

## PGCC Newsletter – January 2026 Membership Rates and Changes

### Members,

Membership terms and rates for the 2026 operating season are now available on the club's website. Members will note that a number of changes have been made to both rates and conditions of membership.

These changes follow an extensive review by the Board of Directors. While part of this work was linked to the recent bylaw review, it was also driven by the club's ongoing operational and capital needs, including continued investment in course infrastructure such as the satellite-controlled irrigation system, maintenance equipment, power cart replacement planning, and clubhouse operations. As a result, adjustments to the club's revenue model were necessary, impacting both member and non-member pricing.

### Debentures, Initiation Fees, and Renewal Terms

As communicated several times last fall, **debentures will no longer be available** as a condition of membership. In their place, a **non-refundable Initiation Fee**, which is common practice across the golf industry, will apply to new members beginning in 2026. All current debenture holders are fully **grandfathered** for the 2026 season.

- A **3% late payment fee** will apply to memberships not renewed by **April 1**.
- Current members wishing to redeem their **\$100 debenture** and relinquish their membership may do so until **May 1, 2026**.
- In any year where the club reaches its **membership cap of 500**, members who fail to renew by the due date will forfeit their initiation fee and be placed on the **New Member Waiting List** should they wish to rejoin.
- **Initiation Fees for new members**, subject to space availability, have been set at **\$250 for 2026**.

### Membership Rate Adjustments

Non-member green fees were increased mid-season in 2025 and will remain unchanged for 2026.

Eighteen-hole membership fees have increased by approximately **5%**, with similar modest increases applied to **Couples, Intermediate, and Junior** categories.

### Nine-Hole Memberships

The most significant change involves **9-hole memberships**. After careful review, the Board has decided that **no new 9-hole memberships will be offered going forward**. The 9-hole category will be limited strictly to existing returning members and will be **phased out over time** as members either upgrade to 18-hole memberships or withdraw from the club.

Currently, approximately **20% of the club's membership** consists of 9-hole members. While this option has been popular, the club operates and maintains a full **18-hole facility**, and operating costs do not decrease based on the number of holes a member chooses to play. Course maintenance, staffing levels, and access to amenities remain the same for all members. For this reason, the Board determined that continuing to admit new 9-hole members is no longer sustainable.

The **9-hole membership fee has been set at \$1,275 for the 2026 season.**

### **Food and Beverage Services**

As most members are aware, the club will have **new food and beverage operators** for the upcoming season. The Board extends its sincere thanks to **Bill and the late Marnie Grieves** for their outstanding service over many years, and especially to Bill for stepping in mid-way through the 2025 season after the departure of the previous contractor.

Food and beverage operations continue to operate on very slim margins, and without consistent member support, losses are difficult to avoid. This reality also explains the limited interest from contractors in taking on the service.

To encourage broader participation, the Board has reinstated a **\$100 food and beverage surcharge** for **Adult and Intermediate memberships** for 2026. This amount is **fully redeemable** toward food and beverage purchases during the season and is intended to promote wider use of clubhouse services. Consider it less a surcharge and more a polite nudge toward lunch.

### **Looking Ahead**

All decisions related to club operations and membership fees have been made with both **short-term sustainability and long-term viability** in mind.

In its more than **100-year history**, the club has evolved incrementally—expanded, renovated, repaired, and rebuilt as needed—while addressing weather events, pest challenges, and ever-changing health and safety standards. PGCC operates as a **private, no-share, not-for-profit corporation** with an annual operating budget approaching **\$1.6 million**, supported by dedicated staff, professional management, and a volunteer Board of Directors.

Membership fees currently cover **less than half of annual operating costs**. While recent investments have elevated the course and facilities to be among the best in the region, improvement is never complete. The club can continue to grow and improve only with the support of its members.

The Board trusts that members recognize the value of what has been built and will continue to enjoy—and support—the remarkable club that PGCC has become.