

# The Tradition Continues



## CLUB HISTORY

The concept of Battle Creek Country Club was formed in March of 1906 at the Athelstan Club in Battle Creek, Michigan, with an initial enrollment of 85 (out of 100 maximum). The following month, the Corey Farm, which was located on West Michigan Avenue, was purchased and became the site of the first golf course and clubhouse. A charming Swiss-design clubhouse was constructed, overlooking the handsome course, where many members refined their taste for country club life.

As the first decade drew to a close and the local population and economy grew, it became clear that the club membership had outgrown its facilities and needed a more sophisticated situation. In August of 1919 the club announced the purchase of the Calmary Farm from C.L. Post, located on beautiful Goguaac Lake, for \$65,000. The parcel contained a substantial 103 acres, including considerable lake frontage and the lovely summer home of Mr. Post, which would serve temporarily as the new clubhouse. In October of that first year, the articles of incorporation were signed and the membership was listed at 175 (out of 200 maximum).

By a stroke of a genius, the world-renowned Scottish golf architect Willie Park, Jr. was commissioned to design the golf course. Incorporating the natural beauty of the area, Mr. Park created a challenging plan for the first nine holes which was completed in 1920, with the second nine completed in 1922.

Through the decades, modifications have been made to the course, successive clubhouses and facilities, as well as the club itself—all part of the evolution toward the goal of excellence.

## 2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	Matthew J. Buikema
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## CLUB STAFF

Asst. General Manager:	Maribeth Szlaga
Golf Professional:	Doug Kreis
Assistant Golf Professional:	Karen VandenBerg
Tennis Professional:	Jeff Van Dis
Golf Course Superintendent:	Steven Rebhan, CGCS
Asst. Superintendent:	Mike Tichvon
Executive Chef:	Steven Deal
Sous Chef:	Antonio Watson
Clubhouse Manager:	Cale Gorham
Controller:	Allison Geer
Maintenance:	Lance Riska



## **CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF FACILITIES**

Designed by world renowned architect Willie Park, Jr., our lush eighteen hole course is recognized as one of the finest private courses in Michigan. Golf privileges are restricted to a limited number of members and their immediate families. This allows keeping the course in splendid condition and creates circumstances where tee times are seldom required. The facilities also feature a spacious driving range and practice putting and chipping areas. A fully equipped and staffed golf shop, locker room, and club storage are all available to make sure that members' needs are fully cared for.

## **FEES**

Electric Carts - \$9.00 per person (9 holes), \$17.00 per person (18 holes)

Guest Fees - \$35.00 per person (9 holes), \$60.00 per person (18 holes)

## **FAMILY POLICY**

Family members may play golf as a guest of a member for ½ the regular 9 or 18 hole green fee price. Although eligible for a discounted greens fee, normal cart fees still apply and the current guest restrictions for times of play and number of times per year remain unchanged.

## **LOCKER ROOMS**

The Club offers excellent locker room facilities for both men and women. The fee to hold a men's locker is \$15 per month. The fee to hold a women's locker is \$50 per year for a full locker and \$35 per year for a half locker. If you are interested in obtaining a locker, please contact the Club Office.

## **HANDICAP SYSTEM**

Golfing members of the Club have the option to maintain a handicap for \$25 per person, per year. Any member of your family that is interested in maintaining a handicap should contact the Club Office.

## **HOLE IN ONE CLUB**

Membership in BCCC's Hole-In-One Club is available to our golfing members. In April of every year participating members are billed \$3.75. An enrollment form with the rules and regulations of membership in this club is available in the Club Office if you wish to participate.

## **MEN'S SPORTS FUND**

Male golfers may participate in the Men's Sports Fund. A fee of \$80 is required to be part of the Sports Fund. This fee pays the entry for our major tournaments: Opening Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Year-Long Match Play, Ron LaParl Cup, Junior/Senior Championship, Club Championship, Senior Championship and Closing Day Jamboree. Some events may have additional fees for dining.

In addition to covering the entry fee for the aforementioned tournaments, the \$80 fee also covers weekly Sports Fund days. These days are Thursdays and Saturdays beginning Opening Day and ending Jamboree Day. The players from that day are flighted and awarded Golf Shop credit for low gross and low net in each flight.

All Sports Fund winnings are documented and maintained in the Golf Shop and may be redeemed for merchandise. All Sports Fund winnings expire October 31 of the year they were won. Those who do not choose to participate in the Sports Fund are required to pay a \$25 entry fee for each tournament.

All events that are included in the Sports Fund are indicated by an asterisk (\*) in the Sports Schedule.



## **WOMEN'S PRIZE FUND**

Lady Golfers may participate in the Women's Prize Fund. A one-time fee of \$35 per season for 9-hole golfers will be applied and a \$70 fee will be billed for 18-hole golfers.

All Prize Fund winnings are documented and maintained in the Golf Shop and may be redeemed for merchandise. All Prize Fund winnings expire October 31 of the year they were won. Those who do not choose to participate in the Prize Fund are required to pay a \$25 entry fee for each event.

## **CLUB STORAGE AND DRIVING RANGE**

Club Storage is available for \$100 per bag. All Class A, B and Corporate members are required to have a driving range membership at the cost of \$125 per year. This allows our golfing members unlimited use of the range for the season.

## **PRIVATE LESSONS**

Golf lessons are available every day excluding Monday. We have two PGA Professionals who offer private instruction as well as group clinics on all aspects of the golf game. The fee is \$50 for one 45 minute lesson. Contact the Golf Shop for scheduling.

## **JUNIOR GOLF**

The Junior Golf Program runs for eight weeks beginning in June. It is held on Friday mornings from 8:00am to 12:00pm. The program is divided into five groups according to ability and offers instruction as well as course play, including golf course etiquette. Contests and prizes are awarded each week. The Junior Program concludes with a Junior Club Championship and a Jamboree Day complete with fun events and prizes. On the evening of Jamboree Day there is a Parent/Junior Twilight event followed by dinner.

## **CADDIE PROGRAM**

Battle Creek Country Club is proud to be one of the few private clubs in Michigan with an active and strong caddie program. Caddies are available most weekends, and always by request.

## **GOLF SHOP MERCHANDISE**

The membership at Battle Creek Country Club participates in what is known as the "Mill River Plan." A portion of the membership dues is used to subsidize costs in the Golf Shop. All merchandise in the Golf Shop is priced 10% over the wholesale cost, providing great savings for our members. Merchandise can be purchased with cash, credit cards, or simply billed to your monthly statement. Stop in and see the great selection and prices. If you can not find what you are looking for, special orders are accommodated.

# Clubhouse Amenities

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Battle Creek Country Club's charming clubhouse overlooking beautiful Goguac Lake to the west and our championship golf course to the east offers the perfect setting for most any occasion. Our professional service staff are happy to attend to your needs whether you are dining on the patio for lunch with friends, or during a wedding reception of 300 people.

Dining hours vary based on the season and will appear in the monthly newsletter. Reservations for regular dining and special events may be made by calling the Club Office at 962-8734. Keep in mind the Club is available for private gatherings, such as wedding receptions, birthdays, anniversaries, business meetings, etc. Contact the Club Office for more details.

## **GRILL ROOM**

A friendly, informal atmosphere and great casual dining are traditions of the Grill Room. For relaxing after golf, and tennis or enjoying an extensive menu in a relaxed, informal environment, the Grill Room is a favorite gathering spot for club members.

## **LAKESIDE ROOM**

Classic ambiance and a spectacular view of Goguac Lake come together to make your dining experience an event to remember.

## **GRAND BALLROOM**

An elegant ballroom is at your disposal for member-sponsored occasions that require a formal setting and seating for up to 300 people. A bandstand and dance floor naturally compliment these events and the panoramic view of the lake provides an unmatched backdrop. Whether you host your own event or participate in one of the many club sponsored events – you will find the ballroom to be the source of many memorable moments.

## **SOUTH ROOM**

A perfect space for business meetings and intimate gatherings. The South Room comfortably accommodates up to 60 people and can be arranged in a variety of configurations to meet your needs.

## **MEETING FACILITIES**

The club is an excellent atmosphere to host that very important business meeting or seminar. Situated in a relaxed setting away from the hustle and bustle of the workplace, private accommodations are available for groups from 6 to 300. Telephone, wireless, fax and copy machines along with an array of audio/visual equipment are available to meet your needs.

These amenities and others are part of the unique experience of being a member of one of the Midwest's truly outstanding clubs.

## **GRATUITIES**

An area marked Gratuity has been provided on each guest check. This area is specifically provided for your convenience so that you may enter a gratuity of your choice (dollar or percentage amount) when using member dining rooms. Any gratuity entered in this area will be paid directly to the service staff. For some occasions such as special Club events and outside functions, gratuity may automatically be added to the billing.

In addition to the service staff, the Club offers bag room and locker room attendants. It is appropriate to extend gratuities to these employees as well.

# Tennis and Beach

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## TENNIS

Tennis players will be happy to know that BCCC has four tennis courts available. The tennis staff provides instructional clinics, individual lessons, and a tennis shop stocked with all the latest equipment and apparel. The guest fee for tennis is \$5.

### MEN'S TENNIS

The Men's tennis program features free clinics on Tuesday evenings and doubles matches on Thursday evenings. Mixed Doubles matches are held every Friday.

### WOMEN'S TENNIS

During the summer, the Women's tennis program has a Monday Round Robin Tournament. Wednesday and Thursday mornings, free clinics are available.

### CARDIO TENNIS

Cardio Tennis is a new, fun group activity featuring drills to give players of all abilities an ultimate, high energy workout. Taught by our Tennis professional, Jeff Van Dis, Cardio Tennis includes a warm-up, cardio workout, and cool down phases. If you are looking for a great new way to get in shape and to burn calories, you must try Cardio Tennis. There are programs and drills geared for existing players to get a great cardio workout while improving skill. Classes are available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at a cost of \$9.

### JUNIOR TENNIS

Juniors have a free clinic each Monday and Wednesday. They also have the option to participate in our Junior Tennis clinics at no cost throughout the summer. In addition, the Tennis Shop also offers Junior Tennis Academy. This is a series of clinics for specified age groups with designated times and is available to members of the Club for \$99 per child and non-members for \$198. If you have any questions regarding clinic times or court rules, please contact the Tennis Shop at 962-7481.

## BEACH

Our Goguac Lake front is perfect for sunning and swimming - and nowhere is the setting more serene. A bathhouse is located conveniently near the lounge chairs situated on the lawn.



The Club office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am until 4:30pm. The office staff is available to answer most any question including those about billing, reservations, and upcoming events. You may also contact the office should you need to update any personal information such as your billing address or email address.

## **MONTHLY BILLING STATEMENTS**

Membership dues are billed on a monthly basis. For your convenience, however, you may prepay your dues in January. As a bonus for prepayment of 12 months dues, golfing members will receive 12 free guest passes and 2 free cart passes. Social members will receive 3 free guest passes. The monthly food and beverage minimum for Class A, B, Corporate and Social members is \$35. For Class OG the food and beverage minimum is annual at \$400.

Payment of your monthly statement is due in the Club Office on or before the last day of the month in which you receive it. If your payment is not received by the last day of the month, a one and one-half percent (1½%) finance charge will be assessed to the entire unpaid balance. In addition to the finance charge, any account that is 30 or 60 days past due, an administrative fee of \$25 or \$50 respectively will be assessed. Furthermore, in accordance with the Club by-laws, your membership is subject to suspension if your account is 75 days past due.

If you have any questions regarding your statement, please call the Club Office at 962-8734.

## **RECIPROCITY**

Most private clubs in Michigan will allow you to dine or golf at their facility through club "reciprocity". If you are going out of town and would like to arrange dinner reservations or tee times at a club in the area, please contact the Club Office for assistance. When using other private clubs, it may be necessary to present your BCCC identification card.

# Membership Classifications



## CLASS A

A Class A membership at Battle Creek Country Club is a full privilege golfing membership. Stock purchase is required. The cost and maintenance of this membership is as follows:

Initiation Fee	\$3,750
Stock	\$3,750
Monthly Dues	\$ 420
Monthly Capital Improvement	\$ 25
Monthly combined food and beverage minimum	\$ 35
Stock Redemption Value	100%

The following payment options are available for all proposed Class A members. Your option decision should be submitted with your application.

Payment in full of the initiation fee and stock.

Payment in full of the initiation fee and financing the stock with Battle Creek Country Club.

Financing is available up to 48 months. The note will be rated 9% annually.

Payments of the initiation fee in four (4) quarterly payments including interest at 9% annual rate.

The stock is deferred for one year. Upon completion of the initiation fee payments, the stock must be paid in full or financed with Battle Creek Country Club at a 9% annual finance rate for a term of up to 48 months.

The payment schedule of all stock redemption is solely at the discretion of Battle Creek Country Club Board of Directors. At the member's request, the stock can be issued jointly in the names of both spouses.

A former Class A member who had left the Club, in good standing, for not longer than five (5) years, may reapply for membership and be granted a waiver of the initiation fee provided their application is approved by the Battle Creek Country Club Board of Directors.

## CLASS B

A Class B membership at Battle Creek Country Club is a full privilege golfing membership. The Class B membership is restricted to persons 21 through 35 years of age (eligibility of married couples is determined by the age of the oldest spouse). The cost and maintenance of this membership is as follows:

Monthly Initiation Fee	\$ 50
Monthly Dues	\$ 270
Monthly Capital Improvement	\$ 15
Monthly combined food & beverage minimum	\$ 35

The monthly initiation fee is an interest-free rate that is applicable to the Class A membership initiation fee. The current Class A initiation fee will automatically freeze for any Class B member upon admittance. Initiation fees have no redemption value. At age 36, the Class B membership will terminate. To transfer to a Class A membership, the following payment options are available.

Payment in full of any remaining Class A initiation fees and payment in full of the stock charge.

Payment in full of any remaining Class A initiation fees and financing the stock charge with Battle Creek Country Club. Financing is available up to 48 months, and the promissory note shall bear interest at 9% per annum.

Payment in full of the remaining Class A initiation fees in four (4) quarterly payments. The stock charge is deferred for one year. Upon completion of the initiation fee payments, the stock charge must be paid in full or financed with Battle Creek Country Club at a 9% annual finance rate for a term of up to 48 months.

# Membership Classifications



## **CLASS S (Social Membership)**

An entry fee of \$150 must be submitted with application for membership. Complete dining, tennis and beach privileges permitted. Class S members are allowed to use the golf course three (3) times per social member's family, provided they pay the green fees. The Board of Directors shall have the right to cancel the membership in any holder or member of his/her family violates restrictions pertaining to golf.

Monthly Dues	\$ 220
Monthly Capital Improvement	\$ 10
Monthly combined food & beverage minimum	\$ 35

## **CLASS B SOCIAL**

Restricted to persons 21 through 35 years of age (eligibility of married couples is determined by the age of the oldest spouse). Complete dining, tennis and beach privileges permitted. Class S members are allowed to use the golf course three (3) times per social member's family, provided they pay the green fees. The Board of Directors shall have the right to cancel the membership in any holder or member of his/her family violates restrictions pertaining to golf.

Monthly Dues	\$ 145
Monthly combined food & beverage minimum	\$ 35

At age 36, the Class B Social membership will terminate and automatically transfer to a Class S membership.

## **OUT OF TOWN MEMBERSHIPS**

### **CLASS OG (Golfing Membership)**

Shall be all persons who reside at all times outside a radius of 75 miles of the Club.

Entry Fee	\$ 150
Monthly Dues	\$ 325
Annual combined food & beverage minimum	\$ 400

### **CLASS OGXA (Golfing Membership)**

Shall be all persons who have been Class A members for not less than 15 years and whose primary residence is outside a radius of 75 miles of the Club, but who may have a temporary or secondary residence within such a radius.

Transfer Fee	\$ 50
Monthly Dues	\$ 395
Annual combined food & beverage minimum	\$ 400

### **CLASS OGXAL**

Shall be all persons who reside at all times outside a radius of 75 miles of the Club. Must be a former Class A member of the Club. Permitted ten (10) rounds of golf for member and member's spouse each in any one year. Shall enjoy full house privileges. Shall be permitted to participate in Member/Guest tournament in addition to ten (10) rounds of golf.

Entry Fee (must be submitted with application)	\$ 150
or Transfer Fee	\$ 50
Annual Dues (payable in full each October)	\$1,850
(Dues will not be pro-rated upon entry. No food and beverage minimum)	

# Membership Classifications



## **CLASS OS (Social Membership)**

Shall be all persons who reside at all times outside a radius of 75 miles of the Club. Permitted use of the golf course three (3) times per year per out-of-town social member's family, provided they pay green fees. The Board of Directors has the right to cancel the membership if any holder of member of his/her family violates restrictions pertaining to golf.

Entry Fee (must be submitted with application) \$ 150  
Annual Dues (payable in full each October) \$1,410  
(Dues will not be pro-rated upon entry. No food and beverage minimum)

## **CLASS C (Corporate Membership)**

Class C membership shall be limited to 25 corporate memberships (each a "Class C Corporate Membership"). Each Class C Corporate Membership shall entitle up to 3 employees of a corporation (each a "Class C Member") full club privileges, except as limited below, under one stock certificate upon approval by the Board of Directors. The stock certificate shall be held in the name of the first Class C Member listed in the Corporate Membership Agreement (the "Class C Shareholder"). The Board of Directors shall establish the price of each share of stock.

Class C stock may be purchased or redeemed upon terms and conditions as established by the Board of Directors. Upon payment in full for stock purchase, the Class C Shareholder within the corporation shall be entitled to a certificate for one share of stock.

Whenever any Class C stock shall be available for redemption as the result of the death, resignation, suspension, or otherwise of the Class C Shareholder, said stock shall be available for "transfer" within the same corporation named in the Corporate Membership Agreement; provided, however, any transfer is subject to approval as required for all new membership applications. In all stock redemptions the Club shall retain a transfer fee with a new application, as determined by the Board of Directors.

Each Class C Corporate Membership shall have one vote upon any issues or proposals that may be presented for consideration at any meeting of the shareholders of the Club. Such vote shall be exercised only by the Class C Shareholder. No other Class C Member shall have any voting right, title or interest in the assets or property of the Club, but shall be entitled to all of the privileges, rights and benefits of the Club other than those derived from stock ownership.

Class C Corporate Membership shall carry with it privileges of the Club to:

- Each Class C member's spouse.
- Each Class C member's unmarried children or dependent relatives who are under 21 years of age and are permanently residing at the home of such member.
- Each Class C member's unmarried children or dependent relatives who are temporarily assigned to the Armed Forces or attending an accredited institution of higher learning on a full time basis and are permanently residing at the home of such member.

Class C Corporate Membership fee structure:

	Stock	Initiation Fee
First Individual	\$3,750	\$3,750
Second Individual		\$2,750
Third Individual		\$1,750
Monthly Dues (for each individual)		\$ 420
Monthly Capital Improvement		\$ 25
Monthly combined food & beverage minimum		\$ 35

# Application for Membership



I hereby apply for Class \_\_\_\_\_ Membership in the Battle Creek Country Club

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth\* \_\_\_\_\_

Residence Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Soc. Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

May we use this address for:

The Membership Roster? Yes  No  Club Correspondence? Yes  No  Billing Statements? Yes  No

Personal e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Published in the Roster? Yes  No

Firm of Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

May we use your business information for:

The Membership Roster? Yes  No  Club Correspondence? Yes  No  Billing Statements? Yes  No

Business e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Published in the Roster? Yes  No

Clubs, Societies \_\_\_\_\_

Professional and Trade Associations \_\_\_\_\_

- If applying for Class A membership, please indicate payment option:  1. Payment in full of Initiation Fee & Stock  
 2. Payment of Initiation Fee & finance Stock  
 3. Finance Initiation Fee & finance Stock

\*Date of birth is required for yourself and your spouse (if applicable) if applying for Class B or Class B—Social Membership. Date of birth is optional when applying for other Membership Classes, but is very important for us to create accurate demographic profiles of our membership. This information will always be kept confidential.

~ Spouse and Family Information is on Reverse ~

**This application is submitted with the knowledge that the number of members in the Battle Creek Country Club is restricted by its By-Laws and that election to membership is dependent upon vacancies and action by the Board of Directors. If elected to membership, I agree to be bound by the By-Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Club now in effect and hereafter adopted.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsored by: \_\_\_\_\_

(Must be signed by at least two (2) Class A members of the Club.)

Board Use Only: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Application for Membership



Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth\* \_\_\_\_\_

Personal e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Published in the Roster? Yes  No

Firm of Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

May we use your business information for:

The Membership Roster? Yes  No  Club Correspondence? Yes  No  Billing Statements? Yes  No

Business e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Published in the Roster? Yes  No

Name(s) of children under 18:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

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# Social Calendar



Wednesday, January 28	Wine Dinner
Saturday, February 14	Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner
Saturday, March 14	St. Patrick's Day Party
Thursday - Saturday, March 19 - 21	March Madness Basketball
Saturday, March 21	Beer Dinner
Sunday, April 12	Easter Brunch
Wednesday, April 22	Administrative Professional's Day Luncheon
Friday, April 24	Comedy Night
Sunday, May 10	Mother's Day Brunch
Tuesday, May 19	Spring Fling Cooking Class
Friday, May 22	"Memphis Blues" Party
Thursday - Saturday, July 16 - 18	"The Tradition" Member Guest Invitational
Friday, July 31	Parent Junior Twilight
Friday - Sunday, August 7 - 9	Amy Yeast Memorial Tennis Pro Am
Friday & Saturday, August 14 & 15	Mixed Classic Invitational
Friday, August 21	Crab Cookout
Friday, October 23	Kid's Halloween Party
Tuesday, November 17	Holiday Sensations Cooking Class
Sunday, December 13	Santa Brunch
Thursday, December 17	Big Party for Small Business
Wednesday, December 23	Candlelight Dinner
Thursday, December 31	New Year's Eve

February, March & April - Tuesdays in the Grill Room are Pasta & Pizza Night

*All dates are subject to change. Please check your monthly newsletter.*