



TEE TIMES

Newsletter



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From the Director's Desk,

On behalf of the Command, our MWR leadership, your FJGC staff and myself, thank you for your loyal support of the Fort Jackson Golf Club. Needless to say, we all have been experiencing many changes and challenges to our lives during the COVID pandemic. Hopefully, life returns to a sense of normalcy soon.

We do not anticipate the current post access policy will change until late summer or the fall of 2021. This means the traditional Graduation Ceremonies and Family Days for our graduating Soldiers will not return for several months. Also retiree access to the Installation will be limited to Friday through Tuesday.

In Fiscal Year 2021, FJGC is expected to lose significant income generated by hosting numerous off-post tournaments/events. Needless to say, tournament income helps keep your fees lower and allows us to maintain the golf courses at a level you expect and deserve. We are hopeful to resume with conducting and hosting tournaments in the near future but this will require us to implement and assure the appropriate safety protocols are in place.

In order to meet the established financial standards of an Army golf operation, there will be significant operational changes over the next fiscal year as we strive to maintain the golf courses and provide the level of services you have come to expect. Meeting our net income goals allows us to reinvest back into your golf operation, replace maintenance equipment, golf carts, etc. As a Category C MWR Facility, we must be profitable. In Fiscal Year 2019, we made a 1.3% net income. The Army standard is 12%.

In Fiscal Year 20, we struggled, but were fortunate to have money from our higher headquarters to help us pay bills due to the COVID pandemic. I'm explaining all this so that you understand that there are a number of price ad-

justments we will be making in the next month so that your FJGC can remain profitable and meet the Army's financial goals.

The budget for the FJGC has been developed for FY 21 and approved by the Fort Jackson Garrison Commander and Commanding General. The new fees scheduled to go into effect on October 16, 2020 are as follows:

-The new Daily Use Fees will be \$4.00 for 18 holes and \$2.00 for 9 holes.

-Cart Fees for Authorized Patrons will be \$19.00/person for 18 holes, \$10.00/person for 9 holes. Civilian rates will be \$20.00 for 18 holes and \$11.50 for 9 holes.

-All dues categories will increase \$1.00/month effective November 1, 2020. The new monthly Membership Dues will be as follows:

E1-E5 (Active Duty): \$49.00 per month

Active Duty E6-O10, Retired Military

DoD Civilians, Reservists, National Guard, Federal

Employees: \$90.00 per month.

Veterans: \$100.00 per month

Frequent Guests: \$105.00 per month

Juniors: \$40.00 per month

-Rates noted above are individual rates. An additional monthly fee of \$15 for the first family member added to your membership, and only \$5 for each additional family member.

-Annual Fees will continue to be billed to the Visa, Mastercard, AMEX, Discover or Debit Card of your choice.

Other operational changes effective on October 14 will be the closing of the Golf Club on Wednesdays and Thursdays. We simply don't have enough play on those days. Also, due to lack of patronage, on October 14, 2020, the Snack Bar operation will be temporarily closed until further notice. These changes will allow us to reduce costs and use our labor

dollars more efficiently.

Many options have been discussed over the past few months to include closing one of the golf courses. The FY21 Budget and fee increases will allow us to continue as the Army's premier 36-hole golf operation while providing the services and conditions you expect and deserve.

Please understand that raising fees is the last course of action we want to take, but it has become necessary to cover expenses. Over the years, the number of military members and retirees who play golf has decreased, and the lower number of rounds played annually has caused some financial challenges, however, going forward we are confident these new rates will ensure that the Fort Jackson Golf Club remains the Army's Best Golf.

Thank you again for your patronage and support.

Michael L. Casto, PGA
Directory of Golf/General Manager.



CG's SCRAMBLE- OCTOBER 30!

The Commanding General's Scramble is scheduled for Friday, October 30. The four-person Scramble/Captain's Choice event will be played on the Wildcat Course. Players/teams will request a tee time between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:20 p.m. Tee times will be given on a first-come, first serve basis. The field is limited to 32 teams, so enter soon!

Tee assignments will be as follows:

Men-White Tees, Senior Men (65+)-Gold Tees, Women-Red Tees, Senior Women (65+)-Orange Tees.

Rules briefing will be given at #1 tee prior to your tee time.

The tournament field will be flighted based

upon team total handicap. Gross and Net prizes PLUS traveling trophies will be awarded for the winning teams. Special Events (Long Drive and Closest to the Pins) will also be awarded. Entry fee includes all applicable fees (Green Fee, User Fee, Cart Fee and Range) plus a box lunch and drink to enjoy during your round. Entry Fees will be collected on #1 tee prior to each team's tee time.

*****Two riders per cart.**

There will not be a post-tournament function. Entry fees:

FJGC Members: \$40/per
Non-members: Active Duty E1-E5: \$40/per
Authorized Patrons (E6 & above): \$50/per
Civilians: \$55/per

How to enter:

-Obtain an Entry Form at:

www.Jackson.ArmyMWR.com

-Deliver your completed entry to FJGC Golf Shop or email to: usarmy.jackson.im-com-fmwrc.golfclub@mail.mil

-Contact the FJGC Golf Shop by calling (803)787-4437.

TWO RIDERS PER CART- EFFECTIVE-OCTOBER 16!

FJGC will require carts to be shared. Cart Dividers made of a marine grade, 20 gauge vinyl will be installed between the driver and passenger. It is recommended that one person is designated as the driver and drives the cart throughout the round. If you feel uncomfortable sharing a cart, you may request a single-rider cart for an additional \$5.00. Those playing in groups that play regularly will be expected to minimize the number of carts used within the group or will be responsible for the additional single-rider fees.

GOLF CLUB CLOSING ON WEDNESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Effective October 14, 2020 and until further notice, FJGC will be closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays. The golf Club will return to normal, daily operations once the access restrictions are lifted.

SNACK BAR OPERATION SUSPENDED

Due to the limitations of indoor dining from the effects of the current COVID pandemic, the Snack Bar will be closed until further notice effective October 14, 2020. You may still purchase snacks and beverages at the Golf Shop. We thank you for your understanding.

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GUEST DAYS

Guest Days return October 6, 2020

Tuesdays, after 12:00, current members of Fort Jackson Golf club will be permitted to sponsor one Guest for a round of golf at FJGC for the payment of cart and User Fee. Please keep in mind the current access restrictions affecting our DBIDS cardholders which will continue until further notice. Also, those that are authorized to escort a guest are required to have their guest in the same vehicle when entering the Installation.

GREAT SHOTS!

It's been several months since we have published a "Tee Times" newsletter, so we have a long list of "Great Shots to report! In March, Steve Gunter recorded an ace on Wildcat's third hole. In April, Jimmy Miller's tee shot came to rest in the cup on Wildcat's fifteenth hole for an ace and James Whitfield holed out an 80 yard wedge for eagle on Wildcat's first hole. Leigh Coulter recorded a "I" on Wildcat's fifteenth hole during a round in May of this year. Charles Keller (June) and Bruce Leeper (July) posted eagle "3's" on Wildcat's fourteenth hole. Also in July, Lawrence Miller and Jim Crow aced Old Hickory's seventh hole. The highlight of Bill Bouknight's golf in September was his hole-in-one, on Old Hickory's sixth hole. Congratulations to everyone's "Great Shot" and thanks for reporting your accomplishment. We encourage everyone to take a moment to report all great and/or unusual accomplishments so we can include them in the next "Tee Times."

WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION

Tee Times	Begin at 8:30 a.m.
Golf Shop	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Admin Office	7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Weekdays)

***Effective Monday, November 9**

NEED TO CONTACT US?

Admin Office: 787-4344
Pro Shop/Tee Times: 787-4437
Snack Bar: 751-6367
Golf Course Maintenance: 787-4723



2020 SENIOR MEN'S CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

Randall Gaston (151) fired an even par round of 72 on the Old Hickory Course to edge Joe Lowder (152) by a single shot and claim the 2020 FJGC Senior Men's Club Championship. Rich Vaughn (152) captured this year's Super Senior Championship over Tom Leonard (156). A field of 49 players participated in this year's event.

Flight winners:

Senior Division:
Championship-Randall Gaston
First Flight-John Tucker
Third Flight-Ray Gray

Super Senior Division:
Championship-Rich Vaughn
First Flight-Robert Parker
Second flight-Ernest Odom



RUSTY MOYERS RETIRES!

For over 29 years, Rusty Moyers, Snack Bar Cashier/Bartender, has served the members, patrons and guests of Fort Jackson Golf Club. Rusty has elected to retire and his last day of duty was Tuesday, September 29th. Rusty has been a valued and loyal member of the FJGC Staff and will truly be missed. Thank you Rusty and we wish you the best!



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ON THE COURSE...

It's hard to believe that it is fall again, when it seems like we just exited spring. This season and year has been odd or unusual at best, but the golf course turf as a whole are in great condition just looking for more play on a daily basis. We must first thank the Greens Staff for their hard work and dedication this season for working every day during this COVID-19 pandemic. They never wavered about the dedication it takes to keep two courses in top shape. Thanks guys from our staff to the MWR folks from other activities that helped all summer keeping the ball rolling and allowing our members and patrons an outlet during these unprecedented times. We will be the first to admit that the outer edges of courses are not perfect, in the fact we have many attention to detail items to address over the next few months, but from tee to green the conditions are good. We will be working on the natural areas soon that will help the overall presentation and wayward golf shots, so please bear with us. This past week the fall/winter pre-emergence weed control was applied to the greens, tees and fairways to keep the winter weeds at a minimum. The staff will be working on dead tree removal, bridge repairs and some sodding projects soon so you will see some of the details items checked off the list soon. We do have an item to address that will be front and center the next 6 months and that is cart traffic on areas that are not conducive to excessive carts during the dormant months. PLEASE be aware where you take carts around greens and tees so we can limit the amount of ropes, stakes and posts we have to put up to restrict cart traffic. Fort Jackson Golf Club is a private facility that should look like one and not have ropes strung up everywhere, so take some pride in YOUR facility and think where you drive your cart.

Jeffrey S. Connell,

Golf Course Superintendent

CALLAWAY FITTING DAY

A representative from Callaway Golf will conduct a Callaway Fitting Day at FJGC on Friday, Oct 9th. Hours of the Fitting Day are 10 a.m.-2 p.m. If you would like to schedule a 30 minute fitting appointment stop by the club or give us a call.

KEEP UP-TO-DATE BY EMAIL

Currently, we have email addresses for over 80% of our members. The club newsletter, tournament announcements, demo days, etc., are provided to FJGC members through our email database. If you're not receiving FJGC emails, stop by the Admin Office and sign up so you can keep in touch. It only takes a few minutes!

PROPER ATTIRE REMINDER

For men, collared shirts or a sport shirt is required when playing golf at FJGC. Women may wear collared shirts or sleeveless blouses with broad straps across the shoulders. T-shirts, cut-offs, tank tops or similar attire is prohibited. For first time visitors, some leniency is provided in order to assure that their first visit to FJGC is a positive one.

ETIQUETTE REMINDER

Keep in mind that your goal should be to keep up with the group ahead of you, not in front of the group behind you. Be considerate and let faster groups play through!

JUST A REMINDER

User fee must be paid for each round of golf you play. User fees are not good for the whole day.

THINK ABOUT IT....

If you have paid fees to walk your round of golf, is it right that you hitch a ride with a patron that PAID cart fees or to put your clubs on their cart?

HANDICAP CART POLICY

Recently, numerous concerns have been voiced regarding abuse of the Handicap Cart Policy. In order to obtain enhanced cart access due to physical limitations, one must submit the required documentation to the Admin Office which is then reviewed by members of the GAC. Patrons are reminded that carts MUST be kept at least 20 feet from the putting surfaces. Also, carts are NOT permitted between the green and bunkers. Everyone's cooperation is greatly appreciated.

THE RULES CORNER

1. When taking relief under any relief Rule, the player may use the original ball or another ball if he or she chooses to do so
True or False?

2. In match play, a player starts his or her round with fourteen clubs, accidentally bends the shaft of his or her putter on the 18th hole putting green, and, as the match was tied, replaces it at the start of the 19th hole. In a separate stroke-play event at another course, a player starts with fourteen clubs, bends the shaft of his or her putter on the 18th putting green and replaces it at the start of the first hole of a hole-by-hole play-off. In each of these separate situations, the players are on the putting green of the extra hole when other players question their procedures. What is the ruling?

A. Both players get a penalty.

B. The player in match play get no penalty but the player in stroke play does.

C. The player in stroke play gets no penalty but the player in match play does.

3. Which of the following is incorrect?

A. Using non-golf swing related equipment for the purpose of stretching is allowed.

B. Training aids and other similar golf swing related device, including any piece of stretching equipment designed for use in a golf swing, are allowed for a practice swing.

C. Using a golf glove or other equipment that provided undue help with and position or grip pressure is not allowed.

1. True Rule 6.3b(1)
2. C, Definition of Round; Rule 4.1b(1)
3. B, Rule 4.3a(6)

ANSWERS:

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