

# 2019 MEMBER HANDBOOK



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## 1. Marquette Golf Club – Established 1926

*Unlike many sports, golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.*  
The United States Golf Association (USGA)

*The purpose for which the Club is formed is not to make a profit but to own, establish and maintain a social organization with Clubhouse, Golf Course and such other recreational facilities as may from time to time be determined necessary and expedient by the Board of Directors of the Club.*

Article I, Section 3, Bylaws of the Marquette  
Golf Club, revised October 1994

## 2. History of the Marquette Golf Club

The Marquette Golf Club was established in 1912, initially known as the *Town and Country Club of Marquette* and one of the original six members of the UP Golf Association. In 1920 the Town and Country Club dropped from the Association, rejoining in 1927 as the *Marquette Golf and Country Club*.

In 1939 Marquette hosted its first Upper Peninsula Championship tournament.

In 1965 MG&CC launched an expansion program for an additional nine holes and new watering system under President E.J. Pat LaFreniere and David Gill, golf course architect. The project was completed for a summer opening in 1968 under President Harlan Larson.

The Pro Shop was completed in 1972, the Clubhouse underwent expansion in 1973, and the cart barns were built from 1975 to 1979. An additional 153 acres to the south of the MG&CC property was purchased in 1996 to secure a water source and provide for the possibility of further expansion.

In 2002 the construction of a new 18-hole golf course was initiated and Mike Devries was selected as the architect. Pete Chevrette, MGC Grounds Superintendent, played a major role in construction.

In 2004 the original 18 holes was named *The Heritage* and the new 18 was named *Greywalls*. Greywalls front nine opened for limited play that fall.

On June 15, 2005, Club Professional Marc Gilmore and Pete Chevrette cut the ribbon signifying the grand opening of Greywalls. Our new course has since received numerous accolades for its unique beauty and design.

### 3. Membership

#### A. Privileges and Responsibilities of Membership

Every member has a responsibility to respect fellow members and the facilities we share and to ensure dependent family members and guests do likewise. Violation of MGC rules and policies is subject to loss of privileges as determined by the Board, up to and including expulsion.

We have long recognized that our best sales people are our own members. As a result, we provide an incentive to any member who sponsors a new member on the Heritage or Greywalls course. Sponsoring members receive \$50 to \$75 depending on the level of the new member's paid golf dues.

MGC is an Upper Peninsula Golf Association (UPGA) member club. As an MGC member you receive discounted green fees at all UPGA courses by showing your MGC membership card.

#### B. Fees and Dues

**Annual Playing Fee:** Each member pays a basic dues rate, depending on playing category, to use and enjoy Marquette Golf Club facilities. There are optional additional services for purchase on an annual fee basis. Junior dependents age ten and under are not required to pay membership dues.

**Annual Benefit Plan (Optional):** Any member can take advantage of purchasing the additional Annual Benefit Plan. The Annual Benefit Plan is offered at a nominal fee of \$200. If you had previously supported the club by participating in the 2015-2017 NEW Plan, you are offered the Annual Benefit Plan at a discounted rate of \$150.00. The Annual Benefit Plan is offered on an annual basis. Participation in the Annual Benefit Plan still requires the purchase of a season golf membership to play either Heritage or combined Heritage/Greywalls courses. Our Annual Benefit Plan program includes the following benefits:

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| • Pro Shop Purchasing Privilege @ 20% over cost | Value depends on amount of your personal purchases |
| • Two-week advance tee time privilege           | A significant convenience/benefit                  |

A choice of either:

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| • 2 Guest Rounds on Greywalls -includes cart | \$290 retail value |
| • 4 Guest Rounds on Heritage-includes cart   | \$232 retail value |

And a choice of either:

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| • Bag Storage  | \$75 value       |
| • Locker Rental  | \$ 25-\$45 value |
| • Capital raised to be used for infrastructure repairs and improvements at MGC | Priceless        |

**Classic/Heritage Membership:** A 2019 Heritage membership entitles the holder to play golf on the Heritage course on any available day. Heritage members have a 5-day advance tee time privilege.

~ Unlimited Single	\$1065	
~ Unlimited Couple	\$1420	
~ Unlimited Single Under 35	\$765	*Under 35 rate applies if 35 or under as of 12/31/18.
~ Unlimited Couple Under 35	\$1055	
~ Unlimited Single Senior – 70+	\$965	*Senior rate applies if 70 or over as of 12/31/18.
~ Unlimited Senior Couple – 70+	\$1285	
~ Add child under 18	\$105 per child (when parent a member)	
~ Full-time college student	\$415	
~ Dependent college student	\$310 (when parent a member)	
~ Middle/High school student	\$200	
~ Children 10 and under	FREE with parent	

There is a \$50 green fee for Heritage members to play Greywalls (*maximum of 5 times*).

(Save \$50 off full adult membership if submitted by February 28 and either paid in full or with established payment plan.)

**Combined Greywalls/Heritage Membership:** A 2019 combined membership entitles the holder to play golf on both the Greywalls and Heritage courses on available days. Greywalls members have 7-day advance tee time privilege.

~ Unlimited Single	\$1745	
~ Unlimited Couple	\$2455	
~ Unlimited Single Under 35	\$1230	*Under 35 rate applies if 35 or under as of 12/31/18.
~ Unlimited Couple Under 35	\$1805	
~ Unlimited Single Senior – 70+	\$1575	*Senior rate applies if 70 or over as of 12/31/18.
~ Unlimited Senior Couple – 70+	\$2215	
~ Add spouse pass on Heritage	\$400	
~ Add child under 18	\$155 per child (when parent a member)	
~ Full-time college student	\$540	
~ Dependent college student	\$410 (when parent a member)	
~ Middle/High school student	\$335	
~ Children 10 and under	FREE with parent	

(Save \$50 off full adult membership if submitted by February 28 and either paid in full or with established payment plan.)

**Other Dues:** National Memberships are available to individuals living outside a 50-mile radius of Marquette and who do not reside within the stated radius for more than 30 days from April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. (*Capped at a total of 50 memberships per season.*)

~ Single	\$440	Clubhouse <u>or</u> Pro Shop Dues (Credit)	
~ Couple	\$645	~ Single	\$ 75
~ Family*	\$850	~ Couple/Family	\$125

\*Family membership includes dependent children up to age 24.

**Clubhouse Dues:** Food and Beverage credit will be dispersed and tracked **monthly** through individual membership accounts (5 months – May - September). Monthly credits will not rollover, and any unused credit will be forfeited. Only purchases made in the Clubhouse will be applied to the monthly credit; purchases made from service carts, Starter House and any other outposts do not apply to this credit. Food and Beverage credits exclude gratuity. Clubhouse Dues apply to all adult playing categories, except for National members who have option of Pro Shop or Clubhouse credit:

~ Single	\$175 (\$35/month)
~ Couple	\$300 (\$60/month)

**Cart and Driving Range Rates:**

~ Cart Lease Single	\$615
~ Cart Lease Couple	\$820
~ Gas Cart Storage	\$545
~ Electric Cart Storage	\$600
~ Trail Fee	\$415
~ Private Cart Usage Fee	\$210
~ Driving Range Single	\$200
~ Driving Range Couple	\$275
~ Driving Range Family	\$350

**Refunds:** Refunds may be granted for issues involving physical illness and/or injury sustained prior to June 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year. Refund request must be accompanied by a physician documentation that explains both the issue and duration the applicant will be affected. No refund request will be considered after June 15<sup>th</sup>. If a refund is granted, it will be issued in the form of credit to be applied to the applicant’s next season dues. If a member dies prior to June 1<sup>st</sup>, the family of said member may designate transfer of membership privileges to a non member of Marquette Golf Club to “play out” said member’s membership for the calendar year. In the event of death, no other form of compensation will be extended.

**Charging On Account:**

Every adult membership is assigned a member number for the convenience of charging merchandise and golf services in the Pro Shop. Charging on account is not permitted in the Clubhouse. **Member dependents may charge in the Pro Shop when authorized in writing by an adult family member.** Charging terms are 30 days net, with finance charges of 1.5% monthly for unpaid accounts in accordance with MGC’s *Accounts Receivable Policy*. Bills will be sent monthly by email or U.S. Postal Service when email not available. VISA, MASTERCARD, AMEX and DISCOVER credit cards are accepted for all transactions. Members with bills that have gone unpaid over 60 days will lose playing privileges until payment is received.

## 4. Pro Shop

The Pro Shop is managed by PGA Golf Professional Marc Gilmore. He is responsible for interpreting the Rules of Golf, enforcing the policies of MGC and supervision of the Pro Shop staff.

### A. Golf Cart Policy

Golf cart drivers must be 16 years or older. This applies to both private and club-owned carts. Members using a private cart owned by another member pay an annual \$210 private cart usage fee. Anyone else using a member’s private cart pays MGC the established cart rental fee for the Club. An annual cart lease is available for all paying members. All cart rates and charges are listed above. Keys to MGC carts are maintained by the Pro Shop staff and are issued for daily rental and annual lease holders. Daily rules for cart use are set by the course management team based on course conditions.

## **B. Starting Times**

The Golf Professional and Pro Shop staff have daily operating authority over starting times. Members may make tee times online through the MGC website. Starting times are not accepted unless at least two names are provided. The Pro Shop has the option to fill twosomes and threesomes when necessary due to daily demand for play. Cancellation of a reserved starting time must be done at least one hour prior to play. Failure to cancel is subject to management review with suspension of privileges for repeated unexcused violations. Junior golfers age 15 and under may not make tee times on Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays until 1:00 P.M. However, Junior Members may play with someone age 16 and over during these restricted times. All players must check in at the Pro Shop prior to their tee times for either course. Those playing Greywalls must also check in at the Halfway/Starter's House at the top of the hill behind #1 tee.

## **C. Driving Range Services**

The driving range is open daily to all members and the public. Range balls are available in the Pro Shop on a per bag rental basis. Annual range memberships are available to members at the rates listed on the previous page.

## **D. Club Care and Storage**

The convenience of club storage and cleaning service is available at the Pro Shop to all members. The annual fee for storage is \$75.00 per bag. Bags are tagged with member identification and storage assignment number. Equipment stored in the Pro Shop is insured through MGC from April 1 through October 31.

## **E. Pro Shop Merchandise and Services**

Our Pro Shop offers a full line of clubs, clothing, and accessories at competitive prices. Special orders may also be placed through the Pro Shop. Unworn/unused merchandise may be returned within 30 days of purchase. Exceptions are made when the manufacturer covers the refund for worn or used merchandise. Golf lessons may also be arranged through the Pro Shop.

## **F. Handicaps**

MGC uses the Golf Association of Michigan (GHIN) handicap service. Members may post their scores at the Club or on the GHIN website. The handicap fee is included in MGC league fees. Members not participating in a league who desire a handicap can pay the additional \$15 handicap fee. GAM membership also provides members with discounted green fee rates at affiliated clubs.

# **5. Playing Golf**

## **A. Course Rules**

All USGA rules apply. Local rules are listed on the scorecard. All golfers must register in the Pro Shop prior to playing either the Heritage or Greywalls courses. Those playing Greywalls must also check in at the Halfway/Starter's House located at the top of the hill behind #1 tee. Golf etiquette and course policy dictates allowing faster players to play through *if the hole ahead of you is open*.

- It is the goal for all players to complete their 18-hole Heritage round in less than 4 hours and 15 minutes – Front 9 holes in less than 2 hours and 5 minutes and Back 9 holes in less than 2 hours and 10 minutes.
- It is the goal of all players to complete their 18-hole Greywalls round in less than 4 hours and 38 minutes – Front 9 holes in less than 2 hours and 20 minutes and Back 9 holes in less than 2 hours and 18 minutes.

Players need to remain aware of the right of others to play without unreasonable delay. Each group is responsible to be observant of its position on the golf course and to keep pace. It is also beneficial for groups to advise MGC starter or Pro Shop staff of less observant groups.

*Your group must keep up with the group in front.* If you lose spacing by a clear hole and are delaying the group behind, you should invite the group following to play through irrespective of the number of players in that group. You also have the option to pick up your ball and move ahead. *This is especially advised and encouraged for beginning golfers who have made 7 strokes before reaching the green.*

No more than four golfers are allowed per tee (except for club approved specialty events). Every golfer must have his/her own equipment. Please remember, *this is your golf course*. Replace all divots, repair ball marks on greens, and rake bunkers. Exercise proper golf etiquette at all times.

## **B. Dress Code**

The concern for damage to and regard for our playing surfaces is of the utmost importance. Appropriate shoes must be worn at all times and consist of golf, tennis, athletic or sandal footwear. Turf shoes with heavy steel or hard rubber treads are not allowed on the golf course by players or spectators.

Men are required to wear shirts with sleeves and slacks or shorts of mid-thigh length or longer. Cut-offs, running or tennis shorts are not permitted on either course. Blue jeans are permissible. In addition, non-collared t-shirts are not permitted on Greywalls.

Women are required to wear appropriate blouses (no tank tops or halter tops), slacks, golf skirts or shorts of mid-thigh length or longer. Cut-offs, running, or tennis shorts are not permitted on either course. Blue jeans are permissible. Non-collared t-shirts are not permitted on Greywalls.

The MGC dress code is applicable at all times.

## **C. Golf Cart Operation**

There is a maximum of two adult riders per cart, two adult bags per cart, and two carts per group (exception for 3-person scrambles and club tournaments). Remain on cart paths and in rough or scatter as directed. Use the 90-degree rule on the Heritage course. *Do not drive in natural areas, wetlands, on rock out-crops, or in long grass.* Remain outside of fenced greens areas or directional arrows for carts. In absence of either, remain 60 feet (20 yards) from greens. An exception to this rule is made for players with physical limitations. For individuals with disabilities, a blue cart flag is required and is available from the Pro Shop staff. Avoid pulling off paths near greens and tees to preserve landing and teeing areas. Avoid the edge of bunkers to prevent damage to bunker walls. Cart operators must be 16 years of age. Carts must not be operated at excessive speed or in a reckless manner so as to threaten harm to persons or cause damage to golf course or private property. All cart traffic must follow paths and flow of play. Operators must observe any temporary or conditional limitations placed on cart use by the Grounds Superintendent due to weather or other circumstances.

## **D. Personal Music Devices**

Personal entertainment devices are to be used at volume levels for your personal enjoyment only. Volume levels that are loud enough to be heard by players on other holes are not acceptable. You will first be given a warning; if the loud volume persists, the group will be removed from the course. Repeat offenders of this policy will be referred to the Board of Directors for further action, up to and including suspension.

## **E. Marijuana Use**

The new Michigan law dictates that the use of marijuana be contained to ones homestead. Usage of marijuana or products containing marijuana on the premises will result in immediate escort from MGC property. If escort is disputed, assistance will be requested from local law enforcement. Repeat offenders of this policy will be referred to the Board of Directors for further action, up to and including suspension.



## **F. MGC Sanctioned Leagues**

### **Monday - Women's Twilight on Greywalls**

- Must be Greywalls member
- Two-member teams
- Minimum high school graduate
- Flights based on combined team 9-hole handicaps
- Shotgun Start at 5:30 PM
- Match competition for possible 4 points
- Prizes for league and flight winners awarded at Women's Fall Banquet

### **Tuesday - Men's/Twilight League on Greywalls**

- Must be Greywalls member
- Two-member teams
- Minimum age 16
- Flights based on combined team 18-hole handicaps
- Early shift 10:00 – 11:30 AM tee times (18-hole matches)
- Late shift 5:45 PM shotgun start (9-hole matches)
- Individual match and team competition
- Play-offs for top teams in each flight

### **Wednesday Morning Adult League on Heritage**

- Four-person team scramble
- Sign up on a weekly basis
- \$2 per person
- Men play one side beginning at 8:30AM - shotgun start
- Women play other side beginning at 9:00AM - shotgun start
- Gift certificate prizes awarded weekly

## **6. Clubhouse**

The MGC Clubhouse is available to all members and open to the public. Hours of operation are adjusted and posted monthly as daylight cycles through summer and tee times flex accordingly. Proper dress and decorum is expected and required in the Clubhouse at all times. The Clubhouse may be reserved for private events by members or the public through the Clubhouse Manager.

### **A. Service of Alcohol**

It is the responsibility of all staff, who are TAMS/TIPS trained, to ensure every customer has attained 21 years of age if purchasing alcoholic beverages. It is the responsibility of all staff to ensure customers have not exceeded consumption of alcohol that places them or the club at risk. This determination is based upon established TAMS/TIPS training techniques. All alcoholic beverages must be purchased through MGC. A member/guest found to be in possession of alcohol purchased from an off-course source is subject to review by management and action by Board of Directors, including potential termination of membership.

### **B. Locker Rooms**

Lockers are available for rent in the Clubhouse on an annual basis. MGC Business Office staff assigns lockers and members must provide their own locks. All lockers must be (will be) cleaned out at the end of the season.

### **C. Smoking Policy**

MGC Clubhouse is a Non-Smoking facility.

## **7. Website**

Our club website is [www.golfgreywalls.com](http://www.golfgreywalls.com). It contains information regarding club events, course maintenance schedules, Superintendent Craig Moore's Blog and much more. You can also view your Clubhouse available credit balance and pay open invoices through the website.

## **8. Social Media**

Follow and like us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to get the latest information on what's happening at the Course and Clubhouse.

## **9. Board Meetings**

Meetings of the MGC Board of Directors are regularly held on the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 AM in the Clubhouse. Changes to the regular schedule will be posted on the website calendar and via email. All members are welcome to attend these meetings.

**See you on the course!!!!!!**

MGC Board & Staff