



RIVERSDALE BEACH GOLF CLUB



MEMBER'S HANDBOOK

A MESSAGE FROM THE CLUB CAPTAIN

Dear Member,

Welcome! On behalf of the Committee and wider membership, we are happy to have you join us here at the Riversdale Beach Golf Club - the best little course in the Wairarapa. While our focus is golf, we are not just a golf club - we are here for the benefit and enjoyment of the whole community.

Whether you have chosen to become a full-playing member, or a non-playing member, we encourage you to enjoy the facilities and activities that our club provides. This handbook sets out some key information to help you get the most from your membership. A digital copy, and other useful information, is available on the club website (www.riversdalebeachgolfclub.co.nz). This is updated regularly, and is a good place to start if you wish to find out anything about the club. Additionally, be sure to follow us on Facebook to keep up with the latest news and events.

Our Club Manager is Darleen Rameka (Dar) and she is in the office throughout the week. If the office is unattended, you can contact her via email (office@riversdalebeachgolfclub.co.nz) or call through to leave a message on the club phone (027 444 3174). In addition to Dar, committee members are available to help you with any general queries you may have. A full list of your committee and their contact details is available at the back of this handbook.

We endeavour to keep in touch with our membership via regular email communications, social media and website updates. Be sure to add us to your safe senders list so that you receive these updates.

We really hope you enjoy your membership and the friendly nature of our club.

Best wishes,
Ross Smith

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Full Playing Membership

As a playing member, you enjoy the right to play golf at any time.

This membership includes full use of the clubhouse, free use of the tennis courts, membership to NZ Golf and a current New Zealand handicap index, and discounted member rates over the bar.

If a guest plays golf with you, they enjoy a discounted green fee.

Full playing members have the right to attend and vote at all general meetings of members, and to serve as an officer or committee member.

We have reciprocal rights with the following clubs;

Mahunga	Carterton	Kapiti	Masterton
Eketahuna	Castlepoint	Martinborough	

If you wish to play at any of the above, simply mention when booking/paying your green fee that you are a member of RBGC to ensure you receive the correct rate.

Full Playing Members are issued with a member tag to attach to their golf bag. Please ensure you display this while on the course.

Secondary Playing Membership

This is essentially a full playing membership, but caters for those that hold a playing membership and handicap at another club.

Junior Membership

A playing membership for those aged 18 years and under.

Non Playing Membership

As a non-playing member, you are entitled to full use of the clubhouse and tennis courts and will receive the member discount rate over the bar.

If you wish to play golf, you may pay a (reduced rate) green fee. You may not play in the Christmas Cheer tournament.

You are encouraged to attend and may speak at general meetings, but you can't vote or serve as an officer/committee member.



Women Day - Wednesday 9:30am

Every Wednesday, the women start with a cuppa and then play golf from 10am. All members and visitors are very welcome.

We have a small and friendly competition, with golfers of all abilities taking part. There is no need to book, just turn up.

We finish golf at about 2:00pm and gather for an informal prize giving in the Clubhouse.

Men's Skinners - Friday from 1:00pm

Every Friday, the men play golf in a skinners competition. All members and visitors with a handicap are welcome. We are also very happy for women to play if they wish. No need to book, just turn up.

Skinners works with the player having best gross score on each hole being the winner for that hole.

All other players pay that person at the end \$0.20. If 2 or more players get the same best gross, then the hole is halved and the money for that hole goes forward to the winner of the next hole.

If that is also halved, it goes forward until there is one clear winner.

Combined Club Day - Saturday 1:30pm (daylight saving) | **1:00pm** (standard time)

Every Saturday, both men and women play Club Day. No need to book, entry is just \$4pp. Come along 15 minutes early and you will be allocated into a random group of 4.

Visitors with a golf handicap are welcome, green fees apply. Prize giving and drinks take place in the Clubhouse at about 4:30pm.

CLUB GOLF COMPETITIONS

For those members with a current handicap, we run several annual match play competitions.

Separate competitions are held for men's senior, intermediate and junior (based on handicap), women, silver and bronze, mixed pairs, pairs and vets (men 55, women 50 and over).

Both the men and women also run an annual shoot out. You join the shoot out at the beginning of the year in January by paying in a \$20 joining fee to the pool. When you play a club day (women Wednesdays and Saturdays, men Fridays and Saturdays), you can opt into the shoot out by paying \$2 allowing you to record your net score. A record is kept of your best 5 net scores achieved at any club day, all money collected is returned to the members in prizes on the final day.

At the end of the year in November, the top 10 men and top 10 women with the lowest average net score achieved play off in the shoot out. This is played on a net basis with the player with the worst score dropping out on each hole until there is one winner left. Great fun for all involved, and the chance to win some money ensures this is a popular competition!



GREEN & TENNIS COURT FEES

Visitors must pay green fees and court fees. Prices listed below;

18 Holes/All Day Play..... \$30

9 Holes/RR*/PWM** \$20

*RR = Reciprocal Rights; **PWM = Playing with a full RBGC Member

Tennis Court Fees \$10 per court, per hour (4 players per court)

You can book and pay for green fees via riversdalebeachgolfclub.co.nz or through the golf.co.nz website. This system enables you to pay securely via a credit or debit card. You can also pay for green fees and tennis court fees via a QR code. If you prefer to pay cash, there is an honesty box to do so.

When paying green fees, please ensure that you complete a green fee tag and display this on your golf bag. We periodically conduct checks of players on the course, please do not be offended if you are asked for proof of payment.

Tennis Courts

The RBGC complex includes two tennis courts. Thanks to a passionate core tennis group and generous sponsorship from the wider community, our courts recently had a complete renovation with freshly resealed court surface, new fences and adjustable/movable nets.

The courts are available for use by all members of the Club at no charge, and to casual players for a small fee of \$10 per court (1 hour).

There is a regular tennis group that meets on Tuesdays.

The Club does have some racquets available for use if you don't have your own, balls are available to purchase from the office.

Our Annual Corks and Courts mixed doubles tournament is held in January each year. A fancy dress event, the courts are turned into "Wimbledale" for the day and include the obligatory strawberries and

cream. Heaps of fun for all, we encourage you to find a teammate and take part! Keep an eye on the website and social media for details.

COURSE BOOKINGS

During busy holiday weekends and the summer season, we ask that all members utilise the online tee booking system. This is to ensure that our course doesn't become overcrowded and allows both members and visitors to enjoy their game to the full.

Scorecard Printing

We have a scorecard printing system available for use in our foyer area. This allows you to print a physical scorecard and also enter your scores once your round is complete. Players that hold a handicap can also make use of the digital scorecard option, via the DotGolf or NZGolf app on their smartphone.

Hire of Golf Cart and Clubs

The club has one golf cart which is available for hire to both members and visitors. It is best to book in advance by ringing the office on 027 444 3174. Hire fee is \$30.

A limited number of clubs and trundlers are also available. Hire of clubs is \$15 (includes trundler), please note that these are of average quality. Trundler hire on its own is \$5.

CLUBHOUSE INFORMATION

Bar Opening Hours

Visitors must be accompanied by a current member and complete the sign in book. The Clubhouse features a fully stocked bar available for members, their guests and daily green fee players.

The following hours apply;

Friday, Saturday, Sunday..... 4:00pm opening

Tuesday 5:00pm opening

Throughout the summer period (Boxing Day - mid January), the bar is open daily from 4pm. Please check the website and social media pages for exact dates.

All members are required to have their membership card with them to take advantage of the discounted member bar pricing. A large screen TV is available to show relevant sporting events when the bar is open.

Friday Meals

Our fabulous caterer Simon (SALT Streetfood) and his team provide a range of meals for members and their guests on Friday nights year round. The kitchen is open from 5:00pm until around 8:30pm.

There is no need to book, although it is worth noting that during the summer and over holiday periods the kitchen can get very busy so be prepared to enjoy a drink and social time while you wait. If you have a large group (12 people +), we do ask that you let us know to expect you so that we can plan for this.

The average cost of a main meal is between \$20 - \$25, seasonal specials are usually available. The full menu is available for download on the website. Children are welcome with their parents, kids meal options are provided.

During summer, we sometimes have extra nights that meals are available. These dates are advertised via the website and Facebook.

Function Hire

The Clubhouse is available for private hire, subject to dates and committee approval. Preferential rates for club members apply. If you would like to enquire about hiring the facility, please contact the Club Manager for details.

Visitors

We welcome visitors! Green fees and court fees are payable by non-members. Green fee players may use the clubhouse and bar on the day they golfed, but general visitors may only use our bar if they are accompanied by and are signed in by a current member of the club.

Community Hub and Fishing Club

In addition to being the home of our golf club members, the clubhouse also hosts the Riversdale Beach Fishing Club. Throughout the year they hold a Club Day on the second Saturday of every month, with the leaderboards and various trophies displayed in the clubhouse.

If you would like more information on the fishing club, see page 15.

The clubhouse is also the Community Emergency Hub for the local area. The RBGC (with support from the local community, Council and Trust House) has recently installed a generator that we are able to use during extended power outages.

A VHF radio is available for communication in the event of a Civil Defence emergency. It is located in the clubhouse office and all current Committee members have keys to access this. Please find their contact details on page 16 & 17 of this booklet.

TOURNAMENTS

We have a full calendar of very popular golf tournaments, both 'serious' and fun. Check the website for full details, registrations for our events are essential. The main ones with a brief explanation follow;

Ambrose - 2nd January

This is a fun tournament open to members, visitors and part time golfers (including golfers with no handicap). There is a focus on fun and the golf is rather secondary. All players are encouraged to dress up

and prizes for the best three groups are awarded, plus prizes for the best golfers.

You play in groups of 4 with usual Ambrose rules. All tee off, and you then take the best ball, and all 4 hit again taking the best ball until the ball enters that little hole on the green.

Tee times operate from 7am until 3pm, with all gathering at the clubhouse for prize giving at 6pm. It is essential to book as this event is always full.

Junior tournament - January

Open to all junior golfers (aged 18 and below), whether members or visitors. Handicapped players play 18 holes and players without a handicap play 9 holes.

We encourage all juniors to give this a go. Everyone is welcome whether you are a regular player or not.

Handicap players start at 12noon and followed by non-handicapped division from about 1:30pm. Family members and friends are very welcome to walk around with the players.

All entrants receive a prize, with some great prizes for the best players. Drinks and nibbles are provided at the end.

Men's 54 hole match play - February

This is a more serious format for golfers with a handicap, but caters for all abilities. Everyone plays a qualifying round on Saturday, with the player's gross score determining the groups for the next day's match play. Saturday night features a meal and fun. At 8:00am on Sunday we tee off in groups for match play both morning and afternoon.

Prizes for best gross (total number of strokes) and best stableford (calculated with handicaps). Members and visitors welcome.

Kere Ell Mixed Canadian Foursomes - April

This is a more serious format for golfers with a handicap, but caters for all abilities. Everyone plays a qualifying round on Saturday, with the player's gross score determining the groups for the next day's match play. Saturday night features a meal and fun. At 8:00am on Sunday we tee off in groups for match play both morning and afternoon.

Prizes for best gross (total number of strokes) and best stableford (calculated with handicaps). Members and visitors welcome.

Women's 54 Hole Match Play - September

A very popular tournament so essential to book in advance. Open to all members and visitors with a golf handicap. Everyone plays a qualifying round on Saturday, with the player's gross score determining the groups for the next day's match play. Saturday night features a meal and fun. At 8:00am on Sunday we tee off in groups for match play both morning and afternoon.

Prizes for best gross (total number of strokes) and best Stableford (calculated with handicaps).

Members Christmas Cheer - December

This is a fun day restricted to full playing members of RBGC. All golfing abilities are encouraged to play, with the main criteria being fun. There is a shotgun start in both the morning and afternoon with prizes for everyone in the field. Essential to book, a 'must play in' tournament.

Other tournaments

We have a number of other fun tournaments during the year, such as the **Keeper of the Greens Tournament** in May. Check out our website and Facebook page for full details.



OTHER ACTIVITIES

The Golf Club hosts many exciting activities during the year which all members are welcome to take part in. Keep an eye on our social media and website for details. Some popular, regular events are;

January

Fish Auction - The local fishing club provide freshly caught fish which is auctioned at the club to raise funds for the Riversdale Beach Surf Lifesaving Club.

Quiz Night - A fun night, again to raise money for the Riversdale Beach Surf Lifesaving Club. Essential to book.

May

Olive picking. A fun day where we all join in to harvest the local olives, lunch and drinks provided to all pickers. The olives are processed and the oil bottled, with a number of the bottles donated to the club for sale over the bar. The quality of this oil is outstanding.

July/August

Mid winter entertainment, usually a good band comes to provide a fun night. Watch the website for details, ticket sales apply.

November

Melbourne Cup day. Join the fun and watch the race.

December

Club AGM. This is held on the Sunday morning after Christmas Cheer. All members are welcome and are encouraged to attend.

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Our General Committee is made up of 12 members, elected on an annual basis at the AGM held in December. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, or would like further information on how you might be able to contribute to the Club, please feel free to contact our Club Captain. We welcome suggestions and ideas for improvement!

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