

CONSIDER JOINING THE AUDUBON GOLF CLUB (click for more details)

There will be a 2022 golf season at Amherst Audubon Golf Course and the Audubon Golf Club Board of Directors is making plans for club operations this year.

Perhaps you were a member in the past or maybe you've never belonged to a golf club. We invite you to check us out. Membership in the Audubon Golf Club will likely get you playing competitive rounds on a regular basis. You'll meet and play with a new circle of golfing acquaintances....maybe leading to new friendships. In a nutshell, we are a collection of golfers that play weekly tournaments among and against each other. We divide ourselves into 4 flights (or sometimes more) and compete in both scratch and handicap events from May through September.

Weekly Tournaments are played at YOUR convenience at Amherst Audubon Golf Course from Thursday thru Sunday most every week of the season. (You need to play with at least one other club member in order to post your score). The weeks we don't have a "weekly" tournament, we have a more structured tournament where everyone plays at the same time. These are usually two day events played on Saturday and Sunday in the 8am range. The Club Championship and the Director's Cup (basically the "handicap" club championship) are included in your membership dues, as is the season long President's Cup (Flighted Match Play Bracketed Tournament). There is also a season long bracketed team match play event at an additional \$10 per player. Finally, we have three events that honor past Audubon Club Members that also require an additional charge for food, beverages and prizes.

We expect to have 70 to 90 club members for operation this year. We had 71 members last year despite the controversy and uncertainty surrounding the future existence of the golf course. The Town of Amherst has now made a long term commitment to operating Audubon as an 18 hole course having committed to \$1,000,000 of capital spending on golf facilities in 2022-2023. Indigo Golf Partners did an outstanding job managing the course for the town last year, improving playing conditions and even netting the town a six figure surplus from operations.

The 2022 Audubon Golf Club membership fee is only \$125 which includes prize funds for the weekly tournaments, Director's Cup, President's Cup, Club Championship as well as official World Handicap System participation via the GHIN system. Weekly events will start soon after the course reopens in the spring. We do expect to have an Opening Stag event this year, scheduled for April 29th at 6:30pm at Banchetti's on North French Rd. The 2022 Membership form and schedule of events are available on the club website. Poke around the website. It'll give you a sense of the weekly events run by the club.

Those are the nuts and bolts of our club. Once you become a member, it is pretty easy to find someone to play in the events. Many members use email to look for players to fill out their foursome – or singles looking for a threesome to pair up with. We are also looking into a message board to help with this.

The Town of Amherst has set the fee schedule for 2022. Seven day season passes will cost \$549 if you are renewing and \$599 for non-renewals. The full schedule of daily play rates and cart fees can be found on the course website <https://www.audubonamherstgolf.com> where you can also find the season pass application.

That's what we know so far. The course and the club will operate in 2022 and beyond. We are getting started on this year's season and you are invited to submit an application join the Audubon Golf Club for 2022. Download, print and complete the Membership form found on the club website and mail it in. Feel free to email or call any of the Audubon Golf Club Board of Directors listed below if you have questions or just want to talk it over.

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