



**BABCOCK
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GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

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2023-2024 GOLF PROGRAM MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

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Welcome to Babcock National Golf Club

From the Director of Golf...

This membership golf guide provides all of the information surrounding the golf operation at Babcock National. Enclosed you will find information pertaining to general rules and regulations, club policies, events and weekly associations, and more. Please refer to the table of contents for specific directions to different subjects of the golf operation.

Please note, adjustments to policies, procedures, and rules may change at the discretion of the Board of Directors. We have updated our Terms of Competition for the 2023-2024 Golf Season.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to our professional staff for assistance.

We look forward to having a successful and enjoyable season here at Babcock National.

Ryan Hagerman, PGA
Director of Golf

The Babcock National Golf Course

Established: February 2020

Architect: Gordon Lewis

Tee Area, Fairways, & Rough: Celebration Bermuda grass

Collars and Greens: TifEagle Bermuda grass

Gordon Lewis, Architect

- Has designed more than 80 golf course throughout the state of Florida
- Designs appeal to golfers of all skill levels
- Lived across the street from a golf course and grew up playing with his extended family
- Studied landscape architecture at Kansas State University where he played on the golf team
- His first design was The Vines, which is now Estero Country Club

As of January 2023:

| Men's Rating and Slope | Yardage | Rating | Slope |
|------------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| Grey Tees | 7,176 | 74.4 | 129 |
| Red Tees | 6,441 | 70.7 | 121 |
| Black Tees | 6,006 | 68.9 | 115 |
| Black/Blue Combo Tees | 5,512 | 66.4 | 110 |
| Blue Tees | 5,005 | 64.3 | 104 |
| Gold Tees | 4,504 | 62.0 | 98 |

| Women's Rating and Slope | Yardage | Rating | Slope |
|--------------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| Black Tees | 6,006 | 74.4 | 122 |
| Blue Tees | 5,005 | 69.2 | 114 |
| Blue/Gold Combo Tees | 4,735 | 67.5 | 110 |
| Gold Tees | 4,504 | 65.9 | 109 |



Golf Club Rules, Regulations, and Services

The club rules of Babcock National are designed to protect the rights, and privileges of club members, their families, and guests. The rules are also designed to uphold the quality and distinction of the property.

Definitions

- ***Golf Members:*** One individual for each associated golf lot or 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.
- ***Transfer Member:*** Any owner may transfer their right of use to the common areas and the facilities to his/her tenants provided a Member/Transfer Application is completed and signed by the owner and submitted to the administrative office.
 - A processing fee must be paid, and the transfer must be in accordance with the policies set forth by the Board of Directors.
 - During the period specified on the Member/Transfer Application (minimum of one month) the owner's privileges are rescinded.
 - Privileges for the use of the golf course are transferred to one individual. That individual, his/her spouse, and children 21 years of age and under who reside in the unit shall be entitled to the use of the golf course. Transfer members may be at a different rate.
 - All privileges and rules & regulations outlined in this guide apply to transferees.
- ***Guest of Member:*** An individual who is the guest of a Golf Member or Transfer Member is entitled to the use of the Clubhouse, Golf Course, and Amenities Center under the rules established by the Board of Directors. Guests of Members may be at a different rate.
 - **A MAXIMUM of 3 guests per member are allowed on the Golf Course.**
 - All guests must be playing with a member unless authorized by the Director of Golf or the Head Golf Professional.

General Use Of Facilities

- Golf Members, Transfer Members, and Guests shall at all times conduct themselves in an orderly fashion as ladies and gentlemen. Conduct that is unbecoming of ladies and gentleman will be subject to disciplinary action including suspension of privileges.
- Proper attire is to be worn at all times in accordance with your location on the property.
- The hours of operation shall be determined by the Director of Golf or Head Golf Professional and may be adjusted seasonally as member usage dictates.
- Parents are responsible for the conduct of their children at all times.
- 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.
- Personal food or beverages shall not be brought or consumed on Club premises unless purchased from the Club.
- Personal coolers are not permitted on the Golf Course. Coolers are provided on carts.
- All alcoholic beverages must be purchased through Babcock National per State Law
- Pets are not permitted in the Clubhouse, Amenities Center, or Golf Course at any time.

- Personal Property should not be left unattended on Club property. The Club is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen property.
- Smoking, including the use of E-cigarette and Vape devices, is prohibited within 50 feet of all buildings.
- “Ball Hawking” is not permitted at any time.
- Fishing in Golf Club lakes and ponds is prohibited.
- Each player must have a set of clubs and a golf bag when playing the course. Sharing sets is not permitted. Rental sets are available through the Pro Shop.
- Member Bag Storage. Members have the opportunity to store their golf clubs at the golf course. Our Outside Services Staff will load your bag prior to your arrival and clean and store them following your round.

Dress Code

- Golfers must wear proper golf attire at all times while playing golf or using the practice facilities.
- Men may not wear jeans, bathing attire, flip flops, t-shirts, shirts without collars, gym shorts, tank tops, mesh shirts, or cut offs. Traditional cargo shorts are not allowed on the golf course or the practice facility. We highly encourage men to tuck their shirts in as we look to uphold the integrity of the game and represent Babcock National in a gentlemanly manner.
- Ladies may not wear jeans, bathing attire, flip flops, t-shirts, gym shorts, tank tops, tube or halter tops, mesh shirts, or cut offs. Dress shirts without collars are permitted, however, shirts must have a collar if they do not have sleeves.
- Anyone not conforming to the dress code outlined above will be asked to change before he or she will be allowed to play golf or use the practice facilities.
- Riders must wear proper golf attire as well.

Practice Facilities

- Practice Facilities will operate from 7:00am to 5:00pm.
- Use of the Practice Facilities for warm-up is included in the fees on days of play only and are limited to 60 minutes prior to your tee time.
- \$10 Fee, unlimited use on Non-Playing days.
- Monthly and Annual Range Passes are available.
- All players, including Range Pass holders, MUST check into the Golf Shop prior to using the Practice Facilities.
- Golf Carts will not be issued for Practice Facility use outside posted Golf Shop hours.

Golf Cart Policy

- **Personal Golf Carts** are not permitted on Golf Course or Practice Facilities.
 - Personal Golf Carts must be parked as a vehicle in the Club parking lot or in designated Personal Cart Parking areas.
- Individuals operating golf carts must have a valid driver’s license.
- Golf Club Carts are restricted to two riders and two golf bags.
- During normal operating conditions, the 90° degree rule is always in effect. Carts are to remain on the cart paths until reaching a point adjacent to where the ball lies. At that

point, carts may be driven across the fairway directly to the ball and should return to the cart path on the same line after the shot has been played.

- The Director of Golf or Head Golf Professional and the Golf Course Superintendent shall determine when golf cart operation is prohibited or restricted to cart path only.
- Carts must remain on the Cart Path on Par 3's at all times.
- The driver of the cart always assumes responsibility for returning the cart in the same condition it was received and is responsible for any damage that occurs during operation of the vehicle.
- 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.

Handicap Flag Policy

- For those individuals who require course access accommodation for medical reasons, Babcock National offers a "Handicap Flag" noted on your cart through our GPS system
- A golfer who 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 the policy at the discretion of the Head Golf Professional.
- Permissible Driving Areas:
 - All Carts must remain on the Cart Path on Par 3's at all times.
 - The Handicap Golf Cart may be driven UP TO the perimeter of the greens or tees.
 - AT NO TIME should a Handicap Golf Cart be parked or driven ON the green or tee, unless approved by the Head Professional.
 - NO CARTS are allowed beyond the boundary of the course which is defined by out of bounds stakes or lines.
 - In case of inclement weather or certain golf course conditions, carts may be restricted to the cart path only. Handicap Golf Carts will not receive any privilege when the course is deemed CART PATH ONLY.
- Golf Course Rangers have absolute authority for all golf cart traffic control. If a player refuses to abide by the rules of the day (ex. cart path only), his/her Handicap Flag Privileges may be suspended.

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.
- Please repair ball marks on greens and sand divots in fairways and teeing ground.
- Please rake footprints and divots when exiting a sand bunker.
- After finishing a hole, place the flag in the hole and leave the green area immediately.
- Please Mark your scorecard at the next tee.
- Proceed to the next tee and do not remain parked along the side of the green.
- A good Pace of Play is important to the enjoyment of all players and is constantly monitored.

- Please be respectful of private property surrounding the golf course. Under no circumstances shall golf carts be driven on, or any shots be played from, private property/out-of-bounds areas.

Pace of Play Expectations

- Players are allotted 4 hours to play 18 holes.
- The Golf Staff constantly monitors the pace of play using GPS and will enforce penalties accordingly.
 - First Offense: The group has fallen behind the group ahead and behind the allotted time limited for their position on the course. The Ranger will indicate that the group is out of position and needs to catch up with the group ahead.
 - Second Offense: The group has not improved their position. The ranger will confirm a second warning and indicate the next offense will require the group skip an entire hole or more.
 - Third Offense: The group has been warned properly and has not improved their position. The ranger will escort the group to the proper position.
- Inexperienced golfers are asked to play at off-peak hours.

Employees of the Club

- 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.
- Concerns regarding club staff should be brought to management for resolution.

Service Feedback and Comments

- We welcome all comments and feedback.
- Suggestions, compliments, or concerns relating to the Club facilities or services should be brought to the attention of the Director of Golf or Head Golf Professional or Board of Directors.
- Slow, unsatisfactory, improper service, or any other inattention to duty should be reported immediately to the manager on duty.
- Complaints of unsatisfactory service will receive the immediate attention of a manager.

Member Disciplinary Action

- The following infractions will be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors for disciplinary action.
 - Repeated violation of Club rules or knowingly violating a Club rule.
 - Display of temper or other discourteous conduct resulting in damage to club property or physical injury.
 - Disrespect shown to Club staff, members, or guests.
 - Failure to register guests when playing the Golf Course.

Player Development Programs

Babcock National has four (4) PGA Professionals on staff to help players of all skill levels improve their games! We offer individual and group lessons as well as single topic clinics and junior golf camps.



PGA Director of Golf
Ryan Hagerman

Individual Lessons – 60 minutes - \$80
9 Hole Playing Lesson - \$140
3 Lesson Package - \$210



PGA Assistant Professional
Samantha Coleman

Individual Lessons – 60 minutes - \$80
9 Hole Playing Lesson - \$140
3 Lesson Package - \$210



PGA Assistant Professional
Bob Range

Individual Lessons – 60 minutes - \$80
9 Hole Playing Lesson - \$140
3 Lesson Package - \$210



PGA 1st Assistant Professional
Alec Bolla

Individual Lessons – 60 minutes - \$80
9 Hole Playing Lesson - \$140
3 Lesson Package - \$210

Tee Time Policies and Procedures

General Information

- Golf Members and Transfer Members may make tee time requests up to 14 days in advance through the EZLinks Lottery system.
- Players must be ready to commence play at 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.
- Please see the EZ Links Reservation Guide for more information.
- **No Show/Cancellation Policy: (effective 3/1/2024)**
- All cancellations must be made 24 hours prior to booked tee time. Failure to cancel or no-show, will result in a charge for that time. The person booking the tee time is responsible for the cancellation or no-show fee. If a member makes a tee time for other members, the other members will be responsible for the cancellation or no-show fee. At the discretion of the professional staff, days of severe weather & cart path only are exempt of a monetary penalty, if the player(s) phone the golf shop to cancel.
- Anyone found not giving adequate notice of cancellation shall be subject to point penalties within the lottery system. This will be at the discretion of the Director of Golf or Head Golf Professional.
- 18-hole fees will be applied prior to 12 noon.

Guest Policy

- All guests are to be booked through the Lottery Reservation System.
- Each request/tee time can contain up to 3 guests and must contain a member of the club associated with said guests.
- Unaccompanied guests will only be permitted by the Director of Golf or Head Golf Professional.

Playing while Walking Policy

- Members may walk after 5pm.
- Members intending on walking MUST check in to the golf shop to confirm that they are on property and have a sand bottle in their possession.
- Walking tee times may not be booked in advance and must be booked the day of play.

Junior Players

- Golfers, aged 18 through 21 years of age, who reside with their parents, are extended the same golf privileges as their parents.
- Juniors, under 18 years of age, are not allowed to start before 3pm unless accompanied by an adult golfing member.
- The Director of Golf or Head Golf Professional may waive restrictions for juniors based upon skill and provided they can demonstrate adequate knowledge of golf rules and etiquette.

Hole-In-One Club

\$2 Buy-In



As we look to build our Babcock National traditions, we have implemented a “Hole-In-One” (H-I-O) Club.

Any member of Babcock National is eligible to join the H-I-O Club for a \$2.00 entry fee.

When a member of the H-I-O Club makes a hole-in-one, in addition to having their name added to the plaque in the pro shop, that member also wins the purse in the form of Golf Shop Credit Book funds.

Following this pay-out, all members of the H-I-O Club will automatically be re-registered and charged another \$2.00 entry fee unless the member has notified the Golf Shop about discontinuing.

Gary Maher - #17- July 30, 2022

Qualifications:

- Must play at least a nine-hole round. A few “practice holes” do not qualify.
- Must be playing with at least one witness who is also a Club member.
- If playing a format that allows a second shot (ex. mulligan) the hole-in-one must be made with the first ball.
- All shots must be played from a recognized standard tee box.

Golf Club Events and Associations

Golf Genius Tournament Software

Babcock National utilizes the Golf Genius tournament web-based software to manage all tournament and association activities. The system helps to automate registration, player communications, scoring, and reporting of results.

- Players can access Golf Genius through a home computer or smartphone app.
- Members must have an active Golf Genius account in order to receive event invitations and see all event related information including pairings and results.
- Members must have an active FSGA/GHIN Handicap.
- The Golf Staff will activate Member Golf Genius accounts using email addresses and GHIN numbers.
- Invitations/Entries will be sent out via Golf Genius to your registered email address.
 - Weekly Associations (Men, Women, and Couples) – Play invites are sent two (2) weeks in advance and close eight (8) days in advance.



SCORE BETTER, PLAY FASTER

Use Your 7-Iron Distance to Select Your Tee



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| Total 7 Iron Distance (Carry and Roll Yardage) | Our Recommended Tee |
|---|---------------------|
| 110 or less | Gold |
| 110-120 | Blue/Gold |
| 120-130 | Blue |
| 130-135 | Black/Blue |
| 135-145 | Black |
| 155-165 | Red |
| 175 or more | Grey |



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Men's Golf Association

Wednesdays October– April
Entry Fee: \$5 weekly plus cart fee
Tee Times beginning at 8:00am

Eligibility

- Open to all Babcock Golf and Transfer Members.
- Non-Members and Guests are not permitted unless noted on the schedule.
- Must have a valid FSGA GHIN Handicap.
- Maximum playing handicap for the MGA is 32, regardless of a higher handicap index.

Weekly Registration via Golf Genius

- Begins Wednesday (two weeks) prior to day of play via Golf Genius email invitation.
- Deadline for Registration is Tuesday, eight days before league play day at 10 AM.
- Maximum field size - may be adjusted to accommodate demand on a bi-weekly basis.
- Late Registrations will be accommodated on a space available basis only. If there are no open spots available players will be placed on the waiting list.

Cancellations/No Shows

- Participants will have until Tuesday at 7 a.m. to cancel if unable to play.
- Failure to cancel or show up for golf will result in a members charged and listed on the waiting list for the next entered event. This is to ensure that The Professional Staff can operate MGA day at the highest level.
- No Shows and Cancellations on the morning of play not only affect your enjoyment and pairings but does not allow members on the waiting list to play, nor give you the service we are hoping to provide.

Pairings

- Pairings will be sent out by 3:00 p.m. every Tuesday.
- Players will be paired randomly by the Golf Genius software taking into consideration playing partners.
- In efforts to keep the integrity of the game intact and competition fair, we will not allow “custom groups” when playing a team-oriented format.

Tee Assignments

- Players will be asked to declare a preferred tee during the Association registration process to be played throughout the season. You MUST play the tees that are designated on your scorecard.
- Tee Assignments will be based off of the tee box that holds the majority of your GHIN postings 30 days prior to an event.
- Once a default tee is selected the member may change his selection once during the remainder golfing season, with the approval of the Director of golf or Head Golf Professional
- If no tee selection is made the default tees will be the black tees.

2023-2024 MGA Schedule

October

- 18 Skins Game (Pilot Game)
- 25 Individual Point Quota (Pilot Game)

November

- 1 4 Person Scramble (Opening Day)
- 8 2 Best Net Balls of 4
- 15 1, 2, 3 Net Better Balls of 4
- 18 Fall Member-Member
- 22 Individual Point Quota
- 29 Skins Game

December

- 6 Best Odd/Even
- 13 Beat the Pro
- 20 2 Person, 1 Better Net Ball of 2
- 27 Individual Low Net

January

- 3 Low Gross/ Low Net
- 10 Net Nassau (Front, Back, Total)
- 17 Beat the Pro & CC Cup Qualifier
- 22 Cross County Cup @ Babcock National
- 23 Cross County Cup @ Heritage Landing
- 24 Skins Game
- 31 Men's Guest Day

February

- 7 Individual Point Quota
- 9 Club Championship Round 1
- 10 Club Championship Round 2
- 14 2 Best Net Balls of 4
- 21 1, 2, 3 Net Better Balls of 4
- 28 Beat the Pro

March

- 6 Best Odd/ Even
- 8 Spring Member-Member Day 1
- 9 Spring Member-Member Day 2
- 13 2 Person, 1 Better Net Ball of 2
- 20 Stableford Points
- 27 Individual Low Net

April

- 3 Net Nassau (Front, Back, Total)
- 10 All the Way Forward
- 17 Low Gross/Low Net
- 24 Doug's Revenge/4 Person Scramble

Women's Golf Association

Thursdays October – April
Entry Fee: \$5 weekly plus cart fee
18-Hole Tee Times beginning at 8:00am
9-Hole Tee times Starting at 1:00pm

Eligibility

- Open to all Babcock Golf and Transfer Members.
- Non-Members and Guests are not permitted unless noted on the schedule.
- Must have a valid USGA GHIN Handicap.
- Maximum playing handicap for the WGA is 40, regardless of a higher handicap index.

Divisions (New for 2023-2024!)

- Players must declare prior to beginning the season in which division they will participate.
- **18-Hole Division** - Tee Times begin at 8:00am
- **9-Hole Division** - The Tee Times for the 9 Hole league will start at 1:00pm. All Players will play from the Gold Tees

Weekly Registration via Golf Genius

- Begins Thursday (two weeks) prior to day of play.
- Deadline for Registration is Wednesday (eight day out) at 10 am.
- Maximum field size - may be adjusted to accommodate demand on a bi-weekly basis.
- Late Registrations will be accommodated on a space available basis only. If there are no open spots available players will be placed on the waiting list.

Cancellations/No Shows

- Participants will have until Wednesday at 8:00am for the 18 hole Division and 1:00pm for the 9 hole division to cancel if unable to play.
- Failure to cancel or show up for golf will result in a member charged and listed on the waiting list for the next entered event. This is to ensure that The Professional Staff can operate WGA day at the highest level.
- No Shows and Cancellations on the morning of play not only affect your enjoyment and pairings but does not allow members on the waiting list to play, nor give you the service we are hoping to provide.

Pairings

- Pairings will be sent out by 3:00pm every Wednesday.
- Players will be paired randomly by the Golf Genius software.
- In efforts to keep the integrity of the game intact and competition fair, we will not allow “custom groups” when playing a team-oriented format.

Tee Assignments

- Players will be asked to declare a preferred tee, if not specified then the default tee will be the gold.

2023-2024 WGA 18-Hole League Schedule

October

- 19 Best Odd/Even (Pilot Game)
- 26 Individual Low Net

November

- 2 4 Person Scramble
- 9 Best 9 Holes
- 11 Fall Member-Member
- 16 Beat the Pro
- 23 NO GAME – Happy Thanksgiving
- 30 2 Person Scramble

December

- 7 Low Putts
- 14 2 Person, 1 Better net Ball of 2
- 21 T's & F's
- 28 2 Best Net Balls of 4

January

- 4 Pars on 3 Mystery Holes
- 11 4 Person Scramble
- 15 Cross County Cup @ Babcock National
- 16 Cross County Cup @ Heritage Landing
- 18 "X"cept 18
- 25 Women's Guest Day

February

- 1 Best Odd/Even
- 8 Individual Low Net
- 15 Beat the Pro
- 22 2 Best Net Balls of 4
- 23 Club Championship Round 1
- 24 Club Championship Round 2
- 29 Best 9 Holes

March

- 7 2 Person Scramble
- 14 Low Putts
- 21 2 Person, 1 Better Net Ball of 2
- 28 T's & F's
- 29 Spring Member-Member Round 1
- 30 Spring Member-Member Round 2

April

- 4 1, 2, 3 Net Better Balls of 4
- 11 Pars on 3 Mystery Holes
- 18 "X"cept 18
- 25 Doug's Revenge/4 Person Scramble

2023-2024 WGA 9-Hole League Schedule

October

- 19 Best Odd/Even (Pilot Game)
- 26 Individual Low Net (Pilot Game)

November

- 2 4 Person Scramble
- 9 Low Putts
- 16 2 Person, 1 Better Net Ball of 2
- 23 NO GAME – Happy Thanksgiving
- 30 Throw Out the Turkey

December

- 7 Pick Your Best 6 Holes
- 14 Pars on 3 Mystery Holes
- 21 2 Person Scramble
- 28 Best Odd/Even

January

- 4 Low Net
- 11 Beat the Pro
- 18 3, 3, 3 (Scramble, Best Ball, Shamble)
- 25 4 Person Scramble

February

- 1 Substitute Par for the Worst Hole
- 8 2 Person, 1 Better Net Ball of 2
- 15 Throw Out the Worst 2
- 22 Pick Your Best 6 Holes
- 29 Team Stableford Points

March

- 7 2 Person Scramble
- 14 Best Odd/Even
- 21 Cha, Cha, Cha
- 28 Team Low Putts

April

- 4 3, 3, 3 (Scramble, Best Ball, Shamble)
- 11 4 Person Scramble
- 18 Low Putts
- 25 2 Person, 1 Better Net Ball of 2

Sunday Couples League

Sundays October – April

Entry Fee: \$5 weekly plus cart fee

18 Holes – Assigned tee-times to accommodate the size of the field

Eligibility

- Open to all Babcock Golf and Transfer Members.
- Non-Members and Guests are not permitted unless noted on the schedule.
- Must have a valid FSGA GHIN Handicap

Weekly Registration via Golf Genius

- Begins Sunday (Two Weeks) prior to day of play via Golf Genius email invitation.
- Deadline for Registration is every Saturday (eight days out) at 10:00 am.
- Maximum field size - may be adjusted to accommodate demand on a bi-weekly basis.
- Late Registrations will be accommodated on a space available basis only. If there are no open spots available players will be placed on the waiting list.

Cancellations/No Shows

- Participants will have until Saturday at 10:00 a.m. to cancel if unable to play.
- Failure to cancel or show up for golf will result in a Member charge and listed on the waiting list for the next entered event. This is to ensure that The Professional Staff can operate CGA day at the highest level.
- No Shows and Cancellations on the afternoon of play not only affect your enjoyment and pairings but does not allow us to give you the service we are hoping to provide.

Pairings

- Pairings will be sent out by 3:00 pm every Saturday.
- In efforts to keep the integrity of the game intact and competition fair, we will not allow “custom groups” when playing a team-oriented format.

Tee Assignments

- Players will be asked to declare a preferred tee to be played throughout the season. You MUST play the tees that are designated on your scorecard.
- The default tees for men is black and for women is gold

2023-2024 Couples League Schedule

October

- 22 Texas Scramble (Pilot Game)
- 29 4 Person Net Stableford (Pilot Game)

November

- 5 2 Best Net Balls of 4 (Opening Day)
- 12 1, 2, 3 Net Better Balls of 4
- 19 2 Person, 1 Better Net Ball of 2
- 26 3, 3, 3 (Scramble, Best Ball, Shamble)

December

- 3 2 Person Net Shamble
- 10 4 Person Net Stableford
- 17 2 Person, 1 Better Net Ball of 2
- 24 NO GAME – Merry Christmas
- 31 2 Person Net Scramble

January

- 7 3, 3, 3 (Scramble, Best Ball, Shamble)
- 14 Texas Scramble
- 21 2 Net Best Balls of 4
- 28 1, 2, 3 Net Better Balls of 4

February

- 4 Shamble
- 11 Texas Scramble
- 18 Shamble
- 25 Texas Scramble

March

- 3 Shamble
- 10 Texas Scramble
- 17 Shamble
- 24 Texas Scramble
- 31 Shamble

April

- 7 Texas Scramble
- 14 Shamble
- 21 Texas Scramble
- 28 Shamble

Traveling Team Competitions

FSGA Interclub Teams

Babcock National Golf Club fields member teams to participate in the Florida State Golf Association Interclub Team competition. The Interclub season consists of six (6) regular season matches, two (2) playoff rounds, and one State Championship. The season begins in January and runs through the end of March. There are four clubs per Local Group playing a home and away match with each club. One team from each Local Group will advance to the Regional Playoffs. All players on the roster must have a FSGA - GHIN handicap established of 18.4 or better no later than January 1. Players must have a minimum of 10 recorded scores for the current year prior to January 1.

Men's Interclub Team

- Format:
 - Eight (8) players, selected by team captain, travel each week.
 - Foursomes will consist of two (2) players from each club.
 - Individual matches and team matches will be played concurrently.
 - Opponents will be assigned according to individual handicaps.
- Matches are typically played on Thursdays however Team Captains have flexibility to reschedule to avoid club event conflicts.

Women's Interclub Team

- Format:
 - Four (4) players, selected by team captain, travel each week.
 - Foursomes will consist of two (2) players from each club.
 - Individual matches and team matches will be played concurrently.
- Matches are typically played on Wednesdays however Team Captains have flexibility to reschedule to avoid club event conflicts.

Cross County Cup - Babcock National vs. Heritage Landing

This two-day event is a challenge match between the members of Babcock National and Heritage Landing. Teams will consist of 23 Members and one staff professional from each club. All players on the roster must have a FSGA - GHIN handicap established. Handicaps will be calculated on the Friday prior to competition and will be used for both days.

- Women's Event - January 15 @ Babcock National and January 16 @ Heritage Landing
- Men's Event - January 22 @ Babcock National and January 23 @ Heritage Landing

Babcock National Local Golf Rules

Out of Bounds (OB)

- **General Rule - Stroke and Distance - USGA Rule #18**
 - Out of Bounds is defined by white lines and/or stakes as well as black silt construction fences.
 - Balls that come to rest on the opposite side of the lakes are OB.
 - Balls that come to rest outside of any black silt construction fences are OB.
 - Balls that come to rest against silt fences are considered in bounds but no free relief is offered. May take relief under USGA Rule 19 - Ball Unplayable.
- **USGA Approved Local Rule E-5**
 - Babcock National has adopted the USGA approved Local Rule (E-5) as an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief and to allow the player to play on without returning to the location of the previous stroke.
 - Under penalty of **2 Strokes** players may drop within the relief area marked by:
 - Ball reference point (A) - where the ball last crossed the boundary line
 - Fairway reference point (B)- a point two club lengths into the fairway being played no nearer the hole than point A
 - Drop Zone C - the area defined behind/between the A/B intersection.

GOLF'S NEW RULES: STROKE AND DISTANCE
A new Local Rule provides an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds, effective January 1, 2019.

BALL OUT OF BOUNDS



LOST BALL



If the Local Rule is in effect, you can still take stroke-and-distance relief, but you now have the following additional option that comes with a penalty of two strokes:

A DETERMINE SPOT where your ball went out of bounds (left diagram) or is likely to be lost (right diagram).

B FIND NEAREST FAIRWAY EDGE no closer to the hole.

C DROP YOUR BALL IN SHADED AREA as defined on one side by a line from the hole through point A and on the other side by a line from the hole through point B, and not nearer the hole. The relief area is extended on both sides by two club-lengths.

This Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur level competitions.

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Penalty Areas

- Penalty areas - defined by either red or yellow paint and/or stakes - are bodies of water or other areas where a ball is often lost or unplayable.
- For one penalty stroke, you may use specific relief options to play a ball from outside the penalty area.
- **Relief - Refer to USGA Rule #17** for specific relief options for red or yellow markings.

Greenside Sprinkler Heads

- **General Rule - USGA Rule #16 Abnormal Ground Conditions:**
 - Sprinkler Heads are considered to be Immovable Obstructions
 - Ball must be touching, in, or on the sprinkler head
 - Sprinkler head must physically interfere with area of intended swing
 - Sprinkler head must physically interfere with area of intended stance
- **USGA Approved Local Rule F-5 - Greenside Sprinkler Head**
 - Babcock National has adopted the USGA approved Local Rule (F-5) dealing with Greenside Sprinkler Heads. Relief is afforded when the ball position meets all three of the above conditions And all three of the conditions below:
 - Sprinkler head must be on the line of intended play
 - Sprinkler Head must be within two club lengths of the putting surface
 - Ball must be within two club lengths of the Sprinkle Head
- **Relief** - One club length from the nearest point of relief no closer to the hole.
 - Refer to USGA Rule #16 for relief procedures.

Cart Paths

- Paved cart paths are considered immovable obstructions and relief is allowed.
- Coquina (shell) cart paths are to be played as it lies - free relief is not permitted.

Etiquette

- Please rake bunkers, fill divots, and repair ball marks on greens.
- Keep all carts on path around tees and greens.
- Please keep pace with the group ahead and play ready golf.

Lightning

- All golfers play at their own risk.
- There is No Lightning Detection on site.
- Use good judgment and extreme caution.

Reciprocal Golf

From May 1st through October 31st each year, all Members have access to other golf and country clubs in the area. Each year the Professional Staff will compile a list of clubs and their prices associated with playing, their booking windows, availability, and instructions for booking. Below is the 2023 summer reciprocal list. We will publish the new list in April of 2024.

2023 Summer Reciprocal Club List

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Arrowhead Golf Club | Mornings Golf Club |
| Bentley Village | Myakka Pines Golf Club |
| Bonita National | Naples Heritage |
| Burnt Store Marina | Old corkscrew |
| Cape Royal | Olde Cypress |
| Cedar Hammock | Olde Hickory Country Club |
| Colonial Country Club | Pelican Sound Golf Club |
| Country Creek Golf Club | Plantation Country Club (Ft. Myers) |
| Countryside Golf and Country Club | Plantation Country Club (Venice) |
| Coral Oaks Golf Club | River Hall Golf Club |
| Cross Creek Country Club | Riverwood Country Club |
| Crown Colony Golf Club | Rotonda Golf and Country Club |
| Cypress Woods Country Club | Royal Wood Golf Club |
| Deep Creek Golf Course | Sabal Springs |
| Del Tura Country Club | San Carlos Golf Club |
| Esplanade Country Club | Sarasota National Golf Club |
| Esteros Country Club | Shell Point Golf Club |
| Gateway Golf Club | Spanish Wells Country Club |
| Heritage Landing Golf Club | Spring Run Golf Club |
| Heritage Oaks | Stonebridge Country Club |
| Heritage Palms Country Club | The Club at Pelican Preserve |
| Heron Creek | The Club at The Strand |
| Heron's Glen Golf Club | The Dunes Golf and Tennis Club |
| Hunters Ridge Golf Club | The Glades Golf and Country Club |
| Highland Woods | The Hideaway |
| Hunters Ridge | The Meadows |
| Kelly Greens | The National at Ave Maria |
| Landings Yacht Golf Club | TPC Treviso Bay |
| Lakewood National Golf Club | Vasari Country Club |
| Legends Country Club | Verandah Golf Club |
| Lexington Golf Club | Westminster Country Club |
| Magnolia Landing Golf Club | Windstar on Naples Bay |
| Maple Leaf | Worthington Country Club |
| Misty Creek | Whiskey Creek Country Club |

Babcock National Golf & Country Club



2023-2024 Golf Rates

(plus tax except Member Course Access Fees)

Annual Assessments and Optional Fees

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|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------|---------------------|
| Golf Annual Assessment | \$1,812.00 | | | |
| Bag Storage Annual | \$125.00 | | | |
| Locker Rental Annual | n/a | | | |
| Locker Rental Monthly | n/a | | | |
| Range Pass Annual | \$500.00 | | | |
| Range Pass Monthly | \$50.00 | | | |
| Range Daily | \$10.00 | | | |
| Annual Handicap Fee | \$25.00 | | | |
| Golf Rates | | | | |
| | January-April | May & Oct | June-September | November - December |
| Member 18 | \$30.00 | \$30.00 | \$30.00 | \$30.00 |
| Member 9 | \$20.00 | \$20.00 | \$20.00 | \$20.00 |
| Member Walking | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Transfer Member 18 | \$40.00 | \$40.00 | \$40.00 | \$40.00 |
| Transfer Member 9 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 | \$25.00 |
| Transfer Member Walking | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Member Guest AM | \$79.00 | \$49.00 | \$42.00 | \$69.00 |
| Member Guest PM | \$69.00 | \$49.00 | \$42.00 | \$59.00 |
| Member Guest 9 | \$54.00 | \$49.00 | \$42.00 | \$52.00 |
| Member Guest 9 PM | \$49.00 | \$49.00 | \$42.00 | \$52.00 |
| Member Guest Walking | \$20.00 | \$20.00 | \$20.00 | \$20.00 |