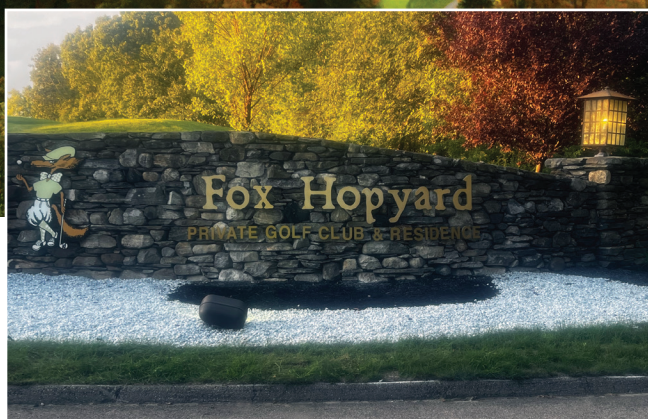


FOX HOPYARD GOLF CLUB

2024 MEMBER HANDBOOK



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WELCOME

Dear Members,

It is with great pleasure to welcome you as a member of Fox Hopyard! Our membership is our greatest asset. In our infancy as Connecticut's newest private golf club, you will play a large role in shaping our culture and ultimately our legacy. I thank each one of you for selecting this special club to be your home away from home.

Familiarizing yourself with the information contained in our Members Handbook will help you navigate your way at Fox Hopyard and help you to optimize your enjoyment of the club. Part of our mission is to treat all members with fair and equitable treatment and consideration and for you to have confidence that our initiatives are being taken place with your best interests in mind.

Please be proud of your membership, be proud of your club and know how happy I am to have you belong at Fox Hopyard.

Sincerely,

Timothy Van Epps
Club Owner



HISTORY & DEVELOPMENT

Fox Hopyard Golf Club opened for play in 2001 but its roots and pedigree were established far before. In 1988 Massachusetts businessman Bill Sandri purchased an ambitious yet stalled golf development in Bernardston, MA called Crumpin-Fox Club. Bill brought back the Robert Trent Jones Sr team that had started the project to complete the task. The entire 18 holes were opened in 1990 to popular acclaim from its golfing patrons and critical acclaim from the media. The golf course ascended to the top, or near the top of, every media platform course ranking. At the same time the golf operation model became one of the most copied in the Northeast. The skyrocketing success of Crumpin-Fox opened many doors for Mr. Sandri and his next golf project was to develop and open Fox Hollow in Trinity, Florida just a few miles from his winter base at Innisbrook Golf Resort in Palm Harbor. The Fox Hollow opening in 1994 and continued success in golf spurred Bill to seek out his next “field of dreams”, this time he set his sights on Southeast Connecticut.

According to Bill “after kissing many frogs” he came upon the perfect site. The site was a 530-acre parcel of land bordering Devil’s Hopyard State Park that was just “waiting to have 18 holes of championship golf laid across it”. Robert Trent Jones Sr’s protégé Roger Rulewich designed the layout which flows seamlessly through some of Connecticut’s most interesting topography. The course is complemented with several attractive club buildings designed by John Matthews as well as 53 house lots. Bill Sandri passed the torch of Chairman of the Board of the Sandri Companies, primarily energy related as well as the golf courses, to his son-in-law Tim Van Epps shortly after the opening of Fox Hopyard in 2001. Tim immediately embraced the commitment to excellence and the responsibility to preserve and enhance the legacy of Bill Sandri, particularly through his golf courses. Tim’s most prolific vision of turning Fox Hopyard into a private club came to fruition in 2022. His vision was not just to transition into a private club but to add the necessary programs, services and facilities to make it one of the most highly regarded private golf clubs in the Northeast. The “Hopyard” as it is affectionately called by its members is warm and welcoming, a place where members and guests feel right at home.



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MEMBERSHIP

APPLICATION PROCESS

A formal club application must be completed and submitted to the Fox Golf Business Manager for consideration. Member candidates will be given additional consideration if introduced by a current member. Final acceptance will be approved by and then welcomed aboard by club ownership.

CLASSIFICATIONS

We have Young Professional (ages 19-37), Young Professional Family, Individual (38 and over) and Family (38 and over). We also have individual and family social memberships available. Family memberships includes spouse and all children under 18. Your classification when initially joining is based on your date of birth and your classification from year to year is based on your age on January 1. Children between the ages of 18 and 23 can be added to either a single or family membership for an additional fee. All current dues, initiation fees and minimum spending amounts can be found on the club website.

INITIATION AND DUES SCHEDULE

The first third of the initiation fee is due upon joining the club. Charter Members have the option to pay the initiation fee in full or over a three-year period of continuous membership at Fox Hopyard. Initiation fees are billed at the beginning of the calendar year. No additional payment of initiation fee is required if membership is not renewed the following year. Initiation fees are posted but subject to change based on particular levels of membership. Dues can be paid up front or installment billing is available, terms will be set up by business manager. Please notify Cheri McIntosh, Fox Golf Business Manager, in December if you intend to pay in advance for the following season.

HOUSE CHARGES

All members with an up-to-date credit card on file are afforded charging privileges in the clubhouse, snack bar, golf shop and with the beverage cart. Members are responsible for charges made to their accounts by their approved guests and approved children. All children of members are allowed to charge unless the Fox Hopyard staff is notified otherwise.

CHRONOGOLF

Member Accounts/Statements – We use the chronogolf app to maintain all house accounts. You are all set up with member accounts and all have a unique member number, which can be seen on your profile page. All member numbers are being updated to a 3-digit code. You will need the code for all house charge purchases. By accessing the app, you can, in real time, see all of your transactions for the pro shop, restaurant and snack shop. You can also see all payments.



Automatic billing is a requirement for all Hopyard members, and all members are required to maintain a credit card on file. On the 15th of each month, your credit card is charged for your previous end of month balance. We understand that credit cards expire or are lost or stolen which may result in a failed payment to the club. It is the members responsibility to provide an updated card before the next billing cycle. If a member has four failed credit card payments in one calendar year, their membership could be suspended.

In the app, from the house account tab, you can see a summary of the current month's transactions. If you click on any reference number, it will show you your full sales receipt. You can also download or view the current or any previous month's statement. Payments happen on the 15th. They appear in a different color than charges to your account. If you have a pro shop balance and a restaurant balance, you will see two credit card transactions on the 15th. Because you all have direct access to your account at any moment, we do not mail or email statements. Statements are available on the first of every month on the app. If you need assistance with downloading or using the app, stop in the pro shop, Alex will be happy to assist you. If you think you have an error on your account, please call Cheri.

PAYMENT/DELINQUENT ACCOUNT

Current status of members accounts may be viewed on the clubs Chronogolf mobile app. Dues, fees and monthly charges will be tendered by the members credit card on file on the 15th of the month following the charges. Members must notify Cheri McIntosh before the first day of the month following the charges as to any errors that may have been made on their statement or account for the previous month. Failure to pay timely will result in late fee charges at the monthly rate of 1.5% and/or other consequences. After 60 days the account will be considered delinquent and membership privileges will be suspended until payment is received. Questions about billing should be directed to the Fox Golf Business Manager. In the event of a dispute between a member of the club and the club, the prevailing party in the ensuing arbitration or litigation, should same occur, will have the right to recover reasonable attorney's fees.

CLASSIFICATION CHANGES

Member classification changes must be communicated to and from the Fox Golf Business Manager. Transferring from Junior to Young Professional requires the member to pay the current Young Professional initiation fee and dues. Transferring from Young Professional to Individual or Family involves only moving up to the appropriate dues structure. Transferring from Single to Family involves only moving up to the appropriate dues structure unless the transfer occurs in the first 2 years of membership then the difference in initiation fees also has to be paid. Transferring from Family to Individual simply involves paying the appropriate dues structure.



CHILDREN

Member's children under 16 must be accompanied on the golf course and practice range unless qualified and approved by the professional staff. Children under the age of 16 are not allowed to play weekends before 10:00, again unless qualified and approved by the professional staff. Children may be unaccompanied during any of the clubs organized Junior Golf Programs while they are under the supervision of the golf professional staff. All rules of etiquette and dress code are applicable to members children.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Requests for Leaves of Absence from the club for an entire or partial season will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Requests for Leave of Absence by members who have previously taken a Leave of Absence will not be taken favorably. Individuals on Leave of Absence from the club are not permitted to play golf as a guest during the Leave of Absence. A Leave of Absence will not be considered until received in writing and will not be extended retroactively. Primary reasons for Leave of Absence requests include injury, poor health and relocation.

RESIGNATION

If you choose to resign as a member, your intention must be communicated to the Fox Golf Business Manager in writing. All charges to your account remain due and payable. Member dues are annual and may be allocated monthly for the convenience of the member. In the event of a resignation during the season the member is still liable for the dues for the balance of that year. Any member who resigns from the club will be subject to a reinstatement fee in order to rejoin the club.

TERMINATION

Fox Hopyard memberships are "memberships-at-will", meaning either the member or the club can terminate the membership at any time, for any reason.

ASSESSMENTS

Fox Hopyard is a privately owned, non-equity facility. All capital improvements and operating deficits will be funded by ownership, not by members.



GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS

HARASSMENT POLICY

Whether the context is member-member, member-staff or staff-staff, all forms of harassment and discrimination and/or sexual harassment are strictly prohibited at Fox Hopyard. The club will promptly investigate all allegations of harassment or sexual harassment. If any club member feels they have been harassed by any individual on club property, that member should promptly notify the appropriate department head of the club management team.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS

Any employee not rendering courteous and prompt service should be reported to their immediate supervisor. No member or guest shall abuse or harass any of the club's employees, verbally or otherwise. No member shall discipline or reprimand an employee, nor shall any member request an employee to leave club premises for any purpose whatsoever.

MEMBER DECORUM

Members must at all times represent themselves and the club in a professional and respectful manner. Inappropriate or abusive language is not acceptable.

GRIEVANCE POLICY

All complaints must be in writing, signed and addressed to the appropriate department head managing the program or situation in question.

EMPLOYEE AREAS

No members are permitted in the restaurant kitchen, behind the golf shop counter, snack bar counter, tavern bar, maintenance building or any club offices or storerooms without permission.

GRATUITY POLICY

Fox Hopyard is a "tipping" club. Any member that feels the club employee did an exemplary job is welcomed to provide a gratuity. Employees share their gratuities with other employees in their department. Managers are not allowed to accept gratuities. An automatic 20% gratuity is added to group functions, parties and special events. Gratuities are at the discretion of the member for a la cart food and beverage items.

MAILING LIST/SOLICITATION

Members may not make use of the club membership list for any reason other than customary intra club communications. No solicitations or notices may be posted or circulated anywhere on the premises without permission.



PROPERTY DAMAGE/THEFT

The club shall not be responsible for any loss or damage to property left or stored on the club's premises. No person shall remove from the grounds any property belonging to the club without permission. In any case of loss, destruction, defacement or damage to club property, the person or persons causing same shall be responsible for the cost of the repair or replacement.

LOST AND FOUND

Golf clubs and apparel will be put into lost and found in the cart barn, valuables like jewelry, glasses, wallets, phones and rangefinders will be kept in the golf shop. Items left behind in the clubhouse will be kept in the club business office.

COMMITTEES

We have a golf committee with a chairperson and five members representing a broad cross section of our membership. The golf committee is primarily a sounding board and a conduit between membership and club management. We have a social committee that coordinates the Thursday evening Social League and other social activities at the club. We have a Women's Golf League chair and committee to monitor that activity. We have a handicap chairperson that will be available to answer questions and weigh in on all handicap matters. Various tournaments and events have committees or chairs also.

TENNIS

Our tennis courts are reserved for club members only and for the time being on a first come first serve basis. They were completely refurbished in 2022, please leave them clean when you are finished playing.

POOL/PICKLEBALL

Construction will take place during 2024 season with a grand opening scheduled for 2025.

NON-GOLF USE OF THE GOLF COURSE AND CART PATHS

When golfers are present, there will be no non-golf use of the golf course or cart paths to include walking, jogging, dog walking, etc. Scooters, skateboards, rollerblading, biking, cross country skiing and sledding are not permitted on the golf course or cart paths at any time.

WADING, SWIMMING AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS

All wading and swimming is prohibited in either of the ponds, whether to retrieve balls or otherwise.

OPEN SPACE ACCESS

Fox Hopyard encompasses 530 acres, well over half of it is deeded open space. The only people with access to the open space for hiking, etc. are the homeowners.



DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Fox Hopyard Golf Club, LLC (the “Club”) is a non-discriminatory club and business. It is the policy and practice of the Club to work to assure that no person will be discriminated against, or be denied the benefit of Club membership, any Club activity or employment based on race, color, religious creed, age, sex, gender identity or expression, marital status, national origin, ancestry, present or past history of mental disability, intellectual disability, learning disability, physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness or status as a veteran.

The Club is an equal opportunity employer and is strongly committed to affording equal opportunity employment to qualified persons without regard to race, color, religious creed, age, sex, gender identity or expression, marital status, national origin, ancestry, present or past history of mental disability, intellectual disability, learning disability, or status as a veteran, or physical disability, including, but not limited to, blindness, except in the case of a bona fide occupational qualification or need. The Club will make reasonable accommodation to the known limitations related to pregnancy.

Discrimination or harassment based on any such characteristics is prohibited. Sexual harassment is defined as unwelcome, repeated attention towards a person because of his or her gender, including, without limitation, sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, sexually motivated physical conduct or other verbal or physical conduct or communication of a sexual nature where (A) submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual’s employment, membership or admission at the Club, (B) submission to or rejection of such conduct by an individual is used as the basis for employment, membership, or admission decisions affecting such individual, or (C) such conduct has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual’s work performance or creating an intimidating, hostile or offensive working or golfing environment. Sexual harassment can include conduct or communication of a sexual nature directed from a male to a female, a female to a male, a male to a male or a female to a female. Sexual harassment can include behaviors that are not overtly sexual in nature but reflect disparaging attitudes based on sex or gender.

In the event an employee, member or guest feels they have been discriminated against or harassed, a written complaint should be submitted to Head Golf Professional, Ron Beck. Supervisors and other employees should report any instance of discrimination or harassment of which they become aware to Human Resource Director, Misty Wyman-Ferrer. All complaints of discrimination and/or harassment will be investigated promptly and fully. Information provided will be held in confidence and will be disclosed only on a need-to-know basis in order to investigate and/or resolve the matter. Employees, members and guests are assured of no retaliation for raising a complaint or providing information on any matter related to this subject.



GOLF COURSE RULES

SEASON OF PLAY

The official golf season when greens are open, carts are available, range is open, and scores can be posted is determined by the Golf Course Superintendent. Historically that season is April 1 – December 1 but may be longer or shorter depending on the weather and turf conditions. During the off-season members may play (walking only) but the greens are closed and so are holes 2-5.

HOURS FOR PLAY

The first tee opens at 8:00 weekdays and 7:00 weekends during the primary season. Weekend times between Memorial Day and Labor Day will start at 6:30 when possible. The course opens for play at noon on Mondays. The course may open later early and late in the season and those times will be posted. You can expect frost delays early Spring and late Fall, best efforts to communicate those situations will be made. Any other unexpected circumstances that alter the opening of the course will be communicated.

STARTING TIMES

In order to manage the tee sheet and service the membership properly it is asked that every player playing be noted on the tee time reservation. Tee times may be reserved by members two weeks in advance. There are no restrictions for member booking weekday (Mon-Thurs) play. Weekend (Fri-Sun) and holiday play has some additional rules as follows: guest play will be limited to one guest per member between the hours of 7 am and 10 am unless granted special permission from the Head Professional, children under the age of 16 may not book play on weekend mornings between the hours of 7 am and 10 am unless they are accompanied by a primary member and qualified by the golf professional staff, no show members will be charged an 18 hole cart fee and no show guests will be charged a \$25 guest fee plus an 18 hole cart fee. The no show policy is in place to ensure maximum member access to the course.

CHECK IN POLICY

All members and guests must notify the golf shop or have a tee time on the club's tee sheet before start of play. All play must start off the first tee unless permission is granted from the professional staff. All players are expected to be on the first tee 5 minutes prior to their starting time.

PACE OF PLAY

It is expected that an 18 hole round of golf at Fox Hopyard take no more than 4 hours and 15 minutes. On days when carts are restricted to cart paths the time allowed will be 4 hours and 30 minutes. Your position on the course should be immediately behind the group in front of you, not immediately in front of the group behind you. Be prepared to play when it is your turn and play "ready" golf. A single player has no standing and should give way to a group of any kind. Twosomes should not expect to play through players who are holding their places on the course



and should pace their play so as not to exert pressure on the players ahead. The golf staff has complete authority to monitor play. The staff may allow faster players to play through or, after being twice asked to pick up your pace, may require a slow group to skip a hole. A player or group causing a serious slow play situation will first receive a verbal notification, the second serious pace of play situation will warrant a letter from the Golf Committee and a third incident will result in suspension of course privileges until after 1:00 for two weeks.

PRIORITY ON THE COURSE/PAIRINGS

Threesomes and foursomes, as noted above have priority on the course. Twosomes have standing but should not expect to play through groups keeping pace, nor should they exert pressure from behind. There will be plenty of times that a single player can play the course but on busy days they will be paired up. Please be cooperative if the golf shop pairs you up with other members on busy days, efforts will be made to have threesomes and foursomes on the course thus maximizing the courses capacity. Fivesomes are permitted ONLY with permission from the professional staff.

ETIQUETTE AND CARE FOR THE COURSE

Each member using the golf course must do his or her part to maintain the conditions of the course and to make a round of golf at Fox Hopyard a pleasant experience for everyone. You can help improve play and keep the golf course in excellent condition by observing the following suggestions and encouraging other members to do the same.

- *Before making any shot make sure the group in front of you is well out of your range.*
- *Observe all cart rules.*
- *Find and repair your ball marks on the green, every time and repair additional marks as time permits.*
- *Carefully replace all of your divots when possible (they will grow back), if it is unreasonable to replace your divots please fill them with sand mix. Sand bottles can be refilled at the turn.*
- *Enter and exit bunkers at the lowest point and carefully rake when exiting. Please leave the rakes teeth down outside the edge of the bunker.*
- *Smoking is permitted on the golf course but please dispose of cigarette and cigar butts in the trash receptacles located on every tee box along with any other trash you might have or find along the way.*
- *Absolutely no spitting of chewing tobacco or sunflower seeds on greens or tees.*
- *Proper etiquette is respect for your fellow players, the course and the traditions of the game.*

VANDALISM/DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

Any forms of vandalism or destruction of property must be reported to the golf shop as soon as possible. Examples of damage include but are not limited to; divots taken out of a putting green, ball washers or signage damaged and damage to carts. Any incident of this nature will be considered upon its own merits but damage to a green (intentional or otherwise) and any malicious intentional damage will result in suspension of privileges for a period of time determined by club management and the golf committee.



GOLF CART RULES

Operator must have valid driver's license. Maximum two bags and two riders per cart. Use cart paths when possible, especially around tees and greens and cart paths exclusively on all par threes. Do not drive the carts within 30 yards of greens and tees unless on the cart path. When you are on the putting green leave the golf cart on the path to the side or rear of the green. When on cart paths keep all four wheels on the path. Follow all signage or ropes on the course directing traffic. Absolutely no carts in the fescue grass, near rock outcroppings (example would be between 1 and 10) or outside the tree line. Carts are to be operated on the golf course and parking lot area only. If you enter an area where the cart is not supposed to be it may be "geo fenced" off limits and the cart will slow down or stop, at that point you will have to proceed in reverse until you are back in an acceptable driving area. All damage and/or accidents are to be reported immediately. Operation of a golf cart is at the risk and liability of the member or guest. The operator shall be assessed for any damage done to any of our carts. A blue flag is offered to our members or guests who have a temporary or permanent disability. The flag allows the cart off the path and to within 20 yards of the greens. Privately owned golf carts are NOT allowed on the golf course. Privately owned golf carts may be driven on the club roads and parked at the clubhouse or in the golf shop area but under no conditions are they allowed on the golf course.

MUSIC IN CARTS

No music may be played unless all players in the group give their consent. Music volume must be kept at a relatively low level and should not be audible to players in other groups.

CELL PHONES

Cell phones are permitted for use, with discretion, within all areas of the facility. We ask members to be courteous and respectful of other members when they are needed to be used. An example of courteous phone usage in the clubhouse would be to take your calls on the outside deck rather than in the clubhouse. We ask that when not in use phones be set on vibration mode rather than ring mode. Bothersome or excessive use of cellular telephones may result in disciplinary action. Texting, lap top computers and iPads are permitted anywhere in the clubhouse.

IN ROUND FOOD AND BEVERAGE

We will have a beverage cart on the course on most days. We hope that you support the beverage cart but do so to not delay play. The snack bar is available at the turn, again please patronize without delay. It is recommended you call in your order when you reach 9 tee and under no circumstance can you stop and eat at the turn. Players that stop to eat after the first nine will lose their standing on the golf course. Bringing your own food and beverage including private coolers is prohibited.

HAZARDOUS WEATHER

When the emergency/lightening horn is activated (one blast), all golfers must cease play and take shelter. Two consecutive blasts of the horn means the dangerous weather has passed and it's all clear and players may resume



their position on the course. Although the club is equipped with a weather warning system, it is the responsibility of each and every golfer to be aware of changing weather conditions. If lightening is spotted and you have not heard the horn, all golfers should immediately take shelter. Another potentially dangerous situation is high winds, in that situation stay out of the tree line as much as possible.

COURSE CLOSURE

The golf course Superintendent has the authority to close the golf course for periods of time when they deem necessary. Situations that may warrant closing temporarily include frost, flooding and dangerous weather.

DRESS CODE

Appropriate dress is required at all times on the golf course and practice areas.

Men/Boys: All men and boys are required to wear collared shirts or mock turtlenecks (no silk-screened t-shirts) and golf slacks or appropriate shorts. Tailored golf shorts are permitted and are to be appropriate length consistent with current country club fashion. Cargo shorts are not permitted. Shirts must have sleeves and be tucked into pants or shorts. Golf hats and visors must be worn with bill forward at all times. Tank tops, short shorts, tee shirts, swimwear, sweatpants, workout shorts, denim and jeans are not permitted between May 1 and November 1. Appropriate footwear includes golf (no metal spikes) or tennis shoes.

Women/Girls: Women's shorts, skirts or skorts are to be of the appropriate length consistent with current country club fashions. Cargo shorts and extremely short bottoms are not permitted. Tailored tops in most varieties are acceptable and for women may be untucked. Golf hats must be worn with the bill forward at all times. Unacceptable attire includes silk screened tee shirts, swimwear, sweatpants, workout clothes, denim and jeans (between May and November 1). Appropriate footwear includes golf (no metal spikes) or tennis shoes.

JUNIOR PLAYERS

Junior players under the age of 16 cannot play the golf course or use the practice facilities unaccompanied unless qualified by the professional staff. Children under 16 cannot play weekend mornings before 10:00 unless approved by the professional staff.



GOLF SHOP OPERATIONS

GENERAL SERVICES

The golf shop is the central point for all golf activity and information. Please let us know when you are on property so the staff can service you in whatever way necessary to assure you have a comfortable, enjoyable experience. The golf shop opens one half hour before the first tee time and closes at 6:00, the golf shop outside services are open until the last carts comes in.

GUEST POLICIES

Members are encouraged to introduce guests at Fox Hopyard within the following guidelines. Members may have 1 guest on weekends (Fri-Sun) prior to 10:00 and 3 guests after 10:00 on weekends or anytime weekdays. Members may have 7 guests after 11:00 on weekends or anytime on weekdays with the approval of the professional staff. Members may introduce a foursome of unaccompanied guests after 11:00 on weekends and anytime on weekdays with the approval of the professional staff. An outside group, introduced by the PGA Professional of another private club can book after 1:00 on weekends and anytime weekdays with the approval of the professional staff.

Unaccompanied guests and outside guests will be hosted on a very limited basis. Individual guests are limited to playing 7 times per year, excluding organized events. Members are responsible for the behavior and payment of their guests including; dress code, pace of play, course etiquette, damage to club property and treatment of other members and club staff.

GUEST CLASSIFICATIONS AND FEES

Guest rates are as follows listed as weekday/weekend (Fri-Sun). Accompanied guest of members rates \$80/\$90, unaccompanied guest of member rates are \$100/\$110, outside guests are \$155/\$165 and accompanied family guest of member rates are \$60/\$70. Accompanied family guests will be limited to immediate family including; spouse, mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law and grandchildren. Family guests must be accompanied by the hosting Family Member. The listed guest rates are green fees only and do NOT include cart fees. 18 hole cart fees are \$22 plus tax.

GROUP OUTINGS

For the most part large outside outings will be hosted on Monday afternoons. A limited number of smaller groups may be hosted on weekdays, not to significantly interfere with member access. If you would like to host a small group (24 or less) on a Monday-Thursday, please contact the professional staff for details.



TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

A complete listing of the Fox Hopyard member tournaments can be found on the members area of the club webpage. We encourage all members to participate in as many events as possible, the benefits of participating include meeting and getting to know more members, expanding your network, learning more about the rules of golf and competitive strategies, learning more about and getting better with your own game and maybe even the thrill of victory. We are planning to incorporate Golf Genius Tournament Software into our tournament program from sign ups to live scoring to event summaries and results posting.

HANDICAP PROGRAM

The USGA Handicap Manual states, “The purpose of the USGA Handicap System is to make the game more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis. A basic premise underlies the best possible score at each hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played, and that the player will post every acceptable round for peer review”. Members who maintain a handicap at the club are required to follow the procedures provided by the USGA and the GHIN system. The club will have a Handicap Chairman to assist the golf staff in educating the membership and enforcing proper handicapping procedures. All members competing in club events must have a current USGA Index at the club. Handicaps change daily based on scores that are turned in. Handicaps will be frozen a few days in advance of club events to allow the staff to properly prepare for the event.

MERCHANDISE

We take pride in running a merchandising program that fulfills the needs, wants and desires of our members and guests. Vendors, styles and selection are chosen specifically with our members in mind.

Everything we carry and promote must fulfill the tenets of Fox Hopyard itself – prestige, quality and class. Members will receive a 20% discount on apparel, bags, shoes and most accessories. Clubs will be marked and sold at MAP (minimum advertised price) which is already 20% off MSRP (manufacturer’s suggested retail price).

NOTE: clubs will be tagged at the final selling price. Other items that will be priced and sold at the selling price include balls, gloves, counter trinkets and headwear. We have accounts with nearly every golf industry vendor and are happy to place special orders for you. You would receive the same pricing as in the shop plus whatever shipping charges that were involved. Other value added services provided by the golf shop include complimentary club fitting, vendor fitting days, trunk shows, demo equipment and gift wrapping. We are also happy to help you with any corporate orders or needs you might have.

DEMO PROGRAM

We have purchased eight complete sets of the latest model top of the line clubs for members to try out as well as individual drivers, wedges and some putters. Demo clubs must be signed out and if not returned will be charged to the member’s account.



RENTAL CLUBS

We have top of the line clubs available for rental at \$50 per round. Please reserve the clubs in advance to make sure they are available. The player renting the set is responsible for any lost or damaged clubs.

TOURNAMENT CREDITS

Tournament credits are awarded as winnings for particular events, competitions and contests run through the golf shop. The credits are housed in the golf shop Point of Sale system either under the members name or under the particular event and can be redeemed towards golf shop equipment or apparel purchases, including special orders. Tournament credits are expired December 31 of the year in which they are issued so please plan the use of them accordingly.

GIFT CARDS

Fox Hopyard gift cards may be redeemed in the golf shop or in the clubhouse. Gift cards have no expiration.

HOLE IN ONE CLUB

Only primary members (not children) are enrolled in the Hole in One Club. Each member (membership) is enrolled in the Hole in One Club unless they notify the golf shop that they would like to opt out. Once someone opts out they are out until they notify the golf shop otherwise. Hole in One's will be recognized when the tee markers are in their normal position, and they are witnessed by another golfer in your group. You must complete all 18 holes unless the HIO occurs during a club 9 hole event. The HIO must be reported to the golf shop immediately after making it. Each club membership will be charged \$25 to start the season, that will cover the first five hole in ones made at the club. When a HIO is made \$5 per club membership in the HIO club will be pulled from the HIO pool. Those funds will be used to pay for the open bar for the day (one drink per HIO Club members) and the balance of the funds will go to the acer's golf shop credits. Once five hole in ones have been made, memberships will again be charged \$25 to restart the pool. Unused funds carry over to the next year. If the HIO happens or is recorded after 5:00 pm the open bar will be shifted to the next day.

GOLF INSTRUCTION

Golf instruction is a priority at Fox Hopyard and to that end we have four qualified golf instructors, outstanding practice facilities, state of the art learning technologies and aids as well as varieties of learning opportunities. Learning opportunities include private lessons, lesson packages, playing lessons, specialized clinics, junior golf programs and indoor off-season instruction and training. Clinics and Junior Golf will be advertised, private instruction is booked directly with the individual instructors.

JUNIOR GOLF

We have organized weekly junior golf programs for youth players 4-6, 7-10 and 11-15, signups are in the golf shop. Most sessions will take place on the practice range. All aspects of the game will be covered and there will be some on-course time as well. Individual lessons are also available. Fox Hopyard will also field a 12 player



13U PGA Junior League team. Member's children will have top priority in getting in our programs however, if there are openings we will invite others to provide more camaraderie and energy to the programs. We encourage parents to take their children on the golf course as much as possible. For the comfort of all involved we suggest finding times when the course is less crowded to take your children out, the professional staff can let you know when those times are. Under no circumstances shall children under the age of 16 drive a golf cart.

CLUB AND PUSH CART STORAGE

We have room for approximately 250 bags in storage and offer club storage and club care for \$150/bag annually. We also offer push cart storage but are limited in storage capacity with those to about 60. We have capacity also to store 20 electronic remote control push carts however members with those must take their battery home with them to charge. The charge for storing push carts is \$150 as well.

CLUB REPAIR

We primarily offer regripping services. We have a decent supply of grips in stock and can special order whatever type of grip you would like (including putter grips) and have them for you in a matter of days. The golf professional assisting you will give you a pretty good estimate of when the work can be completed. Clubs should be regripped approximately every 50 rounds. Some minor club repairs can be done in house but most repairs like re-shafts generally need to be sent out and we can help you with those.

LOCKER ROOM

We have men's and women's locker rooms in the clubhouse. The locker rooms are supplied with basic toiletries, towels and of course lockers. Locker fee for the season is \$150. Please let us know if you'd like a locker and what number or at least what area. We want to make sure we have engraved locker plates for everyone with a locker. Please see Eddie White with your locker information.

RECIPROCITY

We have a preferred rate for any members that would like to play our sister course in Bernardston, Massachusetts – Crumpin-Fox Club. We do not have reciprocity with any other private clubs. Members who wish to visit private clubs in other areas should contact that club directly to inquire about their policies.

If they are open to inviting in outside play with an introduction from our professional staff, we will be happy to provide that. We will need the name and contact information of the contact person at that club, generally the Head Professional, Director of Golf or Club Manager. Any privileges, extended by other clubs, are at their discretion.



PRACTICE FACILITY RULES

HOURS OF OPERATION

The practice range opens with the first starting time and closes one hour before dark. The range will close at 5:30 on Sundays so it can be clean picked in anticipation of Mondy's mowing. The range will re-open at 10:30 on Mondays. Extreme weather conditions may cause the practice facility to occasionally close.

DRESS CODE

Dress code for the range is the same as for the golf course. Proper etiquette and decorum are expected on the range, just as the course

SAFETY

For safety and maintenance purposes the teeing area is designated daily and rotated. All full swing ball striking must take place in that area. Be aware that you have ample room to swing and when walking on the range stay a full 10 feet behind the hitting line. Be sure to alert players on number 9 or 18 if an errant shot heads in their direction.

MUSIC ON RANGE

Because there are so many people on the range and other practice areas it is suggested you listen to your music through airpods or some other type of headphones.

CARE FOR THE RANGE

To best protect the turf on the range we encourage players to use a linear divot pattern. This involves placing each shot directly behind the previous divot. In so doing, a linear pattern is created and only a small amount of turf is removed with each swing. This can usually be done for 20 or so shots before moving sideways to create a new line of divots. If you are able to, without walking in front of players, please pick up and keep unbroken tees and pick up and throw away broken ones. There is a trash receptacle on the range for broken tees and other waste, please use it.

PUTTING GREEN RULES

We have a large putting green, and it is maintained the same as our on-course greens. Therefore, the same rules of etiquette and care apply to the putting green, i.e. no running on the green, no dragging of your feet or your putter, no chipping balls off of the green, no chalk lines, wear proper footwear and be mindful of others warming up and practicing and give them space and quiet. Low trajectory chipping is permitted on the putting green provided there is space available. No approach shots are allowed OVER waist high so as to not create ball marks. Absolutely NO range balls permitted on the putting green – use your own balls or if you want to borrow a bag of premium balls the golf shop will lend you one. When you are done practicing clear all of your balls from the green.



BUNKER RULES

We have 2 practice bunkers on our range, one for greenside shots and one for fairway bunker shot. Please use both safely. When finished with your practice session please rake the bunker for the next player.

BACK TEE

The practice tee at the far end of the practice range is reserved for golf instruction.



CLUBHOUSE RULES

HOURS OF OPERATION

Clubhouse lunch and dinner hours and Snack Bar hours will be posted by season. The clubhouse is always closed on Mondays. The snack bar will be open daily during the primary season.

DRESS CODE

All attire acceptable on the golf course and practice range is permitted in the clubhouse. Non-golf apparel should be clean, pressed and consistent with an upscale, casual, private Country Club environment. Denim – defined as full-length denim jeans that are clean and pressed and contain no accidental holes or fraying – is acceptable. Jeans should have a neat appearance consistent with an upscale, casual, private Country Club environment. Denim that is excessively baggy, faded and/or worn hanging below the waist will not be permitted. It is recommended that all hats be removed inside the clubhouse. Apparel not acceptable on the golf course is also not acceptable in the clubhouse.

GUEST POLICIES

Members are welcomed and encouraged to bring guests for dining. Members guests, accompanied or unaccompanied, spend for dining will go towards the member's minimum annual spend.

RESERVATIONS

When dining in the restaurant, reservations are not required but strongly recommended. This will give us the opportunity to staff accordingly and provide you with the best service and experience possible. You can make a reservation by calling the restaurant at 860/434-6644 ext. 308.

Due to the popularity of our holiday buffets and limited seatings, reservations are required and must be cancelled one week prior to the event. In the case of all other events with food and beverage included we require a reservation and 3 days notice to cancel. If you do not cancel 3 days prior to the event you will be charged for the full amount of your reservation unless there is an extenuating circumstance.

PRIVATE PARTIES

Private parties are welcomed and encouraged and again may be used towards your minimums. Please contact Social and Private Events Manager, Melanie Glanert (Mel) at mglanert@golfthefox.com to schedule your party and to work out menus and any special needs.

ALCOHOL POLICIES

The sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations associated with the State of Connecticut. All management and staff are required to refuse service to any person less than 21 years of age, and to terminate service of alcoholic beverages to any person who has or appears to have consumed an excessive amount of alcohol. Management's decision in this regard is final.



SMOKING POLICY

No smoking anywhere in the interior of the clubhouse. Smoking is permitted on the outdoor deck surrounding the clubhouse, away from dining customers. We have designated areas that are away from food service. Please dispose of cigarette and cigar butts in the trash receptacles.

OUTSIDE FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Food, alcohol and non-alcoholic beverages not purchased at the club may not be consumed on club property.

FOOD MINIMUMS

The food minimums are accumulated and documented on an annual basis. Any unused food minimums at the end of the year will be billed to the member's account. Member food and non-alcoholic beverages in the clubhouse and snack bar apply towards the minimum. The food and beverage charges built into member tournaments do not apply towards the minimum however all other events such as Quota League, Social League, Women's Golf League and specialty events do apply. Take out meals apply towards the minimum. Guest dining charges apply towards the minimum and privately hosted parties apply towards the minimum. Written notice must be provided in advance of reservation for guest dining to make charges to member accounts. You can monitor your monthly Food and Beverage charges by looking at your monthly statements. The Business Manager will produce a listing at the end of August and October. This list will be available in the business office.

HOUSE CHARGES/BILLING

Because we have so many new members in our transition to private membership, we ask that you provide your name and member number to your server. New three-digit member numbers have been issued in 2023.

CHILDREN IN CLUBHOUSE

Children under the age of 12 are not allowed in the clubhouse without the supervision of an adult. Children of members will be able to charge on their parents account unless the staff at Fox Hopyard is notified otherwise.