

Dear Members,

This Membership Golf Guide provides information on the golf program at Bonita National Golf and Country Club. Our Golf Association is very active, and we urge you to become familiar with the contents. Here you will find the rules and regulations of the Club as well as policies regarding tee times, guests, pace of play, club events, and much more.

It is our goal to bring continuous improvement to our Club and give our members the best experience possible. As part of our ongoing efforts to effectively meet the needs of our membership, Rules and Regulations are strictly enforced for the benefit of all and we will periodically review our policies and guidelines and update as necessary.

As always, if you have any questions or if there's anything we can do, please don't hesitate to ask. We look forward to a great season

Your Golf Professional Staff,

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### THE GOLF COURSE

ESTABLISHED: January 2015

ARCHITECT: Gordon G. Lewis

BACKGROUND: Bonita National is an 18-hole championship golf course, designed by world-renowned architect Gordon Lewis. Bonita National offers a firstclass golf experience that is challenging for the low handicap golfer yet fair and fun for the high handicap player. The golf course fits harmoniously with the environment, featuring holes intertwined with tributaries and estuaries. The wildlife is paramount as it is surrounded by the natural vegetation and a protected bird sanctuary. Bonita National is meticulously maintained from lush fairways to tour quality tiff-eagle greens. The practice facility provides the opportunity to practice all aspects of your game. The large driving range, the multifaceted short game area, and putting green complement the golf course, creating a first-class golf facility. Experience the outstanding conditions and superior service of Bonita National for yourself!

SUPERINTENDENT: Jesse Metcalf

GRASS/TURF: Tiff Eagle Greens & Celebration Bermuda Grass

### **TEE INFORMATION**

Championship (Black)	7019 Yards	74.3 Rating	132 Slope
Tournament (Blue)	6549 Yards	72.1 Rating	127 Slope
T/N Combo (Blue/White)	6291 Yards	71.0 Rating	125 Slope
National (White)	6020 Yards	69.3 Rating	122 Slope
N/MC Combo (White/Gold)	5776 Yards	68.1 Rating	119 Slope
Men's Club (Gold)	5506 Yards	66.9 Rating	116 Slope
Ladies' Club (Gold)	5506 Yards	72.7 Rating	127 Slope
C/LF Ladies Combo (Red/Gold)	5253 Yards	71.3 Rating	121 Slope
Ladies (Red)	5030 Yards	70.1 Rating	117 Slope
Ladies Forward (Green)	4488 Yards	67.0 Rating	110 Slope

## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

#### FORWARD

The following rules and regulations have been adopted and will be administered by the Bonita National Golf and Country Club Board of Directors. It is the intent of the Board of Directors to establish rules and regulations so that everyone will obtain maximum use and enjoyment of the facilities. Enforcement of these rules and regulations will primarily be placed in the hands of carefully selected staff, whose principal responsibility is to provide all the courtesies, comforts, and services to which you are entitled. It is the responsibility of those using facilities to know the rules and regulations and to cooperate with the board officers, directors, and staff in the enforcement of the rules.

#### **HOUSE RULES**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

The house rules of Bonita National Golf and Country Club (hereafter called the Club) are designed to protect the rights and privileges of members of the Club, their families and guests, and to protect Club property. The rules have been formulated to acquaint the members of the Club with the services available to them, and the proper utilization of the facilities.

#### BONITA NATIONAL PAYMENT OPTIONS

BN is a cashless operation throughout. As a golf member, the easiest means of payment is to file your credit card with the HOA Administration Office. All charges that you accumulate throughout the month from any and all amenities will be billed monthly and subsequently charged to your credit card on file. This is referred to as "member charge".

Because you are required to check into the Pro Shop each time prior to golf, you can present a credit card that will be charged immediately.

#### MEMBER PRIVILEGES

Members of the Golf Course - One individual for each associated golf unit shall be considered the member of the Golf Club. A spouse or significant other and children 21 years of age and under who reside in the unit shall be entitled to the use of the Golf Course.

#### MEMBERSHIP CARDS

All members, transferees, and applicable members of their families shall be issued membership cards. These cards are to be carried at all times while on Club property. Loss of the card should be reported to the Club office; at which time a replacement card will be issued and the appropriate fees applied. All new members and transfer members must register in the golf shop and present their membership card to the golf shop staff.

#### TRANSFER OF PRIVILEGES

- 1. Any owner may transfer their right of enjoyment to the Common Areas and facilities to his/her tenants, provided that a completed member transfer form is signed by the owner and submitted to the Administration Office, a processing fee is paid, and the transfer is in accordance with the policies set by the Board of Directors.
- 2. During the period specified on the member transfer form (minimum of one month) the owner's privileges are rescinded.

- 3. The transferee must be renting and residing in the unit for which the privileges are transferred.
- 4. Privileges for the use of the Golf Course are transferred to one individual. That individual, his (or her) spouse, and their children of 21 years of age and under are entitled to the use of the Golf Course.
- 5. All privileges and Rules & Regulations contained in this guide apply to all owners and transferees.
- 6. Any transfer which is not in accordance with the policies outlined above will be rescinded immediately. In addition, a fee equal to the current guest fee will be charged to the owner of the unit involved for each round of golf played under the illegal transfer.
- 7. The owner will be held responsible for the conduct of their transfer members. Violations and unacceptable behavior may impact your membership

#### **GUEST PRIVILEGES**

- 1. An individual who is the guest of a member or transferee is entitled to the use of the Clubhouse, Golf Course, and facilities under the rules established by the Board of Directors.
- 2. An individual who has paid a daily guest fee for the use of the Golf Course is also entitled to the use of the Clubhouse.
- 3. The Club Manager or any other management personnel employed by the Club may deny guest privileges to any individual when, in their opinion, it is in the best interest of the Club to do so.
- 4. A maximum of 3 guests per member are allowed on the Golf Course. All guests must play with the member who has registered them.

#### EMPLOYEES OF THE CLUB

- 1. All employees of the Club are extensively trained in the area for which they are hired.
- Members, transferees, and guests are to be respectful of Club employees, and are not permitted to reprimand Club employees or in any way interfere with the management of the Club.
- 3. Serious complaints regarding specific employees should be made in writing, addressed to the Head Professional and/or General Manager.

#### USE OF THE CLUB

- 1. Members, transferees and guests shall, at all times, conduct themselves in an orderly fashion as ladies and gentlemen.
- 2. Conduct unbecoming of ladies and gentlemen will be subject to disciplinary action including suspension of privileges.
- 3. Proper attire is to be worn at all times in accordance with acceptable practice for the particular area of the Club. See the Dress Code for further details.
- 4. The hours of operation of the various Club facilities shall be determined by the General Manager and may be adjusted seasonally as member usage dictates.
- 5. Gambling is not permitted in the Clubhouse in accordance with state liquor law regulations.
- 6. Subscriptions, petitions, or notices not concerning Club affairs shall not be distributed or posted on any Club property without approval of the General Manager.
- 7. Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children at all times.

- 8. The cost of replacing any property of the Club, broken, damaged or removed by a member, transferee, guest, or any member of their families, shall be charged to the member or transferee involved.
- 9. All decorations for private parties, other than table centerpieces, must have the approval of the General Manager.
- 10. Animals are not permitted in the Clubhouse, golf course, or any common property of the Golf Association.
- 11. Personal property should not be left unattended on Club property. The Club is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen property.

#### LOCKERS AND CLUB STORAGE

Lockers and Club storage are available on a yearly basis. Information on both can be obtained in the Golf Shop. The Club is not responsible for missing items from lockers.

#### Club Storage/Lost Property Disclaimer

When signing up for Club Storage you agree to the following:

- 1. Bonita National Golf Association will not be responsible for natural wear and tear or damages to your golf bag such as a ball pocket tearing or fraying due to being overweight and rubbing against the cart or the rubbing of a club against the top of the bag that ultimately wears or frays the bag.
- 2. Accidents by the staff will be covered such as a club shaft snapping as it's loaded or unloaded from a vehicle.
- 3. Bonita National Golf Association will not be responsible for lost property or items left in bags or golf carts (jewelry, cell phone, head covers etc.) You should only consider these items as temporarily lost and hopefully found as soon as possible. The staff will run a thorough search for your item and first check our "lost and found" designated locations. We will record your item and notify you if we find it.

#### DRIVING RANGE

- 1. The Driving Range is for the use of registered golfers and members only.
- 2. Use of the Driving Range for warm-up is included in the fees on days of play, specifically, before your round. On days of non-play, there may be a fee associated with the use of the Driving Range.
- 3. The driving range will close periodically at the discretion of the superintendent. This will allow the staff to safely pick range balls, provide golf maintenance and the opportunity to perform cultural practices for improved range conditions.
- 4. All players using the driving range <u>must</u> check into the Golf Shop. Player will pay any applicable fees.
- 5. Practice balls will be available on the driving range during normal operating hours.

#### GOLF COURSE AND PRACTICE FACILITIES DRESS CODE (INCLUDING DRIVING RANGE, PUTTING GREEN AND CHIPPING AREAS)

1. Appropriate golf attire is required for all players on the golf course and golf practice facilities. Members are expected to ensure that their immediate family members, guests and lessees adhere to such rules. Members should remind their guests of the dress policy prior to arrival at the Club to avoid embarrassment for the member and guest.

- 2. Men must wear collared golf shirts and appropriate golf shorts or pants. Shirts must be tucked into shorts/pants. Men may not wear jeans, cargo pants, cargo shorts, bathing attire, T-shirts, shirts without collars, gym shorts, tank tops, mesh shirts, cut-offs, tennis shorts and shorts less than 17-inches long on the out seam. Hats may not be worn backwards.
- 3. For women, golf dresses, skirts, slacks, golf shorts, and golf shirts are considered appropriate attire. Golf shirts without sleeves must have collars. Skirts and shorts must be of conservative tailoring. Tank tops, t-shirts, cut-offs, halter tops, athletic sweat or spandex pants without a skirt, athletic shorts, swimsuits, denim shorts and jeans, are not permitted.
- 4. All golf shoes must be "soft-spike.
- 5. Junior golfers are required to follow above guidelines.

Anyone not conforming to the dress code outlined above will be asked by Golf Staff personnel to change their attire before they will be allowed to play golf, or use the golf driving range or any of the practice facilities (including putting green and chipping areas).

# **GOLF COURSE RULES AND SERVICES**

In setting these rules for the use of the Golf Course, management is in no way attempting to restrict the enjoyment obtained from playing our course. It is however, necessary to follow certain procedures to ensure maximum enjoyment and safety to all golfers. It is hoped that pride in our Club, together with the thoughtfulness and consideration we afford our fellow golfers, will make enforcement of any rules unnecessary. However, any member or guest violating rules and regulations could be subjected to fines or suspension of golf privileges

- 1. The rules of golf from the United States Golf Association (USGA) will govern all play.
- 2. The use of the Golf Course is controlled by the Head Golf Professional.
- 3. Without exception, all players must register in the Golf Shop before playing the Golf Course or using the Driving Range.
- 4. The use of the Putting Green and Short Game Practice Area is restricted to registered golfers and Golf Members only.
- 5. All players are required to present themselves to Player Assistance/Starter 5 minutes before their scheduled tee time. It is the player's responsibility to be ready to commence play at their scheduled time.
- 6. The Head Golf Professional and Golf Course Superintendent shall determine when the course conditions prohibit or restrict play.
- 7. Without exception, all players must adhere to the Club's Dress Code when using the golf course or any practice facilities. See Golf Course and Practice Facility Dress Code for a list of acceptable/unacceptable clothing.
- 8. All play must start on designated Number 1 or Number 10 tee as assigned unless otherwise directed by the Golf Shop staff.
- 9. No more than four players per group are permitted unless authorized by the Golf Shop staff.
- 10. Practice golf activities shall be limited to those areas of the golf course designated for such activities. Practice is prohibited on regular greens and fairways of the golf course.
- 11. The Head Golf Professional may establish certain days and times during which the course shall be reserved for men's and women's golf days and special events.
- 12. Each player must have their own set of clubs and a golf bag when playing the Golf Course.
- 13. No coolers are allowed on the Golf Course unless supplied by the club.
- 14. Ball hawking is not permitted at any time. Entering any lake area to collect golf balls is strictly prohibited.
- 15. All paper, bottles, cans and other trash should be placed in a trash receptacle.
- 16. Damage to any private property, outside the boundaries of the Golf Course, caused purposely or by accident, shall be the responsibility of the person causing the damage

#### **GOLF CART OPERATION**

- 1. Individuals operating golf carts must have a valid driver's license.
- 2. Carts are restricted to two players and two bags.
- 3. Please abide by traffic stakes when entering and exiting fairways and nearing greens. Follow designated cart paths as much as possible and enter fairway when approaching your ball positions.
- 4. The Head Golf Professional and Golf Course Superintendent shall determine when golf cart operation is prohibited or restricted to paths only.

- 5. No personal golf carts are permitted on the golf course at any time.
- 6. Carts must remain on the cart path on par 3s at all times.
- 7. The driver of the cart always assumes responsibility for returning the cart in the same condition. The driver is also responsible for any damage that occurs through operation of the vehicle.
- 8. Carts are never permitted on the shoulder or surface of any tee, green, or bunker. The staked areas indicate restricted areas for cart traffic. Exception: When handicap flag policy is in effect.
- 9. It is not permitted to leave the golf course boundaries. Please stay off private property/ homeowners' property.

#### HANDICAP FLAG POLICY

Bonita National Golf and Country Club offers the use of Handicap Flags for those individuals who, for medical reason, will benefit from their use. A golfer who has been approved by the Pro Shop or submits a valid handicap parking permit from any Government agency may be extended this privilege. Handicap Flag privileges may be suspended or revoked, with or without warning, for abuse of this policy.

#### RULES OF THE FLAG

- 1. The Handicap Golf Cart may be driven up to the green or tee, but be mindful of steep grades.
- 2. AT NO TIME should a Handicap Golf Cart be parked or driven on the green or tee.
- 3. NO CARTS are allowed beyond the boundary of the course which is defined by out-ofbounds stakes.
- 4. NO CARTS are allowed to be driven between the green and greenside bunkers.
- In case of inclement weather or certain golf course conditions, carts may be restricted to the cart paths. NO HANDICAP PRIVILEGE will be extended for that time. If cart path only is limited to select holes, Handicap Privilege will NOT be extended for those holes so designated.
- 6. Handicap flag privileges are extended only to the person who has submitted valid documentation and has been approved for its use. This privilege does NOT extend to an additional cart rider or spouse that is not registered within the Handicap Flag Program, nor to a second cart within a grouping of players.
- 7. Player Assistance Personnel have absolute authority for all traffic control. If a player refuses to abide by the rules of the day (as stated above), his/her Handicap Flag Privileges may be suspended after review by the Head Golf Professional.

The Bonita National Golf and Country Club Golf Shop is happy to extend this privilege to those golfers who qualify and will benefit from its use. These rules and regulations are being distributed to clarify any misinterpretation by any golfer.

#### TEE TIME POLICIES

The following policies are not meant to limit or restrict the enjoyment of the Golf Course, but to provide an enjoyable opportunity for golf.

- 1. All tee times will be made by Chelsea I.D. number.
- 2. Members and transferees may make tee time requests up to 14 days in advance through the Chelsea system.

- Notice of cancellation should be given at least twenty-four hours prior to tee time. From November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>, members are charged an additional Chelsea point if they are a "no-show" or cancel on the day of play.
- 4. Players must be ready to commence play at the time established by their starting time, or lose their starting time. In the event of such loss, the players may not commence play until authorized by the Golf Shop staff.

#### **GUEST POLICY**

- 1. All guests are to be booked through the Chelsea Reservation System. From January-April, all guest play must be after 11am. From May-December, guest play is allowed anytime.
- 2. Each request/tee time can contain up to 3 guests and must contain a member of the Club.
- 3. Each member with an associated guest(s) will receive one Chelsea point per associated guest.
- 4. During Reciprocal Season (typically between May 1 and Oct. 31) members may bring groups of guests in excess of 3, with at least one member in the group, at the discretion of the Head Pro. The Member will be assigned one Chelsea point for each guest in the group.
- 5. Using guests or members to falsely fill a group or later replace with other members is strictly prohibited.

#### FALSIFYING REQUESTS

The use of the Chelsea Reservation System is to promote fair and equitable play for all members at the Club. It is expected that no member should purposely use guests or anyone else as a placeholder other than the intended players of their group. Should the Golf Shop staff find that any member is falsifying tee time requests in order to benefit themselves or their placement, they will be subject to disciplinary action which may include fines and suspension of golf privileges. Final disciplinary action will be determined by the Golf Board of Directors.

#### WALKING POLICY

- 1. Walkers can make a request or book a reservation by calling the Pro Shop on the day of play.
- 2. There is a Greens Fee for walking and the ability to use the range before play. Players MUST check into the golf shop to pay the fee and collect your receipt. You will need to show your receipt to the Roaming Access Control Staff and/or Player Assistance Personnel.
- 3. Chelsea Points .5 points will be associated with your request or booking reservation.
- 4. Members may walk the golf course in the late afternoon year-round. Certain provisions apply:
- a. Golf Shop staff will determine when walking play can commence depending on traffic and time of the year.
- b. On days where regular play extends late into the day, there may be no walking play allowed.
- c. All walking players must take a sand bottle to refill divots on the golf course. These are located on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> tees.

#### 9- HOLE POLICY

- 1. October through May, 9-hole play begins after 2:00pm as permitted by the Chelsea System.
- 2. 9-hole availability and start time will always be subject to change due to cross-over timing, if in place, as well as league play, tournaments, and special circumstances.
- 3. During the summer months of May September, 9-hole tee times may be made starting at 10 am. (Note that Reciprocal Season is typically between May 1 and Oct. 31)
- 4. Any member requesting a tee time through the Chelsea system for 9-holes prior to the allowed 9-hole window is committed to paying the associated 18-hole fees.

#### JUNIOR PLAY

- 1. Children, 18 through 21 years of age, who reside with their parents, are entitled to the same privileges as their parents.
- 2. Juniors, under 18 years of age, are not allowed to start before 2:30pm unless accompanied by an adult golfing member.
- 3. The Head Golf Professional may waive restrictions for juniors provided they can demonstrate that they possess adequate knowledge of golf rules and golf etiquette.

#### PACE OF PLAY

Expected pace of play at Bonita National Golf and Country Club is <u>4-Hours or less.</u> Keep up with the group in front of you. Refer to the GPS for pace of play notifications.

#### **INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICIES**

When dangerous weather occurs:

- If you are on the course and the Pro Shop posts a weather warning via the GPS system, you must follow the message.
- At all times players must comply with direction given by Pro Shop, whether it be play stoppage or play cancellation.
- Players must act responsibly. Do not put yourself in danger. If you need to terminate play in the middle of a round, the rain check policy will be adhered to.

In the event the course is closed due to inclement weather:

- The Pro Shop will issue an email to all members by 7:00 am. (If the course closure occurs during the day, an email blast will also be sent)
- All Chelsea points will be removed.
- Players need not call the Pro Shop.

In the event that later in the day the course becomes playable, or is playable but is Cart Path Only:

- The Pro Shop will issue an email to all members announcing the reopening and any restrictions.
- If you wish to play, call the Pro Shop for availability.
- All Chelsea placement points will be removed.

If the course is fully open and you choose not to play:

• You must call the pro shop to cancel your tee time.

• Chelsea points will remain.

Rain Check Guidelines

- 1-4 holes played -18-hole rain check issued
- 5-13 holes played 9-hole rain check issued
- 14 or more holes played no rain check issued

#### **GOLF HANDICAPS**

- 1. To be eligible for tournament, event or league play, an authorized Bonita National USGA handicap is required.
- 2. A golf handicap service is provided for members and transferees for a yearly fee to be determined by the Head Golf Professional.
- 3. To establish an accurate and legitimate handicap, players are REQUIRED to post scores after each 9 or 18-hole round of golf.
- 4. The Handicap Committee will review member's handicaps and their posted rounds of golf to ensure participants have properly posted their scores. The Committee will advise those members if they are not in compliance and the members will have 24-hours to either post their missing scores or contact the Head Professional and explain why they did not post missing scores.

#### **GOLF SERVICES**

Bonita National Golf and Country Club offers several optional golf services as listed below:

- 1. Annual Bag Storage
- 2. Annual Locker Storage
- 3. Handicap Fee

Includes: One calendar year of handicap service along with the pre-qualifications for all tournaments, events and league play.

4. Bag Tag

Included with bag storage fee or for a separate nominal fee.

\*\*For further information on the golf services or to request any services, please see the Golf Shop. \*\*

#### **GOLF COURTESY AND ETIQUETTE**

Golf is a game where courtesy and etiquette should always be observed. The following policies should be strictly followed for the maximum enjoyment of everyone using the golf course.

- 1. Please repair ball marks on greens and sand divots in fairways and teeing ground. Divots should be filled carefully with the sand/seed mixture that is supplied. A good policy is to repair your ball marks and divots and also one more.
- 2. Please rake your tracks when leaving a sand bunker. Rakes should be left in the sand bunker with the handle left outside the bunker.
- 3. When you putt out with the flag stick in, please exercise care when removing the ball from the hole so as to not damage the edge of the cup.
- 4. After finishing a hole, place the flag in the hole and leave the green area immediately. Proceed to the next tee, do not remain parked along the side of the green; mark your

scores at the next tee.

- 5. Please abide by traffic stakes when entering and exiting fairways and nearing greens. Follow designated cart paths as much as possible and enter fairway when approaching your ball positions.
- 6. Please be respectful of private property surrounding the golf course. Under no circumstances shall golf carts be driven on, or any shot played from, any area other than golf course property.
- 7. Slow Play —Expected pace of play at Bonita National Golf and Country Club is 4 Hours or less. Player Assistance Personnel and/or Golf Shop Staff consistently monitor the speed of play and are required to enforce the following policy for the pleasure and enjoyment of the entire field. You may receive a message via the golf cart GPS system, warning you that you are behind pace. Every effort should be made to return to position. This is for the enjoyment of all players.

### **RULES OF PLAY**

#### USGA Rules will govern all play supplemented with the following local rules:

- 1. All hazards are considered Lateral Hazards. Proceed under Rule 26-2. In the absence of red lines or stakes, the margin of the hazard begins at the water's edge; <u>OR</u>, when water levels are low, the grass line above the water's edge.
- 2. Any ball coming to rest on a natural cart path is entitled to relief with no penalty. Proceed under Rule 24-2. (Except on Hole #3 where the cart path is within a penalty area)
- 3. The Embedded Ball Rule is in effect "through the green." Proceed under Rule 25-2.
- 4. Grassy areas between holes are considered "through the green." A ball not found in these areas is considered a Lost Ball. Proceed under Rule 27.

#### Bonita National Local Rules (May 2020)

- 1. All Penalty Areas marked by lines and/or stakes. Lines always take precedent over stakes. In absence of either, the break in the ground or change in landscape/grass represents the hazard line (same rule applies for boundary line).
- The player may take relief without penalty, on all designated cart paths. This includes dirt cart paths. This does not include "Waste Areas" or Penalty Areas, i.e. right side of #3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #16. The area immediately to the right of #4, #7, and #16 greens is a dirt cart path and relief is granted. There is no Cart Path on #3.
- 3. In any "Waste Area," the player may take relief without penalty when the golf ball lies up against the edging. However, the player must stay within the Waste Area when taking relief. No relief is granted within Penalty Areas.
- 4. #10 Left of Cart Path "Landscape Beds" are a part of the hole. Relief without penalty is **not granted** if your ball lies in any of these Landscape Beds.
- 5. If your ball has come to rest in a playable lie and is near an alligator, and you feel unsafe playing it from its position, you may drop (without penalty) in the nearest "safe" spot that most closely replicates the prior ball position.
- 6. All inside edges of bordering fences, roads, parking lots, sidewalks are Out of Bounds. (Road on left of #10, #15, Road behind #2, #9, #17, Sidewalk/Path behind #10, #12, #18)
- 7. The water line on the Homeowners side of the water is considered Out of Bounds.
- 8. The outside edge of the bulk heads represents the hazard line. If the bulk head interferes with stance or swing on the golf course side you may take free relief (Immovable Obstruction- Right side of green and green-side bunkers on #1, #13 and #18.)
- 9. Free relief from all staked trees, but only from the stake.
- 10. Free Relief from Sprinkler Head within two club lengths of green **and** within two club lengths of ball.
- 11. On Hole #13, players may elect to use the drop area for any ball coming to rest in the hazard on the right. Players may not enter this hazard to retrieve balls or play shots.
- 12. **USGA Rule E-5:** Lost Ball or Out of Bounds, Stroke and Distance Relief. Golfers have three options, this option allows the player to drop in a large area between the point where the ball is estimated to have come to rest or gone out of bounds and the edge of the fairway of the hole being played that is not nearer the hole. The player gets two penalty

strokes when using this relief option. This means that the relief is comparable to what could have been achieved if the player had taken stroke-and-distance relief.

#### HANDICAP POLICY

#### MEMBER RESPONSIBILITY FOR ACCURATE POSTING OF SCORES

- 1. Members must have an active Bonita National USGA GHIN Number to participate in any Bonita National Golf Club Tournament, League or Event play. A member can register or transfer a GHIN Number at the Golf Shop.
- 2. Bonita National has implemented the World Handicap System as directed by the USGA on January 1, 2020. The World Handicap System sets the maximum number of strokes that a player can post on any hole to a Net Double Bogey. For players with an established Course Handicap, the calculation of a Net Double Bogey is as follows:

-PAR of the hole + 2 Strokes (Double Bogey) + Any Course Handicap Strokes (+ or -) that the player receives on the hole.

(For a player submitting their first scores to establish an initial Handicap Index, the maximum score on any hole is limited to a Par plus 5 strokes.)

3. A player must post their score for all rounds played under the USGA Rules of Golf before the end of the day on which the round is played. This posting can be done by utilizing the Handicap computer located in the Clubhouse, over the internet at GHIN.com, or the GHIN app on their smartphone.

-If a player plays 7 to 12 holes, they must post a Nine Hole Score.

-Playing 13 or more holes and not finishing the round requires an Eighteen Hole Score to be posted. For the un-played holes, the USGA requires the posting of a score of Par plus any handicap strokes that the player is entitled to receive on those unplayed holes. These holes should be preceded by an X when recorded on a score card.

-For holes where strokes are conceded, post a score for that hole by determining your most likely score for the hole. Your most likely score would be the actual number of strokes taken plus your estimated number of strokes needed to finish the hole from that position.

- 4. The Head PGA Professional will determine which events qualify for Tournament Score posting and will be responsible for posting those scores.
- 5. If a player attempts to avoid posting their scores and is not complying with the USGA World Handicap System, the Head PGA Professional may withdraw that player's Handicap Index, making that player ineligible for Tournament, League or Event play.

#### HANDICAP COMMITTEE: HANDICAP MONITORING AND COMPLIANCE

1. The Bonita National Handicap Committee will be comprised of two Members of, and the Chairperson of, the Golf Operations Committee. The purpose of the Handicap Committee will be to monitor the inputting of members scores and to qualify members for tournament and other event play where handicaps are required. The Committee will also act on and resolve any concerns regarding member's handicaps as set forth in this section.

- 2. The Handicap Committee will monitor member play and posting on a daily/weekly basis or as directed by the Golf Operations Committee. The Handicap Committee may check tee sheets against member's posted scores.
- 3. In order to participate in Bonita National Tournaments, Leagues and any event requiring the use of a handicap, each member must have appropriately posted their scores for their rounds played (see section A.3).
- 4. In preparation for an announced Tournament or event, The Handicap Committee will review member's handicaps and their posted rounds of golf. The Committee will determine if any participants have not properly posted their scores for rounds played. The Committee will then advise those members by email that they are not in compliance with the Handicap Policy. The member will have 24 hours from the time they receive the email notice to either post their missing scores or contact the Head PGA Professional and explain why they did not post the missing scores.

The committee may meet and discuss with the Head PGA Professional the member's case, and decide if the explanation for not posting a score or scores is valid. The Committee along with the Head PGA Professional has the authority to (a) post a penalty score for the member or (b) initiate other action as set forth in the USGA Handicap Manual.

5. As set forth in section A.5 above, members who fail to comply with the posting of accurate scores may be refused entry into Tournaments, Leagues and Events.

## **CHELSEA RESERVATIONS**

#### OVERVIEW - WHAT IS CHELSEA?

- Chelsea has been in business since 1987 and is located in Coral Springs, Florida with all support and programming remaining in the USA.
- The Chelsea system is one of the most widely used reservation systems and has installations throughout the U.S. including many in high end private and semi-private clubs in Florida.
- The Chelsea Reservation Tee Time System is an internet-based system that is designed to distribute requested tee times in a fair, equitable, and consistent manner.
- The Tee Time Reservation System will prioritize member requests and will ensure equal access for all members based on the club's rules.

#### **GETTING STARTED**

- Members will be able to request or book tee times through a link on the club's website. To do so, please visit any of the following links:
  - o Direct Link: http://bonitanatl.chelseareservations.com/
  - OR http://bonitanationalgolf.com, and click on "Chelsea Log In"
- Each member will log in for the first time using his or her Member Number and the default password of Bn1234.
- Member numbers are made up of the 4-digit number found on your member ID card, followed by a zero (0) for men, one (1) for women, and a 2, 3, 4 etc. for any children on the membership.
- Rather than a 0 or 1, transfer member numbers will end with a 7 or 8, transfer member assumes the club average of points.
- Once you are logged in, you can then update your email address, password, telephone number, and emergency contact information by clicking on Profile.
- Email addresses are vital if you wish to receive confirmation of tee times

#### **REQUESTING A TEE TIME**

Details

- Tee time requests will be accepted by the system between 14 to 5 days prior to the day of play.
- Placement will occur 4 days prior to the day of play.
- All requests between 14 to 5 days will go into the queue for that day's play. It is not a first come, first served system, and tee times are not based on the date or time the request is made.
- Tee times may be linked together with up to Four (4) foursomes per request playing in consecutive order.

#### Making a Request

- Select the day you would like to play from the drop-down list.
  - Enter the requested time. Choose the earliest time you would prefer to play.
    - Choosing an earliest time is ensuring that your tee time will be no earlier than that time.

- Enter the Number of Tee Times (linked teams) and whether or not you prefer that the system break the link. Please understand when linking times, the points are averaged for the entire linked group.
  - Choosing to break the link allows the system to place fewer groups from the link when the golf course is at its fullest (Example: Four groups are linked together but only 3 tee times are available. Breaking the link allows the first 3 groups to be placed while the fourth group moves to the Overflow List).
- Click Player Information.
- Enter the member number for each player in your group.
  - If you do not know each player's member number, click on the magnifying glass to search by last name.
- Use the guest drop down to add a guest.
- Enter your guest's first and last name (Optional).
- Click "Add Members to Buddy List" if you wish to add the players to a quick list for future requests.
- Click Submit.
- Please ensure that you wait for a request confirmation to load.
- When first requesting, all transfer members will assume the club average points. They will not start with 0 points.

#### EVENT REQUESTS

- Event sign-ups can be found under the request tab. Add an Event Request.
- You will be able to sign up for any open events, given your membership type permits.
- Men's/Ladies Days 14 Days in advance. Chelsea points are applicable for Men's/Ladies Days
- Club Tournaments 14 Days to 1 Month depending on the event (see event descriptions below)
- There are no Chelsea play points distributed for tournaments/events.
- You must be registered for a handicap with Bonita National Golf and Country Club to play in any club tournaments/events and Men's/Ladies' Days.
- You must also select the tee that you want to play before submitting the event request.

#### **REVIEWING YOUR INFORMATION**

- Under the Review tab, you can review your information, which includes:
  - Schedule
  - Requests
  - Overflow
  - Points
  - Play History
- You can also review:
  - Friend's Schedules
  - Event Requests
  - Tee Sheets

#### TEE SHEET PLACEMENT

- Each member will have a rolling point total (Play History) over the last 14 days.
- Tee Sheets are processed 4 days prior to the date of play at 10:00am. At that point, changes may be made to any bookings already placed.
- Once placement has occurred and the tee sheet has been established, email confirmations will be sent to each member (provided the email address has been added on your profile) with the assigned date, time, and course information.

#### PLAY HISTORY / PLACEMENT

- Tee time placement is based on the past 14 days for each player in the group.
- The Chelsea System assigns one (1) point per player at the time of request and one (1) point per player at placement, but not both.
- For every hour after the requested time a group is placed, players will receive a deduction of .1 from a full point.
- Example: Accepted Range 8:00am 3:00pm
- Requested Time 9:00am
- Actual Placed Time 11:00am
- Each player would only receive .8 points at placement.
- At the time of placement, the total number of points in each group is divided by the number of players in the group for an average team total.
- Example:
- Member A 5 Points last 14 days
- Member B 2 Points last 14 days
- Member C 7 Points last 14 days
- Member D 6 Points last 14 days
- Average Team Total Points = 5
- The team with the lowest average team total will get placed first.

Example:

2 Groups requesting 9AM.

- Group 1 Average Team Total 3 Points
- Group 2 Average Team Total
  4 Points
- Group 1 would be placed at the 9AM tee time, and Group 2 would then be evaluated against all others requesting a tee time before and after 9AM, provided it is within their requested range.

#### **GUEST POINTS**

 When requesting a tee time, each guest (up to 3 per group) will assume the play history points of the member.

Example: Tee time request with 1 member and 3 guests.

Member Points 4

Guest 1 Points 4

Guest 2 Points 4

Guest 3 Points 4

The Average Team Total Points for the group would be 4 points. It is not the members 4 points divided by 4.

• At placement, each member with an associated guest will receive one (1) point for each associated guest(s).

In the example above, the member would receive 4 points at placement for his/her tee time.

#### **OVERFLOW**

- When the tee sheet is processed for a day and there are more requests than available tee times, groups with higher play history averages will be placed onto an overflow or waiting list.
- The groups on this list will be ranked in order of team play history average.
- After placement, and prior to the day of play, it is the member's responsibility to continuously check the tee sheets for available tee times or recently opened tee times. The Chelsea System does not automatically fill in the next group on the overflow list.
- If the Golf Shop deletes a placed tee time, they will place the next group on the overflow list and send the members of that group an email of notification.
- If there are cancellations for the day of play, the Golf Shop staff will contact groups on the overflow list in ranking order to give that group 'first right of refusal' for the open tee time.
- Groups contacted by Golf Shop staff for a canceled tee time will be given a specified time limit to accept or decline. If the time limit expires before a decision has been made, it will be considered to have been declined and staff will move on to the next group on the list.

#### **BOOKING A TEE TIME**

Adding a Booking

- Once the tee sheet has been processed and tee times are placed, members are able to add themselves to any open tee times available on the tee sheet.
  - Under the Booking Tab:
    - Add a Booking
    - Select Day, Time to Review, and Enter Player Information
    - Click Display Times
    - Click on any available times to add your group into that selected time and click Submit.
- The only exception is the day of play. The Golf Shop must make all changes and additions to the current day's tee sheet.

#### MAKING CHANGES TO A BOOKING

Once the tee sheet has been processed and you have received confirmation of your tee time, there are changes that can be made to the placed time.

Under the Booking Tab:

- Add, Edit, or Delete players from a booking
- Change a tee time if available
- Delete a booking
- Edit linked tee times (up to 4 groups)

#### **CANCELLATION POLICY / NO-SHOWS**

 Members are responsible for checking the Chelsea Reservation System for their tee times.

- Members are also responsible for notifying the Golf Shop a <u>minimum</u> of 24 hours in advance with changes or to cancel a scheduled tee time.
- Any member who is a "no-show", or cancels the day of play for their tee time during any regular play will be assigned one additional Chelsea point. Additionally, members will also be assigned an additional Chelsea point for each guest or immediate family member who is a "no-show" or cancels the day of play. This rule is only in affect November 1-April 30.
- League Play Any member who cancels within 72 hours of a Men's or Ladies' weekly league will be assigned one (1) Chelsea point. Further, any member who is a "no-show" or cancels the morning of league will be assigned two (2) Chelsea points.
- Further penalties up to and including the suspension of golf privileges may be assessed if it is found that a member is purposely falsifying tee time requests. See the club rules and regulations for policy on falsifying requests.
- There will be no cancellation points assigned for days where the entire course is cart path only, or if weather results in course closure.

#### OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- The system can be accessed from any mobile device. Go to <u>http://bonitanatl.chelseareservations.com/</u>
- The golf professional staff will hold Chelsea Orientations during peak season. See the event schedule for these dates.
- For any further inquiries on the Chelsea System, please contact the Golf Shop at 239-908-0704 or visit the golf tab at bonitanationalgolf.com.