



AN INFORMATION GUIDE FOR NEW
AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS



WELCOME TO GREEN MEADOW COUNTRY CLUB!

The contents of this booklet are intended to provide an orientation to Green Meadow and assist you in becoming involved in the many activities and programs that we have to offer. As a member of GMCC, you are the vital element of our existence and the very reason for our present function and future goals.

Let's begin with a brief history to show you how we have progressed since our founding.

In 1944, members of the historic Helena landmark, The Montana Club, voted to purchase the beautiful acreage belonging to Mrs. Harry W. Child. Thus, the Green Meadow Country Club was founded. The club was ready for play on July 24, 1945. Part of the property is on the former Central Park, an amusement area provided by the Mares brothers in the late 1800's for public enjoyment. Until 1970, it was necessary to become a member of the Montana Club prior to joining Green Meadow. On May 18, 1970, the two clubs split ownership and became separate corporations. In 1974, construction began on the second nine holes. After surviving a disastrous flood during construction, the new nine was opened on August 8, 1976.

The Green Meadow course is a medium length, tight layout providing a test of skill and enjoyment for players of all ability levels. At 6415 yards from the Championship tees and a modest 5369 yards from the forward tees, a premium is placed on accuracy! Regular play from the white tees (6070 yards) offers a challenge to experienced players as well as those just starting out.

With 10-Mile Creek traversing the golf course and an additional five water hazards, water is encountered on 11 of the 18 holes. The original nine (holes 1, 9-13 and 16-18) were laid out by the Montana golf pioneer Gregor MacMillan in the early 1940's. Seattle Landscape architect William Teufel designed our 1974 addition. Over the past several years as the new nine matured, the blending of the old and the new has resulted in the establishment of a fine golf course.

A dedicated maintenance staff works hard to provide the best possible golfing conditions for members and guests. Attention to detail, proper course marking, and a fair, enjoyable course set-up provide golfers with many outings to remember. We are confident you will find our course conditions to be the finest in the area.

Added nuances of the course include a variety of wildlife including white tail deer, beaver, mink, an occasional fox, various types of waterfowl, and resident great horned owls. On very rare occasions, bear, moose and eagles have been sighted as well. During certain seasons, edible mushrooms, wild asparagus, choke cherries and wild raspberries

can all be found on the golf course.

In 1982 a clubhouse facility including a complete dining room and lounge, pro shop, club storage and locker rooms, was completed.

In 1992 a golf cart railroad underpass was completed. This project allows the free flow play at all times, regardless of train traffic. Along with this dimension of convenience, safety issues were also addressed with the completion of the underpass.

In 1997 a new irrigation system was installed. This state of the art system allows us to irrigate more efficiently and cover more of the golf course when doing so. It has made an amazing difference to the quality of our golf course.

In late 2005, the membership approved the construction of a new clubhouse facility. One year later, a majority of the existing building was razed to make way for a new clubhouse and additional amenities. For the first time in its history, the club now offers swimming and fitness, along with a substantially larger clubhouse. The new clubhouse was completed in March of 2008.

The governing body of the club is the Board of Directors consisting of 7 members elected by the membership. On the second Thursday of March, the annual membership meeting is held in order to review the prior year and discuss upcoming projects.

Green Meadow Country Club has a professional management team. Tod Fitterer serves as our General Manager; Chad Carlson serves as our PGA Golf Professional; Chris Grose is our Executive Chef with Jessica Brown as our Food and Beverage Manager. Derek Hofer serves as the Golf Course Superintendent responsible for our great golf course. April Greene is our Office Manager and is responsible for the accounting and office operations.

The following are some frequently asked questions regarding membership:

How can I become involved in the activities at the club and meet existing members?

The club offers many social events throughout the year and we invite you to become involved in these special parties. The details of such social events to which all members (and usually guests) are invited are published in our monthly newsletter well in advance of the party, and again in an e-mail sent the week before the event. The newsletter is also available on our website, *gmcchelena.com*.

For our golfing members, there are club tournaments and other mixed events. Most of these place a minimum on ability and a maximum on **FUN!** In some events, couples are paired so that exposure to other participants can occur. It's a great way to meet new

friends. A casual dinner or cookout follows many of these events. Green Meadow also hosts more major events such as the Charity Classic (June), the Member/Guest Invitational (July) and the Member/Member (August). In certain years, Green Meadow also plays host to state events such as state amateurs, mid-amateurs, and state senior events. Green Meadow also hosts various corporate events each season.

Green Meadow also offers men's, women's, and junior golf leagues. This is the fastest way to get acquainted with many members in one season. Ladies' league day is on Tuesday and men's league day is on Wednesday. Leagues start in the first week of May and end in August. These leagues are usually followed by a luncheon or dinner buffet with great companionship and a fun atmosphere!

You may also ask the golf shop staff to pair you with members to fill out groups of four. There is usually someone in the clubhouse "looking for a game".

For youngsters, there is a junior golf program with basic instruction by the professional staff. Getting kids involved and teaching them properly in all aspects of the game is a top priority at Green Meadow. Golf is fast becoming a great family past time.

What does the club offer in food and beverage service?

It is our goal to offer the membership the finest food, beverages, and service possible.

The Club offers full luncheon service in the dining room and lounge. Breakfast is also offered on weekends in the golfing months. Dinner can be enjoyed either in the dining room or lounge, with a full menu available in both areas. Take-out service is also offered. Menus are available on our website, gmchelena.com.

In summer months we also offer a bar and snack cart that roams the course on busy days, tournaments, or events busy enough to justify. Just wave the cart down and place your order!

Do we need reservations to dine?

Reservations are strongly encouraged but are not required on all occasions. Some special events however, have limited seating and do require reservations. Green Meadow has a 24-hour cancellation policy for these events. This policy is explained in more detail in the policy section found in the Green Meadow directory. We do ask that you make reservations whenever possible. A reservation greatly facilitates our objective to serve you and avoids unnecessary waiting or overstaffing. Even a call on your way out to the club helps our planning.

Are there facilities for entertaining guests when hosting parties or business functions?

Yes. We regularly host these types of events for a variety of functions. There are certain guidelines that may apply, however. A conference room is also available for smaller gatherings or business meetings. Please contact Jessica Brown at 442-5750, ext.121 for details, pricing, and scheduling.

What are the hours of operation for the golf course and food and beverage operation?

The golf course, golf shop and driving range officially open on April 1st of each year and continue until October 31st. These facilities are open 7 days a week unless weather or an unusual circumstance forces closure on a limited basis. If the weather is favorable in the winter months, members are encouraged to play as much as they wish. During snow-covered winters, the course becomes a popular cross-country skiing destination for many members. The hours of the food and beverage operation vary according to the time of year. The clubhouse is open 7 days a week from April 1st through the end of October. During the fall and winter months, the operation is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays, and then opens for lunch and dinner on Wednesdays through Friday and dinner service only for the remainder of the week. You may refer to the membership directory or our website, *gmcchelena.com* for more details regarding hours of operation.

What are the hours of operation for the swimming pool and fitness room?

The season for the pool essentially runs from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The pool is open 7 days a week, unless temporarily closed for weather or maintenance purposes. Hours of operation are 11am to 8pm daily. Swimming lessons are taught from 9am to 11am by our certified Water Safety Instructors at various times throughout the summer. A snack shack is available on the pool deck offering casual food and beverage fare. More detailed pool policies are noted in the membership directory.

The fitness room is open year round, 7 days a week, except for Christmas and New Year's Day. Hours of operation are 5am-8pm weekdays and 8am-8pm on weekends.

May I invite guests to the pool or fitness room?

Guests are welcome at the pool. Simply check in with the lifeguards at the snack shack on the pool patio. A nominal all-day fee is charged for each guest. The fitness room is reserved for members only.

What are the billing procedures?

Each billing period starts the first day of each month and ends on the final day of the month. Statements paid after the 15th of each month are subject to a finance charge. All statements are mailed on the first of each month.

What is the procedure for signing charges?

Although cash transactions are accepted at Green Meadow, charging to your account is a very convenient way to make your purchases at the club. All charges are printed on a ticket as they are incurred and require your signature and member number. If you need assistance at any time, the staff will be happy to help you.

What is the minimum charge policy?

Each member (social or golf) is required to spend \$50.00 per month in the clubhouse on food and beverage. To receive credit for this it must be charged, not paid in cash. This important obligation is designed to guarantee the clubhouse a minimum of income to help sustain ongoing expenses. If you spend less than the required amount you will be billed for your charges and the unused balance of your minimum, bringing your total charge to \$50.00. This minimum charge is based on your food and beverage expenditures only and gratuity does not apply to your minimum charge. For your convenience, additional minimum charge options including quarterly and semi-annual are available. For more information on these options, please call the office at 442-5750, ext. *133.

Is the initiation fee an annual fee?

No, the initiation fee is a non-refundable, one time only fee.

What is included with my dues? Are there additional charges for golf?

Your dues include unlimited golf for you, your spouse and dependent children. Children attending school and living at home during the summer months have golfing privileges until their 23rd birthday.

What should I do if I have questions about my monthly statement?

Errors occasionally occur. Should you discover any discrepancies on your statement, please call 442-5750 ext. *133. Every effort will be made to resolve your questions immediately.

How do I know what is going on at the club?

Each month a newsletter, "The Divot" is emailed to every member. The philosophy and goal behind our newsletter is simply stated. We wish to provide a professional and effective vehicle of communication between the club and our members. The publication is one of our best means of communication, and to keep abreast of events and news, we encourage you to read it thoroughly. All scheduled events are published along with menu specials, a monthly calendar, letters from various Board and staff persons and other newsworthy events. The newsletter is also available online at gmcchelena.com. Members also have an option to receive periodic email updates of club news and events in the interim period between newsletter publications. We are also active on Facebook, like us at Green Meadow Country Club.

Are there any restrictions on bringing guests to the club?

There are two categories here, golfing guests and social guests. Members may entertain socially at any time, with very few exceptions whether on the golf course or in the clubhouse. There are occasionally "member only" functions, such as dinner parties, club golf tournaments, etc. These functions will be listed as "members only" on any invitations and advertising. A member shall accompany social guests, either on the golf course or in the clubhouse unless previous arrangements are made with the golf shop staff or the Clubhouse Manager. The member will be responsible for the dress code and behavior of his guests. Further restrictions regarding golfing guests are best answered in the policy section of the membership handbook.

What is the dress code of the club?

Green Meadow requires all members and guests to wear proper attire. The dress code is as follows:

For Men – Golf shirts must be worn at all times. Slacks, hemmed jeans, golf or tennis shorts are permissible. Jogging shorts or cut-off jean shorts are not. T-shirts are **not** permitted in any area other than fitness and pool areas.

For Ladies – Jogging shorts, cut-off jeans, short-shorts, bare midriff or halter-tops will not be permitted.

Golf shoes, sneakers or rubber-soled shoes must be worn on the course and driving range. Metal spikes or cleats are prohibited from all playing and practice facilities at Green Meadow. Any footwear that will damage the greens is strictly forbidden.

Headwear must be removed in the dining room.

It is the responsibility of the members to inform their guest of the dress code policy.

How do I make arrangements for golf?

Tee times can be arranged on the website through the member log-in or by calling the golf shop at 442-5750 ext. 3 from April 1st through October 31st. Members can call for tee times up to one week in advance of play. Tee times can also be arranged in a “walk on” fashion; however those players with scheduled tee times will have priority. The tournament schedule is outlined in the membership handbook, monthly in “The Divot” and also on our website *gmcchelena.com*. League information, golf lessons, and other questions regarding golf can be answered in the membership handbook.

Does Green Meadow have reciprocal arrangements with other clubs?

Yes, we have arrangements with many clubs in Montana, as well as dining reciprocity with the Montana Club here in Helena. Our status as a private club also allows for reciprocal arrangements with hundreds of private clubs throughout the country. Often, however, the individual club must approve this privilege. Our Head Golf Professional can be of service in this area.

Additional questions?

Please call the GMCC office at 442-5750, ext *133. We will be happy to assist you!

