

Amelia Golf & Country Club

Tee Talk

First Quarter 2016

First Quarter Dues are due 01/01/2016

• Club Membership- \$225

New payment options:

\$850 annual payment(\$50 annual savings)

\$225 quarterly payment

\$75 monthly payment with a credit card
auto authorization.

• Junior- \$75

**Dues not paid within 30 days of due date
are subject to a \$25 late fee. Dues not paid
within 90 days will result in loss of
membership privileges.



WINTER HOURS

EFFECTIVE

11/01/15 thru 02/28/16

The clubhouse is open 7 days a
week, weather permitting. Our
hours of operation are 9 AM - 4
PM

We will be closed on Christmas
Day.

The clubhouse will be closed if the
temperature is on or below 40
degrees. If the weather is
questionable, we recommend
members call during the winter
months to make sure the course is
open.

Golf Instruction

PGA Instructor

Gary Irby

Lessons

1/2 Hour	\$35
V1 Pro Video	\$50
3 Lesson Series	\$125
Junior 3 Lesson Series	\$99
Get Golf Ready	\$99
Five lesson Group Series For Beginners	
Playing Lesson	\$75
Aim Point Putting Sys	\$99
Club Fitting	\$29

Happy 2016! As always, the AGCC Board would like to thank all of its members for a successful 2015 golf season and we look forward to a happy and prosperous New Year!

The Board would like to thank the course superintendent Trent Quick and his staff for their dedication to keeping our course in excellent condition. We have received numerous compliments from visitors as well as our members regarding the course's appearance and playing condition. Trent is celebrating his 1st year anniversary with AGCC...we are hoping it will be one of many to come.

Gary Irby our clubhouse manger and PGA professional joined us in mid year. Gary has recommended and will begin implementing programs such a Get Golf Ready, Junior Camps, etc. in the coming year as well as teaching lessons and offering educational information. Please keep your eyes and ears open for more information to come. And without a doubt...thank you Jimmy Warren, Jimmy Pollard and Garnett Terry!

There were many accomplishments made in 2015 to include the purchase of new carts, painting the clubhouse, etc. but our list never seems to stop

growing. As always, membership growth is at the top of the list. We have already begun 2016 in the right direction with two new members bringing us to 129 club members. There is always room for membership growth and the Boards would certainly love to see an additional 20-25 new members in 2016. Please help AGCC to reach or even surpass this goal by promoting our course....bring a friend, co-worker, etc. to play. It is surprising how many golfers don't even know we are here in Amelia...word-of-mouth is the best advertising!

Again, the AGCC Board appreciates you, our members. We look forward to the renewal of your membership and the continued opportunity to serve you. We wish you and your family a happy and healthy New Year.

Happy Holidays!

Amelia Golf Board of Directors..

Don Hill Sr., Winn Winfree, Ellen Kelsey,
Clem Goodman, David Weir, John Bartley,
Randy Fletcher, Buck Scott, & Richard Smith

Get Golf Ready

is designed to teach everything you'll need to play golf in just a few lessons. PGA and LPGA Professionals will show you that there are lots of ways to play by combining fun, friends and fitness.

Each session will focus on the various golf skills you will use while playing. In addition to learning the basics, you will be guided onto the golf course to put your skills into action in a casual, friendly setting. No equipment needed!

Over the course of 5 lessons you'll discover:

Warm up, stretching and wellness tips

The best ways to hold the club and get ready before you take a swing

Getting the ball close to the hole — chipping, pitching and other shots from short distances

Caring for the course

Getting comfortable with the full swing

Using your irons to get the ball in the air and onto the green

Learning the 'lingo', like fairway & rough, tee box & green, divot & bunker, and more

Having more fun using 'It's Okay' as the way to play

Swinging your driver and other 'big' clubs to hit the long shots

Starting your play from the correct tee markers — use *TEE IT FORWARD* to have more fun

Helpful shortcuts to save time while you play

Linking all that you've learned to play a few holes

Tips for playing in groups, on teams and other fun ways to play

Getting you more comfortable on the course and where to drive the cart

Review of the rules and keeping score

And of course.....more opportunities for you to come back and play golf!

Golf Course Rating vs. Slope Rating

The first United States Golf Association Rating system was established in 1911. The proposal made by Leighton Calkins, who served on the USGA Executive Committee in 1907 and 1908) was that par ratings be based on the play of the U.S. Amateur Champion; at the time the amateur champion was Jerome Travers, who won four amateur titles from 1907 - 1913.

Rating courses according to the "expected" score of the national amateur champion became accepted, and course rating was born in America.

Today there is much more of a mathematical component to course rating and its close relative, slope rating, which was developed by Dean Knuth who was dubbed the "Pope of Slope". Knuth, who oversaw a large portion of the USGA staff during his time on various committees, received a degree in mathematics from the Naval Academy and Masters in Computer Systems Technology from the same institution, giving you a reasonable idea of how much brain power went into producing this intricate system.

Course Rating is a measure of the difficulty of courses for a scratch golfer. A scratch golfer, in this use, is defined by the USGA as a male golfer who hits his drive 250 yards and can reach a 470-yard hole in two shots; or a female golfer who hits her drives 210 yards and can reach a 400-yard hole in two (and of course, plays to scratch).

Such a player would be expected to shoot 67 on a course rated near 67, or 75 on a course near 75.

The rating is expressed in strokes and decimal fractions of a stroke, and is based on yardage and other obstacles to the extent that they affect the scoring ability of a scratch player. Course Rating used to be based solely on length. The longer the course, the higher the rating. But obstacles, in addition to distance, are now part of the consideration.

Ten obstacle factors are considered, each of them graded on a scale of 0 to 10, on each hole. Those factors are: Topography, Fairway, Recoverability and Rough, Out-of-Bounds, Water Hazards, Trees, Bunkers, Green Target, Green Surface and Psychological.

Course rating and slope rating are calculated for a course on the basis of a visit to the course by a USGA rating team that involves spending time with the course's staff, spending time on-course taking measurements and typically playing the course before the visit comes to an end.

Based on length and obstacles, and experience gleaned from playing the course, the rating team will evaluate the overall difficulty of the course under normal playing conditions and issue the course rating for scratch golfers.

Along with a Course Rating, the USGA team will also issue a "bogey rating," something many golfers don't realize exists for each golf course. Similar to a Course Rating, a bogey rating is just an evaluation of how many strokes a bogey golfer will take

to play the course rather than an evaluation of strokes needed for scratch golfers. And the bogey rating has an important role; it is used in the calculation that produces the slope rating.

Amelia Golf's Course/Slope Ratings				
Men's	Blue	72.8/140	Women's	Gold 74.6/139
	White	72.2/138	Red	67.2/124
	Gold	70.0/132		
	Green	64.0/122		

Slope Rating (a term trademarked by the USGA) is a measurement of the difficulty of a course for bogey golfers relative to the course rating. The calculation that determines slope is this: bogey course rating minus USGA course rating x 5.381 for men or 4.24 for women.

Slope Rating takes into account the fact that increased difficulty affects such players more than it affects scratch golfers. The lowest USGA Slope Rating is 55. The highest is 155. The "standard" Slope Rating is 113. The Slope Rating is a factor in the calculation of handicap index and is also used to determine the course handicap.

Slope itself is a universal standard that enables a golfer to adjust his/her handicap to fit the difficulty of the course he is playing on a given day - i.e., at Pine Valley you'll get more strokes and at the local municipal course you won't get as many; unless your local municipal golf course (muny) happens to be Torrey Pines South. Obviously, to implement the system, it's necessary to rate every course in the country.

The Kingsmill River Course at Kingsmill Resort was the first golf course in the world to be slope rated under the USGA Handicap System, now in effect throughout the world.

NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS....

It's here already....2016!

Another year and another resolution to either get in better physical shape or lose the weight which you gained during the holidays. Why not use the best equipment you have before your eyes....the fairways and greens at Amelia Golf course.

Golfers who walk 36 holes a week will burn around 2,900 calories per week. The threshold of 2,500 calories burned in a week is an important one. Studies have shown that those who burn

2,500 calories a week improve their overall health by lowering their risk of heart disease, diabetes and cancer.

On average, you walk the equivalent of five miles during an 18-hole round of golf. In addition, a four hour round of golf is similar to a two hour singles match of tennis. Walking and carrying your clubs or pushing a cart burn approximately 1450 calories. You don't have time for 18 holes, then just play 9 holes.

Whether you are walking or riding, we look forward to seeing you soon at Amelia Golf.

What's Your Handicap??

The 2016 handicap fees are for the calendar year (1/1/16-12/31/16). Any AGCC member who would like to keep their handicap should see the clubhouse staff. An annual handicap fee of \$25.00 is due in order to be set up or continue using the Golf Handicap & Information Network (GHIN). Handicap Indexes are recalculated monthly. AGCC will provide updated handicaps via stickers on the 15th of each month. Handicap stickers are located next to the GHIN computer in the clubhouse.

Your handicap refers to a numerical representation of a golfer's playing ability. The lower the golfer's handicap, the better the golfer is. The purpose of the system has always been an attempt to level the playing field for golfers of differing abilities, so that golfers can compete equally.

Keeping your handicap serves as an incentive to keep improving. It helps you by setting targets. Watching as your handicap starts dropping is the greatest incentive to keep practicing and working on your game.