



Megunticook Golf Club

History

Established in 1899, Megunticook Golf Club is home to Maine's oldest private golf course. The Club's historic building and grounds are listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Originally configured by Alexander H. Findlay, a Scot who came to the U.S. in 1887, Megunticook was among his original designs. Findlay would later go on to layout more than 100 courses, including Clinton, Belgrade, and the Tarrantine Golf Club on Islesboro. Frederick Law Olmsted protégés Warren Manning and Albert Taylor redesigned the course in the early 1900's to what is Megunticook's present configuration.

Golf

The 9-hole course stretches 66 acres along Penobscot Bay in Rockport, Maine. The course has been described as scenic and quirky. A third of the holes have blind approaches while all enjoy views of either the ocean or Camden Hills. The course can penalize long ball hitters and it is recommended that all golfers come with an extremely good sense of humor to withstand an errant bounce from a granite outcropping.

Under the guidance of Tripp Davis & Associates, a nationally recognized golf course architect, a full course irrigation was installed in 2018. Also, the #4 green was rebuilt with a new design.

Megunticook's golf program features a full calendar of events, including leagues and tournaments for both men and women golfers. Lessons and clinics are offered throughout the season. Golfers of all abilities will find the course a challenge. Beginners are always welcome, as several Members joined Megunticook with the sole intent to learn the game. Per tradition, tee times are never required during regular open play.

Racquet Sports

Tennis played a large role in the Club's early years and remains a draw for Members today. Megunticook is one of a handful of

Maine clubs to feature both clay and all-weather courts. The tennis program includes clinics and tournaments as well as designated court use for mixed doubles.

Recently, Megunticook added pickleball to the roster of dedicated sports. On a regular basis, the all-weather tennis courts are converted to pickleball for organized round-robins. As with golf and tennis, beginners are always welcome.

Social

Megunticook's century-old clubhouse comes alive each summer with a host of activities. Scheduled events include bridge, mahjonn, movie nights, themed dinner/dances, and all-Member celebrations. A complete lunch menu is offered throughout the season with seating either inside or along the ocean-view veranda. Members also enjoy the privilege of reserving the clubhouse for special occasions.

Membership

Those interested in membership in Megunticook Golf Club must identify an existing member who can act as a Proposer. The Proposer, who must have known the applicant for at least two years, can provide an application package and answer general questions about the Club. Together with the Membership Committee, they will guide the applicant through the membership process.

The Proposer will also help identify other members who must also have known the applicant and can act as a Second Supporter of the application. They must have known the applicant for one year.

The key criteria used by the Membership Committee is that the candidate must be deemed to fit well with the culture of the Club in terms of participation in athletic and social offerings and contribute to the camaraderie, trust and mutual respect that has existed among Members.

Club Summary



Golf

- Nine holes with three tee boxes per hole
Men Slope 113; Rating 66.4 Women Slope 115; Rating 68.1
Forward Men Slope 105; Rating 63.0 Forward Women Slope 113; Rating 66.1
- Full-Calendar of leagues, events, tournaments and clinics
- Dedicated hours for women-only golfers
- No tee times during open play

Racquet Sports

- Two clay and two all-weather courts
- Full-calendar of tennis tournaments and clinics
- Dedicated pickleball program

Social

- Full-menu lunch service with seating inside or along the ocean-view veranda
- Themed dinners, movie nights and seasonal celebrations
- Bridge, Mahjogg
- Movie nights
- Twilight golf scramble, tennis round robin, and pickleball with dinner
- Men's and Women's luncheons with speakers

Staff

- General Manager / Golf Professional
- Tennis Professional and Assistant Tennis Professional
- Club House Manager
- Golf Course Superintendent and Crew
- Seasonal support for lunches, events and operations

Membership

- Membership capped at 175
- Proposers and support letters from five current members
- Application process managed by all-volunteer Membership Committee

