Caddies

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- Members and Guests are asked to take the Caddie Evaluations seriously, and give constructive feedback to the Caddies and the Caddie Master.
- Caddies should be tipped in accordance with job performance. The Caddie Master can provide guidelines, if needed.
- As you enjoy your Golf experience at Philadelphia Country Club today, remember our old adage to “treat your Caddie as you would like to be treated”.

We encourage you to enjoy your PCC visit and utilize all Golf facilities. Feel free to request assistance from any Staff member. Please acquaint yourself with our policies and traditions.

- Members and Guests are expected to play a round of Golf in four hours or less. Please be ready to play at all times; pick up if you are out of the hole, and putt continuously when appropriate.
- If your group is approached by a Club Employee about pace of play, please do whatever is necessary to keep up with the group in front of you.
- Properly raked bunkers and ball mark repair on the greens are essential to the playability of PCC.
- Walking at PCC is optional. Your host will make arrangements for a Golf car or Caddie.
- If you are driving a Golf car, please follow all directional signs and use paved paths when designated to do so. Please be especially careful to NOT drive in the tall fescue grasses. The responsible operation of Golf cars will help preserve the pristine condition of our playing surfaces.

By adhering to these important traditions, we believe everyone’s Philadelphia Country Club Golfing experience will be enhanced.

Gratuities have been eliminated for the Caddie Master and Bag Room Staff. However, the common practice of tipping Caddies, Locker Room Attendants, Valet and Coat Check remains in effect.

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"PCC", is one of the oldest country clubs in the US. In 1890, John C. Bullitt, an enthusiastic sportsman, persuaded a small group of socially prominent Philadelphians to join him in organizing a country club for riding and driving. They purchased a sixty acre property in Bala Cynwyd adjoining Fairmount Park, and constructed a Polo field; hence the horse head logo. A nine-hole Golf course was completed on the site in 1892. Due to the rise in the popularity of Golf, the Club purchased land for an 18 hole Golf course in Gladwyne in 1926. The Club operated in two locations until 1957 when the Clubhouse on Spring Mill Road was completed. The Spring Mill course was originally designed by architect William Flynn, and while many changes had taken place over the decades since it was originally designed, the Club recently returned to the previous design. In 1990, on the occasion of the Club's Centennial Anniversary, an additional nine holes, designed by Tom Fazio, were dedicated as the Centennial Nine. The Club played host to numerous USGA events, including the famous 1939 U.S. Open won by Byron Nelson after two 18-hole playoffs. Nelson's victory was highlighted by an eagle on the 17th hole (then the 4th) with a perfect 1-iron from 215 yards. In 2003, the U.S. Women’s Amateur Championship took place at PCC, with Virada Nirapathpongporn the victor. Keeping in the Championship mode, PCC co-hosted the early rounds of the 2005 U.S. Amateur Championship.

**Upon Arrival** - The golf bag drop off area is adjacent to the Clubhouse and Golf Shop. Please identify your host or hostess so your golf clubs may be properly organized.

**Locker Room** - The locker room entrances are marked and located at the east side of the Clubhouse and are accessible through the Golf Shop.

**Golf Course Attire** - Only conventional and appropriate golf attire may be worn on the Club grounds, the golf course and the practice range. Mock and collared shirts are preferred. Shorts are permitted but should not rise more than four inches above the knee; cargo-style shorts are prohibited. Please remove hats on the Terrace and in the Clubhouse.

**Practice Facilities** - The driving range, practice green and putting greens are available for your use.

**Expected Pace of Play** - Rapid play is fundamental to the enjoyment of Golf at PCC. In order to advance this approach, the following standards of playing pace have been established:

- 9 holes - 2 hours
- 18 holes - 4 hours

**The Open-Hole Rule** - Please keep pace with the group ahead of your group. If there is an open hole in front of you, please ask a faster group behind you to play through.

**Play “Ready Golf”** - Always be ready to play your next shot, even when closer to the hole than other players.

**Assist Your Caddie** - Advance the cause of fast play by anticipating situations such as carrying an extra club to your ball.

**Storm Warning Policy** - When severe weather and lightning activity is detected in the area, a horn will sound. It is mandatory to discontinue play at this time. The Club emphasizes that players have the right to stop play any time they feel there is imminent danger, even if not specifically authorized by a signal. In addition, Caddies may discontinue the round at their discretion for the same reason.

**CARE OF THE COURSE**

Each Member and Guest has the responsibility of taking care of the course. Please:

- Repair ball marks on the greens
- Replace divots
- Rake bunkers
- Do not walk up the face of bunkers
- Deposit smoking materials and other litter in available containers and never on the course

Do not drive the Golf cars:
- In the uncut rough tall fescue grass areas
- Within 30 feet of any green or 25 feet of any tee
- On the practice tee
- On any newly sodded, seeded or roped off areas