

Useful Websites

Salem Golf Club..... salemgolfclub.org
Golf Geniusgolfgenius.com/ggid/SGC2024SEASON
PGA Tour Information www.pgatour.com
Weather: Local and National www.wunderground.com
GHIN Handicap www.ghin.com
United States Golf Association www.usga.org

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SALEM GOLF CLUB



2024
Golf Handbook

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2024 Mixed Events

Opening Day Scramble

Date: Sunday, May 5th
Format: Four-Player Scramble

Play, Stay & Dine

Dates: Friday, May 9th
Friday, June 7th
Friday, August 23rd
Friday, September 20th
Format: One Best Ball of the Foursome (9 holes)

Parent / Child

Dates: Saturday, July 27th

Husband & Wife / Couples Championship

Date: Sunday, July 28th
Format: Two Person Teams. Gross & Net Better Ball

Sadie Hawkins

Dates: Sunday, August 18th
Format: Two Best Balls of the Foursome

Thanksgiving Tournament

Dates: Sunday, November 16th
Format: Three Club Challenge—Scramble

Women's Clinic Schedule

Tuesdays: 9:00 am – 10:00am

Price: \$40

Spring Session

Fall Session

May 14th

August 20th

May 21st

August 27th

May 29th (Wednesday)

September 17th

June 4th

September 24th

June 11th

June 18th

Women's Play Days

Women have the tee box reserved every Thursday from 8:00am-9:00am starting on June 6th—September 26th. Please send an email with your group and requested start time to salemstarter1966@gmail.com. If you do not reserve a time by emailing the starter, the first tee will be opened up for all members once all scheduled groups are on the course.

This year, we will also be introducing a 9 hole league for anyone who is interested on Wednesdays from 5-7pm from June 26th - August.

Please contact Karen Mayhew (mayhewk26@gmail.com) or Lisa Eckstrom (Leckst02@gmail.com) for more information.

Welcome

Dear Members,

The 2024 season is here! I would like to welcome our new members, and thank our returning members for their continued support. My staff and I are excited to start what will be a great season for golf, and we look forward to continuing the great traditions that Salem Golf Club has to offer. With the help of Club Management, Ownership and our Golf Committees, we have assembled an exciting 2024 golf schedule including Men's, Women's, Mixed and Junior events for all members.

This handbook provides important information about events and policies for the upcoming season. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or my team.

We are all looking forward to another great season at Salem Golf Club!

Sincerely,



Kevin Breen & Golf Staff
Head Golf Professional



Salem Golf Club Staff, Lessons & Shop Hours

Salem Golf Club Staff

Kevin Breen, PGA

Head Golf Professional / Instructor

Mark Wanser, PGA

Director of Instruction

Chris White

Assistant Golf Professional

Gilbert Butler

Director of Outside Services / Starter

Golf Instruction

Member Lessons:

\$140 per hour

\$70 per 1/2 hour

To schedule lessons, please call the golf shop or
e-mail: kevinb@salemgolfclub.org or mwanser@comcast.net

Golf Shop Hours

Tues – Fri: 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM

Sat & Sun: 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM

2024 SWGA Challenge

- Year-long single elimination match play bracket
- Match Play: Two person teams – best ball net (stroke off low hani-cap)
- All matches will be self-scheduled by members prior to the deadline
- If a conflict or injury prevents a player from scheduling and/or participating in a match, that team must play shorthanded (two vs one)
- No substitutions once tournament begins and there are no exceptions to deadlines.
- Sign up as a two person team
- Red Tees - 90% Handicap

Pace of Play: All SWGA Challenge matches are required to play their matches within the 4 hour 15 minute required pace of play time. If a match falls behind this pace, they will be required to skip any open holes and take a halve on any those holes to get back on pace.

Playoff: Any ties after 18 holes of match play will go to the first tee as a sudden death playoff using the same stroke / handicaps on the score-card.

Deadlines:

Qualifying: May 4th OR May 11th

Round of 16: May 12th – June 30th

Round of 8: June 31st – July 28th

Semi Finals: July 29th - August 25th

Finals: August 25th – September 29th

2024 Women's Schedule

SWGA Opening Meeting

Dates: Thursday, April 18th

Opening Scramble/Cocktail Party

Date: Saturday, May 18th

Format: Teams chosen by pro shop based on handicap.

Ringers (Two Days)

Dates: Thursday, June 13th & Sunday, June 15th

Red White & Blue

Dates: Thursday, July 6th

Format: TBD

Member/Member

Dates: Thursday, July 18th

Format: Team of two (Better Ball)

Met Net Qualifier

Dates: Thursday, July 25th

Format: Team of two (Better Ball)

Club Championship

Dates: Thursday, August 3rd (Qualifying)

Saturday, August 4th - 10th (Semifinals)

Sunday, August 11th (Finals)

Member/Guest

Dates: Thursday, August 29th

Format: TBD

SWGA Closing Day

Dates: Saturday, September 21st

Format: TBD

Golf Course Availability & Teeing Off Policies

Monday:

Course Closed

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday

Open Golf

Thursday:

First Tee Reserved for Women

8:00AM – 9:00AM (June 6th – Sept. 26th)

Saturday, Sunday & Holidays

Open Golf - Junior Play Starts at 10:30 (15 & Under)

First Tee Times

Opening Day – May 5th

Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 AM

Saturday & Sunday: 7:30 AM

May 7th – Sept 8th

Tuesday – Friday: 7:30 AM

Saturday & Sunday: 7:00 AM

Sept 10th – Closing Day

Tuesday – Friday: 8:00 AM

Saturday & Sunday: 7:30 AM

Teeing Off Policies

Prior to any group's being entered in the Starter's queue, **all individuals in a playing group must be present.**

At any time, the Starter, at his discretion, has the authority to have members play in a foursome or suitable combination of players. Twosomes are prohibited from playing during peak hours on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, unless authorized by the Starter.

Unless otherwise directed by the Starter, all play must begin at the first tee.

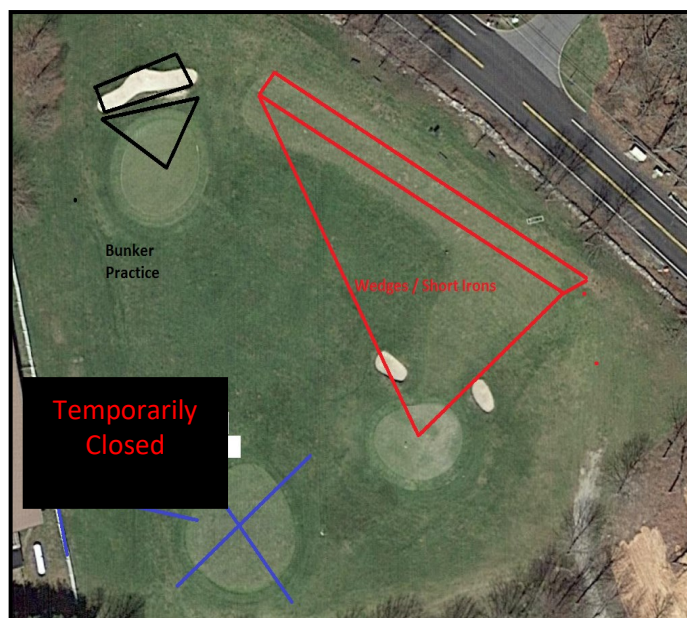
Practice Facility Availability & Policies

The driving range and the short game practice area open 30 minutes prior to the first tee time and close 30 minutes before Sunset. On Sundays the driving range closes 1 hour before sunset for a clean pick for mowing on Mondays.

On the driving range: Please do not hit a club longer than 230 yards or any club that can reach the back fence. Additionally, please do not hit from the grass unless given express permission by the golf staff. Drivers should not be hit on the grass tee when the mats are in use.

At the short game area: Please only use wedges, and aim all shots away from the neighboring homes. The green closest to horse farm is for bunker shots only. Please see the diagram below for details on proper practice range use.

Any members found in violation of these policies will lose playing and practice facility privileges.



2024 Men's Salem Challenge

- 32 two-man teams face off in a season-long single elimination match play bracket.
- Teams qualify for the match bracket during one of two qualifying days (better ball net stroke play, no gimmies!!). A team's qualifying score will determine its position in the bracket.
- Matches are better ball NET (stroke off low handicap)
- All matches will be self-scheduled by members PRIOR to the deadlines below. Any matches not scheduled despite mutual best efforts will be decided by a coin toss.
- If a conflict or injury prevents a player from playing in or scheduling a match, that team must either play shorthanded (two vs one). There are NO SUBSTITUTIONS ONCE THE TOURNAMENT BEGINS.
- If you don't have a partner, sign up as a single and Pro Shop will do its best to pair you with another member
- All matches are played from the white tees at 90% handicap

Pace of Play: All Salem Challenge matches are required to play their matches within the 4 hour 15 minute required pace of play time. If a match falls behind this pace, they will be required to skip any open holes and take a halve on any those holes to get back on pace.

Qualifiers & Deadlines

Choose **ONE** date to qualify:

Saturday, May 4th – Sign Up Deadline: Thursday, May 2nd

Saturday, May 11th – Sign Up Deadline: Thursday, May 9th

The number of teams advancing through each qualifying day will be proportional to the percentage of teams playing that day

Round of 32: Sunday, June 30th

Round of 16: Sunday, July 28th

Round of 8: Sunday, August 25th

Semifinals: Sunday, October 6th

Finals: Sunday, November 3rd

2024 Men's Tournament Schedule

Member/Member

Dates: Friday, September 6th (Practice Round/Dinner)
Saturday, September 7th (Day 1)
Sunday, September 8th (Day 2)

Format: Flighted Two Man Teams (Round Robin Match Play)

Ed Ryder Cup

Dates: Saturday, October 5th (Day 1)
Sunday, October 6th (Day 2)

Format: Scramble/Foursome/Fourball & Alt. Shot

Fall Classic Member Guest

Dates: Saturday, October 19th

Format: TBD

Closing Day Tournament

Dates: Saturday, October 27th

Format: Two Better Balls of Foursome

Golf Cart Usage & Guest Policies

Mandatory Golf Cart or Caddie Usage

April 1st – November 1st
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9:00AM – 4:00PM
Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Holidays: Until 4:00PM

Members may play with a Salem Caddie whenever carts are mandatory except for tournament play when carts are mandatory. Whenever golf cart or caddie usage is not mandatory, members may walk, carrying their own bags, without a trail fee.

Golf Guest Policies

Members are encouraged to invite guests to enjoy the golf course and clubhouse. It is preferred that members notify the golf shop prior to arriving with their guests. This will allow our staff to be better prepared to serve you and your guest and prepare our starter to best accommodate your preferred starting time.

A member may bring up to three guests any time on weekdays (Tues – Friday). On weekends (Sat, Sun & Holidays) a member may bring one guest before 11:00 AM and three guests after 11:00 AM unless otherwise approved by Head Golf Professional.

A guest is limited to a maximum of two rounds per month. This rule is exclusive of one member guest tournament.

Golf Guest & Cart Fees

Accompanied Guest Fees:

18 Holes

Tuesday – Thursday: \$110

Friday – Sunday & Holidays: \$130

9 Holes

Tuesday – Thursday: \$70

Friday – Sunday & Holidays: \$80

Unaccompanied Guest Fees:

Tuesday – Thursday: \$150

Friday – Sunday & Holidays: \$200

Fees (Plus Tax):

Single Cart (18 Holes): \$36

Single Cart (9 Holes): \$20

Tempo Walk (18 Holes): \$36

Tempo Walk (9 Holes): \$20

Golf Board (18 Holes): \$36

Golf Board (9 Holes): \$20

Walking Trail Fee (9 or 18 Holes): \$20

2024 Men's Tournament Schedule

Red, White & Blue

Dates: Saturday, July 6th

Format: Each Team Plays 6 Holes From Red Tees,
White Tees & Blue Tees

Pairings: Teams set by Pro Shop

Memorial Cup & Met Net Qualifying

Dates: Saturday & Sunday, May 20th & 21st

Format: Two-Man Teams

Day 1: Nine Holes Modified Pinehurst

Nine Hole Scramble (Tee Times)

Day 2: Better Ball (Shotgun)

Club Championship

Dates: Saturday, August 5th (Qualifying)

Sunday, August 6th (Quarter Finals)

Saturday, August 12th (Semi-Finals)

Sunday, August 13th (Finals)

Format: Single Elimination Match Play

One Day Summer Member Guest

Dates: Wednesday, August 7th

Format: Bring One or Three Guests

Better Ball

2024 Men's Tournament Schedule

Opening Meeting

Date: Friday, March 22nd

Format: Annual Meeting to kick off the 2024 season

Opening Day Scramble

Date: Saturday, April 20th

Format: Four-player scramble.

President's Cup

Dates: Saturday & Sunday, May 18th & 19th

Format: Stroke Play

Championship Flight: Two-Day GROSS Score

Other Flights: Two-Day NET Score

Senior Club Championship

Dates: Saturday, June 3rd (Qualifying)

Sunday, June 4th (Quarter Finals)

Saturday, June 10th (Semifinals)

Sunday, June 11th (Finals)

Format: Single Elimination Match Play

Salem Invitational (Two-Day Member Guest)

Dates: Thursday, June 22nd (Practice Round & Dinner)

Friday, June 23rd (Day 1)

Saturday, June 24th (Day 2)

Format: Bring One Guest - Five 9-Hole Matches

Pace of Play

The club's goal for play is the "four-hour foursome". Members and guests are encouraged to play as foursomes to the extent practicable, and foursomes should take a **maximum of 4 hours and 15 minutes** to complete 18 holes.

The golf staff and golf committee will enforce pace of play in an appropriate manner.

Fast Play Tips

Below are a few tips that will help your overall pace of play. Playing quickly does not have to compromise the social aspect of the game!

- When leaving the teeing ground, walk with your group until you reach the fairway; then, proceed directly to your ball. If using a cart, drop your partner off at his/her ball and proceed to your ball. Don't wait for your partner to hit his / her shot.
- While your playing partners are playing their shots, get ready to play your own. Use this time to measure distance, judge the wind and choose your club.
- If you are out of the hole, please pick up and take the maximum allowable score per the Equitable Stroke Control rules (Net Double Bogey).
- Record your scores on the next tee rather than on the green of the hole you just completed.
- And finally... PLAY READY GOLF!

Handicaps & Score Posting

All members are REQUIRED to post (on the day the round was played) every round that is considered acceptable for handicap purposes. **It is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that scores are posted HOLE BY HOLE into the GHIN handicap system.** A score is acceptable for handicap purposes if the round has been played:

- In an authorized format of play over at least the minimum number of holes required for either a 9-hole or an 18-hole score to be acceptable.
 - * For an 18-hole score to be acceptable for handicap purposes, a minimum of 10-18 holes must be played.
 - * For a 9 hole score to be posted, 9 holes must be played.
- In the company of at least one other person, who may also act as a marker.
- According to the Rules of Golf
- On a golf course with a current course rating and slope rating, where length and normal playing difficulty is maintained at a consistent level
- On a golf course during its active season.

An accurate handicap system is vital to the integrity of the game. The Golf Committee will audit handicaps and make adjustments if members are found in violation of score posting rules. The official USGA handicaps are revised daily on the GHIN App.

Tournament Policies

- Participants in all tournaments at Salem will be randomly paired by the Pro Shop. Pairings requests will not be taken with the exception of One Day Member Guest tournaments.
- If you do not have a partner for an event but are interested in playing, please reach out to the Pro Shop to try to pair you for the event.
- Pro Shop credit prizes for each event are posted into members credit books after the completion of the event.

Golf Genius Tournament Management

The Golf Genius system will allow members to sign up for golf events online. We encourage members to use this simple process, and we will still accept sign ups in golf shop for all events.

Golf Genius will allow our members and guests to see live scores from their phones or computers to keep up with leaders' scores, encouraging fun competition between groups.

If you have any issues using Golf Genius, please stop in the golf shop for a quick tutorial.

Please use the link below to see tournament details and sign up online or go to the Tournaments tab when logged into the Club's Web site.

www.golfgenius.com/ggid/SGC2024SEASON

Golf Committees

The Salem Men's & Women's Golf Committees are member-elected advisory committees that work with Club Management and Ownership to support all aspects of the membership experience at Salem. The committees represent membership's interest in making the experience at Salem as great as possible.

The committees organize events, tournaments and clinics and work with new members to welcome them to the club, provide feedback and identify opportunities to improve golf and non-golf related experiences at Salem.

2024 Committee Members

Women's Golf Committee:

Jeanine Nadler
Donna Apple
Lisa Eckstrom
Juliska Martino
Karen Mayhew
Karen Merritt
Natasha Olechowski
Palma Settimi
Debbie Weinstein
Chris Werlau

Men's Golf Committee:

Theodore Orsher
Mike Arias
Bill Carbonari
John Connolly
Caleb David
Mike MacGilpin
John Pappalardo
Lou Ricci
Keith Rossi
Jeff Sansone

Equitable Stroke Control

Equitable score control is used to adjust recorded scores in order to more accurately calculate a player's handicap. Its purpose is to avoid one or more very high scores on individual holes inflating the handicap calculation. The maximum score that a player is able to record for handicap posting purposes is defined as a Net Double Bogey. **If you post your scores hole by hole, the handicap system will automatically make this adjustment for you.**

Application of Net Double Bogey Adjustment for Maximum Hole Score

Name: JOHN SMITH

Handicap: 16

Date: 12/09/24

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out
Par	4	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	35
Stroke Index	7✓	13✓	3✓	15✓	11✓	1✓	17	5✓	9✓	
Score	5	5	6	4	5	5	3	5	5	43

✓ = Stroke received

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In	TOTAL
Par	3	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	4	35	70
Stroke Index	18	12✓	4✓	14✓	8✓	2✓	16✓	6✓	10✓		
Score	3	4	6	4	5	5	3	9	6	45	88

Gross score

Gross hole score

Net double bogey

Adjusted gross score for handicap purposes

Par	+	Two Strokes (Double Bogey)	+	Stroke(s) Received	=	Max
4		2		1		7

Local Rules

USGA shall govern all rules with the following local rules.

Embedded Ball Rule: Anywhere “through the green,” not in a hazard, a ball, which is embedded in its own pitch mark may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near to as possible to the spot where it lies, but no nearer to the hole.

Out of Bounds: Marked by white stakes on holes 11, 12 and 17, the stone wall on hole 8, the stone wall and fence on hole 17, and the road curbing behind 9 green.

Penalty Areas: Marked by Red Stakes

Water Hazards: Marked by Yellow Stakes

Ground Under Repair: Marked by signs or painted white lines

Power Lines: If a ball strikes a power line or pole on any hole, it must be replayed without penalty.

Obstructions: Anything artificial, including paved roads, cart paths or stakes (except those defining out of bounds), buildings, benches, sprinkler heads, drainage and hoses are considered obstructions. Stone walls are an integral part of the golf course and are not considered obstructions.

Course Care

We ask that all Salem members be stewards of our golf course. The better we all take care of our property, the more beautiful it will remain. The Golf Professional Staff, Superintendent and Golf Committees ask that you:

- Follow all Golf Cart and posted sign instructions. Keep carts, Tempo Walks and Golf Boards out of wet areas and at least 30 yards away from greens and tees
- Replace all divots and/or fill them with divot mix
- Repair ball marks on putting greens
- Rake bunkers
- Enter and leave bunkers from the low points of the bunker.
PLEASE DO NOT CLIMB UP BUNKER FACES

Club Fitting Days



Saturday, May 4th: 10 AM – 2 PM

Saturday, August 17th: 10 AM – 2 PM

Fall: TBD



Friday, May 17th: 2 PM - 6PM

Sunday, July 21st: 10 PM - 2 PM



TBD



Junior Golf Academy

Tuesdays – Fridays
9:00am – 11:30am
Games – Contest – Prizes
\$325 Per Session

The Junior Golf Academy is a structured program designed to jumpstart your child's golf skills over the course of six weeks. Using modern technology to specifically enhance players of all skill levels, we aim to create a learning environment that gives individual attention in a group setting. Players will learn full swing mechanics, a versatile short game, on-course management, rules and etiquette.

We would like to personally invite all juniors between the ages of six and 14 to attend. If you have any questions or would like to register a player, please contact the professional staff in the golf shop.

Session Dates

Session 1: July: 9th – 12th

Session 2: July 16th -19th

Session 3: July 23rd – 26th

Session 4: July 30th – August 2nd

Session 5: August 6th - 9th (No Wednesday camp)

August 10th – Junior Club Championship

**Please call the golf shop or email
cwhite4225@gmail.com to sign up**

**Guests and non-members may join the camp,
but members will have first priority**

Golf Course & Practice Facilities Dress Code

Proper attire is required for members and their guests. Club Ownership and The Golf Committees have requested that the Professional Staff strictly enforce dress code for all members and their guests. Some specific guidance on proper golf attire:

- No blue jeans or jean shorts
- Golf shirts must be tucked into shorts/pants
- No cargo shorts/pants
- No bathing suits
- No tank top shirts for men
- Collared shirts are required
- Hats must be worn with the brim forward
- Proper footwear that will not damage green surfaces is required for all players. No metal spikes
- Shorts for men must be within 2 inches of the knee
- No yoga pants or halter tops
- Golf shoes must be changed in the locker room. They may not be changed in the parking lot

