

# 2021 KWINIASKA GOLF CLUB HANDBOOK

## BRIEF HISTORY

Kwiniaska Golf Club was created by Brad Caldwell and opened for business in 1965. The name “Kwiniaska” is an Abenaki word meaning “elbow in the river.” The Abenaki called the entire area “kwiniaska” because of the way the LaPlatte River makes a gradual bend through the town of Shelburne. In November of 2017, Robert and Marcia Nappi purchased the club from Brad’s daughter, Bonnie. A course and clubhouse renovation began immediately. PB Dye was hired to redesign the course in 2018 which is now the only Dye course in Vermont. The new 18-hole layout made its debut in May 2020. Total par for the new course is 70, with three sets of tees ranging from 4542 yards to over 5800.

## STAYING HEALTHY

The safety of our members, staff and guests is the utmost importance to us here at Kwiniaska. As we learned in 2020, a golf course is a wonderful place to social distance with getting fresh air and laughing at ourselves attempting to play the game of golf.

We are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of those in the golfing community and in the state of Vermont. We are still closely monitoring developments with regard to COVID-19 and recognize that the situation is constantly changing. Because your health and safety are among our top priorities, your cooperation with the following measures discussed below is appreciated. As always, each golfer assumes risk and liability for their own actions.

### STEPS WE ASK YOU TO TAKE:

1. Wash hands frequently.
2. **Cover your face with a mask inside buildings** and when you cannot socially distance. **This includes when using the restrooms**, whether you are vaccinated or not.
3. Stay home if you are feeling ill.
4. Follow social distancing guidelines by keeping a flag stick distance from others.

### STEPS WE ARE TAKING:

1. Mask Mandate is in effect.
2. Hand sanitizer stations set up throughout the clubhouse.
3. The bathrooms will be open and cleaned every 60 minutes. There might be times when the bathrooms are closed for cleaning. We strongly recommend using a restroom before you come to the course.
4. Rental clubs, motorized and hand carts are sanitized after each use.
5. Removal of the flag stick is optional this year. The cups have the pool noodles in them to help with ball retrieval if you are uncomfortable with touching the flag stick.
6. Use of a bunker rake is optional. If you choose not to use the rake, please smooth the area with your foot after hitting the ball.
7. Water stations are not back at this time. Please plan accordingly. Water bottles are for sale at the clubhouse.
8. Scorecards and pencils are available when requested in the Golf Shop or with the Starter at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. You may also print out a scorecard from our website, or keep hole by hole score on the GHIN app.

## HOURS OF OPERATION:

Golf Shop: 6:30am – 7pm Monday – Friday  
6am – dusk Saturday and Sunday

Golf Course: 7am – dusk Monday – Friday  
6:30am – dusk Saturday & Sunday

## GENERAL POLICIES:

- Memberships are for the 2021 golf season (estimated dates May 3<sup>rd</sup> – November 1<sup>st</sup>, weather depending)
- Benefits of being a member:
  - ∞ Unlimited play based on course availability
  - ∞ Preferred Member Tee Times 1 week in advance
  - ∞ Membership to GHIN system
  - ∞ Small Range Bucket Day of Play
  - ∞ FREE Member Clinics with Director of Golf
  - ∞ FREE Opening Member Scramble
  - ∞ Weekends before 12pm Members Only (and their guests)
  - ∞ 10% Off Golf Shop Merchandise
  - ∞ Customized Bag Tag
- All daily fees have a 6% sales tax included
- All cart fees are a per person rate
- Proper golf attire is required: No Blue Jeans, No Tank Tops, No T-Shirts
- Player Etiquette: All members and guests are required to conduct themselves in a responsible manner. Any excessive lack of golfing etiquette or disrespect to a fellow player, golf course staff member or any other individual may be grounds disqualification from play, penalty strokes added to a tournament, suspension on membership or in extreme cases, expulsion from Kwiniaska Golf Club.
- There is no smoking allowed on the outside deck which overlooks the 18<sup>th</sup> green.
- USGA and the R&A Rules of Golf govern all play on the course unless modified by local rules.

## TEE TIMES/RESERVATIONS:

- Members can make tee time reservations 7 days in advance starting at 5am online at: <https://foreupsoftware.com/index.php/booking/19054#/login>. If you have not received a temporary password, please contact the Golf Shop.
- Tee times may also be reserved by calling the Golf Shop at 802-985-3672.
- Weekends before 12pm are reserved for members and their guests only. No public tee times will be given.
- Vermont no longer requires quarantine for out of state travelers, effective April 9<sup>th</sup>.
  - Unvaccinated Vermonters who have traveled outside the state must be tested within 3 days of arrival.
  - Unvaccinated people visiting Vermont must have a COVID-19 test within 3 days before arriving in Vermont.
  - For more information, please visit <https://www.healthvermont.gov/covid-19/travel-quarantine>

- Carts cannot be reserved and are available on a first-come-first-serve basis.
- Members are limited to reserving no more than two tee times per weekend mornings.

### CHECK-IN POLICY:

- Please check-in at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled tee time.
- If you do not feel comfortable coming into the Golf Shop, please give us a call and we can check you in over the phone, 802-985-3672.
- All play will start on hole #1 unless the Golf Shop has given permission to start elsewhere.
- Walking is always encouraged.
- Golf carts can be picked up in front of the clubhouse by the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. These carts have been sanitized; keys will be in the carts.
- Two people are allowed to ride in a cart and **no more than 2 carts per group will be allowed**. For those unable to share a cart, please check-in with the Golf Shop as approval can only come from them.

### PACE-OF-PLAY:

- To help everyone enjoy the game of golf, pace of play is important. The USGA has determined a pace of 4 hours or less for our course.
- The starter will record your starting time and all groups will be monitored.
- It is the responsibility of every golfer to keep up with the group in front of them, not just ahead of the game behind them.
- If your group should fall behind, you may be asked to pick up the pace, skip a hole, or in some cases discontinue play.
- Please visit <https://www.usga.org/pace-of-play-resource-center/tips-and-suggestions-for-improving-pace-of-play.html>

### ON-COURSE:

- USGA Rules of Golf govern all play unless modified by local rules.
- PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING ALWAYS (minimum 6' apart), from greeting upon arrival, in and around practice areas, the tee, putting greens and at the conclusion of the round. As always, no more than 4 people per group.
- If you would like to purchase a snack or beverage, please come into the Golf Shop or order using the 9-Eighteen App. We will prepare your order and have it ready for you when you arrive or deliver it out on the course.
- **Bringing your own alcohol is strictly prohibited**, this violates Vermont law. Coolers are allowed, but all coolers are subject to be inspected. Alcohol not purchased at the golf course will be confiscated.
- Golfers must use their own clubs, no sharing allowed.
- GOLF CARTS
  - Per person rate
  - You may use a 90-degree rule with the gas carts, except on all par 3s, in addition to holes #12 and #17 which are CART PATH ONLY and will be strictly enforced. Weather or course projects may alter this rule.
  - Keep gas carts at least 30' from tees, greens, bunkers and ponds.
  - On days where the superintendent deems the carts to cart path only, medical flags will not be allowed out.
- Repair ball marks on the green.

- Respect all signage or other markings that indicate a portion of the golf course is temporarily out of play.
- There are green stakes throughout the course, helping to keep carts off certain areas. Many of the blocks have a green rope attached to them. Pick up your feet please.
- Push/pull carts and power caddies should not be on any grass between the bunkers and the greens.
- Bunker rakes are back on the course. If you are not comfortable with touching the rake, please smooth the sand from your disturbance.
- Avoid taking divots during practice swings.
- Please repair your divots as best you can. Sand and seed containers are not on the course.
- After exiting the green on hole #8, please ring the bell on hole #9 tee to alert the golfers behind you that the 8<sup>th</sup> green is clear to hit into as the green is blind from the approach shot.
- Removal of the flag stick is optional this year. The cups have the pool noodles in them to help with ball retrieval if you are uncomfortable with touching the flag stick.
- Up-To-Date GPS devices: Bushnell, Sky Caddy, Garmin, Izzo and Yamatrack

### AFTER ROUND:

- Please return your cart to the Dirty Cart Drop Off area (same place as before)
- COMPLETELY empty your cart of all personal belongings AND GARBAGE
- The power washer is not available for use other than by staff
- The GHIN Handicap kiosk is open for your use. The Golf Shop staff will be sanitizing it throughout the day. Scores can also be posted via the GHIN App on your smartphone or online at [GHIN.com](http://GHIN.com). In addition, the Golf Shop staff is happy to post your score if you desire.

### MEMBER ACCOUNTS:

- All members have the option a club charge account. You can use this as a form of payment. Invoices will be emailed out the first week of each month. If you have saved your credit card on file, your credit card will be charged on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month. If you have not saved your credit card, invoice payments are due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. If your bill is not paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> your account will be disabled until payment is made. If invoices remain unpaid for more than two months, your golf membership can be suspended.

### GHIN:

- As a member of Kwiniaska you may elect to have a handicap through the United States Golf Association (USGA). This is strongly encouraged for any member looking to participate in any tournament play. If you do not already have one or would like more information, please see the Director of Golf, John Paul.
- You can download the GHIN app to your phone for easy score entering.

### EVENTS:

- **Mondays:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month, the course will be closed until 12pm for maintenance practices.
- **Monday Evenings:** Non-Committal Ladies League starts at 5pm
- **Men's League:** Wednesday Evenings starts at 4pm off both sides of the course
- **New Event:** Ladies' Open-Saturday August 7<sup>th</sup>
- The 2021 Calendar of Events is listed below. It can also be found at [www.Kwiniaska.com/events](http://www.Kwiniaska.com/events)

## **TOURNAMENTS:**

- Registration for events will take place in the Golf Shop.
- Registration deadline for most events is the Wednesday prior to the event by 6pm.
- Having a GHIN is required for most events.

## **LIGHTNING POLICY:**

- Kwiniaska Golf Club monitors the weather using Weather Bug, which detects lightning strikes in the area.
- When the Golf Shop observes that lightning is within 10 miles of the area, we will blow the air horn.
- The Club strongly encourages all players to immediately cease play, mark your ball with a tee and seek shelter.
- When the lightning detection establishes that the threat in the area has subsided, players will be notified by two blasts of the air horn. This “all clear notice” is not intended to imply that a lightning strike is no longer possible.
- Players choosing to continue play or remain on the course under adverse weather conditions, whatever those conditions might be, and after the warning horn has sounded, do so at their own risk and assume any and all liability for that decision.
- Kwiniaska Golf Club assumes no liability for the decisions of its patrons as to the weather conditions in which they choose to play golf.
- In all club-organized events, if the warning system horn should sound, it is mandatory that play cease. There will be no exceptions.
- Golfers play at their own risk and lightning could pop-up undetected, not allowing staff time to blow the air horn.
- The safety of our members, patrons and staff is of the utmost importance to us. Although the Club will take every precaution to ensure the safety of all during a thunder storm, it is a player’s own responsibility to discontinue play when in his/her opinion, lightning is a threat. It is not always possible to monitor conditions on the entire course and players have a duty to take care of themselves.

Thank you in advance for your efforts and willingness to adhere to the above guidelines and for doing your part to stop the spread of the deadly COVID-19 virus. We will continually update our guidelines as new developments occur in the global pandemic. All policies will be enforced and anyone not in compliance with these policies will be asked to leave the premises and may be suspended from future play.