



The Grove Mid April 2021

The Official Newsletter of the Buffalo Golf Club

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Highlights

- Grover opening planned April 21, weather permitting. The county is planning to remove most of the Covid restrictions that were in place in 2020. Tee times intervals will be set at 10 minutes..
- If you were unable to purchase season passes when they were on sale at Grover, you can either mail your check to the county parks department downtown or go there in person.
- BGC tournaments start May 12th 2021. The County has relaxed restrictions so tournament formats will be like normal
- **Let Matt know before playing your first tournament if you will be using the senior (red) tees (ages 70+ only) Contact Matt @ mattmariconda@yahoo.com or call**
- Rounds played in NYS starting April 15 should be entered into the GHIN handicap system. You need to set up a GHIN e-mail address / profile in order to enter your scores, otherwise write them in the handicap book in the clubhouse.
- The first Publinks tournament is Two-man Best Ball at Dande Farms – May 15 – Cost is \$36/person walking or \$44/person riding. The club does not pay any portion of the fee for this tournament.
- BGC Program book will be available on the BGC website soon – no printed copies this year
- Dues payment reminder – send check to Joe Attea, 284 Blackstone Blvd. Tonawanda, NY 14150 or give the dues to a board officer (Joe, Alan, Brian, Paul) at the course, or put a check in the blue sweeps box
- Website address for county tee times has changed, Several people have reported problems logging into the system and the county is working to resolve the issue. The new reservation system has been set up to reduce double-bookings and to make the reservation process more equitable. More details will be distributed soon. The new link is on the BGC website and Erie County Golf web page
<http://erie.chelseareservations.com/>

- **Please be advised the County has raised the Golf Cart fee for single riders to \$25 like it was in 2019, the same price as a 2 man cart. Last year single carts were \$14/single rider because of COVID. If you often ride alone, please call and complain to the County Parks Department. Their number is 858-8355, Many other courses offer a reduced price to golfers riding alone. Everyone in the BGC can call. Even if you don't use a cart, complain on behalf of your fellow BGC members that need to ride.**

This might be interesting viewing. It's a mathematical analysis of leaving the pin in or out.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mc90UbpJbuM>

Reminder

Are you 70 or older? Or will you be 70 this year? The senior (red) tees may be used by members age 70 and up in handicap tournaments under the following conditions.

- (1) Members must inform the Tournament & Rules chairman before playing their first tournament of the season that they intend to use the senior/red tees.
- (2) Members must use their red tee handicap when playing from the red tees.
- (3) After a member begins using the senior/red tees, they may not change back to the white tees until the following season.
- (4) Scratch tournaments must be played from the white tees.
- (5) Members may play from either white or senior/red tees during non-tournament rounds, but must accurately record the tees used for handicap purposes.

Message from GHIN

For the security and privacy of our golfers, we now require all golfers to setup an account with a valid email and password in order to access the GHIN Mobile App and ghin.com. Should you not have a computer etc. you will need to record your scores in the book at the clubhouse and Chuck will enter them.

Click on the link below to establish your account and complete your registration. Once an account has been established, you can access the GHIN Mobile App and ghin.com with your GHIN Number or Email Address and the Password that you have created. <https://www.ghin.com/create-profile>

2021 Publinks Schedule

Sat May 15th , The Bill Boyle Two man best ball at Dande Farms, A and B divisions

Sat June 26th Charles Barton Team Championships at Hyde Park, A and B divisions

Fri July 9th Senior 2 man best ball at Hamburg's 18 Mile Creek Golf Course, flighted by Ave. age on day of tournament

Tue July 27th Senior Individual Championships at Seneca Hickory Stick, Flighted by age and handicap

Sat August 28th, 2 man scramble at Elma Meadows A and B Flights

Fri and Sat Sept. 10 and 11th, Individual Championships at Grover Cleveland Golf Course, AA, A,B and C flights

Tim Rickard 345-2160

The Buffalo Golf Club will cover part of the cost for the WNYPLGA tournaments at Grover and Elma, but you are responsible for your own greens fees and cart fees.

**As of this writing the County will
accept cash, and return to Pre-
COVID procedures.**

Notice

Membership dues for 2021 will remain at \$105 for regular membership, \$60 for social membership, and \$35 for life members. The hole in one entry fee will be \$5 and new member initiation fee is \$25. Active 2020 members that paid the full \$105 dues have a \$20 credit applied to their 2021 dues (net dues \$85 + \$5 optional hole-in-one for a net total of \$90.). Members that took leave of absence in 2020 who opted to apply their paid dues to 2021 do not have any balance due.

Optional hole in one fee, Members / New members have the option of including it with their initial dues or paying separately after their application has been accepted. If they pay afterwards, the easiest way is probably putting it in a clearly marked envelope in the sweeps box.

How to pay your Dues

Since there will be no stags during the off season, you can send a check for your dues and hole in one entry fee to:

Buffalo Golf Club
c/o: Joe Attea
284 Blackstone Blvd.
Tonawanda, NY 14150

You can also give your dues to one of the Board officers (Joe, Alan, Brian, or Paul) at the course or put a check in the blue sweeps box in the clubhouse.

If you need to take leave of absence in 2021 due to Covid concerns or other reasons, please notify Paul Szydlowski (paulsid@roadrunner.com or 716-536-2967).

News From The County

NEWS AND UPDATES COURSE UPGRADES AND IMPROVEMENTS

As you know, we undertook some large renovation/ enhancements projects at both Elma Meadows and Grover Cleveland last season. Between the new tee box installation at Elma Meadows and the drainage enhancements at

Grover Cleveland, the County invested substantial capital funding between both courses last year. We are excited to continue our partnership with Faery Golf as our General Contractor for our golf courses and plan to have even more enhancements and upgrades made at both courses in the coming years.

GROVER CLEVELAND CASHIER BOOTH

We have moved the Cashier booth/ window from the Clubhouse to the Pro Shop (where the Starter was previously).

CONCESSIONAIRE STATUS

Both Concession Stands at Elma Meadows and Grover Cleveland will be closed for the 2021 Season and we will be placing vending machines at each course. The current plan is to have a Snack Machine, Cold Drink Machine, Hot Drink Machine, and Food Machine in each Clubhouse, as well as a Cold Drink Machine at both Halfway Houses. With the Pandemic struggles, it is difficult to get a Concessionaire that has the capabilities to operate at the courses at this time. We will re-evaluate this decision after the 2021 season, and make the best decision about Concessionaires as we move forward at our Courses.

NO CARTS ALLOWED IN PARKING LOTS

Starting this season, golf carts will not be permitted in the parking lot areas at Elma Meadows & Grover Cleveland Golf Courses. New Bag Drop Areas and signage will be installed prior to opening for the 2021 Season. Please help us by adhering to this and all of our Course Rules as we make changes to better our operations at Erie County Golf Course.

TEE TIME SYSTEM

It has once again come to our attention, that there are members of each course that continue to book multiple tee times and play together, which leaves gaps on the course and takes away the opportunity to have more people play in a given day. We would like to make it known, that this practice is not permitted, and if members continue to monopolize course play, the County will be forced to find a way to address the issue. Please continue to enjoy the beautiful courses we have in Erie County Parks, and allow as many others to do so as well.

GREENSKEEPER STATUS

As many of you may know, we welcomed a new Greenskeeper at Grover Cleveland at the end of last season. Please help me in welcoming, James Wasiura, as the Greenskeeper at Grover Cleveland. James come to Grover with a plethora of Golf Course experience and we look forward to helping him make necessary enhancements at Grover.

It is also bittersweet that Corey Randall will be leaving Elma Meadows, as the Greenskeeper as him and his family will be relocating to Texas for a new opportunity. We wish Corey well in his new endeavor and look forward to bringing in a new Greenskeeper that shares the same passion for his work that Corey has.

Sincerely,
Troy P. Schinzel

Golf Cart Fees Single Rider Increase

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