



Fernie Golf Club

Since 1918

Member Handbook

2023 Edition

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Welcome

On behalf of the Fernie Golf Club we would like to welcome you for the 2023 golf season. We appreciate your desire to join our Club and look forward to making your experience at the Fernie Golf Club enjoyable. This package includes some general information about our facility. Listed below, are the benefits you will receive as a member of the Fernie Golf Club:

- Power cart rental discount, Monday to Thursday.
- Rental pull carts are available at no charge.
- 7-day advance booking privileges.
- An online booking username and password is available to you. Ask in the Pro Shop. Book tee-times at golffernie.com
- Voting privileges and the opportunity to become a member of the board of directors.
- Reciprocal rates at some local member golf clubs in the East Kootenay region. Ask for more information in the pro shop.
- 10% off regular menu items in the restaurant excluding alcohol and daily specials. Please let staff know upon ordering that you are a member of the club.
- Each member is eligible to sponsor up to 2 (two) junior members to a no cost membership per season. Ask at the pro shop for more information.
- Preferred pricing on select items in the pro shop.
- 6 discounted green fee rates for guests when they join you.

Please feel free to contact us in the pro shop at any time to answer any questions you have. Thanks again for joining and we look forward to seeing you frequently throughout the golf season.

Sincerely,
Max Sherwood
General Manager

Board of Directors

Position	Name
President	Jamey Farr
Vice President	Dave Karbashewski
Secretary	Al Kamp
Treasurer	Neil McKendrick
Director	Loretta Johnson
Director	Jane Cocciolo
Director	Bob Hamilton
Director	John Lennox
Director	Jeff Williams
General Manager (ex officio)	Max Sherwood
Past President	Gord Goodman

The Fernie Golf Club Annual General Meeting occurs every April.

To learn more about how to become a board member send your request to gm@golffernie.com.

2023 Tournament Schedule

Senior Club Opening	May 18 th
Ladies Opening	May 23 rd
Men's Opening	May 24 th
Men's Special	June 14 th
Ladies Special	June 20 th
Fernie Open	July 8 th /9 th
Tony Servello Senior Open	July 13 th
Club Championships	Aug 12 th /13 th
Ladies Closing	Sept 17 th
Senior Club Closing	Sept 21 st
Men's Closing	Sept 24 th
Iron Man/Iron Lady	Oct 1 st
Turkey Tombstone	Oct 9 th

Don't forget to come out for Ladies Day on Tuesdays, Men's Night on Wednesdays or Senior Day on Thursday mornings!

To view the most up to date version of this schedule go to www.golffernie.com

Member Code of Conduct

- All golfers shall treat staff (including pro shop, clubhouse, Beverage cart and grounds crew staff) with courtesy and respect. Any abuse of golf staff will be reported in writing to the General Manager (“GM”) and will be dealt with by the board as soon as possible. See also section on Rules and Regulations below.
- Complaints must be made in writing and given to the GM. Complaints about operations or a staff member are not to be discussed with any staff other than the GM.
- If you are concerned about a group on the golf course, please let the pro shop know as soon as possible. Do not try to take matters into your own hands.
- The back shop is off limits for everyone unless authorized by staff.
- Repair ball marks, rake sand traps and replace all divots.
- Please use proper etiquette while on the course. Throwing golf clubs or foul language will not be tolerated.
- Drive power carts appropriately according to the rules and regulations. Power carts are not allowed in the parking lot and must never leave Fernie Golf Club property. There is a club drop off area at the side of the clubhouse where clubs can be dropped off without the need to take a power cart onto the parking lot.
- All golfers are encouraged to play “Ready Golf”.
- If you are riding in a power cart with an individual that pays yearly cart fees you must pay the pro shop for your seat in the cart.
- Hitting areas on the driving range will be signed and enforced. Hitting from the grass areas will only be available when the ropes are set.
- Liquor license restrictions state that alcoholic beverages must be purchased from the bar, halfway house, or beverage cart. Golfers are not permitted to bring their own alcoholic beverages onto FGC property.
- Golfers are expected to use proper golf course etiquette. This includes “the 3 R’s””. Replace divots, Repair ball marks, and Rake sand traps.

Rules and Regulations

Power Carts:

Power carts must stay on the cart paths around all greens and tees at all times. An operator of a power cart must possess a valid driver's licence. Children are not permitted to operate power carts. The pro shop staff will determine the time of day that carts must be returned each evening. Carts are not allowed in the parking lot area. Damage done to a power cart is the responsibility of the driver.

Pull Carts:

Pull carts must remain off all greens.

Dress Code:

Appropriate golf attire must always be worn as defined below:

Shirts must have sleeves or collar or both. (No rude or crude messages, no halter tops, muscle shirts or bathing suit attire.)

The Pro Shop staff will be instructed to enforce the dress code.

Alcohol on the Course:

Liquor license restrictions state that alcoholic beverages must be purchased from the bar, halfway house or beverage cart. Golfers are not permitted to bring their own alcoholic beverages onto FGC property. Alcohol is not permitted in the parking lot. The Fernie Golf Club does not approve of excessive drinking on the golf course. Anyone considered by the course marshal or any club official to be affecting the enjoyment of others while playing golf will be requested to leave the golf course.

Smoking:

Smoking of any substance and vaping are not permitted (i) in the restaurant, (ii) on the patio, (iii) within 6 meters of a door or air intake, (iv) on the putting green or (v) the practice range. The designated smoking area in front of the clubhouse is adjacent to the patio entrance way at the southeast corner (beside the parking lot) of the clubhouse.

Clubhouse restaurant:

Under no circumstance is a member allowed to enter the serving area, bar, or kitchen area without permission from the clubhouse management.

Food or drinks not purchased from the clubhouse restaurant are not permitted for consumption in the clubhouse restaurant.

Storage of Personal Items:

Backpacks, shoes and other personal items must be put in locker (if available) or golfer's vehicle and not left outside the front of the pro shop. All bicycles must be parked in the bike rack. Bicycles are left at the owner's risk and Fernie Golf Club is not liable for any loss or damage to any bicycle or personal items howsoever caused.

Sand and Seed Bottles:

Each power cart and pull-cart owned by the Fernie Golf Club is equipped with a Sand and Seed bottle. There is also a Sand and Seed bottle stand (see photo below) which is available for use to all players. There is also a refilling station at the 10th tee. Please remember to fill in any divots on the golf course that you have created. The grounds crew will repair any divots on the tee-box. When you repair a divot, you are speeding up the healing process. If left alone, these divots can cause weed growth, blemishes and can affect playability. To properly fill a divot, add the sand and seed until it is slightly below the height of the turf, then smooth and press down with your foot.



Breach of Rules:

Failure to comply with any of the above rules may result in a suspension of riding and/or playing privileges on such terms as the GM may determine. Pro Shop staff are authorized to impose an immediate suspension of riding and/or playing privileges.

Seasonal Aeration

To maintain the health of our greens, the grounds crew will be aerating twice per season. Early in the season will be a small tyne aeration, and later in the season they will perform a deeper aeration.

General Tee Times

All members can book tee times up to 7 days in advance (*excluding junior members*).

Member blocks have been put aside on the tee sheet on busy days to ensure an adequate number of times are available throughout the day. On those extremely busy Saturdays in June and September member times have been set aside earlier in the day to allow access to the course before the larger groups play. Please ensure you book well in advance of those busy weekend days to avoid disappointment.

When booking for fewer than 4 players the pro shop staff may require you to join other players. This is necessary to provide space for others to play, which allows

us to raise the necessary revenue to help make ends meet and keep our membership fees as low as possible. Please do not change the make-up of your group once on the golf course by breaking up the foursome.

Please include the names of other members in your booking. Any cancellations or changes to the booking should be communicated to the pro shop 24 hours prior to time of play.

All members must check in to the Pro Shop prior to teeing off.

Playing groups of 5 or more are not allowed except under the special discretion of the G.M./Head Professional or acting manager.

Recommended guidelines for pace of play for 18 holes is to keep up with the group in front or 4 hours and 10 minutes or better, whichever is the faster pace. On certain days that are busy with public play, this time may be extended to accommodate all the groups on the golf course. Please display patience with all groups and golf course staff during these times. Please take advantage of the member blocked times earlier in the day on these busy days. On the busy days where we use a course marshal, they will only instruct those groups playing at a pace slower than 4:10 regardless of how much empty space is in front of the group.

All golfers are encouraged to play "Ready Golf" whenever possible.

The first tee-times of the day must play at a moderate pace, no greater than 4 hours 10 minutes, so there is no interference with the morning grounds crew.

Tee times can be booked by calling the pro shop or online at

www.golffernie.com/book-tee-time/ .

Every member has a username and password for booking through the Tee-On system. For help on booking tee times or managing your account go to

www.golffernie.com/member-booking-help/, or call the Pro Shop.

Members can now book directly into their league times at www.golffernie.com/book-tee-time/. If you would like to be added to a specific league to book online, please contact the pro shop.

Should you wish for your name to appear on the tee sheet, please ask the Pro Shop.

Member Rights and Refunds

Member Rights:

Any member has the right to put forth to the Board any comments, complaints, or suggestions they may have regarding their experience at the Fernie Golf Club. Please do so in the form of a signed and sealed letter or an e-mail to the GM. Members are not to contact staff directly concerning any complaints or suggestions.

Membership Refunds:

Any member unable to use their membership due to medical reasons or relocation from the area will receive a credit to be used toward a membership for the following season. A written application must be made to the Board. The application will apply to the month the injury or relocation occurred. A Doctor's note or proof of residency change must accompany the request. Credits will apply

to the next year membership dues unless otherwise determined by the Board as follows:

Prior to play	100% credit	
April – May 31	75%	credit
Month of June	55%	credit
Month of July	35%	credit
Month of August	15%	credit

Affiliation dues, member services, computer and club tournament fees will not apply to the above credit.

No refunds will be given if playing or riding privileges are suspended or revoked due to breach of Rules.

Junior Membership

Junior membership is free when sponsored by an adult member. If you are interested in sponsoring a junior but don't have one in mind, please notify the pro shop.

Playing privileges: Junior members must be accompanied by a paid adult member or guest if playing before 1PM Fri, Sat, or Sun. Junior golfers can only book tee times on the day of play.

Juniors are subject to all of the Rules set out above.

Please contact the pro shop for more information regarding junior night and other related junior programs.

About the Course

The first home of the Fernie Golf Club course, which started in 1918, lay in the area of today's soccer fields in Prentice Park. The early and continuing success of the Club, as it remains today, is largely attributable to the hard work of its volunteer members.

The Fernie Golf Club, which joined forces with the local tennis club, was renamed the Fernie Golf and Country Club in 1928. The same year, the Ladies Club, which had been active since the early days, also joined the larger organization and became a strong force organizing events and tournaments.

The clubhouse was the center of social activities for club members, with Ladies Club members inviting guests to tea to show off the club's amenities and golfers meeting for post-game libations. At the 1936 AGM, House Committee chairman Mr. Stewart reported that the clubhouse "had been run very satisfactorily, the house not having been visited by the red coats during the season".

In 1968, the construction and planting of new grass greens began, and other course upgrades took place including piping for underground sprinkling systems and realigning holes. A few years later in 1972, a new clubhouse, with a pro shop and maintenance building, was built at the end of 2nd Avenue.

As the 1980s arrived, club members started dreaming about 18 holes. With the generous help of local industry, government grants and a bank loan, members were golfing on one of the most beautiful and majestic courses in the province by early 1986. A few years later the present clubhouse, maintenance building and golf cart house were added to complete the outstanding facilities. Now, no longer a true country club, the name of the organization has returned to its roots as the Fernie Golf Club.

Who's who?

Feel free to contact us anytime by using the information below or online at www.golffernie.com. If you have any questions, a representative will follow up with you at our earliest convenience.

Pro Shop Staff:

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Ladies Club Captains:

Pat Moore

Bridget Hemsted

Bonny McKendrick

Men's Club Captains:

Creighton Glober

Men's Senior

Daniel Munroe

Club Captains:

Al Kamp

Contact the pro shop to get in direct contact with the individuals above.

Cast Iron Grill

Operated by Cooks Catering S&P, with a very experienced Food and Beverage staff, the Cast Iron Grill has something for everyone:

- Open plan, full-service restaurant, with seating capacity for up to 150 guests.
- Serving lunch, dinner and daily specials throughout the golf season.
- Cocktail functions available for up to 230 guests.
- Air-conditioning for those hot summer days.
- Beautiful wrap around deck with full food and beverage service.
- Friendly, professional, fully certified service staff.
- Homestyle cooking.

Members receive 10% off regular menu items, excluding alcohol and daily specials. You must present your member card at the time of ordering.

If you are interested in our golf tournament Food and Beverage Packages, please email cookscateringsp@gmail.com

For more information on booking weddings, meetings, or special events, please email cookscateringsp@gmail.com

Private functions:

Cooks Catering S & P, have been allowed by our Board of Directors to host up to 8 private functions during the golf season. The clubhouse restaurant and patio will be closed during the event. During this closure an area below the

patio opposite the men's locker room may be set up to provide food and beverage options for all customers.

On Course Cart:

A Beverage Cart with drinks, sandwiches and snacks will be available on the course at such times as may be determined. Check for notices outside the Pro Shop for information on when the Beverage Cart will be operating.

The Pro Shop

Our Pro Shop is a full-service operation that will look after all your golf needs. We offer equipment, clothing, footwear, gloves, logoed merchandise, and many accessories to help you get the most out of your game. Member discounts apply for certain merchandise.

If you don't see exactly what you're looking for in the shop, we are able to custom order merchandise from any supplier.

When it comes to equipment, we offer equipment fitting from major brands as well as demo days. When purchasing, we offer competitive pricing against all major retailers, including tax.

2023 Leagues

Tuesday Ladies' Day

Ladies Day is run by the Ladies Club every Tuesday throughout the season. There are 3 tee time blocks during the day where ladies will get together and play a fun game. All ages and skill levels are welcome to play. There is small fee to participate in the weekly event. Sign up individually or with friends.

Wednesday Men's Night

The Men's Club puts on men's night every Wednesday. You can play at any time during the day if you are playing with another person to attest your score. There are tee times set aside for men's night play from 3:30 until 6:00, you will need to book your own tee time. The cost for men's night is \$10 per night, this gets you into the low gross/net game, snips and closest to the pins. All prizes are paid out in gift certificates to either the pro shop or one of our sponsor's businesses. Men's night is open to all players; however, you must pay your men's night entry if you are playing between 3:30 and 6:00. Once per month there is a special men's night, this is a shotgun tournament with a fun 2 player or 4 player formats. This event entry includes golf, dinner, and prizes. Payment is required at the time of registration.

Thursday Senior Morning

The senior club puts on their Thursday morning event each week throughout the season. Starting times may be adjusted early and late season.

Match Play

We have three season long match play tournaments: Ladies singles, Men's singles, and Men's Doubles. The brackets are set by random draw in June. There are "play by dates" when matches must be played. If the match is not played by that date the result will be determined by coin flip, unless one of the teams has made little effort to schedule the match. In this case the other team will move on.

2023 Boyd and Haddad Cup

Introduction

The Boyd and Haddad Cup is an annual men's interclub tournament between Fernie, Kimberley, Cranbrook, Creston, Birchbank, Castlegar, Balfour and Granite Point. The teams are comprised of 8 Boyd Cup players and 8 Haddad Cup players. The Boyd teams play without a handicap and the Haddad teams play with their Golf Canada Handicap. The format is aggregate 2 player best ball. The team with the lowest aggregate score wins the cup. This tournament takes place at a different club every year.

Selection Process

The selection process for the 2022 season was as follows.

Boyd Team

One spot goes to the winner of the Fernie Open. Lowest 2-day gross score.

One spot goes to the winner of the Club Championship. Lowest 2-day gross score.

The remaining spots are selected from Men's Night. An average of the best 5 gross scores will be used.

If the winner of the Fernie Open/Club Championship chooses not to participate in the event, an additional player will be chosen from Men's Night.

Haddad Team

One spot goes to the winner of the Fernie Open. Lowest 2-day net score.

One spot goes to the winner of the Club Championship. Lowest 2-day net score.

The remaining spots are selected from Men's Night. An average of the best 5 net scores will be used.

If the winner of the Fernie Open/Club Championship chooses not to participate in the event, an additional player will be chosen from Men's Night.

Golfing Rules and Local Rules

R&A Rules of Golf apply.

Local Rules (summary only – see pro shop for full copy of the Local Rules):

- a. Immovable Obstructions (see Rule 16.1): (i) concrete structures (old barn foundations on left of #15 fairway), (ii) cart paths and roads, (iii) guard screens, (iv) staked or flagged trees, (v) irrigation equipment and (vi) yardage markers. This rule applies anywhere on the course except in a penalty area.
- b. As an alternative to stroke and distance, (a) if a ball is lost in the general area, you have the option to drop another ball in the nearest fairway for a 2-stroke penalty or (b) if a ball is lost out of bounds you have the option to drop another ball in the nearest fairway for a 2-stroke penalty, using the point where the original ball went out of bounds as your reference point.
- c. White stakes indicate out of bounds. Yellow stakes indicate yellow penalty area. Red stakes indicate red penalty area.

The Club uses the Golf Canada program for entering and recording scores for handicap purposes. League golfers are requested to enter their scores as soon as possible after their round.

Fernie Golf Club

Golf course markings

Course Boundaries and Out of Bounds:

Identified by white stakes using line of sight. Holes: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 15 and 18.

If a ball is lost or out of bounds, the player must take stroke and distance relief by adding one penalty stroke and playing the original ball or another ball from where the previous stroke was made (see Rule 14.6.)

FGC local rule E-5 (In effect for general play, excluding events such as Club Championships and Fernie Open.

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.

For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3)

GOLF'S NEW RULES: STROKE AND DISTANCE

A new Local Rule will provide an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds. This new Local Rule will be available beginning 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 will 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:

Identified by Red stakes and defined by line of cut.

Penalty Areas identified by Red stakes with Black tops and defined by line of cut.

If a player's ball is in the penalty area marked by the Red and Black stakes...

- The player may take relief under **Rule 17.1.** or
- As an extra option, the player may drop the original ball or another ball in the dropping zone defined by the cut area next to the drop zone sign. The dropping zone is a relief area under **Rule 14.3.**
- Drop zones are found on holes: 5, 10, 11 and 13.

Summer rules are in effect. All club events will play the ball down.