

Frenchman's Bend



MEMBERSHIP OFFERING

Effective October 2023

Although the name Frenchman's Bend dates back to the early 1900's. The name itself can be traced back to the early settlers of French heritage. Frenchman's Bend is now known for its five prehistoric mound complex. Dating from about 4500 BC, these mounds appear to be the oldest known prehistoric Indian mounds in North America. The Frenchman's Bend Mound Site was brought to the attention of Louisiana Regional Archaeologist, Dr. Joseph Saunders, by a local collector David Pepper. The developers of Frenchman's Bend redesigned the golf course in interest of preserving the mound site. Archaeological testing of tools and debris recovered from the mound site revealed that the earliest known inhabitants were hunters and gathers. Also, they did not have pottery or the bow and arrow. Thus the principal food and protein source was aquatic with deer and other small game providing a secondary source. Evidence of fire cracked rock and flakes at the Frenchman's Bend Mounds suggest that the site was involved in collecting material for the tool manufacturing process. An abundance of this fire cracked rock and flakes is associated with the initial stages of tool making, thus providing a reason for the site. As for an explanation for the actual mounds, perhaps time as well as continued investigation will provide answer.

Ownership and Management

Country Club at Frenchman's Bend, is locally owned and operated for the pleasure of club members and their guests. The clubhouse features a bar and grill, golf shop, ladies and men's locker rooms, and a ballroom that accommodates private parties and special club events. To arrange a tour of the facility or schedule a complimentary round of golf, prospective members should contact our staff for a complete tour of Frenchman's Bend.

The eighteen-hole course at Frenchman's Bend is lying on approximately 200 acres natural landscape of northern Louisiana. Frenchman's Bend has USGA Spec greens with Tif-Dwarf Turf. Greens are protected by grass and sand bunkers. to give the true feelings expected of a professional course. Fairways and rough are covered with 419 Tif-Way Bermuda grass bordered by grass berms and landscaped areas to enhance the aesthetics of the golf course environment.

FRENCHMAN'S BEND GOLF CLUB POLICIES, RULES AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

GENERAL

These policies, rules, and operating procedures may be modified or adjusted from time to time as member usage suggest. It is our intent at Frenchman's Bend to limit these rules and regulations to the minimum required to assure you, our member, the atmosphere and level of service to which you are entitled. It is your duty as a member to become familiar with Club policies and to cooperate with our staff in the enforcement thereof.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Business hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Operating hours for the Golf Shop, Restaurant Facilities, Bar and Driving Range shall be posted throughout the club and listed in the monthly newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION AND PRIVILEGES

All membership applications are subject to the approval of the membership committee.

NOTE: Membership privileges which are extended to all permanent residents of the household.

Regular Golf Membership is available to individuals over the age of 21 upon payment of the required initiation fee and first month's dues. A regular golf membership entitles the member, his spouse, and all permanent residents to full privileges of the Club and its amenities.

Junior Golf Membership is available to individuals age 21 to 31. Payment of the required initiation fee and first month's dues entitles a Junior Member, his spouse, and all minor children to full privileges of the Club and its amenities.

Junior Membership ends at age 31. At that time a Junior Member becomes a Regular Member by: Payment of the difference between a Junior Membership initiation fee and a Regular Membership, with regular dues enacted.

Social Membership is available to persons over the age of 21 upon payment of the required initiation fee and first month's dues.

Social Members have use of all Club facilities, excluding the golf course. Social Members must pay green fees and have all privileges as guest.

Corporate Membership allows the same privileges as Regular Members.

Non-Resident Membership is available to persons residing outside Ouachita Parish. Non-Resident members must at all times maintain their personal residence outside the resident area. A Non-Resident Membership shall be issued upon receipt of the required initiation fee and monthly dues.

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES

All members and their guests shall at all times observe the Rules and Regulations of the Club.

It is the obligation of every member to keep his/her account paid in full on a timely basis.

On or before the 5th day of the month, each member will be mailed a statement showing the amount of his/her indebtedness to the Club. The bill is due in full on receipt and considered past due after the 15th day of the month, with a late charge added to the balance. If the balance is not paid by the 10th day of the following month, the member's name will be posted on the Club bulletin board. If the balance remains unpaid on the 25th day of the month, a member's privileges shall be suspended. If the suspended amount is not paid in full within 10 days, the membership along with any associated rights and privileges will be automatically terminated.

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP

Any member may resign his membership by giving 30 days advance written notice to the Club Manager upon completion of one-year membership contract unless early termination request is submitted to board of directors. A cancellation fee may also apply. The member shall be responsible for all dues and charges accumulated until the time of termination.

If a Regular Member passes, the Membership shall be immediately transferred to the surviving spouse, son or daughter as directed.

If a Regular Member with no qualified heir dies, the Membership expires and monthly dues will cease. The estate shall be responsible for all charges due at the time of the members' death.

DISCIPLINE

Any Member of the Club, family member, or guests shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Club Management for any of the following reasons, all of which are deemed to be "conduct unbecoming a Member of the Club":

- Conduct which is prejudicial to the good order, harmony, reputation, health, safety, morals or general welfare of the Club or its members and their families.
- Conduct which is disruptive, abusive, incompatible with or offensive or disagreeable to the Members.
- Conduct which, in the sole and absolute discretion and opinion of the Club Management, is abusive to Club Management or to its staff and other employees.
- Conduct which is lewd or vulgar, including the excessive use of profane or foul language, or which constitutes or evidences habitual or repeated drunkenness or which constitutes or evidences the habitual or abusive use of drugs or controlled substances.
- The violations of any Rules and Regulations of the Club, including, without limitation, the Membership Rules and Regulations and those Rules and Regulations published by the Club Management.
- The nonpayment of any fees, dues, charges or other indebtedness due and owing the Club.

Club Management, taking into account the nature and gravity of the conduct involved, may reprimand, place on probation, suspend, expel or refuse to renew the Membership of any Member of the Club, who, in the opinion of Club Management, engaged in conduct unbecoming a Member of the Club. A Member against who any such disciplinary action is taken shall be given written notice of such disciplinary action.

In the case of suspension, Club Management may suspend the Member and/or his or her family and/or a particular member of his or her family and/or his or her guests for a period of up to one year from some or all of the rights and privileges of Membership. During the term of any such suspension, the Membership dues and other financial obligations of Membership shall continue to accrue and must be paid in full before reinstatement of the suspended party to full rights and privileges. Following a suspension, the Club management may, at its discretion, reinstate the

Member upon the Member's request, if the Club Management believes the basis for suspension has been corrected.

****MEMBERSHIP RULES AND REGULATIONS****

The following rules and regulations have been established in order to assure the members of Frenchman's Bend the fullest enjoyment of their Club:

Clubhouse Rules

- Shirts and shoes must be worn in the clubhouse at all times. Tank tops, halter tops and cutoffs are not acceptable.
 - Children – Children under age 16 must be accompanied by an adult in the men's or ladies' dressing rooms. Children under age 6 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
 - Guests – Members are responsible for the conduct, dress and charges of their guests.
 - When it may be in the best interest of the Club to do so, the Club Management may deny guest privileges to any individual. The Member shall then be notified by the Club.
 - Food or Beverages consumed on the premises must be purchased from the Club.
 - Members can arrange private parties by contacting the Manager. All food and beverage must be furnished by the Club or arrangements must be made with the Manager for outside services.
 - All Members are asked to report unsatisfactory service or employee conduct to management immediately so the matter can be remedied.
- *The Club is not liable for lost, stolen or damaged property of Members or guests.

Golf Course Rules

- Outside events can be booked at the discretion of the Director of Golf.

Members and guests must register at the golf shop before starting play. All play shall commence on the first tee unless otherwise directed by the Golf Pro or staff.

- Slow play is a deterrent to everyone's enjoyment of the facility. An 18 hole match is expected to clear the course in four hours. The "marshal" shall have the authority to ask any group to stand aside while following groups are allowed to play through.
- Each player must have his/her own set of golf clubs.
- A group which falls more than one hole behind the group ahead must invite the group behind them to play through.
- Players stopping at the Clubhouse between nines and unduly delaying play will lose their place on the next tee. Permission must be received from the Golf Shop before continuing play.
- Players who, with permission from the Golf Shop, begin their round on a hole other than the first hole, without a tee time, have no preference in teeing off at the first tee.

Groupings

- Weekdays – No groups larger than a 5 unless prior approved by golf shop.
- Weekends and Holidays – three, four or five only!
- Single and twosomes have no priority on the golf course.

Dress Code – To ensure proper attire on the golf course and practice area, a dress code has been adopted.

- Men–Collared shirts, hemmed shorts or slacks.
- Ladies–Hemmed shorts, skirts, slacks, culottes, or dresses. No halter tops, spaghetti straps, bra tops or short shorts.

The management retains the right to make or amend dress code policy as it sees fit.

Golf Carts – The superintendent may at any time, due to conditions, close the golf course to golf carts or restrict their use to paths only. Rental carts are only available for golf play or spectator use and may be operated only by persons who hold a valid driver's license.

- The member is personally responsible for any damages caused to a cart, and to other property damage, for personal injury caused by the operation of a cart by the member or the member's guest.

- Carts must remain on paths as much as possible, using the 90-degree rule.
- Carts must have all four wheels on the cart paths, around tees and greens. Special care must also be taken on curves, corners, and slopes.
- Carts must remain outside the white lines when approaching the greens.
- No more than two bags or two riders on rental carts at all times.
- Private pull carts are permitted.
- Private carts are only allowed by residents of Frenchman's Bend Estates. An annual trail fee is required.

Care of Course

- Repair all ball marks on greens
- Replace divots, through the green.
- Avoid excessive practice swings and the resulting damage to the course.
- Avoid walking on steep banks in the sand bunkers.
- After a shot from a sand bunker, please rake or smooth over all holes and footprints.
- Avoid scuffing greens with shoes.
- Please no littering the course; use the trash receptacles.

Guests – Guests may play as a guest of a member or by receiving a reciprocal invitation. Reciprocal arrangements should be made in advance by contacting the Director of Golf.

Driving Range Schedule – The driving range hours of operation will change with the season. Closing times are posted in the golf shop.

Course Closures

The Course Superintendent shall make the final decision as to whether the course or any portion will be closed due to inappropriate playing conditions.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

E-Mail Address _____

Name _____ Birth Date _____ Spouse _____ Birth Date _____

Children 1. _____ Birth Date _____ 3. _____ Birth Date _____

2. _____ Birth Date _____ 4. _____ Birth Date _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business Name _____ Title _____

Business Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Business Phone _____

Spouse Business Name _____ Business _____

Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ Telephone _____

Bank _____ Social Security No. _____

Statement should be mailed to: ☐ Home Address ☐ Business Address

My Membership ☐ Full Golf ☐ Corporate ☐ Junior ☐ Social ☐ Non-Resident

INITIATION FEE

My Initiation Fee in the amount of \$ _____ accompanies this application. It is agreed that if this application is disapproved by the club, all funds deposited herewith shall be immediately refunded, and this agreement shall be cancelled and thereafter held for naught.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DUES AND CHARGES

It is understood and agreed that I am responsible for payment of monthly dues and all charges incurred until written notice is received by Club of my intent to resign. This payment is due by the 15th of each month. It is further understood that I may resign from the Club by giving 30 days advance written notice to the Club and by paying any dues or other charges for which I may be liable, and I shall not thereafter be subject to any further dues or charges. It is further understood that dues and charges owed may not be offset against any amount paid as an initiation fee. New membership contract is a binding for _____ from date below. Special circumstances reviewed by the board of directors will allow exceptional circumstances on not fulfilling the one-year minimum membership contract.

_____ Initial

BYLAWS

It is agreed that this membership and all persons using the club hereunto are bound by and shall comply with all bylaws, rules and regulations of the Club as they may be amended from time to time.

_____ Initial

Junior Membership - Upon reaching the age of 31, a Junior Member automatically becomes a Full Golf Member

_____ Initial

COUNTRY CLUB AT FRENCHMAN'S BEND

Applicant's Signature _____

Accepted this _____ day of _____, _____

MEMBER SPONSOR _____

Membership Director _____

Frenchman's Bend Membership Categories

Full Family/Individual Golf

Initiation Fee	\$1,500.00
Monthly Dues	\$215.00
<i>Annual Capital Fee</i>	\$100.00

Social Membership

Initiation Fee	\$750.00
Monthly Dues	\$95.00
<i>Annual Capital Fee</i>	\$50.00

Junior Executive Membership

Initiation Fee	\$750.00
Monthly Dues	\$175.00
<i>Annual Capital Fee</i>	\$100.00

Corporate Membership

Initiation Fee	\$1,500.00
Monthly Dues	\$750.00
<i>Annual Capital Fee</i>	\$100.00

Non-Resident

Initiation Fee \$1,500.⁰⁰

Monthly Dues \$155.⁰⁰

Annual Capital Fee
\$100.00

ALL INITIATION FEES AND MONTHLY DUES ARE SUBJECT TO STATE AND LOCAL TAX, AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH GIVEN NOTICE OF 30 DAYS

Schedule of Fees

Cart Fees

\$25.00 for 18 holes – Per Player

Private Cart Fees

(Neighborhood Residents Only)

\$720.00 Per Year

Cart restrictions apply