



# NBGA 4th Quarter 2024 Newsletter

Sadly, we're getting close to the end of the golfing season. At this time, we are planning for a "soft close" of the Clubhouse at the end of business on October 31st. ***IF the weather permits, we will stay open into November, with a minimal cart fleet.***

The ***October members appreciation 10% discount*** will remain in effect as long as the Clubhouse is open. In addition, we have a few ***older products on sale for 40% off.***

Post season, we will continue to offer the ***"golf in good faith"*** option as long as the weather remains fairly decent, where you can golf and use walking carts. Please ensure there is no frost present on the greens. Non-members will be directed to place \$10 in the south door slot.

The ***Clubhouse email will remain active in the off season.*** We will provide any new/additional information via email and/or a 1st quarter newsletter, when appropriate. If you have any questions or want information pertaining to the 2025 memberships, please simply email us at [Clubhouse@northbranchgolfcourse.com](mailto:Clubhouse@northbranchgolfcourse.com).

We are considering ***raising our green fees for 2025.*** This would also include increasing our 10-Round Punch Card. If you are interested in purchasing a punch card for the 2025 season, consider doing so before the end of 2024.. All new pricing will go into effect on January 1, 2025. ***Membership fees will NOT be increased.***

Do you have an older set of clubs that you no longer use? We are looking to ***update our selection of Rental Clubs.*** If you have "gently used" clubs and/or bags, please let us know.

Are you interested in any of the following ***new offerings for the 2025 season?***

- Couples Tournament in July of 2025. The details have yet to be determined.
- Juniors Tournament (ages 13-17). We are looking into a Junior Program and/or a Junior Tourney for June/July of 2025.
- 10 Cart Seat Punch Card

Please consider helping to keep our course beautiful and running smoothly. The Clubhouse has several ***volunteer opportunities for 2025.***

- Weekend Ranger -- Presence on the course (from 10am to 3pm - multiple shifts)
- Adopt a hole -- plant, weed and nurture the floral around tee-boxes
- Landscaping around Clubhouse -- weed, water and nurture the floral
- Donate a Bench -- could be in memorial, we would like to add 1-2 more.

**Thanks to all our 2024 volunteers!** Kathy Aho, Leah Dehn for taking care of the floral on Hole #4. Jim Nelson, Lee Huenecke, Dennis Hensch and Dan Wait for all the “gently used” golf balls. Dennis Hensch/Tim Melby, Jim Nelson, Trudy Fairbanks/Cheryl Ramberg for coordinating our leagues! Jim E. Nelson and Kelly Doochen for hanging our new shades. Also, our “handiman” Darrel Fisk! We’re sure we missed a few and if we did, we sincerely apologize. Thanks to all of you!

**Great News:** As of this November, **the golf course will be “debt free”!** This includes our recent purchasing of grounds equipment!

Changes are also in the works for the **Club Championship Tournaments** which includes: 1) Men’s, 2) Sr. Men’s and 3) Women’s/Sr. Women’s. All run consistently with no entrance fees. Food and prizes will be included, as part of the tournament. As members, we would like to thank you for your continued support by improving upon the experience/process. In return, we hope this will increase participation in all 3 Club Championships!

As always, check out the **NBGC website or Facebook for information.** Over the next few months, we hope to update our Drone video. We always welcome suggestions for the website.

**Ongoing requests:**

- We kindly ask that you **make reservations, especially on weekends.** Also, if the course is busy, please check with the Clubhouse before golfing a 2<sup>nd</sup> 9.
- Please ensure you **fix your ball marks AND rake the sand traps.** We have noticed an increase in ball marks and footprints in the sand traps this year.

As we are **earth conscious**, you can help us by simply throwing trash in the proper receptacle. If your **business OR church has a recycling drive**, please let us know.

As always, please continue to **voice suggestions and ideas** that could make everyone’s golf experience the best it can be. If you see something at another golf course that might be appropriate for NBGC, let us know. Thank you for your continued support as Members of the North Branch Golf Association!

**Trivia or Fun Fact:** At the annual spring members meeting in April of 1957, it was voted to keep green fees at \$.75 for 9-holes and \$1.00 for all day!

**NBGA Board Members:** Dan Fairbanks, Dennis Hensch, Tony Watters, Mike Nelson, Eddie Meier, Tony Beaver and Jason Lindstrom.

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