



INFORMATION FOR GUESTS

Historical Notes

The Chicago Golf Club was founded in 1892 by Charles Blair Macdonald and other prominent Chicagoans who wanted to play the game they had experienced during their travels to Scotland. The USGA recognizes the original course they built in Belmont (now Downers Grove) as the first 18-hole course in the United States.

In 1895, Chicago Golf opened Macdonald's new course, built on more spacious land that the Club had acquired in Wheaton. Macdonald, who also became the first U.S. Amateur Champion, wanted the course built in keeping with the style and tradition of the great courses in Britain. Macdonald's belief that trees were not an appropriate hazard opened great vistas across the course and subjected play to the vagaries of the wind. Macdonald evolved this style over the next quarter century as he became the first golf course architect of renown in the U.S.

At Macdonald's suggestion, Chicago Golf was redesigned by his protégé Seth Raynor, with the new course opening in 1923. Chicago Golf's 21st century course is still Raynor's original design. The "modern" course features several prototype Macdonald/Raynor holes that are considered among their best – the "Road Hole" 2nd, the "Biarritz" 3rd, the "Redan" 7th, "Punchbowl" 12th were modeled on the great holes in European golf, while the "Cape" 4th and 14th holes were based on an original Macdonald/Raynor design.

James Foulis from St. Andrews, Scotland, was the Club's first professional. An excellent player and clubmaker, Foulis won the second U.S. Open in 1896.

Chicago Golf has hosted 3 U.S. Open and 4 U.S. Amateur championships, 2 Walker Cup Matches, and the USGA Senior Amateur Championship. The Open champions crowned at Chicago Golf include Joe Lloyd, Harry Vardon, and the first American-born winner, Johnny McDermott. The Amateur champions include H.J. Whigham, H. Chandler Egan, Robert Gardner, and Jerry Travers. The 1928 Walker Cup was won convincingly by a U.S. team captained by Bobby Jones and including Chick Evans and Francis Ouimet, while the 2005 Walker Cup match was again won by the U.S. in a very closely contested match. Bill Campbell, former U.S.G.A. President and R&A Captain, won the 1979 USGA Senior Amateur Championship.

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Chicago Golf welcomes you to our unique and historic golfing experience. We know that your round will be most enjoyable if you follow the following Chicago Golf traditions, customs and rules.

We have a membership that loves and respects the game of golf. As one of the five founding members of the USGA, we are very proud of our heritage; the USGA Rules of Golf and principles of etiquette govern all play.

Pace of Play

- PLEASE PLAY WITHOUT DELAY -

Robert T. Jones, Jr. had a philosophy that, when practiced, makes the game more enjoyable for everyone. "My method in golf was simple and rapid. I walked up to the ball and socked it. And on the green, I did not squat and line up my putts, I walked up to the ball and knocked it at the hole."

- It is the duty of every golfer to keep up with the game in front and not just ahead of the game behind.
- Four ball matches playing 18 holes should take 3 ½ hours or less, and never more than 4 hours.
- Golfers who play slowly should stand aside and signal faster players to play through; golfers riding in carts should not place unreasonable pressure on walking players ahead.

Dress

- Proper golf attire is required for men and women at all times. For men, shirts with collars and sleeves are required and shorts, if worn, are to be Bermuda length with a minimum outseam 19". For women shirts with collars are required, although sleeveless shirts are acceptable. No jeans are allowed at any time on the course or in the Clubhouse.
- Hats should not be worn inside the Clubhouse.
- Shoes and clothing should be changed in the locker room, not the parking lot.

Employees

Employees are an integral part of the Chicago Golf Club family and experience. Some staff members have been with the Club for many years, and:

- Employees should be treated with the dignity and respect they deserve.
- Employees do not make the rules, but are required by the Board of Directors to see that these rules are respected by members and guests alike.
- Chicago Golf Club has a no tipping policy, except for caddies (see below).

Caddies

Chicago Golf is dedicated to maintaining a strong caddie program. The Club's longstanding support for caddies dates back to its earliest days, and over the years caddies have become an integral part of the Chicago Golf Club experience.

- Members and guests are requested to use caddies whenever available.
- Caddies should be treated with the same dignity and respect afforded to our members, guests, and Club employees.
- Members and guests should take the caddie evaluations seriously and provide constructive feedback to the caddies and to the caddie master.
- Caddies should be tipped in accordance with job performance. The Club professional can provide input as necessary.

Care of the Course

Every club member and his or her guests have the responsibility to care for our golf course. Please:

- Repair ball marks on the green.
- Replace divots.
- Rake bunkers.
- Do not drive golf carts in the uncut rough; within 50 feet of any green or within 25 feet of any tee; on the practice tee; or on any newly sodded or seeded areas.
- Deposit smoking materials and other litter in the containers located on every tee.

Miscellaneous

- No cell phone or electronic device use is permitted on the property, except in the user's vehicle.
- No smoking is allowed on the second floor of the Clubhouse. Smoking areas will be designated.
- Members should notify the pro shop of all guests, and should be on hand to greet their guests.
- The normal stakes at Chicago Golf consist of a \$1 Nassau.

