



# Megunticook Golf Club

## History

Established in 1899, Megunticook Golf Club is home to Maine's oldest private golf course. The Club's historic building and grounds are listed in the National Register of Historic Places

Originally configured by Alexander H. Findlay, a Scot who came to the U.S. in 1887, Megunticook was among his original designs. Findlay would later go on to layout more than 100 courses, including Clinton, Belgrade, and the Tarrantine Golf Club on Islesboro. Frederick Law Olmsted protégés Warren Manning and Albert Taylor redesigned the course in the early 1900's to what is Megunticook's present configuration.

## Golf

The 9-hole course stretches 66 acres along Penobscot Bay in Rockport, Maine. The course has been described as scenic and quirky. A third of the holes have blind approaches while all enjoy views of either the ocean or Camden Hills. The course can penalize long ball hitters and it is recommended that all golfers come with an extremely good sense of humor to withstand an errant bounce from a granite outcropping.

Under the guidance of Tripp Davis and Associates, a nationally recognized golf course architect, a full course irrigation system was installed in 2018. Also, the #4 green was rebuilt with a new design.

Megunticook's golf program features a full calendar of events, including leagues and tournaments for both men and women golfers. Lessons and clinics are offered throughout the season. Golfers of all abilities will find the course a challenge. Beginners are always welcome, as several Members joined Megunticook with the sole intent to learn the game. Per tradition, tee times are never required during regular open play.

## Racquet Sports

Tennis played a large role in the Club's early years and remains a draw for Members today. Megunticook is one of a handful of

Maine clubs to feature both clay and all-weather courts. The tennis program includes clinics and tournaments as well as designated court use for mixed doubles.

Recently, Megunticook added pickleball to the list of dedicated sports. On a regular basis, the all-weather tennis courts are converted to pickleball for organized round-robins. As with golf and tennis, beginners are always welcome.

## Social

Megunticook's century-old clubhouse comes alive each summer with a host of activities. Scheduled events include bridge, mahjonn, movie nights, themed dinner/dances, and all-Member celebrations. A complete lunch menu is offered throughout the season with seating either inside or along the ocean-view veranda. Members also enjoy the privilege of reserving the clubhouse for special occasions.

## Membership

Those interested in membership in Megunticook Golf Club should identify existing members who can act as Proposer and a Secunder. The Proposer and Secunder, who should have known the applicant for at least one year, can provide an application package and answer general questions about the Club. Together with the Membership Committee, they will guide the applicant through the membership process.

The Proposer will also help identify other members who must also have known the applicant and can act as Supporters of the application. The Proposer and Secunder should be willing to attest that the applicant(s) will fit well into the culture of the Club.

The key criteria used by the Membership Committee is that the candidate should be a good fit with the membership in terms of participation in athletic and social offerings and contribute to the camaraderie, trust and mutual respect that has existed among Members.

# Club Summary

## Golf

- Nine holes with three tee boxes per hole  
Men Slope 113; Rating 66.4  
Forward Men Slope 105; Rating 63.0  
Women Slope 115; Rating 68.1  
Forward Women Slope 113; Rating 66.1
- Full-Calendar of leagues, events, tournaments and clinics
- Dedicated hours for women-only golfers
- No tee times during open play

## Racquet Sports

- Two clay and two all-weather courts
- Full-calendar of tennis tournaments and clinics
- Dedicated pickleball program

## Social

- Full-menu lunch service with seating inside or along the ocean-view veranda
- Themed dinners, movie nights and seasonal celebrations
- Bridge, Mahjogg
- Movie nights
- Twilight golf scramble, tennis round robin, and pickleball with dinner
- Men's and Women's luncheons with speakers

## Staff

- General Manager / Golf Professional
- Tennis Professional and Assistant Tennis Professional
- Club House Manager
- Golf Course Superintendent and Crew
- Seasonal support for lunches, events and operations

## Membership

- Membership capped at 175
- Proposers and support letters from five current members
- Application process managed by all-volunteer Membership Committee

## Club House

The historic clubhouse is the oldest golf building in the state of Maine. A large veranda porch wraps around the clubhouse offering scenic views of the grounds and golf course. The rocking chairs on the outside veranda date back to the origins of the club. A stone terrace near the tennis clay courts offers additional views and seating. Inside the clubhouse there are several event rooms that include large stone fire places to keep members and guests warm on those chilly days. The Clubhouse also has a kitchen that provides food service throughout the summer.

