

# *From the Golf Shop*

Good Afternoon,

I hope you and your families enjoyed a healthy and happy winter. We are very excited for another season of fantastic golf here at Alpine Country Club. Our goal this year is to try and get as many members out on our fantastic golf course as possible. If you are new to the Club or just want to find more members to play with, please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or any member of the Professional Staff as we will do our best to introduce you to other members.

The Tournament Committee, led by Al Russo, has put together an action-pack tournament schedule. Due to the Coronavirus, the Tournament Book, which you will receive by April 15th, will be published without prices. We will publish these prices two or three weeks before the tournament takes place. Once the tournament price is determined, the Golf Shop will send the players who have signed up on [Alpinecc.com](http://Alpinecc.com) a link to sign-up through Event-Net. The tournament calendar is live on [Alpinecc.com](http://Alpinecc.com). We look forward to a great tournament season!

The Golf Committee, chaired by Joe Penza, has modified some rules regarding Guest play as well as the Pace of Play policy. Please review the section below to get accustomed to the new rules.

The Golf Shop is open for the season. We will be communicating daily with new Superintendent Adam Stewart (welcome Adam!) as to the current course conditions and restrictions. Please stop in and say “hello,” it will be great to meet all of you.

See you at the club,  
Nate Adelson, PGA

## **Golf Tournament Updates:**

Weekly Quota – For a score to count each week in the Weekly Quota, you must register in the Golf Shop before your round to get a specific Weekly Quota card. After you have completed your round the card **MUST** be turned into the Golf Shop, no exceptions. The Golf Shop will post all scores for the Weekly Quota throughout the season.

Weekend Games (optional) - Every Saturday, Sunday, and Holiday the Golf Shop will run a team or individual game with an option of Gross and Net Skins as well. The group must tee off before 10 a.m. to be entered into the game. A maximum of 2 guests will be allowed and must have a USGA handicap. For your score to count you **MUST** return a completed scorecard to the Golf Shop. Any holes that are left blank the player will receive a score of net par. Golf Shop will post all scores of players that participated in the weekend games.

Men's Senior Club Championship – If a “senior” made it to the Semi-Finals (final 4) in the prior year's Club Championship, he will not be permitted to qualify for this year's Senior Club Championship.

Tuesday League- The Tuesday Night League has been eliminated for this season. The Thursday Night League will be filled by the priority point system that is in place for our other tournaments.

## **New Events:**

Nine & Dine- 9-hole social competitions with teams that consist of two males and two females. Social members and Guests playing with a member couple are allowed if space permits.

Mixed Member-Members - 18-hole competitions consisting of two males and two females. If space permits the event may be opened to Social members and also Guests playing with a member couple.

### **From the Golf Committee:**

With the start of another golf season, we ask that you review the rules and dress code policy as some have changed.

### **Golf Rules**

- All members may use an Alpine pull cart with a fee or carry their bags: (a) at any time Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; (b) before 10:00 am and after 4:00 pm on Wednesday and Friday; (c) and after 2:00 pm Saturday, Sunday, and holidays. If a member prefers to walk outside of these times a golf cart fee must be paid.
- No outside alcohol, food or beverage is allowed.
- Practice facility closes at 5:00 pm on Sundays
- Carts are to be driven in the designated areas only, set by the Golf Shop or Superintendent
- Keep carts a minimum of 30 feet from tees and greens
- It is appreciated for golfers to maintain a 3 hour and 57 minute pace for 18 holes regardless of the groups in front or behind you
- Please refer to the 'booking window' posting for all golfing memberships on the Club website
- Vertical Members can only practice 1 hour before they tee off
- A guest is prohibited from playing golf more than **twice** per month
- A member is only allowed to bring a max of 2 guests during "Prime Time" and a max of 3 guests outside of those restrictions
- "Prime Time" is defined as tee times on Wednesdays and Fridays between 12:00-2:00 pm and on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays between 7:00-9:00am. During these times a max of 2 guests per foursome will be allowed

### **Golf Course, Driving Range and Short Game Area Attire- (At All Times)**

- No denim allowed
- Collared shirts are required and must be tucked in
- Hats must be worn forward-facing
- Only appropriate golf or tennis shoes are allowed
- No warm-up suits, sweatsuits & hooded sweat shirts allowed
- Shorts or skirts should not be higher than 3" above the knee
- No tee shirts and tank tops

## **ALPINE PACE OF PLAY POLICY**

### **Definition of “Out of Position”**

The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the prescribed schedule.

Any following group will be considered out of position if it (a) is taking more than the allotted time to play **and** (b) reaches the teeing ground of a par-3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee; reaches the teeing ground of a par-4 hole **and** the putting green is clear; **or** reaches the teeing ground of a par-5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green. Both (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.

Never look back to determine if you are out of position—only look ahead of you.

### **Timing**

A player should take no more than 30 seconds to play a stroke.

Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when he has had reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments on his line of putt. Time spent looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

### **Allotted Time Guidelines**

When play is in groups of four (stroke or match play), groups will be required to play at no more than a 4-hour pace for the 18-hole round.

### **Failure to Comply With Allotted Time Guidelines**

- First Offense —> Warning
- Second Offense —> Posting in Locker Room and Pro Shop
- Third Offense —> 2-week suspension from playing before 9:00 a.m.
- Fourth Offense —> 2-week suspension from playing before noon

### **Helpful Hints When Using Carts**

- The player furthest from the hole should be driven to his ball first. His partner should either (a) drive to his own ball or (b) leave the cart and walk toward his own ball with the club he anticipates hitting.
- After hitting a shot, do not put your club back in the bag. Drive with it to your next shot. Then put the initial club back in the bag while withdrawing the next club you need. *[This only saves approximately 5 to 7 seconds per shot, but over 18 holes with 4 players, you may save up to 10 minutes per round.]*

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# New World Handicap System

The World Handicap System is replacing the GHIN System. Your app should update automatically if not stop by the Golf Shop and one of the Professional Staff will be more than happy to assist in getting you up running. For more information please click [HERE](#).

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

USGA

## 5 Things to Know About the World Handicap System

*In January 2020, the new Rules of Handicapping will be introduced in the United States.*

### The Handicap Index calculation is changing

Your number will be based off your 8 best scores out of the past 20. For most U.S. golfers, the change will be minor, but you may see that your Handicap Index is different in January, despite not having played!



### You will have a Playing Handicap

Slope Rating and now Course Rating and Par will be used to determine your Playing Handicap, allowing players to compete from different tees more easily.



### Net Double Bogey will replace ESC

The maximum hole score for handicap purposes will be limited to Net Double Bogey (Par + 2 + any handicap strokes you receive.)



### You will have more responsive Handicap Index updates

Your Handicap Index will update the day after you post a score.

On days you don't submit a score, no update will take place.



### Safeguards have been added to protect your Handicap Index



The system will account for abnormal playing conditions, limit extreme upward movement of a Handicap Index, and reduce a Handicap Index when an exceptional score is posted.

For more information on the World Handicap System, please visit [usga.org/whs](https://usga.org/whs)

# Coronavirus Precautions

During this national pandemic our staff will be working diligently to keep the golf shop, bag room, and golf carts sanitized at all times for our members and their guests. The following precautions have been put in place:

- Outside service staff will wear gloves at all times
- All golf carts will be thoroughly cleaned after every use. After the carts are staged we will spray the steering wheel, forward/reverse buttons, sand bottles, cup holders, seat covers, and cubby holes with a sanitizer. We asked that you only take a cart that is staged.
- Golf Shop staff will wipe down the shop counter and doorknobs frequently.
- Golf Shop staff will wipe down all demo clubs and stock clubs grips after they have been returned or touched.
- All rakes will be removed from the golf course during the off season.
- While pins will be placed on the greens, given that they will not be regularly cleaned or sanitized, we ask that golfers not touch or remove flagsticks during play.

Even with all these precautions in place, we ask that you continue to follow the CDC guidelines. If you do not feel well we ask that you please stay home for the safety of everyone.





## APRIL GOLF SHOP HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday	8 to 5
Tuesday	8 to 5
Wednesday	8 to 6
Thursday	8 to 5
Friday	8 to 6
Saturday	7 to 6
Sunday	7 to 5

In the event of cold mornings please call the  
Golf Shop for possible frost delays