 5 Changes include:

1. Stay up to date daily

Under the current GHIN system, your Handicap Index is only updated twice per month, on the 1st and 15th. With the World Handicap System, you'll receive an updated Index the day after posting a score.

2. Get your Handicap Index established sooner

Not only do you not have to wait until the next revision date to get an updated Handicap Index, but it also will take less rounds to establish an Index. All you need to get started with the World Handicap System is to post 54 holes (three 18-hole rounds, six 9-hole rounds, or any combination of those that equals 54 holes), down from the current 90 holes. The World Handicap System will also count the 8 best scores of your most recent 20 rounds (or an equivalent if you have less than 20 scores) instead of the 10 best scores.

3. Maximum Hole Score for Posting

The World Handicap System will have a maximum hole score of net double bogey (your hole score plus any handicap strokes you receive on that hole) in order to keep your score closer to your true playing potential.

4. Blame it on the weather

We've all had a round (or ten) that would've been better if it wasn't raining or less windy or cooler or...you get it. The new system will consider the impact of daily course or weather conditions on each golfer's performance and adjust your handicap accordingly.

5. A Handicap Index for everyone

One of the goals of the World Handicap System is to introduce more golfers to the concept of utilizing a Handicap Index, especially golfers who are new to the game. As such, the maximum Handicap Index will raise from 36.4 for men and 40.4 for women to 54 for both men and women.



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