

A Championship Legacy

The history of Firestone stretches back over a half century to August 10, 1929 when Harvey Firestone drove the first ball down the fairway to open the new South Course designed by the late Bert Way. Throughout the years, the legends of the game have left their permanent footprints on the fairways at Firestone. The epic contests held on these grounds have become an important part of the game's history, and have made Firestone Country Club famous throughout the world.

The tournaments at Firestone Country Club began in 1954 with the Rubber City Open and continued through 1959. Firestone was chosen as the site of the 1960 PGA Championship and during that memorable championship, Arnold Palmer triple-bogeyed the 625-yard, par five 16th hole, calling it a "Monster". The nickname proved popular, and in time, the entire course became known as "The Monster".

The American Golf Classic, initiated in 1961, began a new era of golf at Firestone. In 1962 The World Series of Golf began under its original format, and in succeeding years the course played host to many other competitions, including the CBS Golf Classic and Big Three Golf, the forerunner of The World Series of Golf.

In 1973, Firestone Country Club was the only course in the world on which three televised golf events- The American Golf Classic, The World Series of Golf and The CBS Golf Classic- were conducted in one calendar year. In 1969, the North Course, designed by Robert Trent Jones was opened. This scenic challenge was to become the site of the 1976 American Golf Classic and 1994 NEC World Series of Golf.

The PGA Championship returned to the South Course in 1966, and again in 1975, making Firestone the first club to host this prestigious championship three times.

In the fall of 1985, Golfcourse, a Jack Nicklaus company, redesigned the South Course, starting a new era of golf at the club. In 1976, the World Series of Golf was restructured into an international championship and in 1984 became the NEC World Series of Golf that ended in 1998. In 2002, the Tom Fazio designed West Course was added.

In June of 2002, Firestone hosted the Senior PGA Championship. The event marked the first time Firestone held a professional senior event. Many of the great names that have appeared at Firestone over the years returned to compete again on the South Course.

From 2003 through 2005, Firestone hosted the best players in the world and continued its heritage with the World Golf Championships NEC Invitational. In 2006 Bridgestone took over as the main umbrella sponsor and will extend the legacy of tournament history through 2010 with the World Golf Championships, Bridgestone Invitational.

A Catered Affair

Our clubhouse offers a variety of room choices for your business and personal needs.

Whether hosting a private breakfast meeting or an elaborate wedding reception, Firestone's professional service staff and contemporary clubhouse will provide members and their guests an occasion to remember.

If you are interested in booking a private function, please contact:

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The Grille Room

While at Firestone Country Club don't forget to make a reservation for dinner in the Grille Room. The food is fantastic and seating is limited. The menu offers a wide variety of items. The signature Shrimp Bisque and 15 oz. French Cut Pork Chop are just two of the many signature items that you will find on the menu.

If seafood is what you are looking for, then the Chef's Fresh Feature Fish of the Evening or the Alaskan King Crab Legs will be a delight. From the cuisine to the atmosphere, the Grille Room at Firestone will be the ideal end to the perfect day of golf.



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The 55th Hole

If a cocktail before dinner is what you're looking for, the 55th Hole Bar at Firestone is just the ticket. Located off the men's locker room and above the Grill Room, the 55th Hole offers a casual lounge type atmosphere where men and women gather to socialize and wind down before going to dinner in the Grill Room. The 55th hole also has an open-air balcony with rocking chairs that overlook the famous South Course.

HANDBOOK FOR MEMBERS AND GUESTS

Firestone
COUNTRY CLUB

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Welcome

On behalf of the Membership and Staff, welcome to our fine facility. The information in this pamphlet is meant to acclimate you to our club and make you aware of the standards that all Members and Guests must abide by. We hope that this helps you to enjoy our facility to its maximum potential. We strive to exceed your expectations on a daily basis.

Dress Code

All Facilities

- Men's golf shirts must be tucked in.
- No cargo shorts/pants will be permitted.
- No baseball/golf style hats may be worn backwards.

Golf Courses and Practice Areas

- Shirts must be tucked in.
- Golf appropriate shorts will be permitted.
- Mock tees that are golf appropriate will be permitted, no tee shirts.
- No jeans will be permitted.
- No athletic attire that is not golf appropriate will be permitted i.e. sweat-pants.

Throughout the Clubhouse and Clubhouse Grounds

- Appropriate casual shirts will be permitted to be un-tucked.

Grille Room

Breakfast and Lunch

- Appropriate casual shirts will be permitted to be un-tucked.

Dinner

- No hats will be permitted.
- Appropriate casual shirts will be permitted to be un-tucked.

Golf Shop

We offer a fully stocked golf shop with top of the line equipment and clothing. We are available for corporate gift purchases as well as Christmas gifts.

Practice Range

The practice range is for the enjoyment of all golf Members and their Guests. Range balls are staged at the tee and are available whenever the Golf Shop is open. Proceed directly to the range and an attendant will have range balls available for your use.

Golf Carts

Due to the distance between some greens and tees, we do ask that you utilize a golf cart. Please make note of the posted cartpath rules. All Members and Guests are expected to adhere to these rules without exception. We ask that when carts are allowed on the course, you go 90 degrees to your ball and then ***stay in the fairway*** until you reach the white exit posts. The fairways are more highly maintained and handle golf cart tire stress better than the rough. Keep all four tires on the cartpath when around the greens and tees.

Spikeless Shoes

Firestone Country Club is a spikeless golf course. We have staff on hand to change spikes. This takes a matter of minutes and ensures the quality we expect on the course. We do remind you that spikeless shoes may not have as much traction so please be careful on wet slopes.

Lightning Safety

If you notice or are made aware of lightning in the area, all play should cease. Seek shelter immediately in the clubhouse or on course buildings. Golf carts do not offer adequate protection from lightning.

Pace of Play

The U.S.G.A. pace rating of these courses is 4 hours. It is our expectation that all groups adhere to this time frame. The 9 to 10 - minute interval between tee times ensures a proper spacing between groups. You should never lose sight of the group in front of you. Here at Firestone Country Club we judge the pace of play by where you are in relation to the group in front of you, ***not the group behind you***. Our Player Assistants will monitor pace of play and notify groups of their pace. Marshals are expected to assist groups that have fallen out of position by fore-caddying, raking bunkers and finding lost balls. They do this so that they will not have to ask you to pick up your ball and move to the next tee. Please respect what they are doing and follow their direction.

Care of the Course

The expected golf course etiquette should always be followed. Repair divots and ballmarks, place litter in trash receptacles, rake your bunker completely, follow all golf cart regulations and always return carts to the cart paths at least 100 feet before the green. By following these simple guidelines you will make the day more enjoyable for all that follow you on the course.

Club Staff

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