



# Trumbull Country Club

## Men's Golf Association (MGA)

**“Success depends almost entirely on how effectively you learn to manage  
the game’s two ultimate adversaries: the course and yourself”**

**Jack Nicklaus**





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## MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

The Men's Golf Association (MGA) plays a vital role in fostering camaraderie among members while encouraging active participation in the event schedule. Beyond the social benefits, the MGA provides a competitive environment with a variety of engaging tournament formats designed for players of all skill levels.

Annual membership is **\$200**, which includes:

- USGA GHIN Handicap Fee
- Entry into 7 MGA Tournaments
- Entry into the Season-Long Match Play
- Access to the Weekend MGA Game
- The MGA dues funds the prize purse for all events mentioned above

Each event you participate in will have an associated cost of \$25.00 for the food and beverage offerings associated with each event. We have expanded our offerings to include both breakfast and lunch for all MGA events. The food and beverage charge will be billed directly to your individual Club account on the day of each event.

Participation in these events adds tremendous value to your membership. The more you play, the more benefits you'll enjoy — from improving your golf game to maximizing your opportunities to earn Golf Shop credit (Dom Dollars), which are awarded to top performers at each event. MGA dues directly fund the tournament prize payouts. Joining the MGA is a great way to elevate your golfing experience, develop lasting connections, and enjoy a full season of friendly, spirited competition.

Please note: MGA membership is **required** to participate in the tournament schedule.



## **MGA TOURNAMENTS**

Each event will include breakfast before teeing off, lunch following play, and 30% of the field being paid out. The prize payout is based on the PGA prize distribution formula and the number of participants.

Saturday, May 10 – Men’s Opening Day 10:00 AM Shotgun

Saturday, May 31 – Men’s Choker Tournament 9:00 AM Shotgun

Saturday, June 21 – Men’s Challenger 9:00 AM Shotgun

Saturday, June 28 & 29 – Senior Club Championship\* (Tee Times TBD)

Saturday, August 23 & 24 – TCC Club Championship Weekend\* (Tee Times Starting @ 8:30 AM)

Saturday, September 13 – 1-Man Scramble 9:00 AM Shotgun

Saturday, September 27– Men’s Round-Up 10:00 AM Shotgun

## **SEASON LONG MATCH PLAY**

President’s Division – Blue Tee

Vice President’s Division – White Tee

Treasure’s Division – Gold Tee

2-Man Match Play Championship

(You may play in multiple divisions)

## **WEEKEND MGA GAME**

Every Saturday and Sunday from May through September, the Golf Shop will host a daily game open to all MGA members. Rounds must be played with at least one other MGA member, but there are no restrictions on tee times, allowing players to compete at their convenience. The format for the day, along with any rule updates, will be posted on the whiteboard outside the Golf Shop. It is the player's responsibility to turn in their scorecard to the Golf Shop upon completion of their round, as the Golf Shop will not seek out missing scorecards.



## GENERAL GOLF RULES

1. **Rules:** The Rules of Golf as adopted by the USGA together with the Rules of Etiquette as adopted by the USGA shall govern all play, except when in conflict with local rules or with any of the rules herein.
2. **Player Check In:** All players must check in with the golf shop before play. All play is to start on hole number 1. "Cutting-in" on hole 10 without pro shop approval is not permitted at any time.
3. **Bunkers:** All players will enter bunkers at the nearest level point to the green and leave bunker rakes in the bunker upon leaving.
4. **Course Maintenance:** Repair ball marks on the greens and replace divots. Placing the divot in the correct manner and topdressing with a light layer of divot mix. This simple act helps maintain the quality of the playing surface for everyone.
5. **Pace of play:** It is the goal of all players to complete their round in less than 4 hours. The layout of the course is designed for this pace of play. Be ready to hit your shot when it is your turn. Groups that fall out of position will be given a warning. If slow play persists, the golf staff may ask you to skip a hole to get back in position.
6. **No Practicing on the Course:** Absolutely no practicing on the golf course. We work hard to maintain the golf course's condition. Please use the designated practice areas to hone your skills. Please refer to the Driving Range Policy.
7. **Cart Usage:** Use golf carts responsibly. Observe all the cart direction signs and keep carts on the path around tees and greens. Keep all four tires on the paved cart path when the Cart Path Only Policy is in effect.
8. **Dress Code:** Proper golf attire is required for all players. Please refer to the dress code for our golf and practice facilities.
9. **Inclement Weather:** If thunder and lightning are in the area, all play shall cease, and players shall seek shelter.



## TOURNAMENT PLAY

1. All tournament play will be from the White Tee unless the qualifications below are met. If you meet the requirements and choose to play a different tee, your handicap will be adjusted based on the USGA formula.

<b>Tournament Tee Box Qualifications</b>	
If a player's age plus his White Tee handicap is <b>65</b> or greater, the player may play from either the White Tee or <b>White/Gold</b> Combo Tee	
If a player's age plus his White Tee handicap is <b>75</b> or greater, the player may play from either the White, <b>White/Gold</b> Combo Tee or <b>Gold Tees</b>	If a player's age plus his Blue Tee handicap is <b>85</b> or greater, the player may play from either the White, <b>White/Gold</b> Combo Tee, <b>Gold Tee</b> , or <b>Red Tee</b>

2. New for 2025 the following rule will be implemented for all MGA Events, Big Game, and all our Major Championships including: Bobby Lewis Old Pal, Club Championship, and Member Guest Invitational. In accordance with the tournament format, all players are required to hole out on every hole. The ball must come to rest at the bottom of the cup—no gimmes are permitted under any circumstances. Failure to hole out will result in the player not having completed the hole and will lead to disqualification. If you witness a competitor not holing out, it is your responsibility to report the infraction to the professional staff immediately following the round. This rule will be strictly enforced to maintain the integrity of the competition and ensure fairness for the entire field. **In conjunction with the Golf Committee, this rule will be strictly enforced with zero exceptions.**



## HANDICAPS

1. Handicaps are computed under the supervision of the golf professional staff in accordance with the current USGA Handicap System. Trumbull Country Club provides each member with access to the Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN) offered by the USGA.
2. All MGA Members 18 years and older with a USGA approved handicap may participate in Club tournaments. The Golf Shop staff and the Competition Committee may review all handicaps submitted.
4. Each member of Trumbull Country Club is individually responsible for posting all scores into the GHIN handicap system. This is true for the rounds played at TCC as well as all rounds played at other courses. By being diligent in posting all rounds, we can be assured that the level of play and the handicaps assigned are reflective of the player's ability.
5. The golf shop will post scores from any club run event and shall assist any members needing help with the posting procedures.
6. Accurate records are to be kept of scores turned in and recorded for all full rounds played. The Golf Professional Staff and Competition Committee shall determine if there are violations by members in turning in their scores.
6. The Golf Professional Staff and Competition Committee shall have the authority to adjust handicaps for competition with proper documentation.



## GUIDE FOR FASTER PLAY

- Keep up with the group in front of you, not ahead of the group behind you.
- Be Ready to hit when it is your turn.
- Know the distance.
- Have the appropriate club out/ready
- Complete practice swings while others are hitting
- Know how far you hit each club. This helps you make quicker decisions when you get to your ball.
- If you are uncertain what club you will be using, take multiple choices with you to your ball.
- Limit yourself to one (1) practice swing; keep your pre-shot routine short.
- Line up your putt while you wait for others to putt without disturbing them. Do not stand in back or in line with another player's line when putting.
- Pay attention when other players are hitting. Watch balls carefully, especially ones that go astray, so they can be found more easily and quickly.
- If there are any questions about a rule, ask the pro shop or play two (2) balls from that point until holed out. After playing, it can be decided which one was correct and will count.
- When sharing a cart, do not wait until your cart mate hits and then drive to your ball. Drive to your ball, if possible, and return to pick up your cart mate.
- Pick up your ball. If you played to your max, pick up and move on to the next hole.