

# STORM KING GOLF CLUB

*ESTABLISHED IN 1894*

## *2009 Policy Revision*

### The Clubhouse

Our clubhouse is for the enjoyment of our membership and their guests. Members may sponsor parties in the clubhouse after arranging details with the Club Manager and approval by the Board of Directors. Occasionally, outside revenue-producing parties will be held in the clubhouse. Membership is asked to check the information boards located in the clubhouse so that they are aware of the dates of these parties and to plan their dinner plans accordingly. The club will make every effort to avoid having any outside affairs being held on Friday evenings with a focus rather on Saturday or weekday dates.

In order to have the appropriate staff available as well as to be able to plan our food requirements, members are **strongly urged to call for dinner reservations on weekend evenings.**

The clubhouse is a smoke-free facility. Smoking will not be allowed at the front entrance. Smoking will be limited to the rear entrance of the club and to the patio. Please use the cigarette containers located in these areas to dispose of cigars and cigarettes.

Be aware that Tuesday evenings (Ladies) and Wednesday evenings (Men's) are league nights throughout the golfing season. Dinners are available to all members on these nights.

The minimum food assessment for a single golfing membership is \$100/month and for a family golfing membership, \$150/month. All beverages are included in the monthly assessment. If a member does not meet their minimum monthly assessment, they will be charged for the balance and must be paid within 30 days of the billing date. Failure to do so will result in suspension of golfing privileges until the balance is received. Members who spend their winter months in distant locations and are not available to patronize the clubhouse, may apply on a yearly basis for "snow bird" status. This will allow the member to meet their full annual minimum assessment during an abbreviated period of time. The Board of Directors will determine the annual dues rates and by what dates they must be rendered. Late payments will be subject to a fine of \$25/month.

All members are expected to conduct themselves properly at all times in the clubhouse and are responsible for the behavior of all their guests. Service personnel should be treated with respect and any complaints or compliments should be directed to the Club Manager. Any violations of club rules or unacceptable behavior will be dealt with on a case by case basis. Repeated violations may result in expulsion from the club.

## Attire

Proper attire must be worn both in the clubhouse and on the course. Men are to wear collared, turtleneck and mock turtleneck shirts. Short shorts and cutoffs are not allowed. The Board reserves the right to determine what it deems to be inappropriate attire. Metal spikes are not allowed on the course; any golf shoes must be of the soft spike variety. Jeans are not allowed on the course after April 1 or before November 1.

## Leave of Absence Policy

Any member may request a Leave of Absence from the club by applying to the Board of Directors. If approved it will be for the remainder of the golf season and the member may apply for reinstatement the following year. Conditions that apply:

1. During the Leave of Absence a member is not required to pay annual dues. However, monthly minimum assessment obligations remain in effect. If not met, the member will not be eligible for reinstatement until all obligations are met.
2. Golf and cart use privileges are restricted to the same rule as non-members.
3. Restricted to one round/month at Guest fee rates and must sign in the Guest Book.

## Social Membership

Social Membership is available to applicants who primarily want to enjoy the ambiance, camaraderie and fine cuisine offered in our clubhouse. As such the Social Membership:

1. Has no monthly food assessment obligations.
2. Is allowed an unlimited number of clubhouse guests.
3. May play one round of golf/month with cart during the week or after 1 PM on weekends/holidays (\$40 w cart). May be a guest of a full time member once/month during the week or on weekend/holidays (\$40 w cart) or a guest of a weekday member during the week only. The Social Member must sign in before each round in a book kept at the club bar so as to ensure that play at the club is limited to no more than two rounds/month.
4. Restricted to using a golf cart to only when playing the one round/month
5. May not have golf guests.
6. Cannot accrue rounds so that more than one round of golf can be played in a given month.
7. Is a non-voting membership.

### Corporate Social Membership

Corporate Social Membership is offered to outside businesses who desire to have their patrons utilize our clubhouse facilities. This class of membership only obligation is the payment of the annual dues. The Corporate Social Member need not accompany the patron(s) to the club but should however, contact the club to inform them of the names of the individuals expected. Corporate Social Memberships are non-voting.

### Corporate Membership

Corporate Memberships shall consist of up to four individuals. These individuals (previously identified) will be considered full members of the club with access to all privileges and activities. The membership may send weekday guests to the club, unaccompanied, at a rate of \$40/guest including cart. The club should be notified beforehand of the guest's visit. The Corporate Membership shall be required to have a credit card on file for any additional charges. A trail fee shall be added to the membership at the rate of \$350. Each additional Corporate Member (up to 4) will have a \$90 trail fee added. Corporate memberships are non-voting.

### Junior Membership

A Junior Membership applicant must be 18 years of age or younger or be unmarried and attending college, 22 years of age or younger. If a Junior Member does not attend college and turns 18 after January 1st, the member is eligible for the "Under 25" dues discount. Junior Members may not tee off on weekends/holidays before 1 PM unless accompanied by a full time member. This class of membership has no assessment obligations and may not have golf guests. No Junior Member under 16 years of age may drive a golf cart. Junior Members 16 years of age or older may only use a golf cart if part of a Family Membership or upon paying the \$40 cart fee. It is a non-voting membership.

### Weekday Membership

A Weekday Membership is entitled to play the course Monday through Friday and also play in the Club Championship. Participation in the Bobby Hall Member/Member Tournament is permitted but only if all the allotted slots are not filled by Full Time members. Entries for this tournament will be based upon the date the Tournament Director receives the application. Weekday members must pay guest fees each day of the tournament before teeing off. This also applies to participation in the Club Championship. Weekday Member may be a guest of a Full Time Member once/month and must register in the Guest Book located at the bar. Weekday Members are not eligible for participation in any Reciprocal Agreements arranged by SKGC. Weekday Members have full use of the clubhouse at all times and are responsible for the monthly assessment obligations. They may have golf guests but only during the week. This is a voting membership.

### Full Time and Family Memberships

Full Time and Family memberships are entitled to the full privileges of the club. Note that family members must be 16 years or older to drive a golf cart. Family memberships have 2 votes in all club elections.

### Under 25 Years of Age

Members who are 25 years old or younger as of January 1<sup>st</sup> are eligible for a discounted dues rate decided annually by the Board of Directors. Only current members will be given this discounted rate.

### League Memberships

Both Men and Ladies leagues are permitted to have non members play on league nights. The fees for this participation are to be set by the Board of Directors and the individual league managers. These non members may have use of the golf course and clubhouse only on league nights.

### Recruitment of New Members

For each new Full Time or Weekday membership recruited by a member, that member is entitled to \$100 to be applied toward his/her monthly assessment or any guest fees. Each new Family membership recruited is entitled to a \$150 application toward the same categories. Each new Social member recruited entitles that member to a \$25 application in the same categories. In order to be eligible for any special offer on dues discounts, the applicant must not have been a member of the club for a minimum of 2 years.

### Guests

Members bringing guests are to enter their names in the ledger located at the bar. Fees are determined annually by the Board of Directors (2009; \$35 during the week; \$45 on weekends) Members not registering guests as described above will be fined \$25. Repeated violations will result in disciplinary action by the Board of Directors. A member must accompany all golfing guests. After 4 PM weekdays or weekends and anytime after November 1<sup>st</sup>; \$20.

### Lifetime Membership Criteria

Lifetime membership status at SKGC is awarded to individuals who have demonstrated long term, exceptional services that have substantially benefited the club. These factors include but are not limited to the following criteria:

- a. Served at least two five (5) year terms on the Board of Directors.
- b. Served on a minimum of two (2) committees during their tenure in office.
- c. Active member in good standing at award time.
- d. Minimum of 20 continuous years of membership.
- e. Minimum of 65 years of age.

Nominations for Lifetime Membership must be initiated by two (2) members on good standing with at least ten (10) years of continuous membership. It is essential that the nomination includes a complete and thorough description of the candidates qualifications as they relate to all the clauses contained herein.

The Lifetime Membership Committee shall review the nomination and determine if the application meets all requirements. In order to provide sufficient time for this Committee and the Board of Directors to review an application (and if approved, have the plaque prepared), all submissions must be submitted annually before July 1<sup>st</sup>. If these minimum requirements are met, the Committee will report their findings to the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors shall individually assess the exceptional contributions of the nominee and cast a secret ballot to determine if the nomination is accepted or rejected. A 2/3 vote is required for acceptance.

An announcement of the Lifetime Membership Award will be made at the annual Bobby Hall Member/Member Tournament Friday night team bidding.

Lifetime Members cannot be on the Board of Directors but may serve on any committee that the President or committee chairman selects.

Active Lifetime Members will be responsible for a yearly cart and handicap fee and any associated tax.

#### Cart Usage

Carts are to be used in compliance with all signs and markers located on the course. Cart paths should be used as much as practical and the "90 Degree Rule" should be observed when crossing fairways. Carts should never be driven closer than 30 yards from any green unless located on a cart path. Players should limit the number of carts used in a group to one cart for two players and two carts for a foursome. Excessive abuse of cart usage impacts in a negative manner on the condition of the course and could result in limiting usage to "Cart Paths Only". Carts should never be parked in the Handicap Parking Spaces or in front of clubhouse doors. **After completing the round, each member must return the cart to the cart shed, park in the appropriate space, plug in the battery cord and clear the cart of any refuse by placing it in the garbage receptacle located at the cart shed door.** In order to avoid any vandalism, the cart shed should be locked by the member when leaving the cart shed at evening time. Members may wash a cart either in the area behind the cart shed or at the wash area located by the clubhouse handicap ramp.

Violation of cart rules may result in loss of cart privileges. All members are urged to encourage other members to follow all cart usage rules.

#### Practice Area

The only practice area for shagging balls is in the front of the Men's 5th tee box. Members may use the rough area between the service road and 5th fairway only when play is light and must defer to those playing the course.

### Teeing Priorities

At all times members are encouraged to form threesomes or foursomes when playing the course. Fivesomes are allowed after 12 noon but discretion should be used based upon the number of players on the course at the time. Fivesomes should never hold up smaller groups and should let them play through at the first chance. Teeing off on the first tee is done by placing a ball on the tee and each group after that lining their ball up in order. A ball may not be placed in the queue until at least three members of the group have arrived. If the threesome chooses to await the arrival of the fourth member, it may allow the next group to tee off and still maintain their priority until they tee off. Groups making the turn on the 9th hole, will alternate with groups teeing off on the first hole. No singles or twosomes may tee off on weekends/holidays before 11 AM after April 1 and before October 1.

### Safety and Speed of Play

As a measure of safety one member of each group should act as a fore caddy before teeing off on Hole #10. A foursome should have one group act as a fore caddy on the 15th hole as tee shots hitting trees often are difficult to locate and play is therefore delayed. This practice should also be done at the brink of the 7th/16th holes.

### On Course Guidelines

As we continue to upgrade our course, membership is asked to adhere to the following policies and guidelines that are designed to help us reach our goals.

**Greens:** Repair ball marks on greens. An unrepaired ball mark can take weeks to heal and can adversely effect putting. Always avoid the twisting or dragging of feet on the green.

**Divots:** When taking a divot either place it back into the divot mark and step down on it or use the divot mix (when available) that most carts carry to fill up the divot mark. You will find the divot mix available for refilling your container next to the cart shed and also in front of the Maintenance Shed. This action by membership will help us maintain our fairways in excellent condition.

**Bunkers:** Golfer should thoroughly rake bunkers after use and place the rakes outside the bunker in an area that is least likely to affect play.

As a matter of consideration, members are asked to "police" their cigars and cigarettes by not discarding them on the course.

### Club Personnel

The Board shall have the authority over significant personnel decisions. No committee or individual Board member may hire or dismiss management personnel or lessees without prior approval of the Board. Outside contractors and hourly employees are employed at the

discretion of committees provided the services of such employees are consistent with their approved budget. This policy is subordinate to Constitutional provisions regarding contracts and disbursement of funds.

### Reciprocal Agreement

Storm King Golf Club has reached a reciprocal agreement with two other private, nine hole clubs; Southern Dutchess GC (Beacon, NY) and Sedgewood GC (Carmel, NY).

SKGC members can play Southern Dutchess GC for \$25 (cart included) anytime during the week except after 4 PM on Wednesday or before noon on Thursdays and anytime after 1 PM on weekends.

SKGC members can play Sedgewood GC anytime during the week but not on weekends for \$35 (cart included).

Cash and credit cards are acceptable. A telephone call should be made to the club before traveling.

Southern Dutchess: 845 831 0762

Sedgewood: 845 225 5227

Proper attire should be worn. This agreement is available for Full Time and family members only.



