

2026 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. The total par for the new course is 70, with three sets of tees, as well as two combination tees, ranging from 4542 yards to over 5800.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

Golf Shop:	6:30am – 7pm Monday – Friday 6am – dusk Saturday and Sunday (starting in June)
Golf Course:	7am – dusk Monday – Friday
<i>Weather dependent</i>	6:30am – dusk Saturday & Sunday (starting in June)

GENERAL POLICIES:

- Memberships are for the 2026 golf season (estimated dates May 1st – November 1st, 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
 - ∞ 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 7% sales tax included
- All credit card transaction will have a 3.5% surcharge added to the bill.
- 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 for 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 18th green.
- USGA and the R&A Rules of Golf govern all play on the course unless modified by local rules.
- Each golfer assumes risk and liability for their own actions
- Children under the age of 4 are not permitted on the golf course.

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 Charli at ckail@kwiniaska.com
- 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 in advance.
- 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 day.
- Cancellations: You can only cancel yourself online. Please call the Golf Shop for the day of, or email golf@kwiniaska.com for a future reservation cancellation.

CHECK-IN POLICY:

- Please check in at least 15 minutes prior to your scheduled tee time.
- 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 1st tee.
- Two people are allowed to ride in a cart and **no more than 2 carts per group will be allowed.**

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 falls 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.
- No more than 4 people per group.
- **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 is 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 and/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.
- Avoid taking divots during practice swings.
- Please repair your divots as best you can. Sand and seed containers are 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 8th green is clear to hit into as the green is blind from the approach shot.
- Located off the Gold Tee on #18 is Tee Sentry.
 - All clear to tee off is indicated by the green LED.
 - After all players tee off, push the red button to indicate that it is NOT safe for the next group to tee off.
 - After all players hit their approach shots, push the green button on the right side of the cart path. This action indicates to the group on the 18th tee that it is safe to hit.

AFTER ROUND:

- Please return your cart to the Dirty Cart Drop Off area
- COMPLETELY empty your cart of all personal belongings AND GARBAGE
- The power washer is not available for use other than by staff
- For GHIN, scores can also be posted via the GHIN App on your smartphone or online at [GHIN.com](https://www.ghin.com). In addition, the Golf Shop staff is happy to post your score if you desire.

MEMBER ACCOUNTS:

- All members have the option to a club charge account when they save their credit card to their member account. You can use this as a form of payment. Statements will be emailed out on the first of each month. Your credit card will be charged on the 12th of each month.

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 league or 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 second Monday of each month, the course will be closed until 12pm for maintenance practices.
- **2026 Calendar of Events:** Can be found at <https://kwiniaska.com/events/>

TOURNAMENTS:

- Registration for events will take place online.
- The registration deadline for most events is a week prior to the event by 6pm, if it does not max out before then.

- Having 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 their 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 playing 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 thunderstorm, 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. We will continually update our guidelines as needed. 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.