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# WELCOME TO THE MISSISSIPPI

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and your fellow members, welcome to the Mississippi Golf Club!

There are many reasons we are proud of our club. The Mississippi was established in 1915, expanded to 18 holes in 1986, and is now widely considered by members and guests alike to be the “hidden gem” in the Ottawa Valley. The nine holes added in 1986 were designed by the renowned golf course architect, Graham Cooke.

The Mississippi Golf Club recognizes that great golf requires a great golf course and the staff to look after it. In 2017, we have invested in many upgrades both on and off the course. Our new automated watering system was completed in the Spring of 2018. This has brought marked improvements to the quality of the fairways, the rough and the greens. We believe our course to be one of the best in the Ottawa Valley

We have a challenging golf course that is maintained with care and dedication. The members own the golf course, so we all have a say in how the club is run.

One of the special things you may enjoy about the Mississippi is the many club events and tournaments we organize for male, female, couples and junior members. In addition to the Intersectional teams and Club Championships, which are common to most local golf clubs, we host a range of in-house tournaments for golfers of all abilities. Teams from Mississippi also compete at different levels against other clubs in the Ottawa Valley and the St. Lawrence Seaway. The Mississippi also has an excellent junior program that continues to grow and has had great success representing us at events in and around Ottawa. On the other hand, if you just want a game with family and friends you have also come to the right place as every effort is made to accommodate both the competitive and casual golfer.

This Members’ Guide provides information on the competitive events, the handicap system, how to reserve a tee time and the Mississippi Golf Club’s Rules and Regulations.

Mississippi is an active club that, while primarily oriented towards its members, also welcomes guests and green fee players. We encourage you to become involved in the club by attending our spring and fall meetings and by volunteering to help with tournaments and other events. We also encourage you to support the clubhouse, restaurant and Pro Shop, and to take full advantage of your membership by getting out to the course as often as possible.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, access to all the benefits the club offers as outlined in this guide will be limited at times during the year. Mississippi will ensure that all safety measures are followed in order to ensure the health and safety of our staff, members, and the public.

Again, welcome to the Mississippi. See you on the links!

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## **RESERVING A TEE TIME**

### **Tee Time Reservation Procedures**

For play on weekdays, you can reserve tee times up to 8 days in advance. A member can reserve tee times for two groups (up to eight golfers) per day. When booking, you must provide the names of all members and guests for whom you are reserving a time, see page 31 for restrictions on green fee play on weekends and holidays.

For weekends and statutory holidays, you can request a time up to 8 days in advance. However, because of the high demand for times on weekends and holidays (several groups may request the same time), a lottery system is used to assign tee times at random. You can request that two times be linked (by calling the pro shop), so that the groups will play one after the other. As a result, tee times for weekend and holiday play are not posted until 10:00 a.m. on the Wednesday morning before the weekend. If you do not receive your requested weekend time you will be assigned another tee time as close as possible to the time you requested.

You may find that certain times are not available for booking. In some cases, these may be “starter” times, which have been set aside by the Pro Shop to allow for normal delays in play and other circumstances. If you are using the on-line reservation system and see a notation such as MGC Men, MGC Women, MGC Seniors or MGC Mixed in the time slot you want, this means the time has been blocked off for one of the club events described later in this guide.

The on-line reservation system will not accept new tee times, changes or cancellations after 7am on the day of play. In this case, you must call the Pro Shop directly.

HELP screens are available at all times when using the on-line reservation system. However, if you have any trouble with the system, please don't hesitate to contact the Pro Shop for assistance.

Members of Mississippi Golf Club can book tee times in one of two ways:

- by using our on-line reservation system at [www.mississippigolfclub.org](http://www.mississippigolfclub.org); or
- by calling the Pro Shop at 613-257-3396 ext 1

## **Using the On-Line System**

As a new member, once your fees are paid you will be assigned a personal ID and Password that will allow you to access the on-line reservation system (if you have not received this information, contact the Pro Shop). After logging in, you will have one of four choices:

- “Make a Reservation” – this allows you to enter a date and time when you wish to play and to book other golfers (members or guests) in your group.
- “View or Change a Reservation” – this is the button you select to change or cancel an existing reservation.
- “View Daily Tee Sheet” – this allows you to view tee sheets for the next 8 days. You can use this option to see what tee times are available and book a tee time or to add yourself to an existing group, when a spot is available.
- “View Your Profile” – this selection provides general information on your membership status and allows you go to change your system password.

## **Calling the Pro Shop**

If you do not have Internet access or do not wish to use the on-line reservation system, you can call the Pro Shop directly.

- Call the Pro Shop at 613-257-3396 ext 1

The same restrictions apply in terms of advance booking for weekday and weekend/holiday play.

## **Tee Time Reservation Policy**

Our club normally has its highest demand for tee times on weekend and holiday mornings. It is our intent to optimize the use of available tee times and ensure equitable access to the most desirable tee times for all members. To assist in this regard, all members are reminded to follow a few basic guidelines:

1. Each member and invited guest, who is listed on the Tee Sheet, is expected to play at the time booked. If someone finds, subsequent to booking, that he/she is unable to play at the booked time, that person is expected to remove his/her name from the tee sheet, either through the reservation system or by calling the club, as soon as possible.
2. When booking a tee time for a group, you are expected to book only names of members or guests that you know intend to play at that time and ensure that all persons booked know that they have a booked tee time. NO SHOWS are not acceptable.

2. If you book a tee time for less than four persons, you are expected to leave blank spaces for other people who may wish to play at that time.

## **MAINTAINING A HANDICAP**

### **The Handicap System**

Handicap is the number of strokes a player receives to adjust his or her score to the level of scratch golf. For example, a golfer who consistently shoots 87 on a par 72 golf course would have a handicap of 15. The handicap system depends upon members entering full and accurate information about their scores, whether recorded at the Mississippi Golf Club or elsewhere. All scores must be recorded – both good and bad – to ensure fair handicaps.

Each member is responsible for maintaining his or her own handicap, using the Golf Canada system (see below). Handicaps must be kept up to date by players who wish to participate in tournaments at Mississippi or elsewhere. Players who do not adhere to the spirit of the handicap system may be disqualified from competition.

Subtracting a player's handicap from his or her gross score results in a net score. This system is a great equalizer among players of different abilities, and is used for awarding prizes at most club events.

For handicap purposes the *Active Season* at Mississippi Golf Club is

**15 April until 31 October.**

Scores made at any golf course observing an inactive season are not acceptable for handicap purposes. Scores made at a golf course in an area observing an active season must be posted for handicap purposes, even if the golf club from which the player receives a Handicap Factor is observing an inactive season. The club's Handicap Committee must make it possible for a player to post these away scores at the beginning of the active season.

Example: If a player belonging to a golf club in Ontario plays golf in Florida, any scores made in Florida are acceptable and must be returned to the player's Ontario golf club. If the player is also a member of a golf club in Florida, scores must be posted to the player's Florida club.

A Handicap Committee monitors the entry of scores from Club tournaments and qualifying events. The work of this Committee provides the assurance to all members that all handicaps are valid.

### **Golf Canada**

Mississippi Golf Club subscribes to Golf Canada – an on-line handicapping system that is accessible from any computer (including the clubhouse computer) with Internet access. The web site address for

Golf Canada is [www.golfcanada.ca](http://www.golfcanada.ca).

As a member of Mississippi, you will be given a Username and Password (assigned by the Handicap Chair) that will allow you to access the Golf Canada system to record your scores and maintain a handicap (this is separate from your personal ID and Password for the on-line reservation system). Set up for a new member generally takes about a week.

It is important that you enter scores for both 18-hole and 9-hole rounds. The Golf Canada handicapping system will automatically adjust for 9-hole scores. (More information on the handicapping system is available on the Golf Canada web site).

Golf Canada uses the best 8 of your last 20 scores-to calculate a *handicap factor*, which is then used to determine your handicap from different tee blocks at Mississippi or when playing another golf course. A list of factors and their associated handicaps for Mississippi is posted in the clubhouse; you can also do your own calculation on-line using the Golf Canada website.

The Golf Canada system also allows players to:

- track other statistics (e.g., greens in regulation, number of putts per round, etc.);
- receive information on club events and other news;
- create player lists;
- track your golf games;
- communicate by e-mail with other club members;
- maintain a golf calendar; and
- do much more

### **World Handicap System (WHS)**

Golf Canada has adopted the new rules of the World Handicap System which was launched in 2020.

### **Equitable Stroke Control**

Equitable stroke control means that a golfer's score for any single hole is limited to a specified number of strokes over par for handicap purposes. Equitable stroke control is used only when your score for a hole exceeds the maximum number allowed. **Effective Jan 1, 2020 the equitable stroke control was changed by Golf Canada, to be a maximum net double bogie.** This means that if you have a handicap of say 18, you receive one stroke on every hole, such that a maximum triple bogie on any hole could be used. Similarly a player with a handicap of say 10, could only count a maximum triple bogie on the 10 hardest holes.

*Equitable stroke control is used for handicap purposes only (i.e., when entering a score in the*



*computer*). When submitting a score to the Match Committee in any competitive event, the player must record all strokes taken on each hole.

## **Course Rating and the Slope System**

The course rating is an evaluation of the playing difficulty of a course compared with other similar rated courses, based on yardage and the ability of a scratch player. The Golf Canada slope system provides a rating of a course's relative difficulty for players of all levels. The system takes into account all factors that affect the playing of the course (including location of traps and hazards, etc.), thereby resulting in a better assessment of the course's difficulty and fairer competition for players. The course ratings and slopes for the Mississippi Golf Club are provided on the score card and they are posted in the Clubhouse.

If you intend to play at another course and wonder about its level of difficulty compared to Mississippi, simply compare the slope ratings. Courses with a slope rating of 135, for example, would be considerably more difficult than playing Mississippi from the white tees. A course with a rating of 110, on the other hand, would be an easier test of your golf skills than playing Mississippi from the gold tees.

**Effective Jan 1, 2020, the WHS will now use the best 8 scores of the past 20 games instead of the previous 10 best scores.**

## **Weather Conditions**

Effective Jan 1, 2020, players are highly encouraged to enter their scores on the day that they play. **This is because a weather factor for adverse weather conditions may be applied by the Golf Canada system**, but only if entered on the day of play. This factor is done automatically for each geographical area.

## **Multiple Tees Blocks**

The Mississippi has 7 tee block combinations that can be played – solid blue, solid white, solid gold, solid red, hybrid blue/white, hybrid white/gold, and hybrid gold/red. This gives golfers the choice to play various yardages. In some competitions, golfers may choose to play different tee blocks depending on their age and handicap. **With the WHS, no longer will a player need to have any additional strokes added to their score to account for different tee blocks, as this is now embodied within the playing handicap.**

## **Allocation of Handicap Strokes**

The scorecard for Mississippi Golf Club (and other courses) provides a handicap rating for each hole, based on its level of difficulty compared to all other holes on the course. This rating is used for match play and certain other types of competition.

For example, if a 16-handicap is playing a match against a 12-handicap, the 16-handicap would receive four strokes over the 18 holes of the competition – one stroke on each of the four most difficult holes on the course as rated on the scorecard. If the 12-handicap recorded a par on the most difficult hole on the course, and the 16-handicap recorded a bogey, the hole would be halved (tied). If both golfers scored par, the 16-handicap would win the hole by virtue of having a handicap stroke on that hole.

**Effective Jan 1, 2020 with the WHS, a playing handicap will be determined from the players index, but compared against par instead of the course rating.** This will have the effect of reducing the handicap for most men playing the white tees by 3 strokes.

### **A, B and C Classes for Men**

During club tournaments and other events at Mississippi, golfers usually compete within different classes (also known as divisions or flights), based on their handicap. The handicap divisions for Men are as follows:

- A Class – for players with a handicap of 0 to 9;
- B Class – for players with a handicap of 10 to 18; and
- C Class – for players with a handicap of 19 or higher.

### **Local Rules**

Like most golf courses, Mississippi has Local Rules that have been established for a variety of reasons including speed of play, protection of young trees, hedges and flower beds. You should familiarize yourself with the Local Rules, which are posted in the clubhouse; Pro Shop; on our web site; and listed on our scorecard in abbreviated form.

### **The Playing Season**

There are no set dates when play begins or ends for the season. Mississippi Golf Club will open only when the course is physically ready for play, based on weather and other conditions. To check on the beginning of play call the Pro Shop after April 1, or log onto [www.mississippigolfclub.org](http://www.mississippigolfclub.org). The course remains open for play into the fall, weather permitting. The restaurant / bar and club storage, however, typically close around the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of October.

### **Playing during the Winter Season**

Players playing in the south during the winter months must enter all or their last 20 scores into the Golf Canada system prior to playing in any competitive event at the Mississippi.

### **Pace of Play**

By keeping play moving at a reasonable pace, we can all help to ensure an enjoyable golf experience for everyone on the course. At Mississippi Golf Club we are expected to complete 18 holes in 4 hours.

Members are asked to:

- Always keep up to the group in front;
- If you fall behind by more than one open hole, speed up play to catch up, otherwise, waive the group behind to let them pass; and
- **NEVER** challenge other groups on their pace of play.

The Pace of Play will be monitored by the Pro Shop. Slow play by members will be reported to the Club Captain and the Board of Directors. Slow play by Green Fee players will be handled by the Pro Shop.

### **Club Meetings**

Mississippi Golf Club holds three regularly scheduled meetings each year:

- The first *Nine and Dine* is a social gathering for new and returning members, usually held on a Friday afternoon in late May. This is your opportunity to meet the Board of Directors and other members of the club and to introduce yourself to our Pro/Manager and other staff.
- The *Spring Shareholders Meeting* is held to review and approve the financial statements from the previous year and to discuss general items of new business; and
- The *Annual General Meeting* (AGM) is held in the fall to elect the Board of Directors for the next year. A notice and an agenda for both the *Spring Shareholders Meeting* and the *AGM* is sent to all members with a voting share at least 10 days prior to the meetings.

### **Lockers**

Lockers may be rented for an extra fee (\$35 per season for a half-locker; \$75 for a full locker). Ask in the Pro Shop about availability.

### **Food Cards**

For Fully Privileged members, your annual membership dues include a mandatory food charge of \$150 per person to support the club's restaurant. Once your dues have been paid in full, ask for your food card in the Pro Shop. Cards are re-loadable, however if you do not intend to use it again for the season please return it to the Pro Shop. This saves the club from purchasing new cards each year.

### **Driving Range**

There are two options for using the driving range: purchasing an annual membership, which allows you unlimited use (a fee is charged over and above your annual dues); or purchasing individual buckets of balls. Ask in the Pro Shop for details.

## **Back Shop Services**

The back shop services fee supports the Pro Shop operations and is mandatory, even if you choose not to use this service. The fee includes cleaning and storage of your clubs after every round, golf cart grooming, cleaning, positioning and refueling, as well as the loading and unloading clubs and the provision of range balls. Please note that Mississippi does not insure your golf clubs; this should be arranged through your home/personal insurance. The Mississippi Golf Club and the Pro Manager are not liable for lost or damaged clubs or equipment.

For security reasons, the club storage area is off limits to members. If you need access to your golf bag at any time, ask one of the back-shop staff for help.

# **MEN'S EVENTS**

## ***CLUB TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS***

### **General Information**

- Unless otherwise noted, men's events are open to all adult male members of the Mississippi Golf Club, including Senior's and Intermediates. Afternoon members are excluded from all events unless noted. Male junior members who pay the full junior membership (see membership section) with a handicap of 15 or under are also welcome to play in men's events.
- "Posted" means posted on a bulletin board in the Men's Lounge downstairs in the clubhouse. Posted may also mean posted in or on the Pro Shop, and posted on the Mississippi web site.
- Members are responsible for signing up for these events. Sign-up sheets for each event are posted two or three weeks before each tournament. The draw is usually posted 2-3 days before the event. In addition, the draw should also be available on the tee time reservation system the day before the event.
- Rules of the event (e.g., preferred lies due to course condition and tee blocks to be used) will be posted on the day of the event.
- The method and time of breaking ties will be included in the Event Description/Poster or otherwise posted.

- An additional fee is charged to play in most events. In some cases, the fee includes a meal (payment for a meal is compulsory).
- The dates for these events vary from year to year and are included in the annual Playing Schedule. The schedule is available in the Pro Shop, on the Mississippi web site and on the display boards in the clubhouse.
- Golfers of all abilities are encouraged to participate in club tournaments and events.

### **Men's Match Play**

Men's match play will simply be a sign-up event. Players will no longer need to qualify in the Men's Opening in order to play in match play this season due to previous difficulties in filling certain classes. Classes will be formulated and players will be assigned to classes depending on the number of players who enter and their handicaps. The winner of each match (handicaps come into play for each match) moves to the next round until an overall winner is declared for each class. Competitors are responsible for arranging their match and booking a tee time. All matches must be completed by the date indicated on the match play board in the men's lounge. Failure to do so may result in the disqualification of both players. Prizes for the winner and runner-up of each class are presented at the Men's Closing event.

The entry fee will be \$10 for the season. Watch for the sign-up sheet in the men's lounge.

### **Men's Opening**

The Men's Opening tournament is a new format in 2020. It will be a 4-man best ball event with teams made randomly by draw upon the day of play as players enter the pro-shop. Prizes will be awarded for the top 5 teams. The Men's Opening is held in mid-May. This is a great way to meet members and kick-off the season. The entry fee is now only \$10 which includes meal and prizes. Entry fees are non-refundable within a week of the event. Limited play members are allowed to play in this event as well. This will be a shotgun event.

### **Men's Day League (Sunshine Boys)**

The format for this 18-hole event varies from week to week at the discretion of the Men's Day Coordinator. Players pay a small fee to participate each week, which covers prizes. Those wishing to participate must sign up on a week-to-week basis. The sign-up sheet is removed on Friday of each week and the draw is posted in the men's lounge on the weekend. Men's Day play usually begins in mid-May and runs every Wednesday morning into September (except for Member Guest day). This event is particularly popular with retired members, but is open to all full members.

### **Men's Night**

Men's Night is a weekly 9-hole event that runs every Thursday from mid-May to mid-September. An entry fee is paid at the beginning of the season that includes the meal at the Men's Night Closing and the 50/50 draw for the full season. Golfers also pay a small fee to play each Thursday, which covers prizes. You must sign-up for Men's Night at the beginning of the season. Teams are selected by random draw on the first evening of Men's Night. A modified Stableford scoring system is used to award prizes in A, B and C classes each evening. Prizes are also awarded to the overall point winners and the winning teams at the end of the season. Men's Night play begins at 12:00pm. A guest rate is available (one guest per member). Tee times are between 12:00pm and 5 pm. You may arrange your own foursome, and book a tee time, or just show up to join a group on the first tee. A tee times must be booked ahead right up to 5pm. Before starting your round, pick up your Men's Night scorecard and pay your weekly entry fee in the pro-shop.

### **Jarvis Hunton**

The Jarvis Hunton is 2-man, one round team event. The Chapman Format is used. Each team member hits from the tee. Each team member hits a second shot with his partner's ball. The player whose second shot is not selected plays the third shot, and then shots are alternated between the two team members until the ball is holed. Each team's net score is determined by deducting 40 per cent of the total team handicap from the gross score. The Jarvis Hutton is usually played in June.

### **Ian Lamb 4-Ball Better Ball**

This tournament will be known as the Ian Lamb 4-Ball Better Ball going forward to honour one of the finest players and gentleman to ever have played at the Mississippi. The 4-Ball Better Ball is also a 2-man, one-round team event. In this case, all competitors play their own ball, and the best net score from the 2-man team is recorded on each hole (handicap strokes are taken on each hole according to the player's handicap and the score card rating for the hole). The team in each class (A, B and C) with the lowest total net score over 18 holes is declared the winner of that class. The tournament is usually played in July.

### **Men's Member Guest**

The men's member guest will be back in 2019 and as in the past will be open for a member to bring 1, 2, or 3 guests. This is a showcase event aimed at showing our members guests a great day on the golf course. The event will be limited to 128 golfers and will be a 1:00 pm shotgun start. The entry fee of \$60 per player includes meal, golf, and prizes (not electric carts). All prizes other than closest to pin prizes will be awarded to guests only. Bookings must be made in advance with payment to the pro-shop.

### **Senior Invitational**

The Senior Invitational is open to golfers from Mississippi and other clubs who have an established handicap. This is a one-round stroke play event, with prizes awarded in different categories. There is one crossover draw beginning at 8:30 a.m. Interest in this event is generally high, so book your spot

early.

### **Club Championship (Open Division)**

The Open Club Championship is a two-round, stroke play event. The golfer with the lowest gross score over two rounds wins the Men's Club Championship. In the event of a tie, the players involved compete in a sudden-death playoff. The Club Championship is held in August. Play is from the white tees on day 1 and the blue tees on Day 2.

### **B and C Class Championships**

The B and C Class Championships are open to members in each class, based on their handicaps. These championships are two-round, stroke play events. The golfer with the lowest gross score over both rounds wins the championship for that class. In the event of a tie, the players involved compete in a sudden-death playoff. The B and C Class Championships are also held in August, in conjunction with the Club Championship (Open Division). Play is from the white tees for B Class players, and from the white tees on day 1 and a choice of either white or white-gold for day 2 for C Class players. Anyone playing white-gold tees will have 2 strokes added to their gross score.

### **Senior Club Championship / Super-Senior Club Championship**

The Senior and Super-Senior Club Championship is a two-round, stroke play event and is open to all adult male members 50 years of age or older or 70 years of age or older respectively. The golfer with the lowest gross score over both rounds wins the Championship. The super-senior category is new for 2019 and a plaque for the event will be created similar to those for the other club championship categories. In the event of a tie, the players involved compete in a sudden-death playoff. Prizes are also awarded to the low gross and low net winners in each age division (50-56, 57-62, and 63-69). The Senior and Super Senior Club Championship is held on coincident days and played from the white tees. Players may enter both categories if they desire, should they be over 70 years of age.

### **Men's Closing**

The Men's Closing tournament is an 18-hole, 2-man team scramble event, with prizes awarded for low gross and low net scores. This event is held in mid October and the entry fee includes a meal. Year-end awards and trophies are presented at the Men's Closing. Don't miss this opportunity to close out the season with a bang! Afternoon members are eligible to play in this event with the payment of a reduced green fee.

### ***INTER-CLUB EVENTS***

#### **General Information**

- Teams from Mississippi compete against teams from other clubs.

- Team members are selected based on their scores in qualifying rounds. The dates for the qualifying rounds and for the events themselves are posted in the Playing Schedule for each season, available in the Pro Shop, on the Mississippi web site and by email.
- Any special rules (e.g., preferred lies due to course condition) for the qualifying rounds will be available in the Pro Shop.
- The Club pays the team entry fee for each competition. Team shirts are provided for all teams. The shirts are paid for partly by the Club; partly by an entry fee for qualifying rounds; and partly by the team members portion of \$15.

### **OVGA Intersectionals**

Mississippi's Intersectional Team competes against teams from other clubs in the Ottawa Valley Golf Association (OVGA). Qualification for the team is based on the best two out of three 18-hole scores played from the Blue/White Tees. The team consists of 12 members – 10 regulars and 2 alternates. During the OVGA Intersectional competition, each golfer plays 3 simultaneous matches against golfers from the 3 other clubs in the division. Each match is worth 2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie. The team with the most points at the end of the competition is declared the winner and moves up a division the next year. The team with the least points moves down a division. The OVGA Intersectional matches are usually played in July.

### **OVGA Senior Intersectionals**

The Senior Intersectional is also an OVGA team event. The Senior Men's Intersectional Team consists of 10 players and 2 alternates. The team must have three (3) players in the 55 to 64 year bracket, three (3) players in the 65 and older bracket and four (4) wildcard players (any age provided they are over the age of 55). The 2 alternates must be a minimum of 60 years of age. The competitors must be in their age group on the day of the event.

During the OVGA Intersectional competition, each golfer plays 3 simultaneous matches against golfers from the 3 other clubs in the division. Each match is worth 2 points for a win and 1 point for a tie. The team with the most points at the end of the competition is declared the winner and moves up a division the next year. The team with the least points moves down a division. The OVGA Senior Intersectional matches are usually played in September.

### **Gordon Cup – Annual Upper Valley Golf Association (UVGA) Competition Since 1930**

The Gordon Cup is the UVGA team championship and involves the following clubs: Mississippi, Arnprior, Renfrew, Pembroke and Deep River. Qualification for Mississippi's team is based on the best two out of four 18-hole scores played from the White Tees. The team consists of 14 players, who must be at least 19 years of age on the first day of the tournament. The Gordon Cup consists of two 18-hole rounds played the weekend after the Labour Day Weekend. The 12 best gross scores for each team are counted each day, and the club with the lowest team score wins the Gordon Cup.



### **Fraser Cup – Annual Upper Valley Golf Association (UVGA) Competition Since 1981**

The Fraser Cup is the UVGA “B” Class team championship. Clubs involved in the competition are Mississippi, Arnprior, Renfrew, Pembroke, Island Brae, and Deep River. Qualification for Mississippi’s team is based on the best two out of four 18-hole scores. Players must have a (white tee) handicap of 10 or higher, 15 days before the event, to compete on the Fraser Cup team. Each club team consists of 12 players, who must be at least 19 years of age on the day of the tournament. The 10 best gross scores from each team are counted, and the club with the lowest team score wins the Fraser Cup.

### **Longpre Cup – Annual Upper Valley Golf Association (UVGA) Competition**

The Longpre Cup is the UVGA “C” Class team championship, and involves the following clubs: Mississippi, Arnprior, Renfrew, Pembroke, Island Brae, and Deep River. Qualification for Mississippi’s team is based on the best two out of four 18-hole scores. Players must have a (white tee) handicap of 15 or higher, 15 days before the event, to compete on the Longpre Cup team. Each club team consists of 10 players, who must be at least 19 years of age on the day of the tournament. **The tournament format has been changed in 2019 to a two man team scramble format, with the best 4 of 5 team scores counting, and the club with the lowest team score wins the Longpre Cup.**

### **St. Lawrence District Golf Association Trophy – Annual Competition Since 1926**

The St. Lawrence Competition is a stroke play event in which Mississippi competes against teams from the following clubs: Brockville, Cornwall, Cataraqui, Tupper Lake, Perth, Gananoque, Potsdam, Massena and Glen Lawrence. Qualification for Mississippi’s team is based on the best two out of three 18-hole scores played from the Blue/White Tees. Each club team consists of 10 players. One player must be a junior, 2 must be 40 years or older, 1 must be 55 years or older (on the date of the tournament). The St. Lawrence is usually played in July. The 8 best gross scores from each team are counted, and the club with the lowest team score wins the competition.

### **Ashley/Brown Cup – Annual Competition Since 1987**

The Ashley/Brown Cup is the UVGA Senior team championship. Competing clubs are Mississippi, Arnprior, Renfrew, Pembroke, Island Brae, and Deep River. Qualification for Mississippi’s team is based on the best two out of three 18-hole scores played from the White Tees. Each club team consists of 12 players, who must be 50 years of age or older on the day of the tournament. The Ashley/Brown is usually played during the third week in August. The 10 best gross scores from each team are counted, and the club with the lowest team score wins the competition.

### **Murray Quattrocchi Memorial Trophy – Annual Competition Since 1997**

The Quattrocchi is a UVGA team championship. Clubs involved in the competition are Mississippi, Arnprior, Renfrew, Island Brae, Pembroke and Deep River. Qualification for Mississippi’s team is

based on the best two out of four 18-hole scores played from the White Tees. Each club team consists of 12 players, who must be at least 19 years of age on the day of the tournament. Players must have a (white tee) handicap of 7 or higher, 15 days before the event, to participate in the Quattrocchi. The format will change commencing in 2018 to be six 2-man scramble teams from each club to play with the top 5 scores counting. The club with the lowest overall score wins the Murray Quattrocchi Memorial Cup. In the event of a tie, the 6<sup>th</sup> team score will count as the tie-breaker.

## LADIES' EVENTS

### *CLUB TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS*

#### **General Information**

- The Mississippi Ladies Section has its own executive and constitution. Elections for the Executive take place at the Ladies Fall General Meeting. A Spring General Meeting is held each year, usually in late April and takes the form of a brunch and meeting. A small fee for this light meal is charged to offset the cost. (Check the annual Playing Schedule for the date). The spring meeting will be on ladies opening day.
- Unless otherwise noted, ladies' events are open to all adult female members of Mississippi Golf Club including Seniors and Intermediates (5 day members excluded). Female junior members with an established handicap are also welcome to play in ladies' events.
- Ladies' events are played from the gold tees.
  - A Class includes ladies with a handicap factor of 0 - 18.4
  - B Class includes ladies with a handicap factor of 18.5 - 27.4
  - C Class includes ladies with a handicap factor of 27.5 - 40.4All ladies are encouraged to maintain a handicap and are reminded that all scores from games played in an active season either at the home course or away must be entered to maintain the integrity of the handicap system.
- Members are responsible for signing up for these events. Sign-up sheets for each event are posted in the ladies' locker room two or three weeks before the tournament. The draw is also posted in the locker room and the Pro Shop a couple of days before the event.
- Any special rules (e.g., preferred lies due to course condition) will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Pro Shop.
- The format for breaking ties varies from event to event and will be posted in the ladies' locker room.
- An additional fee is charged to play in most events. In some cases, the fee includes a meal (payment for a meal is compulsory).

- A pre-payment plan is available for ladies' events to eliminate some of the time and effort required to collect money on the day of an event. Pre-payment forms are available in the ladies' locker room. The form should be completed and deposited with a cheque made payable to "Mississippi Golf Club – Ladies Section," in the locked entry box in the locker room before the date specified on the form, which is usually prior to the first event that has a fee.
- The dates for these events vary from year to year and are included in the annual Playing Schedule. Pick up a copy in the Pro Shop. The schedule is also posted in the ladies' locker room for quick reference.
- Golfers of all abilities are encouraged to participate in Mississippi's club tournaments.

### **Ladies' Opening**

The Ladies' Opening is an 18-hole modified scramble event, usually played by a team of four players. All players drive from the tee, the best shot is selected and all team members (except the one whose previous shot was used. i.e. You can't use 2 of player A's shot in a row) play again from that spot – and so on until the ball is holed. Prizes are awarded for low team scores. This event is usually held in early to mid-May, and the entry fee includes a meal.

### **Day Ladies**

The Day Ladies' event is an 18-hole competition held weekly on Thursday mornings (except on Member Guest day) from May to September. A small entry fee is charged. Check the bulletin board in the ladies' locker room for details.

### **Tuesday Twilight**

The Tuesday Twilight event is a weekly 9-hole competition played from May to September. The emphasis is on fun and socialization. A small entry fee is charged. Check the bulletin board in the ladies' locker room for details.

### **Anne Kolar Memorial**

This is an 18-hole stroke play event, with the Anne Kolar Memorial trophy going to the golfer with the lowest net score (the trophy is presented at the Ladies' Closing event). All entrants are required to bring a wrapped prize (value to be determined by the Playing Committee). The tournament is usually played in late May.

### **Single Match Play**

One qualifying round is held to determine 16 players (8 players in two divisions determined by a split in the handicaps of players entered), based on low net scores, to participate in the Single Match Play competition. If fewer than 16 players participate, the match play will be conducted in one division. The

Playing Committee will post matches in the ladies' locker room. The net winner of each match moves to the next round until an overall winner is declared (a prize is presented at the Ladies' Closing event). Competitors are responsible for arranging the match and booking a tee time; all matches must be completed by the date indicated on the match play board. The defending champion will automatically qualify for Single Match Play the next year.

### **Pin Round Award**

This is a stroke play event sponsored nationally by the Women's Division of Golf Ontario. Within each club, the golfer with the lowest total of four net scores (selected from 5 to 10 qualifying Pin Rounds) receives the Pin Round Award. A prize is also awarded to the runner-up. There is no additional fee for this competition.

### **2-Ball Match Play (This event will not be contested in 2020)**

A single qualifying round is used to determine 8 two-person teams for this 27-hole match play competition. Teams qualify based on low net scores using 50 per cent of the combined team handicap, rounded up to the nearest whole number (any two players may form a team – there is no class restriction). The format is 2-ball alternate shot play. The Playing Committee will post 9-hole matches on an elimination chart, with all matches to be completed in a one-day event. For 9-hole matches, 50 per cent of the combined team handicap, rounded up to the nearest whole number, will be used.

### **Ladies Team Event**

Teams of 4 will be formed keeping total handicap approximately the same for each team. Each player plays their own ball. The best low net score for each hole is recorded.

### **6-6-6**

Two player teams compete in 3 mini games: 6 holes of best net best ball, 6 holes of a two-person scramble and 6 holes of alternate shot. This is a net event and a percentage of the team handicap will be applied to each game.

### **Invitational and Strawberry Fest**

This is an 18-hole stroke play tournament with a "strawberry" theme. The event is open to all district golf clubs. All competitors must have an established handicap. A meal is included with the entry fee. If the event is fully subscribed, a minimum of 9 ladies from Mississippi, preferably 3 from each class, will be included in the draw. The Strawberry Fest is usually played on the fourth Wednesday in June.

### **Ladies 4-Ball Better Ball**

This is an 18-hole team competition sponsored by Stanley Sanitation. All competitors play their own ball, and the best net score from each 2-lady team is recorded on each hole (handicap strokes are taken on each hole according to the player's handicap and the score card rating for the hole). The team with the lowest net score over 18 holes is declared the winner. A plaque is awarded at year-end, and secondary prizes are also awarded. This event is usually played in September. There is no handicap restriction, and teams may be from any class.

### **Member-Guest**

The Member-Guest is friendly 18-hole special event. Members and guests will play a scramble. Members sign up with their guests/s in a time slot posted in the ladies' locker room. There is a maximum of 144 participants and it is generally a crossover that starts at approximately noon. There is an entry fee for both members and guests, which covers the cost of a meal, souvenir and prizes.

### **Ladies' Club Championship**

The Ladies' Club Championship is a 36-hole stroke play event held over two days. There is no qualifying round. Champions are declared in A, B and C class. The Ladies Club Championship is held in August, in conjunction with the Senior Club Championship.

### **Ladies' Senior Club Championship**

The Ladies' Senior Club Championship is a 36-hole stroke play event. The golfer with the best gross score is declared the overall winner. Winners are also declared in three age divisions (50 – 59 years; 60 – 69 years; 70 and up). This event is run concurrently with the Ladies' Club Championship.

### **Ladies' Closing**

The theme for the Ladies' Closing and the method of play is determined by the Ladies' Captain. This is meant to be a light-hearted, fun tournament to wrap-up the season. All full members are encouraged to participate; the entry fee includes a meal. Year-end awards and trophies are presented at the Ladies' Closing.

### **Miscellaneous**

The following three activities are played from Ladies' Opening to September. Players must sign-up

and pay a small entry fee to participate in each activity.

- **Birdies** – Any time a participating player scores a birdie, whether during a 9- or 18-hole game, they use a special chit to deposit their name in the entry box. Birdies are recorded in a birdie book in the ladies’ locker room, and the lady with the most birdies throughout the season wins the top prize at the Ladies’ Closing. Secondary prizes are also awarded by drawing names from a hat that contains the names of all remaining participants.
- **Chip-Ins** – When a participating player chips the ball in from off the green, whether during a 9- or 18-hole game, they use a special chit to deposit their name in the entry box. A chart with the tally is posted on the bulletin board in the ladies’ locker room. The player with the most chip-ins throughout the season wins the top prize at the Ladies’ Closing. Secondary prizes are also awarded by drawing names from a hat that contains the names of all the remaining participants.
- **Ringers** – This fun, season-long competition gives players an idea of what their potential best score would be. An 18-hole score card must be submitted to originate a baseline ringer score. When a player improves on a hole, a chit is filled out and recorded in the ringer book located on the desk in the ladies’ locker room. Year-end prizes are awarded for the lowest 18-hole ringer scores in all classes.

Check the bulletin board in the ladies’ locker room for more details on these activities.

## **Handicap Award**

A Handicap award is made annually to the player who has achieved the greatest reduction in her handicap. To be eligible, the player must have an established current and valid handicap at the Mississippi Golf Club with a minimum of 25 games played in both the previous and current year (this will eliminate the possibility of players who have been away from the Club for an extended period of time winning on that basis). The winner of this Award is determined by using the formula provided by the district, and their name is also submitted to the district to determine if they qualify for the district award as well.

## ***INTER-CLUB EVENTS***

### **General Information**

- Teams from Mississippi compete against teams from other clubs.
- Team members are selected based on their scores in qualifying rounds. The dates for the qualifying rounds and for the events themselves are posted in the Playing Schedule for each season, available in the Pro Shop.

- Any special rules (e.g., preferred lies due to course condition) for the qualifying events will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Pro Shop. A copy of the information booklet containing descriptions of events, scoring and how ties are broken is also kept in a binder on the desk in the ladies' locker room.
- The Club pays the team entry fee for each competition. Team shirts are provided for all teams. The shirts are paid for partly by the Club; partly by an entry fee for qualifying rounds; and partly by the team members portion of \$15.

### **Trafford Cup – Annual Competition Since 1989**

This event involves teams from the Mississippi, Smiths Falls and Perth golf clubs. Mississippi selects its team through a qualifying round in which each participant plays a match against “PAR.” Each player is awarded all her handicap strokes as they fall on the card, and the 12 players with the best matches against “PAR” qualify for the team. The same format is used in the competition itself, and the team with the highest accumulation of match points wins the Trafford Cup. The tournament is held on the third Wednesday in June and rotates between the three clubs.

### **OVGA Intersectionals**

This event is a gross match play tournament where Ottawa Valley Golf Association (OVGA) Clubs are organized into divisions of four. Mississippi's team (7-members plus 1 alternate) is selected based on the best two out of three 18-hole scores (using a modified Stableford system) from qualifying rounds. Team members play matches against competitors from the other three clubs in their division, for points. The team with the most points at the end of the competition is declared the winner and moves up a division the next year. The team with the least points moves down a division. The OVGA Intersectionals are usually played in July

### **OVGA Ladies Senior Intersectionals**

This event is a gross match play tournament where Ottawa Valley Golf Association (OVGA) clubs are organized into divisions of four. Mississippi's team (7 members plus one alternate) is selected based on the best two of three 18 hole scores, using a modified Stableford system, for qualifying rounds. Team members play matches against competitors from the other three clubs in their division, for points. The team with the most points at the end of the competition is declared the winner and moves up a division the next year. The team with the least points moves down a division. The OVGA Ladies Senior Intersectionals is usually played in September.

### **O'Brien Cup – Annual Upper Valley Golf Association (UVGA) Competition Since 1933**

The O'Brien Cup is a stroke play event involving teams from Mississippi, Arnprior, Renfrew, Pembroke, Petawawa and Deep River golf clubs. Mississippi's team (12 members) is selected based on the best two out of three 18-hole scores from qualifying rounds. On the day of the competition, each team counts the 10 best gross scores, and the team with the lowest total score wins the O'Brien Cup. The event is usually played on the last Saturday in August before the long weekend and rotates between the 6 clubs. Volunteer caddies are sought for each team member.

### **PGA of Ottawa Pro Lady (will not be competed by Mississippi in 2020)**

In this event, a team of 3 players – one each from A, B and C class – is selected to compete with the club pro in a tournament sponsored by the PGA of Ottawa. The Mississippi team is selected based on low net scores in each class from a single qualifying round. The PGA tournament is usually held in September.

### **Inter Club**

This event involves four teams from the district, which includes Mississippi Golf Club. Each club hosts one 18-hole round per year, using a Stableford scoring system. Statistics are kept and a winning club is determined at the end of the four events. Mississippi holds a qualifying round before each of the four events to select 8 players to represent the club. The team for each event is made up of the 4 low gross scorers and 4 low net scorers from the preceding qualifying round.

## **MIXED EVENTS**

### ***CLUB TOURNAMENT AND EVENTS***

#### **General Information**

- Unless otherwise noted, mixed events are open to all adult male and female members of Mississippi Golf Club (Senior and Intermediate). Junior members with a handicap of 15 or under are also welcome to play in mixed events. (5 day members excluded)
- Men play from the white tees; ladies from the gold.
- Members are responsible for signing up for these events. Sign-up sheets for each event are posted on the Mixed Events board in the basement lobby two or three weeks before the event. The draw is also posted in the lobby and the Pro Shop a couple of days before the event.
- Any special rules (e.g., preferred lies due to course condition) will be available from the Pro Shop.
- An additional fee is charged to play in most events. In some cases, the fee includes a meal (payment for a meal is compulsory).



- The dates for these events vary from year to year and are included in the annual Playing Schedule. Pick up a copy in the Pro Shop.
- Golfers of all abilities are encouraged to participate.

### **Mixed Opening**

The mixed opening is an 18-hole, 2-person (male and female) scramble event. The entry fee includes a meal. Prizes are awarded to teams that record the lowest gross and net scores. Net scores are determined by subtracting 40 per cent of a couple's combined handicap from their gross score. The Mixed Opening tournament is played in May and is a great way to meet other couples at Mississippi.

### **Scott Trophy**

The Scott Trophy is a mixed team, 18-hole alternate shot event. Both team members tee off, a tee shot is selected, and the player whose tee shot is not selected plays his/her partner's ball. Each successive shot is alternated between the two team members until the ball is holed. The team with the low net score wins the Scott Trophy. 40 per cent of a couple's combined handicap is used to calculate net scores.

### **Mixed Canada Day Event (Special Event)**

The Canada Day event is a mixed team, (2 women, 2 men) 18 hole event open to all members and their guests. Each team will receive one (1) red golf ball. The golfers rotate as the red ball player: golfer A on hole 1, B on 2, C on 3 and D on 4 back to A on hole 5 and so on. On every hole, 1 male and 1 female net score will be used to form the team score. The team in possession of the red ball and the lowest team score will be the winner. If the red ball is lost the team will be out, unless all teams lose the red ball then the lowest team score will be the winner. There will be a prize draw for all teams that lose the red ball. A meal will be provided following the event.

The tournament is, as one would guess, played on Canada Day.

### **Gunn Trophy**

The Gunn Trophy is an 18-hole, team (male and female) Chapman format event. Team net scores are calculated by subtracting 40 per cent of a couple's combined handicap from the gross score.

### **4-Ball Shoot Out**

Teams for the 4-Ball Shoot Out are made up of four players. Teams can be all male, all female or mixed. The front 9 holes are played as a scramble, with 10 per cent of the team's combined handicap subtracted from the gross score to calculate a net score. On the back 9, all four team members play their own ball; the best score for each hole is recorded as the team score. The team with the lowest combined score (front and back 9) wins the tournament, which is usually played in August.

### **Mixed Horserace**

This is a fun event to be played directly following the club championship. Teams are drawn out of a hat on the day, with the draw being done so that each team has roughly the same number of A, B, and C Class players, men and women. All teams tee off together on hole # 10 and keep playing until they are knocked out. The rule for whether or not a team is eliminated is determined by the organizers. There will be a small entry fee for this event with all prize money going to the winning horserace team.

### **Lone Ranger**

The Lone Ranger event is held on labour day weekend and will be a 2-day event. The format will be a two-person Chapman on day one, and two-person Scramble on day two. There will be a team handicap rule of no less than 28 combined handicap (some flexibility will be considered). This event is not meant to be an event for 2 low handicap players to partner with one another. This will be a net tournament with mention of good low gross scores. Lots of prizes.

### **Kolar/Mixed Closing**

The Kolar Closing and Mixed Closing have been combined to continue the event which has spanned for over 30 years. The format will be determined by tournament organizers each year and posted on the Mixed Events board in the basement lobby. This is a fun event to finish off the season. The Kolar Closing is open to all members and their guests and will be played in mid September. The entry fee includes a meal and lots of prizes...

## ***INTER-CLUB EVENTS***

### **My FM – Annual Upper Valley Golf Association (UVGA) Competition Since 1991**

The UVGA mixed Competition is also an 18-hole, Chapman format event in which a team of couples from Mississippi competes against teams from the following clubs: Arnprior, Renfrew, Pembroke, Deep River, Island Brae and Petawawa. Mississippi is represented by the 7 couples with the best gross scores from the best two of three qualifying rounds. This Competition is usually played on the third weekend in July and rotates between participating clubs from year to year.

## **JUNIOR EVENTS**

### ***CLUB TOURNAMENT AND EVENTS***

#### **General Information**

- Junior events are open to all members of Mississippi Golf Club who are 18 years of age or younger on April 15<sup>th</sup> of the current year.

- For club tournaments and events, male junior members play from the white tees and female juniors play from the gold tees.
- Junior members with a handicap of 15 or under who choose to play in adult events (e.g., the Open Championship) cannot simultaneously compete in junior events.
- Juniors are responsible for signing up for these events. Sign-up sheets for each event are posted on the Junior Board in the basement lobby of the clubhouse. The draw is also posted in the lobby and the Pro Shop a couple of days before the event.
- Any special rules (e.g., preferred lies due to course condition) will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Pro Shop.
- Ties are generally broken by RCGA Rules of Retrogression.
- Prizes for each event are awarded to both male and female juniors.
- An additional fee is charged to play in most junior events.
- The dates for these events vary from year to year and are included in the annual Playing Schedule. Pick up a copy in the Pro Shop.
- Junior golfers of all abilities are encouraged to participate in Mississippi's club tournaments and events.

### **Junior Club Championship**

The Junior Club Championship is a two-round, stroke play event. The competition is held in four classes Junior (ages 17 and 18), Juvenile (ages 14 – 16), Peewee (ages 12 and 13) and Mosquito (ages 10 and 11). The golfer with the lowest gross score over both rounds wins the championship. In the event of a tie, the players involved compete in a sudden-death playoff. The Junior Club Championship is held in August, in conjunction with the final two rounds of the Club Championship (Open Division).

### ***INTER-CLUB EVENTS***

#### **General Information**

- Teams from Mississippi compete against teams from other clubs.
- Team members are selected based on their scores in qualifying rounds. The dates for the

qualifying rounds and for the events themselves are posted in the Playing Schedule for each season, available in the Pro Shop.

- Any special rules (e.g., preferred lies due to course condition) for the qualifying rounds will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Pro Shop.
- The Club pays the team entry fee for each competition. Team shirts are provided for all teams. The shirts are paid for partly by the Club; partly by an entry fee for qualifying rounds; and partly by the team members portion of \$15.

### **OVGA Junior Intersectionals**

Mississippi's Junior Intersectional Team competes against teams from other clubs in the Ottawa Valley Golf Association (OVGA). Qualification for the team is based on the best one out of two rounds. The team consists of 12 members – 10 regulars and 2 alternates. For the intersectional competition, the Ottawa Valley Golf Association divides the junior teams into 4 divisions.

### **Blakely Trophy – Annual Upper Valley Golf Association (UVGA) Competition Since 1961**

The Blakely Tournament is an 18-hole, stroke play competition involving junior teams from Mississippi, Arnprior, Renfrew, Pembroke and Deep River. Two qualifying rounds are played to select a 12-member team – 10 regulars and 2 alternates. The best 6 scores from each team are counted toward a final team score. The low team score is the Blakely Tournament champion.

# MISSISSIPPI GOLF CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS

## Eligibility and Maximum Number of Players

1. Membership priority each year will be determined as follows:
  - Returning fully privileged members from a previous year;
  - Returning members from a prior year who have paid the holding fee each year since they quit being fully privileged members;
  - Wives/husbands of fully privileged members;
  - Intermediate members graduating to senior status;
  - Sons and daughters of current fully privileged members who have reached senior age; and
  - New applicants approved by the Membership Committee.
  
2. Maximum number of members permitted is set as follows:

Fully Privileged Members	- 450
Intermediate	- 60
Junior	- 50
  
- a. When/if the fully privileged membership total reaches 450 the only additional members that year will be returning senior members from a prior year that have paid the holding fee each year since they quit being fully privileged members.
  
- b. Once the maximum Intermediate and Junior totals have been reached they may be exceeded if the Board of Directors approves and if they are children of current members.

## Initiation Fees are currently waived

1. The initiation fee, as set by the Board of Directors, is payable by all new senior members and by former members and shareholders under certain conditions. (See Holding Fee Regulations). **(There is no initiation fee at this time)**
  
2. The fee must be paid to the club before a share may be purchased.
  
3. Currently, initiation fees may be paid over five years. (For 2018 and beyond the initiation fee has been waived)
  
1. A Junior or an Intermediate member may pay, or have paid on their behalf, the full initiation fee at any time prior to becoming of senior member age/status. All other annual fees must be paid as prescribed.

## Share Purchase

1. Purchase of a share is not compulsory. Purchase is required if a member wants to cast a vote at any regular or special club meeting.
2. The current initiation fee must be paid in full to the Club by any member before an 'A' class share may be purchased. (The initiation fee has been waived since 2018)

## **MEMBERSHIP TYPES**

### **Fully Privileged Members**

1. Fully privileged members are defined as singles or couples, including intermediate members, who pay the appropriate membership fee for unlimited play.
2. The cost of memberships is outlined in the membership fee section below.

### **Holding Member**

1. Any fully privileged member (initiation paid or considered paid) who decides not to play in any subsequent year may hold their membership by paying the then current holding fee. Should the member fail to pay the current holding fee and decide to reapply for playing privileges, the then current initiation fee (if any) and payment structure must be paid (playing fee, surcharge, etc.). No credit for previously paid initiation fees will be granted.
2. The holding fee is payable on the same date as the members' dues and is payable whether or not the member paid an initiation fee at the time of becoming a member.
3. No holding fee is payable by anyone who has advanced funds to the Club for the construction of the new nine, as long as the funds are still on deposit with the Club.
4. The holding fee may be paid in cases where fees are rebated due to illness. (See Refund of Membership Fee regulation.)
5. Holding members are entitled to full Club privileges excluding use of online tee time system. Holding members who have paid their holding fees are no longer entitled to any free green fee passes as of 2020.

### **Afternoon Limited Play Members**

1. Afternoon limited Play members are defined as those who pay a reduced membership fee to play after 12pm on weekdays and after 2pm on weekends. Afternoon members also have options for certain morning play as described in the membership section below.
2. Afternoon Limited Play members are not eligible for most competitive internal and external club

events as outlined in the Events section.

### **Junior Members**

1. Junior members are defined as those who are 18 or younger as of April 15<sup>th</sup> in the current year.
2. Parents of junior members need not be members.
3. There is a promotion to have a \$199 membership rate for junior members limited to afternoon play only. Full privileges are available if the junior opts to pay the normal \$450 membership rate.

### **Intermediate Members**

1. Intermediate members are defined as those between 19 and 39 as of April 15<sup>th</sup> in the current year and join as a fully privileged member.

### **Dress Code**

#### ***Ladies***

1. Ladies' shorts, skirts and dresses should be of modest length and in good taste; and
2. Blue jeans, cut-offs, halter tops, bare midriffs, gym and track shorts, jogging suits or sweat pants are not permitted on the course.

#### ***Men***

1. Blue jeans, cut-offs, gym shorts, track shorts, tennis shorts, sweat pants, jogging suits, swim suits, Logo type T-shirts (except tasteful golf related logo) are not permitted on the course.
2. Men's tailored shorts or dress sport pants are encouraged. Rugged pants, which are neat and tidy are permitted;
3. Muscle shirts or tank tops are not permitted; and
4. Appropriate shirts must be worn at all times.

#### ***General***

1. Metal spikes are not allowed on the playing area of the golf course or in the clubhouse. Other non-golf footwear must be approved by the pro/manager;
2. Blue jeans that are neat and not torn are permitted in the parking lot, clubhouse and pro shop; and

3. The spirit of the dress code (which has been long standing) is simple and reasonable. While playing golf or using the driving range, you are expected to wear golf type clothing. This applies to both members and guests. The Club Manager and the Board of Directors have the authority to disallow the use of the facilities if the rules are not followed.

### **Junior and Intermediate Play**

1. Fully privileged members (seniors) will have preference over playing groups of juniors before noon on weekends and holidays.
2. Juniors are not permitted to play until after 12:00 pm.
3. Juniors with handicaps of 15 and under may play in all Club tournaments except Men's Thursday Night League.
4. Juniors 12 years of age or under may play only in the company of one or more fully privileged members.

### **Non-Member Play** (outside tournaments, green fees, etc.)

1. Outside tournaments must be arranged and scheduled by the Pro/Manager and approved by the Board of Directors.
2. New outside tournaments (i.e., groups who have not held tournaments at the Club in previous years) should, where possible, be recommended by and be the responsibility of a member.
3. Outside tournament participants are to be advised of all regulations by the Pro/Manager.
4. Members are encouraged to sponsor a 'mini' tournament on any weekday consisting of up to 32 participants.
5. Tournaments are not permitted on weekends/holidays unless approved by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors must also approve shotgun starts at any time.
6. Deposits are required for all tournament bookings unless the group is well known to the Pro/Manager or the Board of Directors. Upon booking a tournament, a deposit of \$100 for each multiple of 25 persons or less is required. Tournament organizers must confirm the number of players eight days prior to the event. The balance of the fees must be paid on the day of the tournament.
7. Green fee players may obtain starting times for weekend/holidays starting at 7am Wednesday. Weekday starting times may be obtained five days in advance.
8. Green fee and outside tournament play may not be permitted to interfere with in-club



tournaments, Tuesday Night Ladies' play, Thursday Night Men's play, Friday Night designated 'Mixed Night', Day Ladies' play, Day Men's play or regular members play on weekends and holidays unless approved by the Board of Directors.

9. Green fee play shall not be permitted if member play would be unduly delayed.
10. Purchase of a green fee ticket permits Clubhouse privileges unless:
  - The management has committed the Clubhouse to another function; or
  - The management determines that it is not in the Club's best interest to extend Clubhouse privileges.
11. Member and Non-member play before the course opens in the spring and after the course closing in the fall is not permitted.
12. There is no restriction to the number of times a visitor may play the course.
13. The Pro/Manager is entitled to refuse to permit green fee play if for any reason (dress, demeanour, inability to play, etc.) he considers it not in the Club's best interests. The Pro/Manager may also rescind green fee privileges at any time, even though paid, and refund any portion of the fee paid.
14. Members may have only one guest per member on weekends and holidays prior to 11:00 a.m. and that guest must play in the same group as the member. An exception is the occasion of tee-off times being open (prior to 11:00 a.m. on weekends and holidays) after the lottery process has been run. At that point any available tee time may be booked by any players whether a member or a guest.
15. School groups will be subject to the following conditions:
  - (I) only nine holes will be played;
  - (ii) one adult must be with each foursome;
  - (iii) ladies (gold) tees will be used;
  - (iv) a limit of three putts per player per green will be allowed;
  - (v) players are to pick up and place their balls on the green if, after 8 shots, they are not on the green; and
  - (vi) fees normally will be at ½ the standard rate.

16. Rain-checks are at the discretion of the Pro/Manager.

### **Member Play**

1. A single player may not obtain a starting time for play by him/herself and can only be fitted in with another group;
2. Starting times are in effect at all times;
3. Members may book for a weekday 8 days in advance;
4. Each member may obtain a maximum of two (2) starting times per day;
5. Only one guest per member (maximum 2 per foursome) is permitted on weekends and holidays prior to 11:00 a.m. with the exception noted in Non-Member Play, # 14;
6. Starting times are for 18 holes with no stopping between nines;
7. All players who must use a golf cart tee to green must display a blue flag indicating that they are allowed to be in non-cart areas. There are still restrictions on where carts can be driven, even when displaying a blue flag. Carts must remain at least 30ft from tees and greens;
8. Participation in In-Club Tournaments – Full Members should sign their names to the entry list posted on the men’s and ladies’ bulletin boards. The draws for these events are usually made on the Tuesday or Wednesday prior to the event. When the draw has been completed, a copy of the draw will be posted in the locker room and in the Pro-shop. The onus is on the member to find out his/her tee off time for the event and then appear in time for the event;
9. Out of Club Tournaments – Full Members who wish to play at tournaments at other clubs should check in the men’s or ladies’ lounge areas for postings. The entry fee (a cheque made out to either MGC Men’s or MGC Ladies) should be placed in an envelope with their name(s) written on the outside and placed in the box provided in the lounge area. Please note that all entries and payments for OVGA events are now done on-line.

Members should take note that our club will forward only names accompanied by the correct fee to the club sponsoring the event. Entries not accompanied by payment will not be sent. Entries accepted by the host club, O.V.G.A., Golf Québec, or Golf Canada. will be posted on the appropriate notice boards and in the Pro shop. The onus is on the member to find out his/her tee off time and appear on time for the event.

## **Team Competitions**

1. Members may qualify for competitive teams by playing qualifying rounds specified by the club captain;
2. Competitive Team Shirts - Team members are required to wear a team shirt on the day of the competition;
3. Responsibilities of Team Members - Upon agreeing to represent the Club in a team event, it is the member's responsibility to make themselves aware of event rules, dates and tee off times. If they are unable to play, they should contact the appropriate club captain as soon as possible; and
4. In the spirit of team competitions, we would appreciate team members being present for all meals and ceremonies after play concludes.

## **Pro Shop**

1. Open: from 6:30 a.m. (weather permitting) June 1<sup>st</sup> to September 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 a.m. (weather permitting) before June 1<sup>st</sup> and after September 15<sup>th</sup>; and
2. Use of golf carts is at the discretion of the Pro/Manager and the Course Superintendent.

## **Course/Clubhouse Conduct**

1. Delays on the tees, greens or fairways for the purpose of instruction to other golfers or for any other purposes are not permitted. Members are requested to report slow play to the Pro Shop. Do Not approach slow players;
2. Slower groups must allow faster groups to play through if there is one or more holes open ahead;
3. Young non-golfing children are not allowed on the playing area of the golf course;
4. Ball marks should be repaired quickly and divots replaced;
5. Profane or abusive language or yelling and shouting on the premises are not permitted;
6. Litter, paper, cans, bottles, etc. should be deposited in the receptacles provided on the tees and around the clubhouse.
7. By Law, Bartenders must not serve members or non-members if they consider the individual has had enough to drink.
8. The bar will be closed prior to the start of and for the duration of the shareholder meetings.

## **General**

1. Member assessments (playing fees, initiation fees, etc.) are due on the dates and in the amounts specified by the Board of Directors. A deposit of \$300 for each senior member is due by February 1<sup>st</sup> each year. If the February 1<sup>st</sup> deposit is not received, the club will make every effort to contact the member to confirm if they will be returning as a full member; if they will be going on holding status; or if they are resigning their membership.
2. The balance owing may be paid in full by April 1<sup>st</sup> or by as series of 4 post-dated monthly cheques of equal value, starting January 15<sup>th</sup> to April 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. As an early payment incentive, any member paying their membership IN FULL prior to the end of January may use their VISA or MC for their payment. After Feb 1<sup>st</sup> credit cards may still be used but will be subject to the bank's service charges (currently 2.5%). Note: this date has been moved to May 15 in 2020 due to COVID-19.
4. Should a member have difficulties in meeting these deadlines, he or she may contact the Membership Director who may consider a relaxation of the rules, depending on the member's circumstances;
5. A penalty of 5% will be applied and is payable on all Mississippi Golf Club accounts that are not paid by the due date or, where no due date is given, within 30 days from the date of billing;
6. A 10% service charge will be levied for each bill transaction directed by Mississippi Golf Club management to a member on behalf of another golf facility;
7. Bar sales/meals for volunteers assisting with tournaments may only be approved by the Match Chairperson. The Pro/Manager is to be advised of all details in advance so the proper accounting and staff notification is in place;
8. The clubhouse is closed one half hour after the bar closes; and
9. Complaints/Suggestions – Members who have a suggestion or complaint should put it in writing, address it to the appropriate Committee Chairperson and turn it into the Pro/Manager. The written complaint/suggestion will then be forwarded to the Committee Chairperson for action.
10. Members may set up house accounts in both the pro shop and bar for their purchases. All accounts must be paid in full the following month. All bar purchases will be subject to a 15% service charge.

## **Fee Reductions/Adjustments/Refunds Club Members**

1. A club member who has reached the age of 80 on or before April 15<sup>th</sup> of the current season and

who has been a member for at least 25 consecutive years will be granted a Life (Honorary) Membership. For the purpose of this issue, any member who must go on holding for health reasons is still considered a member for the year in order to get their 25 consecutive years; and

2. Club employees are permitted to play at no charge with the prior approval of and at the times permitted by the Pro/Manager.

### **Illness/Accident**

1. It is the policy of the Board of Directors at Mississippi Golf Club to give No Refunds;
2. If a fully privileged member in good standing is so ill that he/she cannot golf for the remainder of the golf season, that member may apply in writing to the Board of Directors to have some or all of their annual dues credited to the following year's membership. The credit will be determined according to the following guide lines:
  - (a) A letter received by April 15<sup>th</sup> of the current season will be considered for a 100% credit;
  - (b) A letter received by May 15<sup>th</sup> of the current season will be considered for a 75% credit;
  - (c) A letter received by June 15<sup>th</sup> of the current season will be considered for a 50% credit;
  - (d) A letter received by July 15<sup>th</sup> of the current season will be considered for a 25% credit; and
  - (e) After July 15<sup>th</sup> of the current season there will be no credit given.
3. For a single fully privileged member the credit will be the percentage that applies to the annual playing fees only;
4. For a couple, the remaining player will pay the entire fully privileged single fee and the credit will be a percentage of the difference between the couple's annual playing fee and the single annual playing fee;
5. Fully privileged members are reminded that a Holding Fee may be paid if a 100% credit is granted so that they do not have to rejoin and pay the initiation fee the following year;
6. The decision on whether the credit is granted or not will be made by the Board of Directors and the applicant will be informed in writing immediately after the decision is made; and
7. At Mississippi Golf Club our playing season is based on 6 months (May through October inclusive). At times, we have members that are on initially on hold but are able to return to full playing privileges later in the season. The charge for such members will be determined by the following guidelines:
  - a) A member returns on May 1st will be assessed 100% of their playing fee

- b) A member returns on June 1st will be assessed 90% of their playing fee
- c) A member returns on July 1st will be assessed 80% of their playing fee
- d) A member returns on August 1st will be assessed 60% of their playing fee
- e) A member returns on September 1st will be assessed 40% of their playing fee
- f) A member returns on October 1st will be assessed 20% of their playing fee

**These charges apply to membership fees ONLY.**

For back shop services, food money and lockers, the following guidelines apply:

- a) A member returns before August 1st will be assessed 100% of these fees; and
- b) A member returns after August 1st will be assessed 60% of these fees

If a returning member would like a Golf Canada handicap card, they will be charged the full amount of the card regardless of when they return as we will be invoiced for the full amount by GAO.

## **MEMBERSHIP RATES**

Membership rates may be found on the Mississippi Golf Club Website at <http://themiississippi.ca/join>

## **GREENS INFORMATION**

Greens information at the Mississippi is found two places on club's website. The first is on the public side of website and the other is in the Members section of the website.

On the public side of the Mississippi Golf Club website, in "Course Practices" under "Our Course" you will find information regarding policies and procedures in effect to maintain the course, as well as other information.

Current policies include:

- Restricted Use of Golf Carts During Wet Conditions
- Frost Delays
- Early Tee Times

Current maintenance procedures include:

- Greens
- Fairways and Rough
- Tee Boxes
- Bunkers
- Pesticide Use

Other Information includes:

- Our Course Dog
- Our Irrigation System

On the Members side of Mississippi Golf Club website in “Greens Information” under “Member Information” you will find:

Greens Committee information regarding:

- Terms of Reference for the MGC Greens Committee
- The Members of the Greens Committee
- The Committee’s Issues Log

Other information such as our Tee Policy, updates on projects and other miscellaneous topics of interest.