



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.

Student Membership

A playing membership for those aged 19-21 inclusive.

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's 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 randomly into groups of four.

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 6 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 qualifying men & women (up to a maximum of 19 for each group) 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.....	\$35
9 Holes.....	\$25
Reciprocal Rights Clubs (includes NZMCA)	\$30
Playing with a RB Club Member.....	\$30
Junior (age 18 or less).....	\$10
Cart Hire.....	Visitor \$40 RBGC Member \$20
Club Hire (includes trundler).....	\$15
Tennis Court Fees	\$10 per court, per hour (4 players per court)

Book and pay your 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 pay for green fees via EftPos in the clubhouse foyer and tennis courts 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.

Please bring the green tag into the clubhouse after your round if you wish to visit the bar - this shows the bar staff that you are a green fee player.

We also request that you report into the office (if open) and let them know you have arrived for your booked tee time.

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 Mondays.

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 Mixed Doubles Tournament is currently held in October and is lots of fun. It's a mixed doubles event and also prizes for "best dressed"! Keep an eye on our 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 card, pay your green fees via EftPos and also enter your scores once your round is complete. Players that hold a handicap can also make use of the digital scorecard option with 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. Cart Hire Visitor \$40, RBGC Member \$20.

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.

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;

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

Throughout the summer period (Boxing Day - mid January), the bar has extended hours. Please check the website and Facebook pages for exact dates and times.

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

The golf club is very proud to have Korky's Catering as our in-house caterers - serving up delicious meals for members and their guests. The kitchen is open every Friday from 5pm to 8pm.

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 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.

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 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;

Fancy Dress Ambrose Tournament - 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 2.30pm, with all gathering at the clubhouse for prize giving at approximately 7pm-7.30pm. It is essential to book as this event is always full.

Junior Open 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.

Handicapped players tee off from 11am, followed by the non-handicapped division from 12.30pm. 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 Open Golf Tournament - 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 Tournament - March

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 8am 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 27 Hole Tournament - July

A great day out at RBGC in a partners competition playing 27 holes, starting at 10am.

Women's Open Golf Tournament - 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).

Riversdale Beach Teams Classic - November

A 27-hole event for teams of 4 - includes best team stableford competition and best individual nett & stableford scores. Plus every competitor gets a chance to win a hole-in-one prize of \$10,000!

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 Three Person Tyre Clinic Ambrose (April), Keeper of the Green Trophy (May) and the Labour Weekend Ambrose (October). 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.

April

A fundraising evening of great entertainment and a band. Watch the Facebook page for details, ticket sales apply.

November

Melbourne Cup day. Watch the Facebook page for details.

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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