

# **DCR Golf Course Program Improvements**



## **DCR Public Outreach Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 13, 2013 – 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Ponkapoag Golf Course, Canton, MA**



# **Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

Governor

**Deval L. Patrick**

Lieutenant Governor

**Timothy Murray**

Energy and Environmental Secretary

**Richard K. Sullivan, Jr.**

Department of Conservation and Recreation Commissioner

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## **DCR Mission Statement**

*To protect, promote and enhance our  
common wealth of natural, cultural  
and recreational resources  
for the well being of all.*

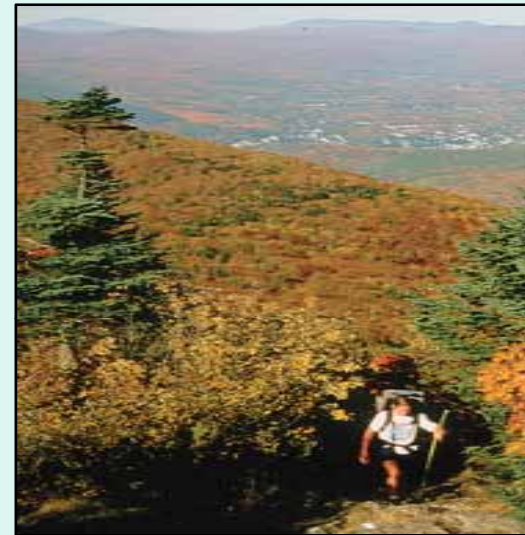
# Purpose of Meeting

- Present our golf course reorganization plans
- Discuss operational changes and capital and deferred maintenance planning and projects
- Share information about the public process leading to promulgation of new fees
- Answers questions and capture feedback



# Parks Unification-Golf Course

- Combined former Department of Environmental Management (DEM) and Metropolitan District Commission (MDC), creating DCR with two Divisions, Urban and State – 2003
- Combined two Divisions' budgets – Since FY 2010
- Created one State Parks Division – July, 2011
- **Golf courses become part of the State Parks Boston Region, Sept. 2013**



# DCR Golf Course Reorganization

- In the Fall of 2012, the DCR appointed a Golf Course Reorganization Task Force made up of staff from various divisions of the DCR
- This group has developed a program for the reorganization of the DCR's two golf courses: Ponkapoag Golf Course in Canton and the Leo J. Martin Memorial Golf Course in Weston
- The implementation of this program has begun, and we want to share the changes slated for the 2013 golf season and beyond

# Golf Courses Program Changes

- In 2013, the DCR will assume operation of the golf cart rental program and driving range operation at both golf courses
- The DCR has leased a fleet of 120 new *Club Car* golf carts
- New Proposed Fee Regulations:
  - Some fees have been consolidated, some reduced, and others are for new services
  - A&F and Governor's Office have approved the fees to move forward
  - Fee & Regulation Public Hearing, Wed., March 6, 2013

# DCR Golf Course Fees

Current fees which remain shown in black. New or revised fees shown in green.

Fees to be deleted and/or replaced shown in red.

	<u>PROPOSED/NEW</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>
<u>Season Tickets</u>		
(to be honored at either/both courses)		
Dual membership (for both courses) annual	DELETE	\$1200 annual
Season ticket (adult: 7 days/week)	\$875 annual	\$875 annual
Season ticket (adult: weekdays)	\$650 annual	\$650 annual
Season ticket (senior citizen: weekdays)	\$475 annual	\$475 annual
Season ticket (junior)*	\$175 annual	\$175 annual
<u>Greens Fees (Monday through Thursday, non-holidays)</u>		
Adults – 18 holes	\$27	\$27
Adults – 9 holes	\$19	\$19
Seniors – 18 holes	\$17	\$17
Seniors – 9 holes	\$15	\$15
Juniors – 18 holes	\$10	\$17
Juniors – 9 holes	\$8	\$15
Twilight	\$12	\$12



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	<u>PROPOSED/NEW</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>
<u>Greens Fees (Weekends and Holidays)</u>		
18 holes – Fri., Sat., Sun., holidays (all players)	\$30	\$30
9 holes – Fri., Sat., Sun., holidays (all players)	\$19	\$19
Twilight – Fri., Sat., Sun., holidays (all players)	\$12	\$12
<u>Cart Rentals (rates are per person)</u>		
Special seasonal rates (April 1-May 15; Sept. 15-end of season):		
Cart rental + greens fee for 18 holes		
Mon.–Thurs.	\$35	n/a
Cart rental + greens fee for 9 holes		
Mon.-Thurs.	\$19	n/a
18 holes – Adult – Cart rental only	\$15	n/a
9 holes – Adult – Cart rental only	\$8	n/a
18 holes – Senior – Cart rental only	\$14	n/a
9 holes – Senior – Cart rental only	\$7	n/a
Twilight – Cart rental only	\$7	n/a

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	<u>PROPOSED/NEW</u>	<u>CURRENT</u>
<u>Tournaments and Leagues</u>		
Tournament deposit (per event)	\$500	\$150
Weekday Tournament Golf + Cart (per person)	\$39	n/a
Weekend/Holiday Tournament Golf + Cart (per person)	\$49	n/a
League Registration	DELETED	\$200 per event
<u>Driving Range</u>		
Warm-Up Bucket (25 balls)	\$3	n/a
Small Bucket (60 balls)	\$7	n/a
Large Bucket (90 balls)	\$10	n/a
<u>Pull Carts</u>		
Pull carts	\$5	n/a

Season tickets are available to Massachusetts residents only.

Junior rates apply to those aged 16 years and younger; senior citizen rates apply to those aged 62 and older.

Groups over 40 persons are "tournaments."

# Golf Course Program Changes

- Ponkapoag and Leo J. Martin will begin accepting starting times on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays
- DCR has purchased a new, web-based point-of-sale system for reserving starting times and collecting fees
  - For the 2013 golf season, starting times will be accepted at the facility or via phone
- A Request for Proposals for Professional Golf Services and Retail Pro Shop Operations was advertised, and the DCR is in the process of awarding the proposal to the successful vendor
  - Private lessons and clinics will still be available at both facilities

# **Golf Course Capital Improvements**

- DCR is in the process of completing a Building Condition Assessment of all structures at both golf courses.
  - This document is being produced by an outside consultant
  - This document will be the basis of a multi-year, deferred maintenance and capital improvement program
- DCR has begun and will continue the multi-phase drainage improvement program at Ponkapoag
- DCR is in the process of planning and permitting an irrigation improvement program at both golf courses; this program is scheduled to start in the spring of 2013
- Cart path improvements are scheduled for both golf courses in 2013

# Q&A/Discussion



## Additional Information

For more information:

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