



SUNSET RIDGE COUNTRY CLUB

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Proud host of the:

1935 Women's Western Open

1961 Women's Western Junior Open

1972 Western Open

2018 Western Amateur

2022 Women's Western Amateur

INFORMATION FOR GUESTS

Sunset Ridge didn't start off as a country club. Instead, it began as an idea shared by ten young men in 1922. With just three simple precepts, these men set off on an adventure, guided by a mission that they referred to as "The Idea."

The Idea on which our Club was founded:

The development of a great golf course with facilities for other sports activities;

The maintenance of a fellowship of congenial souls and their families; and

The establishment of an environment in which neither business gain, political bias, nor personal advantage can survive.

As the years pass and we go forward with new facilities, new amenities and new members, we hold to the old civilities that help preserve The Idea of Sunset Ridge.

A LITTLE HISTORY

In May 1923, the sale of Sunset Ridge Country Club's property was completed and construction began on May 7th. The original membership was limited to 250 members and all memberships were sold.

The Inaugural Dinner Party was held on July 3, 1924. The following day, the first foursome consisting of Forest Lowrey, President; Howard Walton, Vice President; Bob Pirie, Club Professional; and William Diddel, who designed the golf course, teed off. The Club was officially open.

Like any other organization, the Club experienced some challenges along the way. The Depression years from 1929 to 1933 devastated the country and affected the Club's membership. Finances were severely strained during these years, but the Club survived. During World War II, the Club's membership declined from 300 to 130 due to many members departing for military service as well as rationing of gasoline, food and other restrictions. The Club survived, although austerity and concentration on the war took a grave toll on the Club's income.

Today, Sunset Ridge has roughly 600 members and a vast offering of amenities. There is an 18-hole golf course, a short game practice area and practice range, a swimming and wading pool, tennis, paddle and pickleball courts, a skeet & trap range, and a bocce court. In 2005, the Club completed award winning renovations to its clubhouse facilities and golf course. Sunset Ridge was awarded the 2006 Private Club Golf Course Renovation of the Year by *Golf, Inc.* magazine. The Clubhouse renovations earned a Club Management Magazine Design Showcase award in 2005. The golf course was recently recognized by *Golf Digest* magazine as being one of the top 25 courses in Illinois. More recently in 2018, the Club's dining facilities were completely renovated and continue to receive rave reviews from members and guests alike.

The tradition of our active family membership is well known throughout the North Shore.

Sunset Ridge Country Club offers a unique golfing experience. We are happy to welcome you and know that your round will be most enjoyable if you follow these Sunset Ridge traditions, customs and rules. We have a membership that loves and respects the game of golf. USGA Rules of Golf and principles of etiquette govern all play.

PAGE OF PLAY

- PLEASE PLAY WITHOUT DELAY -

- Four ball matches playing 18 holes should take four hours or less.
- Golfers who play slowly should stand aside and signal faster players to play through – golfers riding in carts should pace themselves so as not to place unreasonable pressure on walking players ahead.

DRESS

- Proper golf attire for men and women is required at all times, including collared shirts for men; golf shorts (cargo style shorts are not permitted) are to be 'Bermuda' length (minimum outseam 19"); no jeans are allowed.
- Golf caps must worn with the bill of the cap facing forward. Hats and caps may not be worn inside the Clubhouse.
- Golf shirts should be tucked in at all times.
- Shoes and clothing should be changed in the locker room, not the parking lot.
- Golf dress may be worn in the Grille Room.
- Bathing attire should be worn in the pool area only.

EMPLOYEES

- Employees are an integral part of the Sunset Ridge family and they should be treated with dignity and respect.
- Employees do not make the rules, but are required by the Board of Directors to see that they are respected.
- Sunset Ridge has a no tipping policy, except for our locker room and bag room staff, and caddies (see below).

CADDIES

Sunset Ridge is dedicated to maintaining our nationally recognized caddie program. The Club's long standing support for caddies dates back to its earliest days, and caddies are an integral part of the Sunset Ridge experience.

- Members and guests are requested to use caddies whenever they are available.
- Caddies should be treated with the same dignity and respect afforded to our members, guests, and Club employees.
- Caddies should be tipped in accordance with job performance. (The Caddie Master can provide input as necessary).

CARE OF THE COURSE

Every member of the Club and his or her guests has the responsibility of taking care of our golf course. Please:

- Repair ball marks on the greens;
- Replace divots;
- Rake bunkers;
- Do not drive golf carts in the uncut rough, within 50 feet of any green or 25 feet of any tee, on the practice area, or on any newly sodded or seeded areas; and
- Golf carts should remain on cart paths in the areas where they are provided; and
- Deposit smoking materials and other litter in containers on every tee.

MISCELLANEOUS

- While the usage of cell phones on Club premises is not prohibited, discretion is extremely important. Setting phones on silent ring or vibrate is strongly encouraged. Taking and making calls should be made in private areas so as to not infringe on the enjoyment of other members. Please err on the side of caution.
- The Golf Shop is equipped with a lightning detection system. If lightning is detected within five miles, a signal will sound indicating that it is not safe to remain on the course. The signal used for taking shelter is a continuous 15 second solid siren tone. Once the Golf Shop staff sounds the weather siren, golf play is to stop immediately, with the caddies dropping the bags and both the player and caddie seeking the nearest point of shelter until the weather siren blasts again. Points of shelter include the clubhouse, 4th tee pump house, 7th tee shelter, and the golf course maintenance facilities to the east of the 8th tee.
- No smoking is allowed in the Clubhouse.
- Members should notify the pro shop of all guests and should be on hand to greet them.