



EXMOOR COUNTRY CLUB CADDIE TRAINING

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EXMOOR COUNTRY CLUB WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1896 AND WAS A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE WESTERN GOLF ASSOCIATION IN 1899.

EXMOOR HAS A RICH HISTORY OF HOSTING IMPORTANT GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS, INCLUDING:

- 1904 WESTERN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
- 1933 UNITED STATES WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
- 1952 WESTERN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
- 1964 UNITED STATES WOMEN'S SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
- 1991 WOMEN'S WESTERN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
- 1998 MEN'S WESTERN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP
- 2001 WOMEN'S WESTERN NATIONAL CENTENNIAL CHAMPIONSHIP
- 2012 WESTERN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP
- 2018 PGA CONSTELLATION SENIOR PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP
- 2022 WESTERN AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

EXMOOR'S ORIGINAL GOLF COURSE OPENED FOR PLAY IN 1897. FAMED GOLF COURSE ARCHITECT DONALD ROSS REDESIGNED THE COURSE IN 1915. COURSE ARCHITECT RON PRICHARD RESTORED THE GOLF COURSE WE PLAY TODAY IN 2003.

EXMOOR COUNTRY CLUB IS DEDICATED TO MAINTAINING A SUPERIOR CADDIE PROGRAM. THE CLUB'S LONGSTANDING SUPPORT FOR CADDIES AND THE EVANS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM DATES BACK TO EXMOOR'S FOUNDING. OUR CADDIE PROGRAM HAS BECOME AN INTEGRAL COMPONENT TO EXMOOR COUNTRY CLUB'S GOLF EXPERIENCE.

THE FOLLOWING IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE CADDIE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS AND SCHEDULE THAT BEGINS ON TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025.

ALL THE APPLICANTS MUST BE 14 YEARS OF AGE BY APRIL 15, 2025, AND BE ABLE TO CARRY A 30LB. GOLF BAG

- **TRAINING DAYS ARE WEATHER PERMITTING. IF IT IS RAINING OR BELOW 48 DEGREES, THE CLASS WILL BE CANCELED AND RESCHEDULED.**

DRESS CODE

THE DRESS CODE MUST BE FOLLOWED EXACTLY AS STATED TO ATTEND EACH TRAINING SESSION.

- COLLARED SHIRT OF ANY COLOR THAT HAS TO BE TUCKED IN AT ALL TIMES.
- SLACKS OR SHORTS OF ANY COLOR OF APPROPRIATE LENGTH.
- TENNIS SHOES OR GOLF SHOES WITH SOCKS THAT ARE LACED AND TIED
- JACKET OR SWEATSHIRT FOR EVERY TRAINING SESSION REGARDLESS OF TEMPERATURE.
- NO DENIM, CARGO SHORTS OR PANTS.

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CELL PHONES

THE USE OF CELLPHONES IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED DURING TRAINING. YOU MUST HAVE THEM IN SILENT OR VIBRATE MODE.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

EACH TRAINING SESSION WILL BEGIN PROMPTLY AT **4:15PM**. YOU WILL MEET AT THE CADDIE HOUSE WHICH IS LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PARKING LOT OF EXMOOR COUNTRY CLUB. EACH SESSION WILL BE EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY FROM 4:15PM – 6:15 PM. THE TRAINING PROGRAM WILL CONSIST OF 14 TOTAL HOURS WHICH INCLUDES 2 HOURS OF VIDEO AND 12 HOURS OF ON-COURSE TRAINING.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025 (INTRODUCTION AND ORIENTATION SESSION)

- GOLF STAFF INTRODUCTIONS INCLUDING CADDIE MASTER, EDDIE GONZALEZ
- HEAD GOLF PROFESSIONAL, CHRIS NIETO TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE CADDIE PROGRAM
- DISTRIBUTION OF EXMOOR COUNTRY CLUB CADDIE PROGRAM BOOKLET THAT INCLUDES STUDY GUIDES FOR CADDIE EXAM
- EXPECTATIONS FOR ARRIVAL TIME TO THE CADDIE HOUSE ON WEEKDAY AND WEEKENDS
- EXPLANATION OF RULES OF THE CADDIE YARD AND HOW CADDIE LOOPS ARE MANAGED WITH THE LOTTERY SYSTEM
- EXPLANATION OF PAY SCALE AND PAYMENT PROCEDURES
- TOUR OF THE GOLF OPERATIONS INCLUDING CADDIE HOUSE, BAG ROOM AND GOLF SHOP
- OVERVIEW OF THE WESTERN GOLF ASSOCIATION EVANS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AND THE EXMOOR FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED THROUGH EXMOOR COUNTRY CLUB (*ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING THE EVANS SCHOLARSHIP CAN BE FOUND ON THE WGA WEBSITE WHICH IS WWW.WGAESF.ORG.*)

THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 (VIDEO SESSION)

- TWO HOUR VIDEO, CERTIFIED BY THE WESTERN GOLF ASSOCIATION CADDIE TRAINING PROGRAM, COVERING IMPORTANT TOPICS ON BECOMING AN EXCEPTIONAL CADDIE.
- TOPICS INCLUDE:
 - HOW TO MEET AND GREET MEMBERS AND GUESTS
 - HOW TO ARRANGE A GOLF BAG
 - SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE GOLF COURSE
 - UNDERSTANDING THE RULES OF GOLF.
 - **MANDATORY YOU NEED TO WATCH IT AT HOME**
 - WWW.WGAESF.ORG.
 - **GO TO YOUTUBE AND TYPE CADDIE TRAINING VIDEOS**

TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025 (SHORT-COURSE SESSION) **MANDATORY**

- SHORT COURSE SESSION INCLUDES:
 - LEARNING HOW TO RAKE A BUNKER
 - PULLING THE FLAGSTICK OUT OF THE HOLE
 - WALKING ON THE GREEN WITHOUT STEPPING IN ANY LINES WHEN THE GOLF BALL IS IN PLAY
 - OTHER SCENARIOS THAT YOU MAY EXPERIENCE WHEN ON THE GOLF COURSE
 - BE PREPARED TO ASK QUESTIONS BECAUSE THE MORE YOU ASK, THE MORE YOU WILL LEARN!

ON-COURSE TRAINING

EXPERIENCED HONOR CADDIES OR GOLF PROFESSIONALS WILL PLAY GOLF AND YOU WILL CADDIE. YOU WILL BE CARRYING A BAG FOR ONE OR TWO HOLES LEARNING THE LAYOUT OF THE GOLF COURSE AND WHERE TO STAND WHILE ON THE TEE BOX, FAIRWAY AND GREEN.

THIS ALSO INCLUDES WHERE TO ENTER, WALK, MARK A GOLF BALL, PULL THE FLAGSTICK, EXIT THE GREEN AND WHERE TO STAND ON FORE CADDIE HOLES.

YOU WILL LEARN HOW TO REPLACE DIVOTS, FIX BALL MARKS AND WHERE AND WHEN TO USE SAND AND SEED.

CADDIE TRAINEES WILL ALSO LEARN HAND SIGNALS TO COMMUNICATE WITH PLAYERS IF THE BALL IS OUT OF BOUNDS, IN A BUNKER OR WATER HAZARD AND WHEN THE BALL IS SAFE.

ANOTHER WAY TO ASSIST MEMBERS AND GUESTS IS TO FORE CADDIE. THIS IS WHEN THE PLAYERS ARE RIDING IN A GOLF CART. FORE CADDIES USE THE SAME SKILLS AS A CADDIE, BUT ARE NOT CARRYING A GOLF BAG.

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025 – FRONT NINE

TUESDAY, APRIL 29, 2025 – BACK NINE

THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025 – FRONT NINE

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2025 – BACK NINE

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025 – FORE CADDIE FRONT NINE

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2025 – FORE CADDIE BACK NINE

FINAL EXAM

AT THE COMPLETION OF YOUR FIVE-WEEK TRAINING, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE A FINAL EXAM. PLEASE USE YOUR STUDY GUIDE TO PREPARE FOR THE EXAM!

CADDIE TRAINEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO SCORE 95% OR BETTER TO BECOME A MEMBER OF EXMOOR COUNTRY CLUB CADDIE PROGRAM. IF YOU PASS THE TEST, YOU WILL THEN GO ON A SHADOW LOOP (WITH NO PAY) WITH AN HONOR CADDIE AND A MEMBER OF EXMOOR COUNTRY CLUB TO INCREASE YOUR CONFIDENCE AND REINFORCE WHAT YOU HAVE LEARNED DURING THE TRAINING PROGRAM.

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025 – FINAL EXAM

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