



NORTHFIELD COUNTRY CLUB

HANDBOOK & MEMBERS GUIDE FOR 2009



Northfield Country Club is dedicated to offering an enjoyable social and recreational experience to the surrounding suburban population, particularly to its members. The Club encourages athletic exercise and sports, including, but not limited to the game of golf. The Club staff is committed to the establishment and maintenance of Club quarters and grounds. We will respond to member and guest needs, employ environmentally sound practices, and make the facilities and course accessible to members and guests. We will create a rewarding work environment for staff through superior training and support programs. In order to achieve this goal, the enclosed Club policies and rules will govern the use of the Club facilities by all members and guests.

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Benefits of Club Membership

- ❑ Unlimited play when course is open
- ❑ Private carts and lease carts available
- ❑ Pro Shop discounts and specials
- ❑ Member-only tournaments
- ❑ Member-only raffles
- ❑ Men, Women, and Senior Leagues

All levels of play welcome

\$50 in NCC Dollars for referring new members

Reciprocal agreement (discounted rate) with Montague Golf Club, Randolph, VT

Hole-In-One wins \$300 (or more, up to \$500) in Pro Shop credit

Northfield Country Club Offers...

Golf

- 9 challenging and scenic holes
- 14 different tee boxes for men, 16 for women, and higher difficulty setbacks
- Open to the public
- Open 7 days a week until dusk
- Every hole is unique
- 3 teeing areas (Blue, White, & Red) on each hole to accommodate all abilities
- Knowledgeable & dedicated grounds crew
- A practice putting green (3 holes) and a practice driving cage (4 stands)
- Tee times available 7 days in advance for members, 3 days for non-members
- Passes: VT Exclusive Links Card and VT Golf Privilege Card are welcome
- U.S.G.A. Rated

...and More

- NCC is a very active club with a great assortment of fun tournaments & activities
- Children under 10 play free when accompanied by an adult
- Active junior program
- Informative, up-to-date website: www.northfieldcountryclub.com
- Informative, up-to-date bulletin board in the clubhouse
- Various types of membership available
- Rental lockers available
- NCC is a host club for Women's and Men's State Day competitions and hosts a variety of tournaments
- Plenty of parking
- Monthly newsletter
(on website, emailed, and available for pickup in the clubhouse)

Pro Shop

- Friendly, knowledgeable staff
- Fully stocked pro shop, with merchandise for every golfer's need
- **Many** other golfing items can be special ordered
- Club repair, golf grips, and shafts available
- Spike replacement service
- Gift certificates available
- Golf professional available for clinics and private lessons
- Modern cart fleet with windshields, roofs, and club covers
- 4-bag cart attachments available (extra fee)
- Pull carts available
- Club rentals (limited amount) upon request

Club & Restaurant

- Great food at great prices
- Friendly, competent staff
- Full bar and air conditioned dining
- Open to golfers and their guests
- Banquet facilities
- Daily specials
- Gift certificates available
- Front porch, with seating overlooking 9th/18th green & 10th tee

NORTHFIELD COUNTRY CLUB POLICIES

NCC BOARD POLICY FOR MEMBERS' CONDUCT ON PREMISES

The Board of Directors is charged by the membership to oversee the operations of the Northfield Country Club and provide a quality golf course and recreational opportunity to all golfers. The Board cannot provide that opportunity if player misconduct on the course, or in any of its facilities, impairs that opportunity for golfers. The Board therefore, may issue reasonable disciplinary consequences to any member whose conduct on the premises of the golf course, in the opinion of the Board:

- a. violates state or federal criminal law;**
- b. impairs the ability of the staff or employees to perform their duties for the country club;**
- c. engages in willful or reckless conduct on the premises of the country club that is or could reasonably be injurious to persons or property; or**
- d. engages in behavior which is offensive, abusive, obscene or insulting tending to reasonably arouse alarm, anger or provoke an assault or breach of the peace.**

It is also the policy of the Board that members shall be held responsible for the conduct of their guests while on the premises of the Northfield Country Club, and may be subject to disciplinary action for misconduct of a guest that violates the above standards.

Club Policies

Closing of Club Facilities

The Club holds maintenance days, special events, and tournaments throughout the year, which may result in all or some of the Club facilities being closed to members and guests. The Club reserves the right to close Club facilities for such these and other activities at its sole discretion. The Club also reserves the right to interrupt or suspend services when necessary, in the opinion of the Club, by reason of accident or emergency, weather, repairs or improvements to the buildings or grounds, or any other cause until such cause has been removed. The Club shall have no responsibility or liability for any such interruption or suspension of services or for any damages or inconvenience caused thereby, and shall not be liable for the refund of any dues or fees. The Club anticipates that it will close two to four times during a season. Members will be notified of such closings by postings on the bulletin board, the website, and the monthly newsletter.

Personal Property

Members and their guests are solely responsible for personal property brought onto Club property. The Club is not responsible for damaged, lost or stolen articles or other property belonging to members and guests. Items found will not be held for more than 7 days.

Membership Tags

Members must have their membership tags in their possession at all times to gain access to the Club's facilities. All members voluntarily assume all responsibility for the loss, destruction or theft of a tag, and such tag may be replaced at the sole discretion of the Club at a replacement fee of \$5 per tag. Membership tags are not transferable or refundable. Any such transfer or attempted transfer will automatically terminate the membership. Sharing or loaning membership tags is not allowed. Admittance may be denied to any member attempting to access the facility without his/her membership tag.

Personal Conduct

Members and guests are expected to be courteous and considerate of others using the Club facilities. Members who are unruly, disruptive, or exhibit unsportsmanlike conduct may be removed from the Club premises and are subject to permanent membership revocation without refund. An adult must accompany children under 10 years of age at all times unless prior special arrangements have been made. This conduct rule will also be enforced with all function clients. Members are expected to be courteous and respectful of Northfield Country Club staff, and should bring any complaints or other issues to the attention of Club management or to the Board of Directors at any Board meeting.

No Solicitation Rule

No notices, placards, pictures or other written material, other than notices of Club activities shall be posted or placed on the Club's facilities without approval of the Club's Manager. No subscriptions or contributions shall be solicited, nor shall a member exhibit articles for sale on the Club's premises.

Loss of Membership Privileges

Memberships are issued on the condition that members will observe and abide by all Club policies, rules and regulations. Breach of the foregoing may result in temporary or permanent revocation of membership privileges. In the event of such termination, the Club is under no obligation to refund dues or other fees paid by the member.

Release of Claims

By accepting a membership, each member acknowledges and assumes the risks and dangers incidental to golf, golf carts, and activity on the premises, including, without limitation, the risks of death, personal injury or property damage from lightning and other acts of God, errant golf balls and other objects thrown or hit, conditions of the Club's property, including without limitation golf carts, and acts or omissions of Club managers and employees, other members, Club guests, and providers of services. By accepting a membership, each member agrees to release, waive his/her rights against, and discharge Northfield Country Club, its parents, affiliates, and subsidiary corporations, predecessors, successors, assigns, officers, directors, shareholders, agents, managers, employees, and independent contractors (collectively, the "Club") from any and all liability, responsibility or accountability, in damages or otherwise, for death, personal injury, or property damage which the member and the member's guests have incurred or which may hereafter be incurred by the member and the member's guests directly or indirectly from the acts or omissions of the Club. Each member agrees that this release of claims shall be binding on his/her heirs and legal representatives.

Indemnification

By accepting a membership, each member agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless Northfield Country Club, its parents, affiliates, and subsidiary corporations, predecessors, successors, assigns, officers, directors, shareholders, agents, managers, employees, and independent contractors (collectively, the "Club") from and against any and all claims, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including reasonable attorneys' fees, which the Club has incurred or which it may hereafter incur directly or indirectly from the acts or omissions of the member or the member's guests. Each member agrees that this indemnification shall be binding on his/her heirs and legal representatives.

Weather Emergencies

In addition to monitoring weather radar, the Club has purchased a lightning detector. **In the event that lightning or other severe weather is detected in the area, or is imminent, an air horn will be sounded.** ALL players on the course should IMMEDIATELY suspend play and seek shelter. **The use of the air horn is not simply a warning, it is a mandate that must be followed.** Failure to heed the warning may result in suspension of course privileges or membership.

General Rules and Conduct on the Course

Player Arrival

Players should **check in at least 20 minutes before** their tee time, and then **be ready to tee off at their tee time**, unless otherwise specified for an event. Players that are late may be reshuffled into later groups or may lose their playing slot altogether.

Care of the Course

In addition to common rules established by each golf course, Club members should abide by the following guidelines for golf course care:

Replace divots.

Repair ball marks on greens.

Rake sand traps and replace rakes in the bunker.

Don't drag or twist feet on greens.

Lay-down and replace flags carefully to avoid damage to the green or hole.

Pick up and dispose of trash, broken tees, and cigarette butts.

Follow cart signs and adhere to the 90-degree rule for fairway crossing.

Carts should not be driven nearer than 30 feet to the green.

Watch for wet areas and do not drive on/into them.

No pull carts on the greens.

Safety

Don't stand too close while others are hitting.

Don't hit until everyone is out of the way.

Yell "fore" if anyone is in the path of the ball.

Motorized carts are powerful machines -- use caution and drive with care.

There will be absolute adherence to the lightning policy (see Weather Emergencies).

Courtesy

Don't move, talk, or stand too closely or directly behind someone as they hit or putt.

Don't step in someone's putting line.

Keep your shadow off of another player's putting line.

Pace of Play

Keep up with the group ahead.

Don't take the "honors" on tees, fairways and greens.

Play ready golf. Hit when ready.

Putt out rather than marking your ball on short putts.

Cart drivers should drop one player at his/her ball and continue on to their ball.

Watch all shots in your group to avoid lost balls.

Do not spend too much time looking for lost balls (< 5 minutes).

Think ahead ... Bring extra clubs if you're not sure what to hit.

Prepare for your shot while others are playing.

Proceed to the next tee before recording your scores.

Course Rules and Regulations

1. Since a public roadway (VT Route 12A) adjoins and passes through our course, extreme caution must be observed at all times and at specific places. **Hitting a ball when traffic is present, on holes adjacent to VT Rte 12-A, may result in a two week suspension of golfing privileges. If a player's ball strikes a car, the player will be required to assume responsibility for damages.**
2. All players **must** check-in at the Pro Shop prior to teeing off.
3. All play must begin on 1st or 10th tee, unless otherwise instructed by the Pro Shop.
4. Players are expected to familiarize themselves with the course, and adhere to all posted rules and regulations.
5. Only golfers (no spectators) are allowed on the course unless otherwise approved by the Club, and every player must have a set of clubs. Rental clubs are available at the Pro Shop.
6. **Dress Code:** No tank tops or cut-offs. Collared shirts are preferred, with slacks or Bermuda-style shorts. Shoes: No boots or metal spikes allowed; soft-soled or golf shoes only.
7. Motorized golf carts may be only operated by licensed drivers over the age of 18, and are subject to rules and regulations specified on the golf cart rental agreement. Any person driving a golf cart without a license, with more than one rider, or with more than two golf bags in tow will be removed from the course. Please use care when driving golf carts in the parking area.
8. Carts are for use on the golf course only. Please return carts to the designated cart area immediately after completion of play. Please assist the Club in returning the carts in the same condition as when rented, with trash and obvious/excessive grass and dirt removed.
9. Follow all cart paths and directing signs. No fairway driving allowed. It is permissible to drive in the rough and to cross fairways at 90 degrees if no cart path is available. Players are to locate and park on cart paths upon arrival at each tee and green, keeping carts not less than 30 feet from tees, greens, and bunkers. Special accommodations (including driving on fairways) are made for physically handicapped golfers, but it is imperative that a blue flag be obtained from the Pro Shop and displayed on the cart while on the course, and use reasonable conduct while operating the cart.
10. Please be aware of playing speed and allow faster groups to play through. Twosomes should not expect to play through players who are holding their pace on the golf course and should pace their play so as to not exert pressure on players ahead. Whenever possible, single players and twosomes will be matched into foursomes.
11. The course has been rated for pace of play by the U.S.G.A. It is requested that 9 holes be completed within 2 hours and 10 minutes.
12. Any players who discontinue play after nine holes—except for a short restroom break (5 minutes)—will forfeit their position on the course. A longer break must be coordinated with the Pro Shop.
13. Practice is not allowed on the golf course proper. The putting green and driving cage are for practice.

(Course Rules and Regulations - continued)

14. Please respect the Club staff. They are doing their jobs according to the guidelines established by the Club's management. Failure to cooperate with the staff may result in suspension of golfing privileges and/or termination of membership, without refund or warning.
15. Fishing or hunting for golf balls on the course is not allowed without approval from the Pro Shop.
16. All alcohol consumed anywhere on the course premises must be purchased from the bar (per Vermont Department of Liquor Control requirements). Persons breaking this rule will be asked to leave the premises immediately. Intoxicated persons will be asked to leave the premises immediately. (Don't drink and drive!) Repeated infractions may result in suspension of playing privileges.
17. All lockers must be emptied by October 31st. After this date, remaining contents may be discarded.

Membership Terms and Requirements

Terms

Membership is from January 1st to December 31st each year. Membership is limited to 300 members (first come, first served).

Acceptance of Club Policies, Rules and Regulations

By acceptance of a Club membership, each member accepts and is bound by the policies stated herein, and agrees to abide by all Club Rules and Regulations.

Membership Classifications and 2009 Fees (amounts include 6% Vermont sales tax) There are four Membership Classifications and one special category:

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| Couples Membership (couples are legally joined unions) | \$ 1,007.00 |
| Individual Membership (age 19 years and older) | \$ 583.00 |
| College Membership (full-time students -- not to exceed age 24) | \$ 265.00 |
| Junior Membership (under age 19) | \$ 95.40 |
| Dual Members (requires proof of membership in another Vermont Golf Course) | \$ 350.00 |

(Note: supplying your email address facilitates communication and saves the club money.)

Membership Incentive Program

New members (at least two years non-member) earn 50 NCC Dollars (clubhouse credit). Referring members also earn 50 NCC Dollars. NCC Dollars can be used for food, beverages, or Pro Shop merchandise.

2009 Course and Clubhouse Fees

Call ahead to schedule tee times -- (802) 485-4145

(up to 7 days in advance for members, 3 days for non-members)

| <u>Greens Fees</u> | <u>9holes</u> | <u>18holes</u> | (does not include VT tax) |
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| Members | No Charge | No Charge | |
| Guest of member | \$ 17.00 | \$ 23.00 | Fri thru Sun |
| Non-member | \$ 15.00 | \$ 21.00 | Mon thru Thurs |
| | \$ 20.00 | \$ 28.00 | Fri thru Sun |

American Lung Association Golf Privilege Card \$ 25.00 (18 holes – includes cart)

Vermont Exclusive Links Passport® Card \$ 25.00 (18 holes – includes cart)

Ten-Play Cards (plus tax)

9 Holes \$150.00 18 Holes \$210.00

Motorized Carts (2-seater) (plus tax)

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| Members & Guest | \$ 15.00 per cart | \$ 15.00 per cart | (** Additional Fees) |
| 4 Bag cart attachment | \$ 4.00 extra per cart | | (during tournaments) |
| Non-members | \$ 18.00 per cart | \$ 30.00 per cart | |
| 4 Bag cart attachment | \$ 5.00 extra per cart | | |
| Season Cart Rental | \$450.00 | | |
| 20-Ride Ticket | \$220.00 | | |

Pull Carts (no tax)

\$ 4.00 \$ 4.00
Season Rental \$ 50.00

Club Rental (no tax)

\$ 12.00 \$ 12.00
High End Set \$ 20.00 \$ 20.00

Replacement Spikes (plus tax)

Members \$ 12.00
Non-members \$ 18.00

Hole-in-One Insurance \$ 2.00

Clinics and Lessons (See the Club Pro or ask in the Pro Shop)

Single Lesson (approx. ½ hour) \$ 30.00

Miscellaneous Fees: (includes tax)

GHIN Card \$ 21.20
Clubhouse Locker \$ 31.80
Member-owned carts \$243.80

**Northfield Country Club
is pleased to have these fine Tee Sign sponsors:**

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| NAPA Auto Parts | 1st hole Red |
| Blue Flame Gas | 2nd hole White/11th hole Red |
| Norwich University | 2nd hole Blue/11th hole White |
| Northfield Pharmacy | 2nd hole Red |
| TDS Telecom | 3rd hole Blue White Red |
| Depot Square Pizzeria | 4th/13th hole Blue White Red |
| Ace's Rustic | 5th hole Blue White/14th Red |
| Burrell Roofing | 6th/15th hole Blue White |
| Poulos Insurance | 6th/15th hole Red |
| McLean Electric | 7th hole Blue White Red |
| Holub Excavating, Inc. | 8th/17th hole Blue White Red |
| Northfield Savings Bank | 9th/18th hole Blue White Red |
| Bond Auto Parts | 10th hole Blue White Red |
| Lenny's Shoe & Apparel | 11th hole Blue White |
| MacAuley Food Service | 12th hole Blue |
| Tuck's Repair | 14th hole Blue White |
| Gillespie Fuels & Propane | 16th hole Blue White |
| Subway | 16th hole White Red |

If your business is interested in sponsoring a Tee at NCC, or you know of a business that might, please speak to the Club Pro or to Dave Maxwell (485-7000).

2009 Schedule of Events

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Event</u> | <u>Format and Time</u> |
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| ** TBA | ** Work Bee | 8:00 a.m. ** |
| May 12 th , Tues. | Senior League Begins (w/ Breakfast) | 9 Holes (Breakfast at 8:00) |
| May 14 th , Thurs. | Montague Challenge at Home | 9 Holes, Shotgun, 5:00 p.m. |
| May 16 th , Sat. | Spring Classic | 18 Holes, Shotgun, TBA |
| ** May 18 th , Mon. | ** Course Closed Maintenance (Weather Permitting) Closed All Day ** | |
| May 20 th , Wed. | Ladies Wed. Golf Begins | 9 Holes, Shotgun, 5:15 p.m. |
| May 21 st , Thurs. | Men's League Begins | 9 Holes, Shotgun, 5:15 p.m. |
| June 2 nd , Tues. | Men's State Day | 18 Holes, Tee Times, 8:00 a.m. |
| June 13 th , Sat. | NCC Match Play Championship | 9 Hole matches |
| June 14 th , Sun. | NCC Match Play Championship | 9 Hole matches |
| June 23 rd , Tues. | Ladies State Day | 18 Holes, Tee Times, 8:00 a.m. |
| June 27 th , Sat. | Ladies Invitational | 18 Holes, Shotgun, 8:00 a.m. |
| July 11 th , Sat | Club Member-Member | 18 Holes, Tee Times |
| July 12 th , Sun. | Club Member-Member | 18 Holes, Tee Times |
| July 25 th , Sat. | Ladies Member-Guest | 18 Holes, Tee Times |
| July 26 th , Sun. | NCC Parent-Child | 9 & 18 Holes, Tee Times, 11:00 a.m. |
| July 27 th , Mon. | Montpelier Exchange & Dinner | 9 Holes, Shotgun, 5:15 p.m. |
| August 1 st , Sat. | Club Championship | 18 Holes, Morning Tee Times |
| August 2 nd , Sun. | Club Championship | 18 Holes, Morning Tee Times |
| August 4 th , Tues. | Senior Member-Guest | 18 Holes, Shotgun, 9:00 a.m. |
| August 14 th , Fri. | Men's Member-Guest -- Practice Round | Afternoon Tee Times |
| August 15 th , Sat. | Men's Member-Guest | 18 Holes, TBD |
| August 16 th , Sun | Men's Member-Guest | 18 Holes, Morning Tee Times |
| ** August 17 th , Mon. | ** Course Closed Maintenance (Weather Permitting) Closed All Day ** | |
| August 26 th , Wed. | Final Ladies Association Golf Night | 9 Holes, Shotgun, 5:15 p.m. |
| August 27 th , Thurs. | Men's League Banquet | 9 Holes, Shotgun, 5:15 p.m. |
| Sept. 12 th , Sat. | St. Monica's Turning Leaves Tournament | 18 Holes, Shotgun, 9:30 a.m. |
| Sept. 15 th , Tues. | Final Senior League w/ Breakfast | 9 Holes (Breakfast at 8:00) |
| Sept. 19 th , Sat. | NCC Fall Memorial Fundraiser | 18 Holes, Shotgun, 9:00 a.m. |

All Dates and Times may be subject to change

Please check with the Pro Shop about tee times and course availability.